Supplementary Information

What Is the Relationship between Outdoor Time and Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour, and Physical Fitness in Children? A Systematic Review

Supplementary File 1. Electronic search strategies

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<td>Range = 10–14 years, Mean = 12.1 (1.0) years</td>
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<td>139 Mexican-American children from low income neighbourhoods Girls = 70</td>
<td>Mean = 6.5 (0.98) years</td>
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<td>Cross-sectional across 2 years</td>
<td>246 Mexican-American and Anglo-American, Low income</td>
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<td>1 year longitudinal</td>
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Notes: GPS, Global Positioning System; LPA, light physical activity; MVPA, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity.
Supplementary File 3: Search Results

TY - JOUR
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T1 - A81: spectrum of mevalonate kinase deficiency: is colitis more common than we think?
A1 - Biggs,C.
A1 - Dedeoglu,F.
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N1 - Biggs, Catherine. Dedeoglu, Fatma
Arthritis & rheumatology (Hoboken, N.J.)
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KW - MEDLINE
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - Arthritis & Rheumatology
JA - Arthritis rheumatol
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CY - United States
N2 - BACKGROUND/PURPOSE: Mevalonate kinase deficiency (MKD) is an autosomal recessive inflammatory disorder caused by a mutation in the mevalonate kinase (MVK) gene. This leads to decreased enzymatic activity, resulting in impaired cholesterol biosynthesis and increased production of inflammatory mediators such as interleukin 1-beta. There are two known forms of MKD, with Hyperimmunoglobulinemia D Syndrome (HIDS) carrying a milder phenotype and Mevalonic Aciduria (MA) representing a severe form. HIDS is characterized by recurrent febrile episodes accompanied by varying clinical features that include lymphadenopathy, gastrointestinal symptoms, oral ulcers, and arthralgia. A recent report identified early onset colitis as a feature of MKD in two patients (Levy M et al, 2013). Here we report the clinical and laboratory phenotypes of patients cared for at Boston Children's Hospital who were diagnosed with HIDS/MKD.
METHODS: We conducted a retrospective chart review of children with HIDS/MKD treated from 2002-2012 at the Rheumatology Clinic at Boston Children's Hospital. Charts were first identified by searching for key words or billing codes related to autoinflammatory syndromes. A manual chart review was then performed to confirm appropriate case identification. RESULTS: Four patients were diagnosed with HIDS/MKD over the 10-year period. Age of symptom onset varied from 2 months to 1 year. Fever duration ranged from 1-5 days, with duration between fevers ranging from 9 days to 12 weeks. Symptoms included sore throat, oral lesions, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, rash, and arthralgia. Prodromal symptoms were identified in all patients, and included irritability, anorexia, fatigue, geographic tongue, rash, and neck pain. Three of the four patients had a history of bloody stools beginning in infancy/early childhood, and were followed by gastroenterology. All patients had lymphadenopathy on exam, and splenomegaly was detected in two patients by ultrasound. Labs obtained during febrile episodes showed elevated inflammatory markers, however, in two out of three patients evaluated in between fevers, the ESR was persistently elevated. All four patients had elevated IgA when compared to age matched normal values, and two patients had elevated IgD levels. Genetic testing was performed in all patients, with all four having two heterozygous mutations within the MVK gene. In addition, one patient also had single variant mutations of unclear significance in two other genes associated with autoinflammatory syndromes. Two patients were treated with steroids and in each case this aborted febrile episodes, however, in one patient steroid use was also associated with increased fever frequency. One patient had decreased severity of symptoms when treated with colchicine as well as with montelukast, and had rapid resolution of fever and associated symptoms when treated with anakinra. CONCLUSION: The persistence of ESR elevation outside of febrile episodes seen in patients with HIDS/MKD may indicate the presence of chronic subclinical inflammation. Hematochezia was commonly seen, and could indicate the presence of colitis. Of the immunomodulatory medications used in this small patient population, anakinra appeared to be effective.
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Fibrous hamartoma of infancy: a clinicopathologic analysis of 60 cases

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Fibrous hamartoma of infancy is a benign soft tissue tumor with a characteristic triphasic organoid histologic appearance. It typically occurs within the first 2 years of life. The usual anatomic locations include the upper extremities, axilla, and upper back. Diagnostic challenges occur when this tumor arises in older children, outside of the usual anatomic sites, or when unusual histologic features are encountered. This study reports 60 cases of fibrous hamartoma of infancy from institutional and consultation files. All had a triphasic organoid histologic pattern, but half also displayed an unusual pseudoangiomatous histologic pattern. The male to female ratio was 2.0 (40 boys, 20 girls), with a mean age of 1.5 years (range, 16 d to 8 y) at diagnosis. Tumor size ranged from 0.5 to 9 cm, with a mean of 3.7 cm. Sites included the trunk (40 cases), extremities (17 cases), and head and neck (3 cases). All cases had triphasic elements of mature fibrous tissue, mature adipose tissue, and immature mesenchymal tissue in varying proportions, with the additional pseudoangiomatous pattern in 32 cases. Immunohistochemical analysis demonstrated reactivity for smooth muscle actin and CD34 in the mature fibrous tissue, S100 protein in the mature adipose tissue, and variable CD34 reactivity in immature mesenchymal and pseudoangiomatous foci. Ki-67 proliferative activity was noted in the immature mesenchymal and pseudoangiomatous foci, and Bcl-2 reactivity was restricted to mesenchymal and pseudoangiomatous foci. Follow-up information in 12 cases revealed no evidence of recurrence in 10 patients and local recurrence in 2 patients, each at 3.5 years after primary excision. This study demonstrates an expanded age range (up to 8 y) and anatomic distribution (30 cases outside of the classic locations of the upper extremities, axilla, and upper back) of fibrous hamartoma of infancy. The pseudoangiomatous morphologic variation can lead to challenges in diagnosis and may reflect a maturational phenomenon from the immature mesenchymal component.
PURPOSE: To assess the relationship between near work, outdoor activity, and refractive error in schoolchildren in Beijing. METHODS: The Beijing Myopia Progression Study is a hospital-based myopia study, in which 386 students from primary (aged 6 to 12 years) and secondary (aged 13 to 17 years) schools in the inner city of Beijing were enrolled. Cycloplegic refraction and a detailed questionnaire probing near, intermediate, and distance visual activities were completed. RESULTS: Three hundred seventy (95.9%) of 386 students with complete cycloplegic autorefraction and myopia questionnaire data were enrolled in this study. Children with more near work time did not exhibit a significantly more myopic refraction in both the primary and secondary school levels after adjusting for the children's gender, outdoor activity time, and average parental refractive error. A significant association between outdoor activity time (in hours per day) and the children's spherical equivalent (in diopters) was found in the primary school students (beta = 0.27, p = 0.03) but not in the secondary school students (beta = 0.04, p = 0.70) after adjusting for similar confounders. The time spent on outdoor sports and outdoor leisure in the primary school students was also significantly associated with the children's spherical equivalent (beta = 0.46, p = 0.04 and beta = 0.31, p = 0.02, respectively). Primary school students with more time outdoors exhibited relatively less myopic refraction than their peers (p trend = 0.0003), but this relation was not demonstrated in the secondary school children (p trend = 0.53) after adjusting for similar confounders. CONCLUSIONS: Higher levels of outdoor activity were associated with less myopic refraction in primary school students in the inner city of Beijing. Near work activity was not found to be associated with refraction at either school level.
For many individuals, the developmental trend of lessening hyperopia from birth continues past emmetropia towards myopia during childhood. The global pattern for prevalence of refractive errors indicates that the prevalence of hyperopia is low; in contrast, the burden of myopia is on the rise because of rising prevalence and magnitude of myopia. This review highlights the need to lessen the global burden of myopia by intervening with the development and/or slowing the progression of myopia. Further, outcomes from human clinical trials of pharmaceutical, optical, and environmental approaches to control myopia will be summarised. Pharmaceutical treatments are effective in controlling eye growth but are associated with deleterious side effects. Optical strategies that induce myopic defocus at the retina such as peripheral defocus reducing lenses, simultaneous defocus lenses, bifocals, and orthokeratology as well as environmental influences such as increased outdoor activity show promise and provide a substantially risk-free environment in which to control eye growth.
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on Food Additives. These results and further advancements in scientific knowledge indicate there are no new human health issues related to the use of rbST by the dairy industry. Use of rbST has no effect on the micro- and macrocomposition of milk. Also, no evidence exists that rbST use has increased human exposure to antibiotic residues in milk. Concerns that IGF-I present in milk could have biological effects on humans have been allayed by studies showing that oral consumption of IGF-I by humans has little or no biological activity. Additionally, concentrations of IGF-I in digestive tract fluids of humans far exceed any IGF-I consumed when drinking milk. Furthermore, chronic supplementation of cows with rbST does not increase concentrations of milk IGF-I outside the range typically observed for effects of farm, parity, or stage of lactation. Use of rbST has not affected expression of retroviruses in cattle or posed an increased risk to human health from retroviruses in cattle. Furthermore, risk for development of type 1 or type 2 diabetes has not increased in children or adults consuming milk and dairy products from rbST-supplemented cows. Overall, milk and dairy products provide essential nutrients and related benefits in health maintenance and the prevention of chronic diseases.
tended to show approximately double the concentration in winter than spring/autumn, and four times that of the monsoon season. There was no difference between the exposure of boys and girls. Air pollution in rural households was much higher than the World Health Organization and the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nepal recommendations for particulate exposure. Copyright 2014 The Authors. Published by Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
Dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome due to SLC6A3 mutations is the first inherited dopamine 'transportopathy' to be described, with a classical presentation of early infantile-onset progressive parkinsonism dystonia. In this study we have identified a new cohort of patients with dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome, including, most significantly, atypical presentation later in childhood with a milder disease course. We report the detailed clinical features, molecular genetic findings and in vitro functional investigations undertaken for adult and paediatric cases. Patients presenting with parkinsonism dystonia or a neurotransmitter profile characteristic of dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome were recruited for study. SLC6A3 mutational analysis was undertaken in all patients. The functional consequences of missense variants on the dopamine transporter were evaluated by determining the effect of mutant dopamine transporter on dopamine uptake, protein expression and amphetamine-mediated dopamine efflux using an in vitro cellular heterologous expression system. We identified eight new patients from five unrelated families with dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome. The median age at diagnosis was 13 years (range 1.5-34 years). Most significantly, the case series included three adolescent males with atypical dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome of juvenile onset (outside infancy) and progressive parkinsonism dystonia. The other five patients in the cohort presented with classical infantile-onset parkinsonism dystonia, with one surviving into adulthood (currently aged 34 years) and labelled as having 'juvenile parkinsonism'. All eight patients harboured homozygous or compound heterozygous mutations in SLC6A3, of which the majority are previously unreported variants. In vitro studies of mutant dopamine transporter demonstrated multifaceted loss of dopamine transporter function. Impaired dopamine uptake was universally present, and more severely impacted in dopamine transporter mutants causing infantile-onset rather than juvenile-onset disease. Dopamine transporter mutants also showed diminished dopamine binding affinity, reduced cell surface transporter, loss of post-translational dopamine transporter glycosylation and failure of amphetamine-mediated dopamine efflux. Our data series expands the clinical phenotypic continuum of dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome and indicates that there is a phenotypic spectrum from infancy (early onset, rapidly progressive disease) to childhood/adolescence and adulthood (later onset, slower disease progression). Genotype-phenotype analysis in this cohort suggests that higher residual dopamine transporter activity is likely to contribute to postponing disease presentation in these later-onset adult cases. Dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome remains under-recognized and our data highlights that dopamine transporter deficiency syndrome should be considered as a differential diagnosis for both infantile- and juvenile-onset movement disorders, including cerebral palsy and juvenile parkinsonism.
BACKGROUND: The home environment has a significant influence on children's physical activity, sedentary behavior, dietary intake, and risk for obesity and chronic disease. Our understanding of the most influential factors and how they interact and impact child behavior is limited by current measurement tools, specifically the lack of a comprehensive instrument. HomeSTEAD (the Home Self-administered Tool for Environmental assessment of Activity and Diet) was designed to address this gap. This new tool contains four sections: home physical activity and media equipment inventory, family physical activity and screen time practices, home food inventory, and family food practices. This paper will describe HomeSTEAD's development and present reliability and validity evidence for the first section.

METHODS: The ANGELO framework guided instrument development, and systematic literature reviews helped identify existing items or scales for possible inclusion. Refinement of items was based on expert review and cognitive interviews. Parents of children ages 3-12 years (n = 125) completed the HomeSTEAD survey on three separate occasions over 12-18 days (Time 1, 2, and 3). The Time 1 survey also collected demographic information and parent report of child behaviors. Between Time 1 and 2, staff conducted an in-home observation and measured parent and child BMI. Kappa and intra-class correlations were used to examine reliability (test-retest) and validity (criterion and construct). RESULTS: Reliability and validity was strong for most items (97% having ICC > 0.60 and 72% having r > 0.50, respectively). Items with lower reliability generally had low variation between people. Lower validity estimates (r < 0.30) were more common for items that assessed usability and accessibility, with observers generally rating usability and accessibility lower than parents. Small to moderate, but meaningful, correlations between physical environment factors and BMI, outside time, and screen time were observed (e.g., amount of child portable play equipment in good condition and easy to access was significantly associated with child BMI: r = -0.23), providing evidence of construct validity. CONCLUSIONS: The HomeSTEAD instrument represents a clear advancement in the measurement of factors in the home environment related to child weight and weight-related behaviors. HomeSTEAD, in its entirety, represents a useful tool for researchers from which they can draw particular scales of greatest interest and highest relevance to their research questions.
BACKGROUND: Qualitative methods were used to better understand how to obtain interviewer-administered recalls of physical activity from children. METHODS: Subjects were 24 third- and fifth-grade children from 1 school in Columbia, South Carolina. Cognitive interviews targeted different retention intervals (about the same or previous school day). Round 1’s protocols used an open format and had 4 phases (obtain free recall, review free recall, obtain details, review details). Round 2's protocols used a chronological format and had 3 phases (obtain free recall, obtain details, review details). Trained coders identified discrepancies across interview phases in children’s recalls of physical activity at physical education (PE) and recess. Based on the school’s schedule, children's reports of PE and recess were classified as omissions (scheduled but unreported) or intrusions (unscheduled but reported). RESULTS: Across interview phases, there were numerous discrepancies for Round 1 (regardless of grade, sex, or retention interval) but few discrepancies for Round 2. For Rounds 1 and 2, respectively, 0% and 0% of children omitted PE, while 33% and 0% intruded PE; 44% and 56% of children omitted recess, while 33% and 0% intruded recess. CONCLUSIONS: Results provide important information for facilitating interviewer-administered recalls of physical activity with elementary-age children.

Introduction: Being outdoors has a positive influence on health among children. Evidence in this area is limited and many studies have used self-reported measures. Objective context-specific assessment of physical activity patterns and correlates, such as outdoor time, may progress this field. Aims: To employ novel objective measures to assess age and gender differences in context-specific outdoor weekday behavior patterns among school-children [outdoor time and outdoor moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA)] and to investigate associations between context-specific outdoor time and MVPA. Methods: A total of 170 children had at least one weekday of 9h combined accelerometer and global positioning system data and were included in the analyses. The data were processed using the personal activity and location measurement system (PALMS) and a purpose-built PostgreSQL database resulting in context-specific measures for outdoor time, outdoor MVPA, and overall daily MVPA. In addition, 4 domains (leisure, school, transport, and home) and 11 subdomains (e.g., urban green space and sports facilities) were created and assessed. Multilevel analyses provided results on age.
and gender differences and the association between outdoor time and MVPA. Results: Girls compared to boys had fewer outdoor minutes (p<0.05), spent a smaller proportion of their overall daily time outdoors (p<0.05), had fewer outdoor MVPA minutes during the day (p<0.001) and in 11 contexts. Children compared to adolescents had more outdoor minutes (p<0.05). During school and within recess, children compared to adolescents had more outdoor MVPA (p<0.001) and outdoor time (p<0.001). A 1-h increase in outdoor time was associated with 9.9 more minutes of MVPA (p<0.001). Conclusion: A new methodology to assess the context-specific outdoor time and physical activity patterns has been developed and can be expanded to other populations. Different context-specific patterns were found for gender and age, suggesting different strategies may be needed to promote physical activity.

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T1 - Sociodemographic factors associated with healthy eating and food security in socio-economically disadvantaged groups in the UK and Victoria, Australia
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To investigate the associations between sociodemographic factors and both diet indicators and food security among socio-economically disadvantaged populations in two different (national) contextual settings. DESIGN: Logistic regression was used to determine cross-sectional associations between nationality, marital status, presence of children in the household, education, employment status and household income (four low income categories) with daily fruit and vegetable consumption, low-fat milk consumption and food security. SETTING: Socio-economically disadvantaged neighbourhoods in the UK and Australia. SUBJECTS: Two samples of low-income women from disadvantaged neighbourhoods: (i) in the UK, the 2003-05 Low Income Diet and Nutrition Survey (LIDNS; n 643); and (ii) in Australia, the 2007-08 Resilience for Eating and Activity Despite Inequality (READI; n 1340). RESULTS: The influence of nationality, marital status and children in the household on the dietary outcomes varied between the two nations. Obtaining greater education qualifications was the most telling factor associated with healthier dietary behaviours. Being employed was positively associated with low-fat milk consumption in both nations and with fruit consumption in the UK, while income was not associated with dietary behaviours in either nation. In Australia, the likelihood of being food secure was higher among those who were born outside Australia, married, employed or had a greater income, while higher income was the only significant factor in the UK. CONCLUSIONS: The identification of factors that differently influence dietary behaviours and food security in socio-economically disadvantaged populations in the UK and
Australia suggests continued efforts need to be made to ensure that interventions and policy responses are informed by the best available local evidence.

Knowledge of where children are active may lead to more informed policies about how and where to intervene and improve physical activity. This study examined where children aged 6-11 were physically active using time-stamped accelerometer data and parent-reported place logs and assessed the association of physical activity location variation with demographic factors. Children spent most time and did most physical activity at home and school. Although neighborhood time was limited, this time was more proportionally active than time in other locations (e.g., active 42.1% of time in neighborhood vs. 18.1% of time at home). Children with any neighborhood-based physical activity had higher average total physical activity. Policies and environments that encourage children to spend time outdoors in their neighborhoods could result in higher overall physical activity.
In order to assess the prevalence of nonzoonotic soil-transmitted helminths in the Yenagoa Metropolis, 480 soil samples were collected from five communities for 12 months. The soil samples were collected along two transects from the waterfront and community playgrounds. Analysis was by standard methods. The results obtained from the study described in this article showed that 44.79% (95% confidence interval [CI] = 40.34%-49.24%) of the soil samples tested positive for nonzoonotic soil-transmitted helminths. Ascaris lumbricoides was the most common helminth with a prevalence rate of 35% (95% CI = 30.73%-39.27%). Mixed occurrence of nonzoonotic soil-transmitted helminths was 10.21%. Although the community playgrounds had a higher prevalence of nonzoonotic soil-transmitted helminths than the waterfront (p > .05), more cases of mixed occurrence of nonzoonotic soil-transmitted helminths occurred in the waterfront than the community playgrounds (p > .05). The wet season had a higher prevalence rate of nonzoonotic soil-transmitted helminths than the dry season (p < .05). The observed high prevalence of nonzoonotic soil-transmitted helminths in soil is considered a potential public health risk to swimmers and children playing outdoors in the Yenagoa metropolis.
N2 - PURPOSE: To investigate prevalence and size of parapapillary alpha zone and beta zone and associations with myopia-related factors in primary school children in Beijing. METHODS: The school-based study included 382 grade-1 children and 299 grade-4 children. The children underwent a comprehensive eye examination and the parents, an interview. The examination was repeated after 1 year. RESULTS: Beta zone (prevalence: 44.5% \pm 2.1%; mean area: 0.17 \pm 0.29 mm$^2$) was significantly associated with more time spent indoors with studying ($P = 0.004$; standardized correlation coefficient beta: 0.14; regression coefficient $B$: 0.05; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.02, 0.09) after adjusting for longer axial length ($P < 0.001$; beta: 0.22; $B$: 0.07; 95% CI: 0.04, 0.10), more myopic refractive error ($P < 0.001$; beta: -0.29; $B$: -0.07; 95% CI: -0.09, -0.04), region of habitation ($P = 0.03$; beta: 0.11; $B$: 0.07; 95% CI: 0.01, 0.14), and vertical disc diameter ($P = 0.03$; beta: 0.10; $B$: 0.16; 95% CI: 0.02, 0.30). As a corollary, indoors studying time was associated with larger area of beta zone ($P = 0.01$; beta: 0.11; $B$: 0.30; 95% CI: 0.07, 0.54) after adjusting for higher axial length/corneal curvature radius ratio (AL/CC; $P = 0.006$; beta: 0.12; $B$: 0.94; 95% CI: 0.27, 1.62) and urban region of habitation ($P < 0.001$; beta: -0.44; $B$: -0.75; 95% CI: -0.89, -0.61). An increase in AL/CC ratio at 1-year follow-up was associated with more indoors studying time ($P = 0.04$; beta: 0.10; $B$: 0.01; 95% CI: 0.00, 0.01) and larger beta zone area ($P < 0.001$; beta: 0.19; $B$: 0.04; 95% CI: 0.02, 0.05) after adjusting for axial length ($P < 0.001$; beta: -0.21; $B$: -0.01; 95% CI: -0.02, -0.01). CONCLUSIONS: Larger parapapillary beta zone area was associated with more indoors studying time after adjustment for axial length, refractive error, and region of habitation, and reversely, more indoors studying time was associated with larger beta zone in multivariate analysis. The results could indicate that parapapillary beta zone is associated with external factors-dependent development of myopia.
OBJECTIVE: This study investigated the differences between the amount of shade covering typical activity areas in playgrounds of higher and lower socioeconomic status (SES) areas within metropolitan Sydney, Australia. METHODS: Using an established audit tool, surveyors visited 139 urban playgrounds and made 1,033 shade observations recording the estimated percentage of an activity area that was covered by shade and the type of shade available. RESULTS: Shade coverage was significantly associated with SES of an area and with type of activity area (p<0.001 for both), but not with time since last upgrade of playground (p=0.116). Activity areas in playgrounds in the lowest SES areas had 34% lower mean shade coverage (95%CI 18-50) than activity areas in playgrounds in the highest SES regions. The mean shade coverage for eating areas was found to be 35% higher (95%CI 27-43) than the main play areas for children. CONCLUSIONS: This study highlights inequities in available shade for those living in lower SES urban areas. Furthermore, the results of this study are concerning from a skin cancer prevention perspective as the playground areas where children spend the majority of their time (the main play equipment and stand-alone equipment) were considerably less shaded than the eating areas. IMPLICATIONS: Local government should ensure that the issue of playground shade is comprehensively addressed in all relevant planning and policy documents so that it becomes an increased priority when developing and upgrading parks and playgrounds. 2014 The Authors. ANZJPH 2014 Public Health Association of Australia

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N2 - Objective. To evaluate the impact of an 18-month school obesity prevention intervention on the health behaviors of 4th and 5th grade students based on ecological principles and formative research conducted in Mexico. Materials and methods. A Randomized Control Trial (RCT), design was used to assign 27 schools to one of three conditions: basic or plus interventions and control. School environment measures, children's eating and physical activity behaviors, and body mass index were assessed four times over a 2-year period in a sample of 830 students. Results. In the intervention schools, the availability of healthy foods increased with a concomitant decrease in unhealthy food availability. Food intake showed the same trend. In the intervention schools, children did not engage in more moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in physical education
(PE) class or recess but increased steps taken. Obesity prevalence did not change. Conclusion. The intervention improved the school food environment and child healthy behaviors

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T1 - "Pre-schoolers in the playground" an outdoor physical activity intervention for children aged 18 months to 4 years old: study protocol for a pilot cluster randomised controlled trial
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N2 - BACKGROUND: The pre-school years are considered critical for establishing healthy lifestyle behaviours such as physical activity. Levels of physical activity track through childhood into adulthood, thus establishing habitual physical activity early in life is vital. Time spent outdoors is associated with greater physical activity and playground interventions have been shown to increase physical activity in school aged children. There are few pre-school, playground-based interventions, and evaluations of these have found mixed results. A recent report published by the UK Chief Medical Officer (CMO) highlighted that new interventions to promote movement in the early years (0-5 years old) are needed. The aim of this study is to undertake a pilot cluster randomised controlled trial (RCT) of an outdoor playground-based physical activity intervention for parents and their children aged 18 months to 4 years old ("Pre-schoolers in the Playground"; PiP) and to assess the
feasibility of conducting a full scale cluster RCT. The PiP intervention is grounded in behavioural theory (Social Cognitive Theory), and is in accordance with the CMO guidance for physical activity in the early years. It is informed by existing literature and data collected from focus groups with parents.

**METHODS/DESIGN:** One hundred and fifty pre-school children affiliated to 10 primary schools will be recruited. Schools will be randomised to either the PiP intervention arm or the control arm (usual practice). Children in the intervention arm will be invited to attend three 30 minute outdoor play sessions per week for 30 weeks (3 school terms) at the school. Feasibility will be assessed by examining recruitment rates, attendance, attrition, acceptability of the trial and of the PiP intervention to parents, fidelity of intervention implementation, capability and capacity for schools to deliver the intervention. Health outcomes and the feasibility of outcome measurement tools will be assessed. These include physical activity via triaxial, accelerometry (Actigraph GT3X+), anthropometry (height, body mass, BMI, waist and upper arm circumference), health related quality of life for child (PedsQL) and parent (EQ5D), parent wellbeing (ComQol-A5), injuries and health service use. A health economic evaluation will also be undertaken. DISCUSSION: It is anticipated that results of this pilot trial will be published in spring 2015. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Current controlled trials: ISRCTN54165860

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T1 - Correlates of light and moderate-to-vigorous objectively measured physical activity in four-year-old children

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Correlates of physical activity (PA) are hypothesized to be context and behaviour specific, but there is limited evidence of this in young children. The aim of the current study is to investigate associations between personal, social and environmental factors and objectively measured light and moderate-to-vigorous PA (LPA and MVPA, respectively) in four-year-old children. METHODS: Cross-sectional data were used from the Southampton Women's Survey, a UK population-based longitudinal study. Four-year old children (n = 487, 47.0% male) had valid PA data assessed using accelerometry (Actiheart) and exposure data collected with a validated maternal questionnaire (including data on child personality, family demographics, maternal behaviour, rules and restrictions, and perceived local environment). Linear regression modelling was used to analyse associations with LPA and MVPA separately, interactions with sex were explored. RESULTS: LPA minutes were greater in children whose mothers reported more PA (vs. inactive: regression
coefficient + standard error: 6.70 + 2.94 minutes), and without other children in the neighbourhood to play with (-6.33 + 2.44). MVPA minutes were greater in children with older siblings (vs. none: 5.81 + 2.80) and those whose mothers used active transport for short trips (vs. inactive: 6.24 + 2.95). Children accumulated more MVPA in spring (vs. winter: 9.50 + 4.03) and, in boys only, less MVPA with availability of other children in the neighbourhood (-3.98 + 1.70). DISCUSSION: Young children's LPA and MVPA have differing associations with a number of social and environmental variables. Interventions targeting PA promotion in young children outside of formal care settings should consider including intensity specific factors.
School recess provides a major opportunity to increase children's physical activity levels. Various studies have described strategies to increase levels of physical activity. The purpose of this systematic review is therefore to examine the interventions proposed as forms of increasing children's physical activity levels during recess. A systematic search of seven databases was made from the July 1 to July 5, 2012, leading to a final set of eight studies (a total of 2,383 subjects-599 "preschoolers" and 1,784 "schoolchildren") meeting the inclusion criteria. These studies were classified according to the intervention used: playground markings, game equipment, playground markings plus physical structures, and playground markings plus game equipment. The results of these studies indicate that the strategies analyzed do have the potential to increase physical activity levels during recess. The cumulative evidence was (a) that interventions based on playground markings, game equipment, or a combination of the two, do not seem to increase the physical activity of preschoolers and schoolchildren during recess and (ii) that interventions based on playground markings plus physical structures do increase the physical activity of schoolchildren during recess in the short to medium term.
OBJECTIVES: Comprehensive school health (CSH) is a multifaceted approach to health promotion. A key objective of CSH is to foster positive health behaviors outside of school. This study examined the 2-year change in physical activity during and after school among students participating in a CSH intervention in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. METHODS: This was a quasi-experimental, pre-post trial with a parallel, nonequivalent control group. Intervention schools had to be located in socioeconomically disadvantaged neighborhoods. In the spring of 2009 and 2011, pedometer recordings (7 full days) and demographic data were collected from cross-sectional samples of fifth grade students from 10 intervention schools and 20 comparison schools. A total of 1157 students participated in the study. Analyses were adjusted for potential confounders and the clustered design. RESULTS: Relative to 2009, children in 2011 were more active on schools days (1172 steps per day; P < .001) and on weekends (1450 steps per day; P < .001). However, the increase in mean steps between 2009 and 2011 was greater in CSH intervention schools than in comparison schools (school days: 1221 steps per day; P = .009; weekends: 2001 steps per day; P = .005). These increases remained significant after adjusting for gender and overweight status. CONCLUSIONS: These findings provide evidence of the effectiveness of CSH to affect children's physical activity during and outside of school. Results of this study justify broader implementation of effective CSH interventions for physical activity promotion and obesity prevention in the long term.
environment on measured personal concentrations. Socio-demographic and personal time-activity data were collected by means of questionnaires and half-hour-time resolution activity diaries. Personal exposure concentrations were found to be correlated with indoor home concentrations. Personal, indoor and outdoor concentrations of all studied pollutants except for ozone were found to be higher for the students living at the urban traffic site. Ozone, on the other hand, had higher concentrations at the sub-urban site for all three types of measurements (personal, indoor and outdoor). Analysis of the questionnaire data pointed out to environmental tobacco smoke, use of solvent based products, and petrol station nearby as factors that affect personal exposure concentrations. Cancer and non-cancer risks were estimated using the personal exposure concentrations. The mean cancer risk for the urban school children (1.7x10(-5)) was found to be higher than the sub-urban school children (0.88x10(-5)). Children living with smoking parents had higher risk levels (1.7x10(-5)) than children living with non-smoking parents (1.08x10(-5)). Overall, the risk levels were <1x10(-4). All hazard quotient values for BTEX for the non-cancer health effects were <1 based on the calculations EPA's Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGS) part F.

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T1 - Changes in daily activity patterns of caregivers of children with newly diagnosed epilepsy: a case-controlled design
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N2 - Having a child diagnosed with a chronic pediatric illness is a major stressor for families that can alter their daily lives. The primary study aim was to use Daily Phone Diaries (DPDs), a cued-recall procedure to track parents through their activities over a 24-hour period, to assess the activity patterns of a group of caregivers with a child diagnosed with new-onset epilepsy (group with NOE; n=30) and a group of matched comparisons (comparison group; n=29). The time caregivers spent in sleep and recreation was evaluated over the first 5.5 months after diagnosis. Caregivers of children with NOE spent significantly more time in recreation inside the home, while the comparison group spent significantly more time in recreation outside the home. These data suggest that families with children with NOE reallocate their time post-diagnosis from recreation outside to inside the home, which raises concerns about the overall adaptation of the family to the diagnosis and presents a critical opportunity for health-care teams to intervene and support families with children with NOE.

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BACKGROUND: A limitation of traditional outcome studies from behavioral interventions is the lack of attention given to evaluating the influence of moderating variables. This study examined possible moderation effect of baseline activity levels on physical activity change as a result of the Ready for Recess intervention.

METHODS: Ready for Recess (August 2009-September 2010) was a controlled trial with twelve schools randomly assigned to one of four conditions: control group, staff supervision, equipment availability, and the combination of staff supervision and equipment availability. A total of 393 children (181 boys and 212 girls) from grades 3 through 6 (8-11 years old) were asked to wear an Actigraph monitor during school time on 4-5 days of the week. Assessments were conducted at baseline (before intervention) and post intervention (after intervention).

RESULTS: Initial MVPA moderated the effect of Staff supervision (beta=-0.47%; p<.05), but not Equipment alone and Staff+Equipment (p>.05). Participants in the Staff condition that were 1 standard deviation (SD) below the mean for baseline MVPA (classified as "low active") had lower MVPA levels at post-intervention when compared with their low active peers in the control condition (Mean diff=-10.8+2.9%; p=.005). High active individuals (+1SD above the mean) in the Equipment treatment also had lower MVPA values at post-intervention when compared with their highly active peers in the control group (Mean diff=-9.5+2.9%; p=.009).

CONCLUSIONS: These results indicate that changes in MVPA levels at post-intervention were reduced in highly active participants when recess staff supervision was provided. In this study, initial MVPA moderated the effect of Staff supervision on children's MVPA after 6 months of intervention. Staff training should include how to work with inactive youth but also how to assure that active children remain active.
Effects of age, season, gender and urban-rural status on time-activity: Canadian Human Activity Pattern Survey 2 (CHAPS 2)


N1 - Estimation of population exposure is a main component of human health risk assessment for environmental contaminants. Population-level exposure assessments require time-activity pattern distributions in relation to microenvironments where people spend their time. Societal trends may have influenced time-activity patterns since previous Canadian data were collected 15 years ago. The Canadian Human Activity Pattern Survey 2 (CHAPS 2) was a national survey conducted in 2010-2011 to collect time-activity information from Canadians of all ages. Five urban and two rural locations were sampled using telephone surveys. Infants and children, key groups in risk assessment activities, were over-sampled. Survey participants (n = 5,011) provided time-activity information in 24-hour recall diaries and responded to supplemental questionnaires concerning potential exposures to specific pollutants, dwelling characteristics, and socio-economic factors. Results indicated that a majority of the time was spent indoors (88.9%), most of which was indoors at home, with limited time spent outdoors (5.8%) or in a vehicle (5.3%). Season, age, gender and rurality were significant predictors of time activity patterns. Compared to earlier data, adults reported spending more time indoors at home and adolescents reported spending less time outdoors, which could be indicative of broader societal trends. These findings have potentially important implications for assessment of exposure and risk. The CHAPS 2 data also provide much larger sample sizes to allow for improved precision and are more representative of infants, children and rural residents.
T1 - Momentary assessment of affect, physical feeling states, and physical activity in children

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N2 - Objective: Most research on the interplay of affective and physical feelings states with physical activity in children has been conducted under laboratory conditions and fails to capture intraindividual covariation. The current study used Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) to bidirectionally examine how affective and physical feeling states are related to objectively measured physical activity taking place in naturalistic settings during the course of children's everyday lives. Methods: Children (N = 119, ages 9-13 years, 52% male, 32% Hispanic) completed 8 days of EMA monitoring, which measured positive affect (PA), negative affect (NA), feeling tired, and feeling energetic up to 7 times per day. EMA responses were time-matched to accelerometer assessed moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in the 30 min before and after each EMA survey.

Results: Higher ratings of feeling energetic and lower ratings of feeling tired were associated with more MVPA in the 30 min after the EMA prompt. More MVPA in the 30 min before the EMA prompt was associated with higher ratings of PA and feeling energetic and lower ratings of NA. Between-subjects analyses indicated that mean hourly leisure-time MVPA was associated with less intraindividual variability in PA and NA.

Conclusions: Physical feeling states predict subsequent physical activity levels, which in turn, predict subsequent affective states in children. Active children demonstrated higher positive and negative emotional stability. Although the strength of these associations were of modest magnitude and their clinical relevance is unclear, understanding the antecedents to and consequences of physical activity may have theoretical and practical implications for the maintenance and promotion of physical activity and psychological well-being in children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)

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Ten bilingual Spanish- and Mixteco-speaking promotores received a 1-day focus group training, participated in a focus group themselves and conducted 5 focus groups with 42 Mixtec community members. The focus group training is described. Health concerns discussed in the focus groups include outdoor exercise among women viewed as flirtatious; reluctance to ask for governmental assistance due to fear that children will have to pay back later; soda consumption perceived as a symbol of socio-economic status; and unwillingness to obtain mammograms or pap smears because private body parts are to be touched by husbands only. Training promotores to conduct focus groups can increase organizational capacity to identify pressing health needs in under-represented and hard-to-reach population groups.
Respiratory health effects of ambient air pollution were studied in 605 school children 9 to 13 years in Eskisehir, Turkey. Each child performed a fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FENO) measurement and a lung function test (LFT). Self-reported respiratory tract complaints (having cold, complaints of throat, runny nose and shortness of breath/wheezing) in the last 7 days and on the day of testing were also recorded. As acute health outcomes were investigated, weekly average ambient concentrations of ozone (O₃), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) were determined by passive sampling in the school playgrounds simultaneously with the health survey. Effects of air pollution on respiratory tract complaints and exhaled NO/lung function were estimated by multivariate logistic regression and multivariate linear mixed effects models, respectively. Upper respiratory tract complaints were significantly (p<0.05) associated with weekly average O₃ concentrations during the health survey (adjusted odds ratios (OR) of 1.21 and 1.28 for a 10 μg/m³ increment for having cold and a runny nose on day of testing, respectively). FENO levels were significantly (p<0.05) increased in children with various upper respiratory tract complaints (ratio in FENO varied between 1.16 and 1.40). No significant change in FENO levels was detected in association with any of the measured pollutants (p>0.05). Lung function was not associated with upper respiratory tract complaints and FENO levels. Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) levels were negatively associated with weekly average O₃ levels for children without upper respiratory tract complaints. In summary, elevated levels of air pollutants increased respiratory tract complaints in children. Copyright 2014 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved
Road dust, household air-conditioning (AC) filter dust and PM2.5 were collected to investigate the contamination of metal(loids) (Cr, Mn, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Cd, Sn, Sb, Hg and Pb) in outdoor and indoor urban environments of Guangzhou. Zinc was found to be the most abundant element in road dust and household PM2.5, while the concentration of Pb was the highest in AC filter dust. Enrichment factor (EF) was used to assess the influence of human activity on the contamination of these metal(loids). Ingestion and inhalation were the two exposure pathways applied for risk assessment. Physiologically based extraction test (PBET) was used to estimate the oral bioaccessibilities of metal(loids) in road dust and AC filter dust. Respiratory bioaccessible fraction of metal(loids) via household PM2.5 was extracted with lung simulating solution. Household AC filter dust was more hazardous to human health than road dust, especially to children. Arsenic was found to be the most risky element based on the risk assessment. Copyright 2014. Published by Elsevier B.V.
AIMS: We tested whether prevalence of cigarette pack display and smoking at outdoor venues and pack orientation changed following the introduction of plain packaging and larger pictorial health warnings in Australia. METHODS: Between October and April 2011-12 (pre-plain packaging, pre-PP) and 2012-13 (post-plain packaging, post-PP), we counted patrons, smokers and tobacco packs at cafes, restaurants and bars with outdoor seating. Pack type (fully branded, plain or unknown) and orientation were noted. Rates of pack display, smoking and pack orientation were analysed using multi-level Poisson regression. RESULTS: Pack display declined by 15% [adjusted incident rate ratio (IRR)=0.85, 95% confidence interval (CI)=0.79-0.91, P<0.001], driven by a 23% decline in active smoking (IRR=0.77, 95% CI=0.71-0.84, P<0.001) between phases. The decline in pack display coincided with the full implementation of plain packaging from December 2012, was stronger in venues with children present and was limited to mid and high socio-economic status (SES) areas. The proportion of packs orientated face-up declined from 85.4% of fully branded packs pre-PP to 73.6% of plain packs post-PP (IRR=0.87, 95% CI=0.79-0.95, P=0.002). Alternatively, the proportions concealed by telephones, wallets or other items (4.4% of fully branded packs pre-PP and 9.5% of plain packs post-PP; IRR=2.33, 95% CI=1.72-3.17, P<0.001) and in an external case (1.5-3.5% of all packs; IRR=2.79, 95% CI=1.77-4.40, P<0.001) increased. Low SES areas evidenced the greatest increase in pack concealment and the greatest decline in face-up pack orientation. CONCLUSIONS: Following Australia's 2012 policy of plain packaging and larger pictorial health warnings on cigarette and tobacco packs, smoking in outdoor areas of cafes, restaurants and bars and personal pack display (packs clearly visible on tables) declined. Further, a small proportion of smokers took steps to conceal packs that would otherwise be visible. Both are promising outcomes to minimize exposure to tobacco promotion. 2014 Society for the Study of Addiction
BACKGROUND: Bone mineral density (BMD) increases progressively during childhood and adolescence and is affected by various genetic and environmental factors. The aim of this study was to establish reference values for lumbar BMD in healthy Chinese infants and young children and investigate its influencing factors.

METHODS AND FINDINGS: Healthy children aged 0 to 3 years who underwent regular physical examinations at the Child Health Care Clinic of Hubei Maternal and Child Health Hospital (N = 11,898) were recruited for this study. We also chose 379 preterm infants aged 0 to 1 years to preliminarily explore the development of BMD in this special population. BMD (g/cm^2) measurements of the lumbar spine (L2-L4) were carried out with dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry and a questionnaire was administered to full-term children's parents to gather information on various nutritional and lifestyle factors as well as mothers' nutritional supplement use during pregnancy. Lumbar BMD significantly increased with age among both boys and girls (p<0.05), with fastest growth observed during the first postnatal year. There was no significant difference in lumbar BMD between boys and girls of similar age (p>0.05), either among healthy reference children or preterm infants. However, BMD values in preterm infants were significantly lower than those in term infants 3 to 8 months old (p<0.05) after adjustment for gestational age. Multivariable linear regression analysis indicated significant positive associations between lumbar BMD of healthy children and the child's age and current weight, mother's weight gain during pregnancy, birth weight, children's outdoor activity duration and children's physical activity duration. CONCLUSION: Our study provides reference values of lumbar BMD for healthy Chinese children aged 0 to 3 years and identifies several influencing factors.

The aim of the present study was to analyze free exploration of an unfamiliar, novel object in a semi-natural environment in 189 preschool children aged 3 to 7 years. The study used a purpose-built, novel, and complex stimulus object. Each child was shown the complex object lying on the floor and asked to explore it for 15 minutes. The child's behavior was video recorded. Age-dependent differences were found in the children's exploratory activity. No sex differences were found. Cluster analysis showed four main behavioral patterns that differed in their qualitative and quantitative parameters. Cluster membership was mainly age-dependent and not sex-specific. The results showed individual and developmental differences among the preschoolers with respect...
to their exploratory activity. This should be taken into account by school psychologists and teachers when designing the educational tasks and play situations.

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T1 - Time Since Immigration and Ethnicity as Predictors of Physical Activity among Canadian Youth: A Cross-Sectional Study
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Little is known about patterns of physical activity engaged in by youth after they immigrate to a new country. This study aims to investigate relationships between immigrant generation and ethnicity with physical activity, and to determine if the relationship between immigrant generation and physical activity was modified by ethnicity. METHODS: The data sources were Cycle 6 (2009-2010) of the Canadian Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children Study and the 2006 Canada Census of Population. Participants (weighted n = 23,124) were young people from grades 6-10 in 436 schools. Students were asked where they were born, how long ago they moved to Canada, their ethnicity, and how many days a week they accumulated at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA). RESULTS: Youth born outside of Canada were less likely to be active than peers born in Canada; 11% vs 15% reported 7 days/week of at least 60 minutes of MVPA (p = .001). MVPA increased with time since immigration. Compared to Canadian-born youth, youth who immigrated within the last 1-2 years were less likely to get sufficient MVPA on 4-6 days/week (odds ratio: 0.66, 95% confidence interval: 0.53-0.82) and 7 days/week (0.62; 0.43-0.89). East and South-East Asian youth were less active, regardless of time since immigration: 4-6 days/week (0.67; 0.58-0.79) and 7 days/week (0.37; 0.29-0.48). CONCLUSION: Time since immigration and ethnicity were associated with MVPA among Canadian youth. Mechanisms by which these differences occur need to be uncovered in order to identify barriers to physical activity participation among youth.
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T1 - Long-term effects of 4-year longitudinal school-based physical activity intervention on the physical fitness of children and youth during 7-year followup assessment
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N2 - Many school-based physical activity (PA) interventions have been developed, but only a few have assessed their long-term effects. A PA intervention taking place in the first four years of some Slovenian primary schools entails an enhanced physical education (PE) curriculum, including two extra lessons of PE per week, a wider selection of PE content, and additional outdoor education delivered by both a specialist PE teacher and a general teacher. The effects of the intervention on children's physical fitness (motor tasks and anthropometry) were evaluated within a quasi-experimental study. In total, 324 children from nine Slovenian primary schools either received the enhanced curriculum (intervention (n=160)) or standard PE (control (n=164)), and were followed for a four-year intervention period and seven years post intervention. Data from the SLOFIT database were used to compare differences in the physical fitness of children each year. Linear Mixed Models were used to test the influence of the PA intervention. Over an 11-year period, the PA intervention group significantly differed in all motor tasks, but not in anthropometric measures or body mass index, after controlling for year of measurement and sex. Differences between the control and intervention groups decreased with time. This study highlights the importance of tracking the long term effects of PA interventions. PA intervention in the first four years of Slovenian primary school offers the possibility of improving physical performance in children; initiatives aiming to increase their performance (physical fitness, physical activity) and health outcomes are warranted
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T1 - Objectively assessed recess physical activity in girls and boys from high and low socioeconomic backgrounds
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BACKGROUND: The school environment influences children's opportunities for physical activity participation. The aim of the present study was to assess objectively measured school recess physical activity in children from high and low socioeconomic backgrounds. METHODS: Four hundred and seven children (6-11 years old) from 4 primary schools located in high socioeconomic status (high-SES) and low socioeconomic status (low-SES) areas participated in the study. Children's physical activity was measured using accelerometry during morning and afternoon recess during a 4-day school week. The percentage of time spent in light, moderate, vigorous, very high and in moderate- to very high-intensity physical activity were calculated using age-dependent cut-points. Sedentary time was defined as 100 counts per minute. RESULTS: Boys were significantly (p<0.001) more active than girls. No difference in sedentary time between socioeconomic backgrounds was observed. The low-SES group spent significantly more time in light (p<0.001) and very high (p<0.05) intensity physical activity compared to the high-SES group. High-SES boys and girls spent significantly more time in moderate (p<0.001 and p<0.05, respectively) and vigorous (p<0.001) physical activity than low-SES boys. CONCLUSIONS: Differences were observed in recess physical activity levels according to socioeconomic background and sex. These results indicate that recess interventions should target children in low-SES schools.

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T1 - Evaluating the effects of the Lunchtime Enjoyment Activity and Play (LEAP) school playground intervention on children's quality of life, enjoyment and participation in physical activity
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BACKGROUND: An emerging public health strategy is to enhance children's opportunities to be physically active during school break periods. The aim of this study was to evaluate the effects of the Lunchtime Enjoyment Activity and Play (LEAP) school playground intervention on primary school children's quality of life (QOL), enjoyment and participation in physical activity (PA).

METHODS: This study consisted of a movable/recycled materials intervention that included baseline, a 7-week post-test and an 8-month follow-up data collection phase. Children within an intervention school (n=123) and a matched control school (n=152) aged 5-to-12-years-old were recruited for the study. Children's PA was measured using a combination of pedometers and direct observation (SOPLAY). Quality of life, enjoyment of PA and enjoyment of lunchtime activities were assessed in the 8-12 year children. A multi-level mixed effect linear regression model was applied in STATA (version 12.0) using the xtmixed command to fit linear mixed models to each of the variables to examine whether there was a significant difference (p<0.05) between the intervention and control school at the three time points (pre, post and follow-up).

RESULTS: Significant overall interaction effects (group x time) were identified for children's mean steps and distance (pedometers) in the intervention school compared to the control school. Intervention school children also spent significantly higher proportions within specified target areas engaged in higher PA intensities in comparison to the control school at both the 7-week post-test and 8-month follow-up. A short-term treatment effect was revealed after 7-weeks for children's physical health scale QOL, enjoyment of PA and enjoyment of intra-personal play activities. CONCLUSIONS: Examining the effects of this school playground intervention over a school year suggested that the introduction of movable/recycled materials can have a significant, positive long-term intervention effect on children's PA. The implications from this simple, low-cost intervention provide impetus for schools to consider introducing the concept of a movable/recycled materials intervention on a wider scale within primary school settings. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Australian and New Zealand Clinical Trials Registration Number: ACTRN12613001155785

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T1 - Using accelerometers and global positioning system devices to assess gender and age differences in children's school, transport, leisure and home based physical activity
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Knowledge on domain-specific physical activity (PA) has the potential to advance public health interventions and inform new policies promoting children's PA. The purpose of this study is to identify and assess domains (leisure, school, transport, home) and subdomains (e.g., recess, playgrounds, and urban green space) for week day moderate to vigorous PA (MVPA) using objective measures and investigate
Methods: Participants included 367 Danish children and adolescents (11-16 years, 52% girls) with combined accelerometer and Global Positioning System (GPS) data (mean 2.5 days, 12.7 hrs/day). The Personal Activity and Location Measurement System and a purpose-built database assessed data in 15-second epochs to determine PA and assign epochs to 4 domains and 11 subdomains. Frequencies and proportions of time spent in MVPA were determined and differences assessed using multi-level modeling.

Results: More than 90% of MVPA was objectively assigned to domains/subdomains. Boys accumulated more MVPA overall, in leisure, school and transport (all p<0.05). Children compared with adolescents accumulated more MVPA, primarily through more school MVPA (p<0.05). Boys spent a large proportion of time accumulating MVPA in playgrounds, active transport, Physical Education, sports facilities, urban green space and school grounds. Girls spent a significant proportion of time accumulating MVPA in active transport and playgrounds. No gender or age differences were found in the home domain.

Conclusions: Large variations were found in PA frequency and intensity across domains/subdomains. Significant gender differences were found, with girls being less active in almost all domains and subdomains. Objectively measured patterns of PA across domains/subdomains can be used to better tailor PA interventions and inform future policies for promoting child PA.

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T1 - Psychometrics of the preschooler physical activity parenting practices instrument among a Latino sample
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Latino preschoolers (3-5 year old children) have among the highest rates of obesity. Low levels of physical activity (PA) are a risk factor for obesity. Characterizing what Latino parents do to encourage or discourage their preschooler to be physically active can help inform interventions to increase their PA. The objective was therefore to develop and assess the psychometrics of a new instrument: the Preschooler Physical Activity Parenting Practices (PPAPP) among a Latino sample, to assess parenting practices used to encourage or discourage PA among preschool-aged children. METHODS: Cross-sectional study of 240 Latino parents who reported the frequency of using PA parenting practices. 95% of respondents were mothers; 42% had more than a high school education. Child mean age was 4.5 (+0.9) years (52% male). Test-retest reliability was assessed in 20%, 2 weeks later. We assessed the fit of a priori models using Confirmatory factor analyses (CFA). In a separate sub-sample (35%), preschool-aged children wore accelerometers to assess associations
with their PA and PPAPP subscales. RESULTS: The a-priori models showed poor fit to the data. A modified factor structure for encouraging PPAPP had one multiple-item scale: engagement (15 items), and two single-items (have outdoor toys; not enroll in sport-reverse coded). The final factor structure for discouraging PPAPP had 4 subscales: promote inactive transport (3 items), promote screen time (3 items), psychological control (4 items) and restricting for safety (4 items). Test-retest reliability (ICC) for the two scales ranged from 0.56-0.85. Cronbach's alphas ranged from 0.5-0.9. Several sub-factors correlated in the expected direction with children's objectively measured PA. CONCLUSION: The final models for encouraging and discouraging PPAPP had moderate to good fit, with moderate to excellent test-retest reliabilities. The PPAPP should be further evaluated to better assess its associations with children's PA and offers a new tool for measuring PPAPP among Latino families with preschool-aged children.
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N2 - BACKGROUND: There is scant data on young children receiving protease inhibitor-based therapy in real-life resource-limited settings and on the optimal timing of therapy among children who survive infancy. Our aim was to evaluate outcomes at the Hospital del Nino, Panama, where children have been routinely treated with lopinavir/ritonavir (LPV/r)-based therapy since 2002. METHODS: Retrospective cohort analysis of all HIV-infected children enrolled in care between January 1, 1991, and June 1, 2011. Kaplan-Meier method and Cox proportional hazards regression were used to evaluate death, virologic suppression and virologic rebound. RESULTS: Of 399 children contributing 1944 person-years of follow-up, 254 (63.7%) were treated with LPV/r and 94 (23.6%) were never treated with antiretrovirals (ARVs). Among infants, improved survival was associated with male gender (hazard rate of death[HRdeath] 0.54, 95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.32-0.92) and treatment with highly active antiretroviral therapy (HRdeath 0.32, 95% CI: 0.12-0.83), whereas residence outside of Panama City was associated with poorer survival (HRdeath 1.72, 95% CI: 1.01-2.94). Among
children who survived to 1 year of age without exposure to ARVs. LPV/r-based therapy improved survival (HRdeath 0.07, 95% CI: 0.01-0.33). Virologic suppression was achieved in 42.1%, 70.5% and 85.1% by 12, 24 and 60 months of follow-up among children treated with LPV/r. Virologic suppression was not associated with prior ARV exposure or age at initiation of therapy but was associated with residence outside of Panama City (HR suppression 1.93, 95% CI: 1.19-3.14). Patients with a baseline viral load >100,000 copies/mL were less likely to achieve suppression (HR suppression 0.37, 95% CI: 0.21-0.66). No children who achieved virologic suppression after initiating LPV/r died. CONCLUSIONS: LPV/r-based therapy improved survival not only in infants but also in children over 1 year of age. Age at initiation of LPV/r-based therapy or prior ARVs did not impact virologic outcomes.

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N2 - Playgrounds are assumed to be an important resource for physical activity. This study investigates seasonal utilization, user preferences, and perceptions of safety and upkeep of public playgrounds in New York City. A cross-sectional survey was conducted from May 2010 to January 2011 across 10 playgrounds in low/middle income neighborhoods in each of the five boroughs in New York City. A total of 1,396 adults accompanying children were surveyed. Outcomes included playground as main place of outdoor play, and perceptions of playground upkeep and safety. Covariates included socio-demographics and other characteristics of playground users. Multivariable logistic regression with playground/season fixed effects were used. Utilization varied substantially across the four seasons. Blacks had higher odds of reporting the playground as the main place of outdoor play (AOR 1.78, 95% CI 1.13-2.80, p < .05). High income users had lower odds of reporting the playground as the main place of outdoor play ($60-$80,000: AOR 0.47, 95% CI 0.29-0.76, p < .01, $80,000+: AOR 0.47, 95% CI 0.28-0.79, p < .01). Racial differences in perceived upkeep and safety were not significant once playground/season fixed effects were included, highlighting the importance of neighborhood conditions. Women were more likely to report feeling unsafe within playgrounds (AOR 1.51, 95% CI 1.12-2.02, p < .01). While some playground utilization is driven by individual characteristics, perceptions of public resources influences utilization and cannot be separated from neighborhood conditions. Increasing access to opportunities for physical activity for children requires new strategies beyond playground improvements.
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AIM: To assess the clinical features and severity of tics and environmental factors influencing tic expression in a cohort of children with tic disorders. METHODS: We performed a cross-sectional study in a cohort of children and adolescents (N = 92) with tic disorders referred to the outpatient clinic of a tertiary-level paediatric centre in Barcelona. The severity of tics was evaluated using the Yale Global Tic Severity Scale (YGTSS). A questionnaire including a list of environmental factors and common daily activities that might influence tic occurrence was completed for patients greater than 5 years old. RESULTS: Children were classified as having Tourette syndrome (TS) (52 patients), chronic motor or phonic tics (22 patients) and tics of less than 12 months’ duration (18 patients). Tics worsened with stressful situations, activities related to school, playing video games and watching TV. A significant proportion of children reported a reduction in tics while they were concentrating on artistic or creative activities or when playing sports and participating in outdoor activities. The YGTSS scores were higher for TS patients (P < .001) and correlated positively with the time of evolution of tics (r = .273, P = .026). Poor school performance was associated with TS (p = .043) and higher scores on the YGTSS (P = .018), as well as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (P = .007). CONCLUSIONS: Several activities of daily living were identified as modifying tic severity in children and may be important clues for tic management. In a subgroup of children with TS, tics were associated with significant morbidity and poor academic performance. Our results emphasise the importance of developing specific school programmes and tailored recommendations in patients with TS. Copyright 2013 European Paediatric Neurology Society.

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Assessing human exposure to aluminium, chromium and vanadium through outdoor dust ingestion in the Bassin Minier de Provence, France

N2 - The Western part of the "Bassin Minier de Provence", a former coal mining area, is still occupied by old polluting industries such as a coal-fired power plant and an alumina factory. The identified pollution sources that raise more concern in the population are the emission of gases and dusts, as well as the storage of raw and transformed materials. In 2011, a preliminary survey was carried out in the area as the first step to an exposure and health risk-assessment study. This first survey intends to assess human exposure through ingestion and health risk associated with potentially harmful elements (PHEs) in ground-level dusts collected in recreational areas used by children. Dust samples were taken at 19 sites distributed across the study area, depending on the location of public parks, public gardens, playgrounds and schools. Pseudo-total concentrations of 53 elements were determined by ICP-MS. Bioaccessible concentrations were estimated using the unified bioaccessibility method. This study presents the results obtained for Al, V and Cr, which seem to be related with industry and show similar distribution patterns. PHEs presumably related to traffic or other urban pollution sources are not discussed in this study. The highest total concentrations occur in dusts near the alumina plant that have significant amounts of Al mineral phases (gibbsite and alumina). However, in these dusts only small fractions of the elements under study are in bioaccessible forms. The highest bioaccessible fractions occur in dusts collected near the coal-fired power plant. Further investigation is required to assess potential pathways of exposure and health risk in this area.

T1 - Sex risk behavior among adolescent and young adult children of opiate addicts: outcomes from the focus on families prevention trial and an examination of childhood and concurrent predictors of sex risk behavior

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T1 - Sex risk behavior among adolescent and young adult children of opiate addicts: outcomes from the focus on families prevention trial and an examination of childhood and concurrent predictors of sex risk behavior
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This study reports on rates and predictors of sex risk behavior among a sample of adolescent and young adult children of parents enrolled in methadone treatment for opiate addiction. Data are from 151 participants (80 males, 71 females) in the Focus on Families (FOF) project, a randomized trial of a family intervention and a study of the development of at-risk children. The study participants are children of parents enrolled in methadone treatment between 1990 and 1993. Participants were interviewed in 2005 when they ranged in age from 15 to 29 years. In the year prior to the follow-up, 79 % of the males and 83 % of females were sexually active, 26 % of males and 10 % of females had more than one partner in the prior year, and 34 % of males and 24 % of females reported having sex outside of a committed relationship. Twenty-four percent of males and 17 % of females met criteria for high-risk sexual behavior, reporting casual or multiple partners in the prior year and inconsistent condom use. Participants in the intervention and control conditions did not differ significantly in terms of any measure of sex risk behavior examined. None of the measures of parent behavior and family processes derived from data at baseline of the FOF study predicted whether participants engaged in high-risk sex. Among measures derived from data collected at long-term follow-up, however, having ever met criteria for substance abuse or dependence predicted greater likelihood of high-risk sexual behavior, and being married or being in a romantic relationship was associated with lower likelihood of high-risk sexual behavior. The findings point to the important role of committed relationships in regulating sex risk behavior among this population, as well as heightened levels of sex risk behavior associated with substance abuse or dependence.
INTRODUCTION: New multidetector row computed tomography (CT) has made the imaging of younger children more feasible and extending CT indications to a wide range of pediatric respiratory diseases in the last few years. However, CT is a source of radiation exposure. The aim of this study was to evaluate the main indications and the contribution of chest CT in pediatric pulmonology as well as induced radiation. METHODS: This was an observational, prospective study. Children whose chest CTs were analyzed during multidisciplinary meetings (radiologist, pulmonary pediatrician) were included from November 2009 to April 2010. We collected demographic data, CT results, contribution of CT to diagnosis and management, and radiation doses (dose-length product [DLP] and effective dose). Radiation doses were compared according to the CT scans (Lille University Hospital with 128-slice dual-source CT or Lille University Hospital single-source 64-slice CT, or CT performed outside the university hospital). RESULTS: One hundred thirty-five patients were included. The mean age was 6.4 years old. The main indications were analysis of bronchial disease (44%), infectious disease (16%), interstitial disease (14%), or a malformation (9%). The aim of CT was diagnosis (61%) or follow-up of previous lung diseases (39%). Diagnosis chest-CT directly contributed to diagnosis in 48% of cases and to treatment in 24%. Follow-up CT contributed to diagnosis in 38% and treatment in 19% of cases. DLP and effective doses were significantly lower for CT performed in the university hospital, especially with the 128-slice CT compared to the others (P<0.001). The effective doses were: 128-slice CT, 0.61mSv+0.32; 64-slice CT, 1.24mSv+0.97; outside university hospital, 2.56mSv+1.98. CONCLUSION: This study confirms the role played by chest CT in children, which contributes to diagnosis and management of lung diseases. The main concern of CT application, especially in children, is the radiation burden. Children are more susceptible to the effects of radiation than adults and have a longer life expectancy to develop complications. Both radiologists and pediatricians should be aware of a potential risk and have to conjugate their efforts in reducing this risk. The wide range of radiation doses in this study for the same CT procedures underlines the extensive efforts still needed to limit radiation exposure in children. Copyright 2014 Elsevier Masson SAS. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: The child active transportation literature has focused on walking, with little attention to risk associated with increased traffic exposure. This paper reviews the literature related to built environment correlates of walking and pedestrian injury in children together, to broaden the current conceptualization of walkability to include injury prevention. METHODS: Two independent searches were conducted focused on walking in children and child pedestrian injury within nine electronic databases until March, 2012. Studies were included which: 1) were quantitative 2) set in motorized countries 3) were either urban or suburban 4) investigated specific built environment risk factors 5) had outcomes of either walking in children and/or child pedestrian roadway collisions (ages 0-12). Built environment features were categorized according to those related to density, land use diversity or roadway design. Results were cross-tabulated to identify how built environment features associate with walking and injury. RESULTS: Fifty walking and 35 child pedestrian injury studies were identified. Only traffic calming and presence of playgrounds/recreation areas were consistently associated with more walking and less pedestrian injury. Several built environment features were associated with more walking, but with increased injury. Many features had inconsistent results or had not been investigated for either outcome. CONCLUSIONS: The findings emphasise the importance of incorporating safety into the conversation about creating more walkable cities.
OBJECTIVES: Adolescent mental disorders remain a relatively neglected area of research, despite evidence that these conditions affect youth disproportionately. We examined associations between physical activity, leisure-time screen use and depressive symptoms among Australian children and adolescents. DESIGN: Large cross-sectional observational study. METHODS: Self-reported physical activity and leisure-time screen behaviours, and depressive symptoms using the Short Mood and Feeling Questionnaire were assessed in 8256 students aged 10-16 years (mean age=11.5 years, SD=0.8). RESULTS: Thirty three percent of the sample reported moderate to high depressive symptoms, with rates higher among females (OR=1.18; 95% CI: 1.02, 1.36; p=0.001). Increased opportunities to be active at school outside class (OR=0.70; 0.58, 0.85; p<0.001), being active in physical education classes (OR=0.77; 0.69, 0.86; p<0.001), greater involvement in sports teams at school (OR=0.77; 0.67, 0.88; p<0.001) and outside of school (OR=0.84; 0.73, 0.96; p=0.01) were all independently associated with lower odds for depressive symptoms. Meeting recommended guidelines for physical activity (OR=0.62; 0.44, 0.88; p=0.007) and, for 12-14 year olds, leisure-time screen use (OR=0.77; 0.59, 0.99; p=0.04) were also independently associated with lower odds for depressive symptoms. CONCLUSIONS: Higher levels of physical activity among children and young adolescents, and lower levels of leisure-time screen use among young adolescents, are associated with lower depressive symptoms. Longitudinal studies are needed to understand the causal relationships between these variables. Crown Copyright 2013. Published by Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
workers. The purpose of this review is to identify the relative airway risks of outdoor work in areas with increased vehicular air pollution. RECENT FINDINGS: We found a small body of recent literature published on this topic. Most of the relevant studies have focused on traffic police, petrol pump workers, and highway workers, especially in the urban areas of high traffic pollution. These studies suggest increases in respiratory symptoms and reduction in spirometric indices in nonsmoking workers in these occupations when compared with control individuals. Research is needed to investigate the relationship with duration of exposures in these workers, and to determine the duration and reversibility of effects in order to develop standards for safe working exposures. SUMMARY: A significant impact on airway function and respiratory symptoms has been reported from outdoor work with exposure to traffic pollution. Further research is needed to confirm these associations and to develop standards for safe outdoor work in urban settings.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Independent mobility describes the freedom of children to travel and play in public spaces without adult supervision. The potential benefits for children are significant such as social interactions with peers, spatial and traffic safety skills and increased physical activity. Yet, the health benefits of independent mobility, particularly on physical activity accumulation, are largely unexplored. This study aimed to investigate associations of children's independent mobility with light, moderate-to-vigorous, and total physical activity accumulation. METHODS: In 2011 - 2012, 375 Australian children aged 8-13 years (62% girls) were recruited into a cross-sectional study. Children's independent mobility (i.e. independent travel to school and non-school destinations, independent outdoor play) and socio-demographics were assessed through child and parent surveys. Physical activity intensity was measured objectively through an Actiheart monitor worn on four consecutive days. Associations between independent mobility and physical activity variables were analysed using generalized linear models, accounting for clustered sampling, Actiheart wear time, socio-demographics, and assessing interactions by sex. RESULTS: Independent travel (walking, cycling, public transport) to school and non-school destinations were not associated with light, moderate-to-vigorous and total physical activity. However, sub-analyses revealed a positive association between independent mobility and cycling (excluding public transport) to school and total physical but only in boys (b=36.03, p<0.05). Frequent independent outdoor play (three or more days per week) was positively associated with light and total physical activity (b=29.76, p<0.01 and b=32.43, p=0.03, respectively). No significant associations were found between independent outdoor play and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. When assessing differences by sex, the observed significant associations of independent outdoor play with light and total physical activity remained in
girls but not in boys. All other associations showed no significant differences by sex. CONCLUSIONS: Independent outdoor play may boost children's daily physical activity levels, predominantly at light intensity. Hence, facilitating independent outdoor play could be a viable intervention strategy to enhance physical activity in children, particularly in girls. Associations between independent travel and physical activity are inconsistent overall and require further investigation.

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T1 - Rationale and design of active play @ home: a parent-led physical activity program for children with and without disability
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Compared to other children, those with disability have additional challenges to being physically active. Prader-Willi Syndrome is a genetic form of childhood obesity that is characterized by hypotonia, growth hormone deficiency, behavioral, and cognitive disability. In children, the low prevalence of this syndrome (1 in 10,000 to 15,000 live births) makes group-based physical activity interventions difficult. In contrast, the home environment presents a natural venue to establish a physical activity routine for this population. This manuscript describes the design of a parent-led physical activity intervention incorporating playground and interactive console-based games to increase physical activity participation in youth with and without Prader-Willi Syndrome. METHODS/DESIGN: The study participants will be 115 youth ages 8-15 y (45 with the syndrome and 70 without the syndrome but categorized as obese). The study will use a parallel design with the control group receiving the intervention after serving as control. Participants will be expected to complete a physical activity curriculum 4 days a week for 6 months including playground games 2 days a week and interactive console games 2 days a week. Parents will be trained at baseline and then provided with a curriculum and equipment to guide their implementation of the program. Tips related to scheduling and coping with barriers to daily program implementation will be provided. Throughout, parents will be contacted by phone once a week (weeks 1-4) and then every other week to receive support in between visits. Measurements of children and parents will be obtained at baseline, 12 weeks, and at the end (week 24) of the intervention. Children main outcomes include physical activity (accelerometry), body composition (dual x-ray absorptiometry), motor proficiency (Bruininks-Oseretsky Test of Motor Proficiency), quality of life and physical activity self-efficacy (questionnaires). Intervention compliance will be monitored using mail-in daily self-report checklists. DISCUSSION: This parent-guided physical activity intervention aims to increase physical activity by using a curriculum that builds physical activity related self-confidence through the development and/or enhancement of motor skill competency. Ultimately, helping children develop these skills as well as joy...
in being physically active will translate into sustained behavior change. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Current Controlled Trial: NCT02058342

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Traditional Chinese eye exercises of acupoints involve acupoint self-massage. These have been advocated as a compulsory measure to reduce ocular fatigue, as well as to retard the development of myopia, among Chinese school children. This study evaluated the impact of these eye exercises among Chinese urban children. METHODS: 409 children (195 males, 47.7%), aged 11.1±3.2 (range 6–17) years, from the Beijing Myopia Progression Study (BMPS) were recruited. All had completed the eye exercise questionnaire, the convergence insufficiency symptom survey (CISS), and a cycloplegic autorefraction. Among these, 395 (96.6%) performed the eye exercises of acupoints. Multiple logistic regressions for myopia and multiple linear regressions for the CISS score (after adjusting for age, gender, average parental refractive error, and time spent doing near work and outdoor activity) for the different items of the eye exercises questionnaire were performed. RESULTS: Only the univariate odds ratio (95% confidence interval) for "seriousness of attitude" towards performing the eye exercises of acupoints (0.51, 0.33–0.78) showed a protective effect towards myopia. However, none of the odds ratios were significant after adjusting for the confounding factors. The univariate and multiple beta coefficients for the CISS score were -2.47 (p=0.002) and -1.65 (p=0.039), -3.57 (p=0.022) and -2.35 (p=0.042), and -2.40 (p=0.003) and -2.29 (p=0.004), for attitude, speed of exercise, and acquaintance with acupoints, respectively, which were all significant. CONCLUSIONS: The traditional Chinese eye exercises of acupoints appeared to have a modest effect on relieving near vision symptoms among Chinese urban children aged 6 to 17 years. However, no remarkable effect on reducing myopia was observed
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How to motivate childcare workers to engage preschoolers in physical activity

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Background: Data available indicate that numerous childcare workers are not strongly motivated to engage children aged 3-5 in physical activity. Using the theory of planned behavior as the main theoretical framework, this study has 2 objectives: to identify the determinants of the intention of childcare workers to engage preschoolers in physical activity and to identify the variables that could be used to develop an intervention to motivate childcare workers to support preschoolers' physical activity. Methods: 174 childcare workers from 60 childcare centers selected at random in 2 regions of Quebec completed a self-administered questionnaire assessing the constructs of the theory of planned behavior as well as past behavior, descriptive norm and moral norm. Results: Moral norm, perceived behavioral control and subjective norm explained 85% of the variance in intention to engage the children in physical activity. Conclusions: To motivate childcare workers, it is necessary that they perceive that directors, children's parents and coworkers approve of their involvement in children's physical activity. In addition, their ability to overcome perceived barriers (lack of time, loaded schedule, inclement weather) should be developed. Access to a large outdoor yard might also help motivate childcare workers.
BACKGROUND: The purpose of this study was to determine the effectiveness of Ready for Recess, an elementary school recess intervention targeting staff training (ST) or providing recreational equipment (EQ) separately, and the combination (EQ+ST) on physical activity (PA). METHODS: Participants were children attending 1 of 12 elementary schools (grades 3rd-6th) included in the study. Separate analytical models were used to evaluate the effects of the intervention conditions on children's accelerometry and direct observation derived PA measures. RESULTS: Boys and girls were measured using accelerometry (n = 667). Boys in EQ+ST increased their MVPA by 14.1% while ST decreased their MVPA by -13.5%. Girls in ST decreased their MVPA by -11.4%. Neither boys nor girls in EQ increased their time spent in MVPA. A total of 523 (boys) and 559 (girls) observations were collected. For boys' and girls' sedentary and vigorous activity there were no significant main effects for treatment condition, time, or treatment condition-by-time effects. CONCLUSIONS: Environmental modifications are only as strong as the staff that implements them. Supervision, if not interactive, may be detrimental to PA participation, especially in girls. Research related to staff training for encouragement and promotion of PA coupled with appropriate use of equipment during recess is warranted.

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This study aimed to examine the role of pet dogs in families of children with autism. Sixty-seven percent of families owned dogs and 94% reported that their children were bonded to their dogs. Parents described previous experience with dogs and beliefs in their benefits as influential in their dog ownership decision-making process. Children living with dogs interacted with them in play and/or sharing personal space. Sensory issues of the children impacted their interaction with dogs inside and outside the home. Time and cost of care were identified burdens of dog ownership. Benefits were the opportunity to learn responsibility and companionship.

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Auditory risk estimates for youth target shooting

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Abstract
Objective: To characterize the impulse noise exposure and auditory risk for youth recreational firearm users engaged in outdoor target shooting events. The youth shooting positions are typically standing or sitting at a table, which places the firearm closer to the ground or reflective surface when compared to adult shooters. Design: Acoustic characteristics were examined and the auditory risk estimates were evaluated using contemporary damage-risk criteria for unprotected adult listeners and the 120-dB peak limit suggested by the World Health Organization (1999) for children. Study sample: Impulses were generated by 26 firearm/ammunition configurations representing rifles, shotguns, and pistols used by youth. Measurements were obtained relative to a youth shooter's left ear. Results: All firearms generated peak levels that exceeded the 120 dB peak limit suggested by the WHO for children. In general, shooting from the seated position over a tabletop increases the peak levels, LAeq8 and reduces the unprotected maximum permissible exposures (MPEs) for both rifles and pistols. Pistols pose the greatest auditory risk when fired over a tabletop. Conclusion: Youth should utilize smaller caliber weapons, preferably from the standing position, and always wear hearing protection whenever engaging in shooting activities to reduce the risk for auditory damage.

Timeliness of childhood vaccine uptake among children attending a tertiary health service facility-based immunisation clinic in Ghana

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Abstract
Objective: To examine the timeliness of childhood vaccine uptake and vaccination coverage in children attending a tertiary health service facility-based immunisation clinic in Ghana. Design: A population-based prospective study. Study sample: Children attending a tertiary health service facility-based immunisation clinic in Ghana. Results: Of the 4,648 children who were eligible for vaccination, 3,450 (74.1%) received at least one vaccine. The median age of first vaccination was 3.5 months (IQR: 2.0-6.0). The median number of doses of the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine received was 1 (IQR: 1-2). Conclusion: There is a need for improvements in the timeliness of childhood vaccine uptake and vaccination coverage in children attending a tertiary health service facility-based immunisation clinic in Ghana.
BACKGROUND: Childhood immunisation is a cost-effective activity in health. Immunisation of children has contributed to reducing child morbidity and mortality. In the last two decades, global deaths from vaccine-preventable illnesses have decreased significantly as a result of immunisation. Similar trends have been observed in Ghana following the introduction of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation. The administration of vaccines is based on the period of highest susceptibility among others. Ghana has long used the proportion of children receiving vaccines and the trends in vaccine preventable illness incidence as performance indicators for immunisation. The addition of timeliness of vaccine uptake as an additional performance indicator has been recommended. This study evaluated the timeliness of vaccine uptake among children immunised at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana. METHODS: The study was conducted at the Maternal and Child Health clinic of the hospital between February and March 2012. A representative sample of 259 respondents was selected by simple random sampling. Data collection was by a structured questionnaire and included the examination of Child Health records booklet. Data was entered into a Microsoft Office Access database and analysed using Epi Info Version 3.5.1 2008. RESULTS: The majority of mothers attended antenatal clinics during pregnancy. An overwhelming majority of babies (98.8%) were delivered in a hospital. About 85% of babies were less than 12 months of age. Mean time taken to reach the clinic was 30 minutes. Vaccine uptake was generally timely for initial vaccines. The proportion of children receiving the vaccines later increased with latter vaccines. Overall, 87.3% of babies received vaccines on time with only 5.3% receiving vaccines beyond 28 days of the scheduled date. Children receiving immunisations services in the same facility as they were born were more likely to receive the BCG vaccine on time. CONCLUSIONS: Vaccine uptake is mostly timely among respondents in the study. The BCG vaccine in particular was received on time among children born in the same facility as the immunisation clinic. There is the need to further examine the timeliness of vaccine uptake among children delivered outside health facilities in Ghana.


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BACKGROUND: This study evaluates the effects of an intervention performed by youth health care professionals on child health behaviors. The intervention consisted of offering healthy lifestyle counseling to parents of overweight (not obese) 5-year-old children. Effects of the intervention on the child having breakfast, drinking sweet beverages, watching television and playing outside were evaluated. METHODS: Data were collected with the 'Be active, eat right' study, a cluster randomized controlled trial among nine youth health care centers in the Netherlands. Parents of overweight children received lifestyle counseling according to the intervention protocol in the intervention condition (n=349) and usual care in the control condition (n=288). Parents completed questionnaires regarding demographic characteristics, health behaviors and the home environment at baseline and at 2-year follow-up. Cluster adjusted regression models were applied; interaction terms were explored. RESULTS: The population for analysis consisted of 38.1% boys; mean age 5.8 [sd 0.4] years; mean BMI SDS 1.9 [sd 0.4]. There were no significant differences in the number of minutes of outside play or television viewing a day between children in the intervention and the control condition. Also, the odds ratio for having breakfast daily or drinking two or less glasses of sweet beverages a day showed no significant differences between the two conditions. Additional analyses showed that the odds ratio for drinking less than two glasses of sweet beverages at follow-up compared with baseline was significantly higher for children in both the intervention (p<0.001) and the control condition (p=0.029). CONCLUSIONS: Comparison of the children in the two conditions showed that the intervention does not contribute to a change in health behaviors. Further studies are needed to investigate opportunities to adjust the intervention protocol, such as integration of elements in the regular well-child visit. The intervention protocol for youth health care may become part of a broader approach to tackle childhood overweight and obesity. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN04965410

N2 - BACKGROUND: To develop evidence-based interventions promoting healthy active lifestyles among young children and their parents, a greater understanding is needed of the correlates of physical activity and screen time in these dyads. Physical environment features within neighborhoods may have important influences on both children and their parents. The purpose of this study was to examine the associations between several features of the physical environment with physical activity and screen time among 511 young children (<5 years old) and their parents, after adjusting for socio-demographic factors. METHODS: From May to September,
2011, parents of 0-5 year old children from Kingston, Canada completed a questionnaire that assessed socio-demographic characteristics, their physical activity and screen time, and their child's physical activity and screen time. Guided by a previously developed conceptual framework, several physical environment features were assessed using Geographic Information Systems including, function (walkability), safety (road speed), aesthetics (streetscape), and destination (outdoor play/activity space, recreation facilities, distance to closest park, yard at home). Multilevel linear regression analyses were used to examine the relationships while adjusting for several socio-demographic factors. RESULTS: The only independent association observed for the physical environment features was between higher outdoor play/activity space and higher screen time levels among parents. Several associations were observed with socio-demographic variables. For physical activity, child age, child care status, and family socioeconomic status (SES) were independent correlates for children while sex was an independent correlate for parents. For screen time, child age and family SES were independent correlates for children while neighborhood SES was an independent correlate for parents. CONCLUSIONS: The findings suggest that socio-demographic factors, including social environment factors, may be more important targets than features of the physical environment for future interventions aiming to promote healthy active lifestyles in young children and their parents. Given this was one of the first studies to examine these associations in young child-parent dyads, future research should confirm and build on these findings.

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N2 - PURPOSE: To objectively assess daily light exposure and physical activity levels in myopic and emmetropic children. METHODS: One hundred two children (41 myopes and 61 emmetropes) aged 10 to 15 years old had simultaneous objective measures of ambient light exposure and physical activity collected over a 2-week period during school term, using a wrist-worn actigraphy device (Actiwatch 2). Measures of visible light illuminance and physical activity were captured every 30 seconds, 24 hours a day over this period. Mean hourly light exposure and physical activity for weekdays and weekends were examined. To ensure that seasonal variations did not confound comparisons, the light and activity data of the 41 myopes was compared with 41 age- and gender-matched emmetropes who wore the Actiwatch over the same 2-week period. RESULTS: Mean light exposure and physical activity for all 101 children with valid data exhibited significant changes with time of day and day of the week (p < 0.0001). On average, greater daily light exposure occurred on weekends compared to weekdays (p < 0.05), and greater physical activity occurred on weekdays compared to weekends (p < 0.01). Myopic children (n = 41, mean daily light exposure 915 + 519 lx) exhibited significantly lower average light exposure compared to 41 age- and gender-matched emmetropic children (1272 + 625 lx, p < 0.01). The
amount of daily time spent in bright light conditions (>1000 lx) was also significantly greater in emmetropes (127 ± 51 minutes) compared to myopes (91 ± 44 minutes, p < 0.001). No significant differences were found between the average daily physical activity levels of myopes and emmetropes (p > 0.05). CONCLUSIONS: Myopic children exhibit significantly lower daily light exposure, but no significant difference in physical activity compared to emmetropic children. This suggests the important factor involved in documented associations between myopia and outdoor activity is likely exposure to bright outdoor light rather than greater physical activity.

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T1 - Correlates of Parental Misperception of Their Child's Weight Status: The 'Be Active, Eat Right' Study
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: This study reported on correlates of parental perception of their child's weight status. Associations between parental misperception (i.e., underestimation of the child's weight) and parental intention to improve their child's overweight-related health behaviors and their child meeting guidelines regarding these behaviors were also investigated. METHODS: Baseline data from the population-based 'Be active, eat right study' were used. The population for analysis consisted of 630 overweight and 153 obese five-year-old children and their parents. Questionnaires were used to measure parental perception of the child's weight status, correlates of misperception (i.e., child age, child gender, child BMI, parental age, parental gender, parental country of birth, parental educational level and parental weight status), overweight-related health behaviors (i.e., child playing outside, having breakfast, drinking sweet beverages, and watching TV), and parental intention to improve these behaviors. Height and weight were measured using standardized protocols. Multivariable logistic regression analyses were performed. RESULTS: In total, 44.40% of the parents misperceived their child's weight status. Parental misperception was associated with lower child BMI, the parent being the father, a foreign parental country of birth, and a lower parental education level (p<0.05). Parental misperception was not associated with parental intention to improve child overweight-related health behavior, nor with child meeting the guidelines of these behaviors. DISCUSSION: This study showed that almost half of the parents with an overweight or obese child misperceived their child's weight status. A correct parental perception may be a small stepping-stone in improving the health of overweight and obese children.
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T1 - What helps children to move more at school recess and lunchtime? Mid-intervention results from Transform-Us! cluster-randomised controlled trial
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Background: To investigate the interpersonal and physical environment mediators of the Transform-Us! mid-intervention effects on physical activity (PA) during recess and lunchtime. METHODS: Transform-Us! is a clustered randomised school-based intervention with four groups: sedentary behaviour intervention (SB-I), PA intervention (PA-I), combined PA+SB-I and control group. All children in grade 3 from 20 participating primary schools in Melbourne, Australia were eligible to complete annual evaluation assessments. The outcomes were the proportion of time spent in moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA) and light PA (LPA) during recess and lunchtime assessed by accelerometers. Potential mediators included: perceived social support from teachers; perceived availability of line markings; perceived accessibility of sports equipment; and perceived school play environment. Generalised linear models were used and mediation effects were estimated by product-of-coefficients (ab) approach. RESULTS: 268 children (8.2 years, 57% girls at baseline) provided complete data at both time points. A significant intervention effect on MVPA during recess in the SB-I and PA-I groups compared with the control group (proportional difference in MVPA time; 38% (95% CI 21% to 57%) and 40% (95% CI 20% to 62%), respectively) was found. The perceived school play environment was
significantly positively associated with MVPA at recess among girls. An increase in perceived social support from teachers suppressed the PA+SB-I effect on light PA during recess (ab= -0.03, 95% CI -0.06 to -0.00). No significant mediating effects on PA during recess and lunchtime were observed. CONCLUSIONS: A positive perception of the school play environment was associated with higher MVPA during recess among girls. Future studies should conduct mediation analyses to explore underlying mechanisms of PA interventions.

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T1 - Source contributions of lead in residential floor dust and within-home variability of dust lead loading
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N2 - Evidence of the impact of exposure to low levels of lead on children's health is increasing. Residential floor dust is the assumed origin of lead exposure by young children. In this study, we estimate the contribution of different lead sources to household interior floor dust contamination. We also estimate the within-home variability of interior floor dust lead loadings. A multilevel model was developed based on data collected in a French survey in 2008-2009 (484 housing units, 1834 rooms). Missing data were handled by multiple imputation using chained equations. The intra-home correlation between interior floor Log dust lead loadings was approximately 0.6. Dust lead from the landing of an apartment, mostly originating outside the building, was the major contributor to interior floor dust lead. Secondary contributors included the lead-based paint on exterior railings, track-in of the exterior soil of the children's play area into the dwelling, smoking inside the home, demolition of nearby old buildings and sites of pollution in the vicinity. Interior lead-based paint contaminated interior floor dust only in old and non-renovated dwellings. To reduce interior floor dust lead levels in the general population of dwellings, common areas should be maintained, and track-in from the outside should be limited as much as possible.

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The inadvertent ingestion of contaminated soil can be a major pathway for chemical exposure to humans. Few studies to date have quantified soil ingestion rates to develop exposure estimates for human health risk assessments (HHRA), and almost all of those were for children in suburban/urban environments. Here we employed a quantitative mass balance tracer approach on a rural population practicing outdoor activities to estimate inadvertent soil ingestion. This study followed 9 subjects over a 13 day period in Cold Lake, Alberta, near the largest in situ thermal heavy oil (bitumen) extraction operation in the world. The mean soil ingestion rate in this study using Al, Ce, La, and Si tracers was 32 mg d(-1), with a 90th percentile of 152 mg d(-1) and median soil ingestion rate of 18 mg d(-1). These soil ingestion values are greater than the standard recommended soil ingestion rates for HHRA from Health Canada, and are similar to soil ingestion estimates found in the only other study on a rural population. 2013. Published by Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.
OBJECTIVE: Traditional gold mining is associated with mercury exposure. Especially vulnerable to its neurotoxic effects is the developing nervous system of a child. We aimed to investigate risk factors of mercury exposure among children in a rural mining town in Chile. METHODS: Using a validated questionnaire distributed to the parents of the children, a priori mercury risk factors, potential exposure pathways and demographics of the children were obtained. Mercury levels were measured through analyzing fingernail samples. Logistic regression modeling the effect of risk factors on mercury levels above the 75(th) percentile were made, adjusted for potential confounders. RESULTS: The 288 children had a mean age of 9.6 years (SD = 1.9). The mean mercury level in the study population was 0.13 g/g (SD 0.11, median 0.10, range 0.001-0.86 g/g). The strongest risk factor for children's odds of high mercury levels (>75(th) percentile, 0.165 g/g) was to play inside a house where a family member worked with mercury (OR adjusted 3.49 95% CI 1.23-9.89). Additionally, children whose parents worked in industrial gold mining had higher odds of high mercury levels than children whose parents worked in industrial copper mining or outside mining activities. CONCLUSION: Mercury exposure through small-scale gold mining might affect children in their home environments. These results may further help to convince the local population of banning mercury burning inside the households.
BACKGROUND: Understanding the determinants of sedentary time during childhood contributes to the development of effective intervention programmes. PURPOSE: To examine family and home-environmental determinants of 1-year change in objectively measured sedentary time after-school and at the weekend.

METHODS: Participants wore accelerometers at baseline and 1 year later. Longitudinal data for after-school and weekend analyses were available for 854 (41.5% male, mean + SD age 10.2 + 0.3 years) and 718 (41.8% male, age 10.2 + 0.3 years) participants. Information on 26 candidate determinants, including socioeconomic status (SES), availability of electronic media and parental rules for sedentary behaviours was self-reported by children or their parents at baseline. Change in the proportion of registered time spent sedentary was used as the outcome variable in multi-level linear regression models, adjusted for age, sex, body mass index and baseline sedentary time. Simple and multiple models were run and interactions with sex explored.

RESULTS: Children from higher socioeconomic status families exhibited greater increases in after-school (beta; 95% CI for change in % time spent sedentary 1.02; 0.37, 1.66) and weekend (1.42; 0.65, 2.18) sedentary time. Smaller increases in after-school sedentary time were observed in children with more siblings (-1.00; -1.69, -0.30), greater availability of electronic media (-0.81; -1.29, -0.33) and, for boys, more frequent family visits to the park (-1.89; -3.28, -0.51) and family participation in sport (-1.28; -2.54, -0.02). Greater maternal weekend screen-time (0.45; 0.08, 0.83) and, in girls, greater parental restriction on playing outside (0.91; 0.08, 1.74) were associated with larger increases in weekend sedentary time. The analytical sample was younger, more likely to be female, had lower BMI and was of higher SES than the original baseline sample. CONCLUSIONS: Intervention strategies aimed at reducing parents’ weekend screen-time, increasing family participation in sports or recreation (boys) and promoting freedom to play outside (girls) may contribute towards preventing the age-related increase in sedentary time.

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BACKGROUND: Building new transport infrastructure could help to promote changes in patterns of mobility, physical activity, and other determinants of population health such as economic development. However, local residents may not share planners' goals or assumptions about the benefits of such interventions. A particularly contentious example is the construction of major roads close to deprived residential areas. We report the qualitative findings of the baseline phase of a longitudinal mixed-method study of a new urban section of the M74 motorway in Glasgow, Scotland, that aims to combine quantitative epidemiological and spatial data with qualitative interview data from local residents. METHODS: We interviewed 12 residents purposively sampled from a larger study cohort of 1322 to include men and women, different age groups, and people with and without cars, all living within 400 metres of the proposed route of the new motorway. We elicited their views and experiences of the local urban environment and the likely impact of the new motorway using a topic guide based on seven key environmental constructs (aesthetics, green space, convenience of routes, access to amenities, traffic, road danger and personal danger) reflecting an overall ecological model of walking and cycling. RESULTS: Traffic was widely perceived to be heavy despite a low local level of car ownership. Few people cycled, and cycling on the roads was widely perceived to be dangerous for both adults and children. Views about the likely impacts of the new motorway on traffic congestion, pollution and the pleasantness of the local environment were polarised. A new motorway has potential to cause inequitable psychological or physical severance of routes to local amenities, and people may not necessarily use local walking routes or destinations such as parks and shops if these are considered undesirable, unsafe or 'not for us'. Public transport may have the potential to promote or discourage active travel in different socioeconomic contexts. CONCLUSIONS: Altering the urban landscape may influence walking and cycling in ways that vary between individuals, may be inequitable, and may not be predictable from quantitative data alone. A more applied ecological behavioural model may be required to capture these effects.
BACKGROUND: Observational studies have shown a positive association between time outdoors and physical activity in children. Time outdoors may be a feasible intervention target to increase the physical activity of youth, but methods are required to accurately measure time spent outdoors in a range of locations and over a sustained period. The Global Positioning System (GPS) provides precise location data and can be used to identify when an individual is outdoors. The aim of this study was to investigate whether GPS data recorded outdoors were associated with objectively measured physical activity. METHODS: Participants were 1010 children (11.0 +/- 0.4 years) recruited from 23 urban primary schools in South West England, measured between September 2006 and July 2008. Physical activity was measured by accelerometry (Actigraph GT1M) and children wore a GPS receiver (Garmin Foretrex 201) after school on four weekdays to record time outdoors. Accelerometer and GPS data were recorded at 10 second epochs and were combined to describe patterns of physical activity when both a GPS and accelerometer record were present (outdoors) and when there was accelerometer data only (indoors). ANOVA was used to investigate gender and seasonal differences in the patterns of outdoor and indoor physical activity, and linear regression was used to examine the cross-sectional associations between GPS-measured time outdoors and physical activity. RESULTS: GPS-measured time outdoors was a significant independent predictor of children's physical activity after adjustment for potential confounding factors. Physical activity was more than 2.5 fold higher outdoors than indoors (1345.8 +/- 907.3 vs 508.9 +/- 282.9 counts per minute; F = 783.2, p < .001). Overall, children recorded 41.7 +/- 46.1 minutes outdoors between 3.30 pm and 8.30 pm, with more time spent outdoors in the summer months (p < .001). There was no gender difference in time spent outdoors. Physical activity outdoors was higher in the summer than the winter (p < .001), whilst there was no seasonal variation in physical activity indoors. CONCLUSIONS: Duration of GPS recording is positively associated with objectively measured physical activity and is sensitive to seasonal differences. Minute by minute patterning of GPS and physical activity data is feasible and may be a useful tool to investigate environmental influences on children's physical activity and to identify opportunities for intervention.

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(50.9% boys) participating in the nationally representative UK Millennium Cohort Study. Time spent participating in sports clubs outside of school, and using screen-entertainment, was reported by the child's mother at child age 5 years, when mental health was also measured using the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire. RESULTS: 45% of children did not participate in sport clubs and 61% used screen-entertainment for \( \geq 2 \) hours per day. Children who participated in sport had fewer total difficulties; emotional, conduct, hyperactivity-inattention and peer relationship problems; and more prosocial behaviours. These relationships were similar in boys and girls. Boys and girls who used screen-entertainment for any duration, and participated in sport, had fewer emotional and behavioural problems, and more prosocial behaviours, than children who used screen-entertainment for \( \geq 2 \) hours per day and did not participate in sport. CONCLUSIONS: Longer durations of screen-entertainment usage are not associated with mental health problems in young children. However, our findings suggest an association between sport and better mental health. Further research based on longitudinal data is required to examine causal pathways in these associations and to determine the potential role of this and other forms of physical activity in preventing mental health disorders.

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T1 - Independent mobility, perceptions of the built environment and children's participation in play, active travel and structured exercise and sport: the PEACH Project
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A1 - Cooper, A.R.
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Independent mobility (IM) and perceptions of the built environment may relate differentially to children's participation in various physical activity contexts. This cross-sectional study investigated whether independent mobility and perceptions of the built environment in boys and girls were related to physical activity in three different contexts (outdoor play, structured exercise/sport, active commuting). METHODS: Thirteen hundred and seven 10-11 year old boys and girls from 23 schools in a large UK city completed a computerised questionnaire. Independent variables in logistic regression analyses were weekly self-reported frequency of participation in outdoor play, structured exercise/sport and mode of travel home from school. Dependent variables were perceptions of the environment (aesthetics, nuisance, safety, social norm, constraint, play space, accessibility), local and area independent mobility and linear distance from home to school. Analyses were adjusted for body mass index, minutes of daylight after school, level of neighbourhood deprivation and pubertal status. RESULTS: For boys, local independent mobility (Local-IM) was related to an increased likelihood of everyday participation in play (OR 1.58: 95% CI 1.19-2.10), structured exercise/sport (OR 1.42: 1.06-1.89) and active commuting (OR 1.40: 1.07-1.87) but was only related to active commuting for girls (OR 1.49: 1.07-2.07). Boys and girls were more likely to report playing out every day if they had higher scores for Social Norm (Boys: OR 1.63 (1.12-2.37); Girls: OR 1.53 (1.01-2.31)) and, for girls only, more positive perceptions of traffic safety (OR 1.63: 1.14-2.34). Easy access to a range of destinations was the dominant predictor for taking part in structured exercise/sport everyday (Boys: OR 1.62 (1.01-2.66); Girls: OR...
1.65 (1.07-2.53)). Shorter distance from home to school (OR 0.99: 0.98-0.99) and, for boys only, greater perceived accessibility (OR 1.87: 1.04-3.36) were significantly related to active commuting to school.

CONCLUSIONS: Perceptions of the physical environment relate differently to different physical activity contexts and by gender. The only consistent correlate for outdoor play, structured ex/sport and active commuting was higher independent mobility to visit local destinations (Local-IM) for boys. Considering both the physical activity context and its independent correlates should improve the specificity of physical activity interventions in children.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: There is increasing evidence that the environment plays a role in influencing physical activity in children and adults. As children have less autonomy in their behavioural choices, neighbourhood environment supportiveness may be an important determinant of their ability to be active. Yet we know rather little about the types of environment that children use for bouts of physical activity. This study uses accelerometery and global positioning system technologies to identify the characteristics of environments being used for bouts of continuous moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in a sample of English schoolchildren. METHODS: The study used a convenience sample of 100 children from SPEEDY (Sport, Physical activity and Eating behaviour: Environmental Determinants in Young people), a cohort of 2064 9-10 year-olds from Norfolk, England, recruited in 2007. Children wore an ActiGraph GT1M accelerometer and a Garmin Forerunner 205 GPS unit over four consecutive days. Accelerometery data points were matched to GPS locations and bouts (5 minutes or more) of MVPA were identified. Bout locations were overlaid with a detailed landcover dataset developed in a GIS to identify the types of environment supporting MVPA. Findings are presented using descriptive statistics. RESULTS: Boys were also more active than girls, spending an average of 20 (SD 23) versus 11 (SD 15) minutes per day in MVPA bouts. Children who spent more time outside the home were more active (p = 0.002), especially girls and children living in rural locations (both p < 0.05). Children tended to be active close to home, with 63% of all bout time occurring inside neighbourhoods, although boys (p = 0.05) and rural children (p = 0.01) were more likely to roam outside their neighbourhood. Amongst urban children, gardens (28% of bout time) and the street environment (20%) were the most commonly used environments for MVPA bouts. Amongst rural children farmland (22%) and grassland (18%) were most frequently used. CONCLUSION: The study has developed a new methodology for the identification of environments in which bouts of continuous physical activity are undertaken. The results highlight the importance of the provision of urban gardens and greenspaces, and the maintenance of safe street environments as places for children to be active.
School children’s personal exposure to ultrafine particles in the urban environment


There has been considerable scientific interest in personal exposure to ultrafine particles (UFP). In this study, the inhaled particle surface area doses and dose relative intensities in the tracheobronchial and alveolar regions of lungs were calculated using measured 24-h UFP time series of school children personal exposures. Bayesian hierarchical modeling was used to determine mean doses and dose intensities for the various microenvironments. Analysis of measured personal exposures for 137 participating children from 25 schools in the Brisbane Metropolitan Area showed similar trends for all participating children. Bayesian regression modeling was performed to calculate the daily proportion of children's total doses in different microenvironments. The proportion of total daily alveolar doses for home, school, commuting, and other were 55.3%, 35.3%, 4.5%, and 5.0%, respectively, with the home microenvironment contributing a majority of children's total daily dose. Children's mean indoor dose was never higher than the outdoor's at any of the schools, indicating there were no persistent indoor particle sources in the classrooms during the measurements. Outdoor activities, eating/cooking at home, and commuting were the three activities with the highest dose intensities. Children's exposure during school hours was more strongly influenced by urban background particles than traffic near the school.

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BACKGROUND: Despite efforts towards reducing childhood morbidity and mortality, Nigeria ranks among countries with the highest rates of vaccine-preventable diseases including tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, measles, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus. These efforts include regular rounds of immunization days and routine exercises. The government of Nigeria periodically undertakes National Demographic and Health (NDH) surveys, which tap information on various health indices including vaccination coverage. Limited studies have used the NDHS data to examine the trends in vaccination coverage for the assessment of successes or failures of the immunization efforts. METHODS: This study used four NDH Surveys datasets between 1990 and 2008, which generated child health information including the proportion that had had any or all basic childhood vaccines. A combined total of 44071 (weighted) children were involved in the study. The trend and pattern of vaccination over 18 years were examined while selected factors were regressed to obtain predictors of child vaccinations in Nigeria. RESULTS: The most recent survey (2008) reported more complete vaccination apart from 1990, which was said to be inaccurate. In all surveys, children from mothers with higher education, who were delivered in hospitals, lived in urban areas, and whose mothers work outside the home had significantly higher proportions of completed basic vaccination. A lower level of childhood vaccination is observed in the northern parts, while higher rates are observed in the southern parts. More complete vaccination coverage was reported in the 1990 survey, followed by 2008, 1999 and 2003. In addition, children from mothers with higher levels of education, who were delivered in hospitals, who lived in urban areas, and whose mothers work outside the home had significantly higher proportions of completed basic vaccination. CONCLUSION: Much more work needs to be done if more children are to be covered and thus reduce vaccine-preventable diseases. 2013
OBJECTIVES: To identify family planning and pregnancy (FPP) issues for female patients of childbearing age living with a chronic inflammatory disease and to assess whether current clinical practice routinely provides adequate support to alleviate these concerns.

SETTING: Multinational survey and an analysis of online patient activity.

PARTICIPANTS: Premenopausal women (aged 20–45 years; N=969) were surveyed in the USA, the UK, Germany, France, Italy and Spain. Rheumatologists were surveyed in Germany (N=50), France (N=50), Italy (N=50) and the USA (N=100), and gastroenterologists were also surveyed in the USA (N=100).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY OUTCOME MEASURES: Two online surveys were undertaken to identify FPP issues for physicians and patients. The surveys examined the frequency of dialogue on these topics between physicians and patients, alongside assessment of patient satisfaction regarding these conversations. Online analysis identified key themes for patient discussion outside their doctors’ office/clinic/surgery.

RESULTS: 32–56% of physicians spontaneously reported having talked about FPP with their female patients of childbearing age. When prompted, the majority of rheumatologists (74–92%) and gastroenterologists (74%) reported having discussed conception/pregnancy with female patients; however, less than half reported consulting their patient’s treating general practitioner/gynaecologist about these topics. The majority of patients reported their FPP-related concerns are not adequately addressed/settled during their medical appointments. Furthermore, only 30–40% of patients considered advice/information to be consistent across multiple healthcare professionals. Key online FPP-related patient discussions included disease state, adverse effects, treatment, switch behaviour and wash-out requirements.

CONCLUSIONS: Female patients who live with chronic inflammatory disease have important FPP concerns. The majority of patients, however, do not feel that their FPP concerns are adequately addressed in current clinical practice and report that they receive inconsistent advice from the various healthcare professionals who manage different aspects of their care. There is a clear need for provision of up-to-date and consistent information/support to female patients.
A multiple baseline design across three children with autism and within child across activity was used to assess the effects of interventions designed to teach children with autism to play two common athletic group games, handball and 4-square. Treatment consisted of two phases. In Phase I, athletic skills training, the children participated in sessions designed to facilitate their acquisition of the athletic skills required by the targeted games. During Phase II, rules training, the children were instructed on the rules of the targeted games. Mastering the athletic skills and participating in rules training resulted in increased athletic group play and concomitant increases in speech. These gains were maintained at 8–16 weeks follow-up. However, generalization to participation in school recess activities did not occur.

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T1 - School reform: the role of physical education policy in physical activity of elementary school children in Alabama's Black Belt Region
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N2 - PURPOSE: To investigate the implementation of state- and school-mandated physical education (PE) and physical activity policies on students' school-day physical activity behaviors. DESIGN: Observational, cross-sectional study. SETTING: Five elementary schools in rural Alabama. SUBJECTS: Six hundred and eighty-three school-age children. MEASURES: School-day physical activity behaviors were assessed with pedometer step count, the System for Observing Fitness Instruction Time (SOFIT), and the System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity in Youth (SOPLAY). ANALYSIS: Descriptive statistics (means and standard deviations) were used to describe the current health and in-school physical activity behaviors of students. RESULTS: Students accumulated a daily average of 4079.57 (+ 1678.1) and 3473.44 (+ 1073.37) steps for boys and girls, respectively, throughout the school day. SOFIT findings indicate that students spent an average of 23.80 + 5.33 min/d in PE and that 14.33 + 6.10 min/d were spent in moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA). This equates to 59.38% of PE time spent in MVPA. SOPLAY findings showed that recess and before/after school activity was not provided. CONCLUSIONS: It appears that schools were in compliance with the state-mandated PE policies on paper but not in actuality. Students did not attend PE for 30 min/d. The implementation of PE as the sole physical activity opportunity provides inadequate amounts of physical activity during the school day.
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T1 - Impact of the Boston Active School Day policy to promote physical activity among children
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N2 - PURPOSE: To test effectiveness of Active School Day policy implementation on physical activity outcomes and estimate school-level implementation costs. DESIGN: The design of the study was quasi-experimental (pretest-posttest matched controls). SETTING: The study took place in six elementary schools with three matched pairs in Boston, Massachusetts, February to June 2011. SUBJECTS: Subjects were 455 consenting fourth- and fifth-grade students among 467 eligible. INTERVENTION: Active School Day policy implementation provided equipment, curricular materials, and training to physical educators and school wellness champions to promote 150 weekly minutes of quality physical education, recess, and physical activity integrated into classrooms. MEASURES: Accelerometer assessments of accumulated minutes and bouts of moderate, vigorous, and sedentary physical activity on 5 school days before and after implementation were used. Implementation costs were collected by record review and reported resource utilization. ANALYSIS: Analysis was conducted using multivariate mixed models estimated with repeated measures of daily physical activity, adjusted for student demographics and other confounding and design/clustering variables. RESULTS: Accelerometer data were provided by 201 intervention and 192 comparison students for an average of 4 days per period (84% response). During school time, students in intervention schools demonstrated greater increases in minutes per day of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (3.9, 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.8-6.0; p < .001) and vigorous physical activity (1.8, 95% CI 7.3-0.01), and greater decreases in minutes per day of sedentary time (-10.6, 95% CI -15.3- -5.8; p < .001) than controls. Ongoing annual implementation costs totaled $4,523/school ($14/student). CONCLUSION: Active School Day implementation increased student moderate-to-vigorous physical activity levels by 24% and decreased sedentary time during school at modest cost
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T1 - Childcare outdoor renovation as a built environment health promotion strategy: evaluating the preventing obesity by design intervention
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PURPOSE: To evaluate the effectiveness of Preventing Obesity by Design (POD), a childcare center outdoor renovation intervention. DESIGN: Pre-post intervention evaluation. SETTING: North Carolina licensed childcare centers (N = 27). SUBJECTS: Preschool children. INTERVENTION: Outdoor renovation, teacher training. MEASURES: Behavior mapping, Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale (POEMS), center director interview. ANALYSIS: Descriptive statistics, ordinary least squares and logistic regressions calculated to assess levels of association between environmental change, children's physical activity (PA), social behaviors, and environmental quality. Qualitative interview data analyzed to help understand intervention impact. RESULTS: Behavior mapping showed that site layout attributes, such as the form (i.e., "single loop" and "double loop") of pathways (functioning as circulation routes and wheeled toy settings), are associated with higher levels of PA. Teacher interaction was associated with decreased children's PA. Absence of teacher or lack of child/child interaction was associated with increased PA. POEMS assessment of environmental quality was higher after renovation. POEMS domains (Physical Space and Teacher/Caregiver Roles) were positively associated with PA. After renovation, 68% of center directors reported positive changes in children's behavior and 40% mentioned edible plant installations as greatest success. CONCLUSION: Built environment renovation of childcare center outdoors, including looped pathways installation, coupled with teacher training, may support increased PA. Renovation, including food gardens, may be a key to success for preschool health promotion and support change in childcare policy.
 PURPOSE: To assess the use of new pocket parks in low-income neighborhoods. DESIGN: The design of the study was a quasi-experimental post-test only comparison. SETTING: Los Angeles, California, was the setting for the study. SUBJECTS: Subjects were park users and residents living within .5 mile of three pocket parks and 15 neighborhood parks. INTERVENTION: The creation of pocket parks. MEASURES: We used the System of Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) tool to measure park use and park-based physical activity, and then surveyed park users and residents about their park use. ANALYSIS: We surveyed 392 and 432 household members within .5 mile of the three pocket parks before and after park construction, respectively, as well as 71 pocket park users, and compared them to 992 neighborhood park users and 342 residents living within .5 mile of other neighborhood parks. We compared pocket park use to playground area use in the larger neighborhood parks. We used descriptive statistics and generalized estimating equations for the analysis. RESULTS: Overall, pocket park use compared favorably in promoting moderate-to-vigorous physical activity with that of existing playground space in nearby parks, and they were cost-effective at $0.73/MET hour (metabolic equivalent hour) gained. Pocket park visitors walked an average of .25 miles to get to a park. CONCLUSIONS: Pocket parks, when perceived as attractive and safe destinations, may increase physical activity by encouraging families with children to walk there. Additional strategies and programs may be needed to encourage more residents to use these parks.

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this paper was to explore the effect of recess interventions on children's physical activity (PA) levels and to examine which specific interventions/characteristics have more influence on children's PA. DATA SOURCE: Academic Search Premier, CINAHL, ERIC, MEDLINE, ProQuest, SPORT Discus. STUDY INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA: Papers published between 1986 and 2012, published in the English language, and evaluating any recess intervention with PA as an outcome. DATA EXTRACTION: Study outcomes were distilled into seven domains related to PA: age, gender, intervention type, intervention duration, duration of PA per intervention session, outcome measures, and study region.
DATA SYNTHESIS: Effect sizes were pooled within and across studies for each domain separately. Moderator analyses were performed using gender, age, and total length of intervention. Twenty-three independent samples were provided from 13 studies. RESULTS: The estimated overall effect size for time in PA was .56 (SE .07), suggesting a positive and significant mean difference between pretest and posttest PA time after implementing a recess intervention. Differences in PA levels were moderated by age, duration and type of intervention, and type of outcome measures. CONCLUSION. The limited evidence suggests recess interventions can improve youth PA levels. Implications reinforce the importance of schools in advocating for recess during the school day. Strategies shown to increase student PA during recess should be implemented.
There are different postnatal sensitive periods throughout the development course of sensory functions. During sensitive periods, there is a biological display of an extreme neural sensitivity to the storage of experience-driven sensory information that is not present outside these developmental stages. This neural property is reflected in subjects' reported preferences for sensory stimuli, such as odors and tastes. The human brain mapping approach (HBA) has demonstrated that disease-free human postnatal and later development of any sensory function parallels morphological and functional development of the CNS and that this development correlates with signal changes that have been acquired by means of neuroimaging techniques. Whether experience with tastes and/or odors has a stronger effect on the perception of gustatory and/or olfactory stimuli the earlier subjects are exposed to certain odors and tastes is still unknown. It is also unknown, whether as well as how this effect is reflected in brain activation patterns and whether we are currently able to identify sensitive periods of gustatory and olfactory development from the imaging signals. To answer these research questions, repeated exposure to tastes and/or odors should be applied in children of different age ranges in order to induce different age-related degrees of olfactory/gustatory preferences as well as different aged-related patterns of oxyhemoglobin (OH) and deoxyhemoglobin (DOH) changes that should be measured by means of the functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS) technique. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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BACKGROUND: This pilot study aimed at investigating the effectiveness of lowering playground density on increasing children's physical activity and decreasing sedentary time. Also the feasibility of this intervention was tested. METHODS: Data were collected in September and October 2012 in three Belgian schools in 187, 9-12 year old children. During the intervention, playground density was decreased by splitting up recesses and decreasing the number of children sharing the playground. A within-subject design was used. Children wore accelerometers during the study week. Three-level (class - participant - measurement (baseline or intervention)) linear regression models were used to determine intervention effects. After the intervention week the school principals filled out a questionnaire concerning the feasibility of the intervention. RESULTS: The available play space was 12.18 + 4.19 m²/child at baseline and increased to 24.24 + 8.51 m²/child during intervention. During the intervention sedentary time decreased (-0.58 min/recess; -3.21%/recess) and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (+1.04 min/recess; +5.9%/recess) increased during recess and during the entire school day (sedentary time: -3.29%/school day; moderate-to-vigorous physical activity +1.16%/school day). All principals agreed that children enjoyed the intervention; but some difficulties were reported. CONCLUSIONS: Lowering playground density can be an effective intervention for decreasing children’s sedentary time and increasing their physical activity levels during recess; especially in least active children.
thickness measures and body fat percentage of children were lower in the active children, whereas body water content increased with activity. Nutritional habits were similar in the 3 studied groups. No significant differences in total energy intake or percentage of carbohydrates, fat and proteins were found. All parameters related to caloric expenditure were higher in children carrying out more physical activity. CONCLUSIONS: Children with higher levels of physical activity presented more favorable anthropometric profiles, but there were no differences in respect to their dietary habits. An increase in weekly energy expenditure through physical activity outside school seems essential to prevent overweight and the risk of childhood obesity

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T1 - Primary prevention of overweight in preschool children, the BeeBOFT study (breastfeeding, breakfast daily, outside playing, few sweet drinks, less TV viewing): design of a cluster randomized controlled trial
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Two overweight prevention interventions were developed to be offered by preventive Youth Health Care (YHC) in addition to the currently applied overweight prevention protocol to parents of 0-3 year old children. The two interventions aim to support parents of preschool children to realize healthy child nutrition and activity behaviors of their young child. The aim of this study is to assess the effects of the two overweight prevention interventions with regard to child health behaviors and child Body Mass Index.
METHODS/DESIGN: A cluster randomized controlled trial was conducted among parents and their preschool children who attend one of 51 participating YHC teams. The teams were randomly allocated to one of the two intervention groups, or to the control group (care as usual). The ‘BBOFT+’ intervention focuses on effective child rearing by parents from birth onwards by enlarging parental skills concerning healthy behavioural life-style habits. Parents who are allocated to the ‘E-health4Uth Healthy toddler’ intervention group, at the child age of circa 18 and 24 months old, are invited to complete an online E-health module providing tailored health education regarding healthy child nutrition and activity behaviors. The E-health messages are discussed and reinforced during the subsequent regularly scheduled visits by YHC professionals, and were repeated after 4 weeks. The primary outcome measures at child age 3 years are: overweight inducing/reducing behaviors, (for ‘BBOFT+’ only) healthy sleep. Body Mass Index and prevalence of overweight and obesity. Secondary outcome measures are attitudes and other cognitive characteristics of the parents regarding the overweight-related...
behaviors of their child, parenting styles and practices, and health-related quality of life of the children.

DISCUSSION: We hypothesize that the use of the additional interventions will result in a healthier lifestyle of preschool children and an improved BMI and less development of overweight and obesity compared to usual care. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Nederlands Trial Register NTR1831

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T1 - Evaluation of policies and practices to prevent mother to child transmission of hepatitis B virus in China: results from China GAVI project final evaluation
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Mother to Child Transmission (MTCT) has remained a leading cause of HBV infection in China, accounting for 40% of total infections. Providing hepatitis B vaccine (HepB) to all infants within 24h of birth (Timely Birth Dose, TBD), and subsequent completion of at least 3 vaccine doses is key to preventing perinatal HBV infection. In 2002, with the financial support of the Global Alliance on Vaccine and Immunization (GAVI) targeted to Western region and 223 poverty-affected counties in Central region, hepatitis B vaccine was provided for free. In 2010, we evaluated the China GAVI project in terms of its activities to prevent perinatal infections. OBJECTIVE: The objectives of the evaluation were to (1) measure achievements in the China GAVI project in terms of TBD coverage, and (2) describe practices for HBsAg screening of pregnant women and HBIG use outside the GAVI China project. METHODS: We used the methods recommended by WHO to select a cluster sample of health care facilities for the purpose of an injection safety assessment. We stratified China into three regions based on economic criteria, and selected eight counties with a probability proportional to population size in each region. In each selected county, we selected (a) 10 townships at random among the list of townships of the county and (b) the one county level hospital. In each hospital, we abstracted
2002 through 2009 records to collect information regarding birth cohorts, hospitals deliveries, vaccine management, hepatitis B vaccination delivery, HBsAg screening practices and results, and HBIG administration. In addition, in all hospitals, we abstracted records regarding the delivery of TBD. RESULTS: We visited 244 facilities in the three regions, including 24 county hospitals and 220 township hospitals. We reviewed 837,409 birth summary records, 699,249 for infants born at county or township hospitals. Hospital delivery rates increased from 58% in 2002 to 93% in 2009. Surveyed TBD coverage increased from 60% in 2002 to 91% in 2009 (+31%). Surveyed TBD coverage among children born in hospitals increased from 73% in 2002 to 98% in 2009. Between 2002 and 2009, the proportion of pregnant women screened for HBsAg increased from 64% in 2002 to 85% in 2009. In 2009, the proportion of infants born to women screened and found to be HBsAg positive who did not receive any immunization within 24h after birth ranged from 0% to 0.7% across regions. CONCLUSIONS: Increased availability of hepatitis B vaccine, along with efforts to improve hospital deliveries, increased TBD coverage in China. This decreased perinatal HBV transmission and will reduce disease burden in the future. Screening for HBsAg to guide HBIG administration has begun, but with heterogeneous immuno-prophylaxis practices and a poor system for follow up. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

INTRODUCTION: Experts recommend children spend more time playing outdoors. The ambient light sensor of the ActiGraph GT3X+ provides lux measurements. A lux is the International System's unit of illumination, equivalent to 1 lmm. Few studies have established a lux threshold for determining whether a child is indoors or outdoors. PURPOSE: This study aimed 1) to assess the reliability of the ActiGraph GT3X+
ambient light sensor, 2) to identify a lux threshold to accurately discriminate between indoor and outdoor activities in children, and 3) to test the accuracy of the lux threshold in a free-living environment. METHODS: In part 1, a series of reliability tests were performed using 20 ActiGraph GT3X+ monitors under different environmental conditions. Cronbach's alpha was used to determine interinstrument reliability. In part 2, 18 children performed 11 different activities (five indoors and six outdoors) for 6 min each. The optimal threshold for detecting indoor/outdoor activity was determined using a receiver operator characteristic curve analysis. In part 3, 18 children at a preschool wore the monitor during a school day. Percent accuracy was determined for all conditions. RESULTS: In part 1, the devices had Cronbach's alpha values of 0.992 and 1.000 for indoor and outdoor conditions, respectively, indicating high interinstrument reliability. In part 2, the optimal lux threshold was determined to be 240 lux (sensitivity = 0.92, specificity = 0.88, area under the curve = 0.96, 95% CI = 0.951-0.970). In part 3, results of the school-day validation demonstrated the monitor was 97.0% accurate for overall detection of indoor and outdoor conditions (outdoor = 88.9%, indoor = 99.1%). CONCLUSIONS: The results demonstrate that an ActiGraph GT3X+ lux threshold of 240 can accurately assess indoor and outdoor conditions of preschool children in a free-living environment.

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T1 - Vitamin C for asthma and exercise-induced bronchoconstriction
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Dietary antioxidants, such as vitamin C, in the epithelial lining and lining fluids of the lung may be beneficial in the reduction of oxidative damage (Arab 2002). They may therefore be of benefit in reducing symptoms of inflammatory airway conditions such as asthma, and may also be beneficial in reducing exercise-induced bronchoconstriction, which is a well-recognised feature of asthma and is considered a marker of airways inflammation. However, the association between dietary antioxidants and asthma severity or exercise-induced bronchoconstriction is not fully understood. OBJECTIVES: To examine the effects of vitamin C supplementation on exacerbations and health-related quality of life (HRQL) in adults and children with asthma or exercise-induced bronchoconstriction compared to placebo or no vitamin C. SEARCH METHODS: We identified trials from the Cochrane Airways Group's Specialised Register (CAGR). The Register contains trial reports identified through systematic searches of a number of bibliographic databases, and handsearching of journals and meeting abstracts. We also searched trial registry websites. The searches were conducted in December 2012. SELECTION CRITERIA: We included randomised controlled trials (RCTs). We included both adults and children with a diagnosis of asthma. In separate analyses we considered trials with a diagnosis of exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (or exercise-induced asthma). We included trials comparing vitamin C supplementation with placebo, or vitamin C supplementation with no supplementation. We included trials where the asthma management of both treatment and control groups provided similar background therapy. The primary focus of the review is on daily vitamin C supplementation to prevent exacerbations and improve HRQL. The short-term use of vitamin C at the time of exacerbations or for cold symptoms in people with asthma are outside
the scope of this review. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: Two review authors independently screened the titles and abstracts of potential studies, and subsequently screened full text study reports for inclusion. We used standard methods expected by The Cochrane Collaboration. MAIN RESULTS: A total of 11 trials with 419 participants met our inclusion criteria. In 10 studies the participants were adults and only one was in children. Reporting of study design was inadequate to determine risk of bias for most of the studies and poor availability of data for our key outcomes may indicate some selective outcome reporting. Four studies were parallel-group and the remainder were cross-over studies. Eight studies included people with asthma and three studies included 40 participants with exercise-induced asthma. Five studies reported results using single-dose regimes prior to bronchial challenges or exercise tests. There was marked heterogeneity in vitamin C dosage regimes used in the selected studies, compounding the difficulties in carrying out meaningful analyses. One study on 201 adults with asthma reported no significant difference in our primary outcome, health-related quality of life (HRQL), and overall the quality of this evidence was low. There were no data available to evaluate the effects of vitamin C supplementation on our other primary outcome, exacerbations in adults. One small study reported data on asthma exacerbations in children and there were no exacerbations in either the vitamin C or placebo groups (very low quality evidence). In another study conducted in 41 adults, exacerbations were not defined according to our criteria and the data were not available in a format suitable for evaluation by our methods. Lung function and symptoms data were contributed by single studies. We rated the quality of this evidence as moderate, but further research is required to assess any clinical implications that may be related to the changes in these parameters. In each of these outcomes there was no significant difference between vitamin C and placebo. No adverse events at all were reported; again this is very low quality evidence. Studies in exercise-induced bronchoconstriction suggested some improvement in lung function measures with vitamin C supplementation, but these studies were few and very small, with limited data and we judged the quality of the evidence to be low. AUTHORS’ CONCLUSIONS: Currently, evidence is not available to provide a robust assessment on the use of vitamin C in the management of asthma or exercise-induced bronchoconstriction. Further research is very likely to have an important impact on our confidence in the estimates of effect and is likely to change the estimates. There is no indication currently that vitamin C can be recommended as a therapeutic agent in asthma. There was some indication that vitamin C was helpful in exercise-induced breathlessness in terms of lung function and symptoms; however, as these findings were provided only by small studies they are inconclusive. Most published studies to date are too small and inconsistent to provide guidance. Well-designed trials with good quality clinical endpoints, such as exacerbation rates and health-related quality of life scores, are required.
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Lay health workers (LHWs) perform functions related to healthcare delivery, receive some level of training, but have no formal professional or paraprofessional certificate or tertiary education degree. They provide care for a range of issues, including maternal and child health. For LHW programmes to be effective, we need a better understanding of the factors that influence their success and sustainability. This review addresses these issues through a synthesis of qualitative evidence and was carried out alongside the Cochrane review of the effectiveness of LHWs for maternal and child health. OBJECTIVES: The overall aim of the review is to explore factors affecting the implementation of LHW programmes for maternal and child health. SEARCH METHODS: We searched MEDLINE, OvidSP (searched 21 December 2011); MEDLINE Ovid In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, OvidSP (searched 21 December 2011); CINAHL, EBSCO (searched 21 December 2011); British Nursing Index and Archive, OvidSP (searched 13 May 2011). We searched reference lists of included studies, contacted experts in the field, and included studies that were carried out alongside the trials from the LHW effectiveness review. SELECTION CRITERIA: Studies that used qualitative methods for data collection and analysis and that focused on the experiences and attitudes of stakeholders regarding LHW programmes for maternal or child health in a primary or community healthcare setting. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: We identified barriers and facilitators to LHW programme implementation using the framework thematic synthesis approach. Two review authors independently assessed study quality using a standard tool. We assessed the certainty of the review findings using the CerQual approach, an approach that we developed alongside this and related qualitative syntheses. We integrated our findings with the outcome measures included in the review of LHW programme effectiveness in a logic model. Finally, we identified hypotheses for subgroup analyses in future updates of the review of effectiveness. MAIN RESULTS: We included 53 studies primarily describing the experiences of LHWs, programme recipients, and other health workers. LHWs in high income countries mainly offered promotion, counselling and support. In low and middle income countries, LHWs offered similar services but sometimes also distributed supplements, contraceptives and other products, and diagnosed and treated children with common childhood diseases. Some LHWs were trained to manage uncomplicated labour and to refer women with pregnancy or labour complications. Many of the findings were based on studies from multiple settings, but with some methodological limitations. These findings were assessed as being of moderate certainty. Some findings were based on one or two studies and had some methodological limitations. These were assessed have low certainty. Barriers and facilitators were mainly tied to programme acceptability, appropriateness and credibility; and health system constraints. Programme recipients were generally positive to the programmes, appreciating the LHWs' skills and the similarities they saw between themselves and the LHWs. However, some recipients were concerned about confidentiality when receiving home visits. Others saw LHW services as not relevant or not sufficient, particularly when LHWs only offered promotional services. LHWs and recipients emphasised the importance of trust, respect, kindness and empathy. However, LHWs sometimes found it difficult to manage emotional relationships and boundaries with recipients. Some LHWs feared blame if care was not successful. Others felt demotivated when their services were not appreciated. Support from health systems and community leaders could give LHWs credibility, at least if the health systems and community leaders had authority and respect. Active support from family members was also important. Health professionals often appreciated the LHWs' contributions in reducing their workload and for their communication skills and commitment. However, some health professionals thought that LHWs added to their workload and feared a loss of authority. LHWs were motivated by factors including altruism, social recognition, knowledge gain and career development. Some unsalaried LHWs wanted regular payment, while others were concerned that payment might threaten their social status or lead recipients to question their motives. Some salaried LHWs were dissatisfied with their pay levels. Others were frustrated when payment differed across regions or institutions. Some LHWs stated that they had few opportunities to voice complaints. LHWs described insufficient, poor quality, irrelevant and inflexible training programmes, calling for more training in counselling and communication and in topics outside their current role, including common health problems and domestic problems. LHWs and supervisors complained about supervisors' lack of skills, time and transportation. Some LHWs appreciated the opportunity to share experiences with fellow LHWs. In some studies, LHWs were traditional birth attendants who had received additional training. Some health professionals were concerned that these LHWs were over-confident about their ability to manage danger signs. LHWs and recipients pointed to other problems, including women's reluctance to be referred after bad experiences with health professionals, fear of caesarean sections, lack of transport, and cost. Some LHWs were reluctant to refer...
women on because of poor co-operation with health professionals. We organised these findings and the outcome measures included in the review of LHW programme effectiveness in a logic model. Here we proposed six chains of events where specific programme components lead to specific intermediate or long-term outcomes, and where specific moderators positively or negatively affect this process. We suggest how future updates of the LHW effectiveness review could explore whether the presence of these components influences programme success. AUTHORS’ CONCLUSIONS: Rather than being seen as a lesser trained health worker, LHWs may represent a different and sometimes preferred type of health worker. The close relationship between LHWs and recipients is a programme strength. However, programme planners must consider how to achieve the benefits of closeness while minimizing the potential drawbacks. Other important facilitators may include the development of services that recipients perceive as relevant; regular and visible support from the health system and the community; and appropriate training, supervision and incentives.

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T1 - Elementary school practices and children's objectively measured physical activity during school
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To examine the relation of physical activity practices covering physical education (PE), recess, and classroom time in elementary schools to children's objectively measured physical activity during school. METHODS: Participants were 172 children from 97 elementary schools in the San Diego, CA and Seattle, WA USA regions recruited in 2009-2010. Children's moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) during school was assessed via accelerometry, and school practices were assessed via survey of school informants. Multivariate linear mixed models were adjusted for participant demographics and unstandardized regression coefficients are reported. The 5 practices with the strongest associations with physical activity were combined into an index to investigate additive effects of these practices on children's MVPA. RESULTS: Providing > 100 min/week of PE (B=6.7 more min/day; p=.049), having < 75 students/supervisor in recess...
(B=6.4 fewer min/day; p=.031), and having a PE teacher (B=5.8 more min/day; p=.089) were related to children's MVPA during school. Children at schools with 4 of the 5 practices in the index had 20 more min/day of MVPA during school than children at schools with 0 or 1 of the 5 practices (p<.001). CONCLUSIONS: The presence of multiple school physical activity practices doubled children's physical activity during school.

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T1 - Epidemiological and clinical features of paediatric open globe injuries in southwestern Turkey
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N2 - AIM: To evaluate the epidemiologic, anatomic, and clinical features of open globe injuries in children.
METHODS: The medical files of patients under the age of 16 who had been operated for an open globe injury at Akdeniz University Hospital's Department of Ophthalmology were retrospectively evaluated. RESULTS: A total of 90 patients were evaluated in this study. Among these patients, 26 (28.9%) were female and 64 (71.1%) were male. The mean age of the patients was 7.7±4.2 years. The male/female ratio was observed to increase with increasing age (P=0.006, r=7.48). Injuries were most likely to occur in spring and autumn (P=0.028). The time interval between the injury and the surgical repair was 9.36±27.4h. Forty (44.4%) of the injuries occurred in the home, 27 (30%) occurred in the yard, and 21 (23.3%) happened while playing in the street. The most common causes of injury were sharp metal objects (P<0.001). Injury to the cornea occurred in 47 (52.2%) of the patients (P<0.001). The most common complication to occur was cataract formation. Additional operations were necessary for 37 (41.1%) of the patients. The final visual acuity was correlated with both the initial visual acuity of the wounded eye prior to surgery and the length of the wound (P<0.001, r=0.502 and P<0.001, r=-0.442, respectively). CONCLUSION: Open globe injuries that are suffered in childhood generally occur either at home, in the yard, or on the street, with sharp metal objects being the most common cause of injury. The initial visual acuity and the length of the wound are the most important determinants of the final visual acuity.
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Do preschools differ in promoting children's physical activity? An instrument for the assessment of preschool physical activity programmes

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Preschools offer high potential for preventive interventions. However, little is known about the structure of preschool programmes to promote physical activity (PA) in preschoolers although almost all children aged three to six years spend one third of the day at preschool. The aim of this study was to determine whether and to what extent preschools implement systematic PA promotion measures using an instrument specifically developed to assess and systematize preschool PA programmes.

METHODS: In the cross-sectional study a baseline survey of preschool education policies was conducted to identify and assess the type and extent of PA programmes and opportunities in preschools in the State of Lower Saxony, Germany. An assessment instrument was developed to identify preschools with systematic PA programmes (type 1) and those without PA programmes (type 2) based on the following quality criteria: A) written PA policy, B) structured weekly PA offerings for all children; C) at least one qualified physical education teacher; D) PA-friendly indoor and outdoor facilities (exercise room, situational PA opportunities, outdoor areas, play equipment etc.), and E) structured PA promotion in place for at least two years. A third type of preschool that promotes PA in children to some extent (i.e., that meets the criteria partially but not completely) was classified as "preschools with limited PA programmes". RESULTS: 2415 preschools participated in the survey (response rate: 59%). The results show that 26% (n=554) have a systematic PA programme while 3% (n=64) have no PA programme. Most (71%, n=1514) were classified as limited PA programme preschools. All three types of preschools differed significantly (p=.000) from each other in terms of size (small vs. large). Most of the preschools without PA programmes are small half-day preschools.

CONCLUSIONS: The study investigated an assessment-instrument providing extensive insight into the nature, extent and routine practical implementation of PA promotion in preschools. The criteria used to evaluate preschool PA programmes are well-suited to identify the different preschool PA programme types and target areas in the field of PA promotion in which specific measures (teacher education, structured PA offerings, etc.) can be implemented in future interventions.

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PURPOSE: To assess whether a change in myopia related oculometric parameters of primary school children in Beijing was associated with indoors and outdoors activity. METHODS: The longitudinal school-based study included school children who were examined in 2011 and who were re-examined in 2012. The children underwent a comprehensive eye examination including ocular biometry by optical low-coherence reflectometry and non-cycloplegic refractometry. Parents and children had a detailed interview including questions on time spent indoors and outdoors. RESULTS: Out of 681 students examined at baseline, 643 (94.4%) returned for follow-up examination. Within the one-year period, mean time spent daily outdoors increased by 0.4±0.9 hours, mean axial length by 0.26±0.49 mm, the ratio of axial length divided by anterior corneal curvature (AL/CC) by 0.03±0.06, and myopic refractive error by -0.06±0.89 diopters. In multivariate analysis, elongation of axial length was significantly associated with less total time spent outdoors (P = 0.02; standardized coefficient beta: -0.12) and more time spent indoors with studying (P = 0.007; beta: 0.14) after adjustment for maternal myopia (P = 0.02; beta: 0.12). An increase in AL/CC was significantly associated with less time spent outdoors (P = 0.01; beta: -0.12) after adjustment for paternal myopia (P = 0.003; beta: 0.15) and if region of habitation was excluded for leisure (P = 0.06; beta: -0.13), with less total time spent outdoors (P = 0.04; beta: -0.10), or with more time spent indoors. An increase in myopic refractive error, after adjustment for age, was significantly associated with less time spent outdoors with studying (P = 0.005; beta: 0.13). CONCLUSIONS: A change in oculometric parameters indicating an increase in myopia was significantly associated with less time spent outdoors and more time spent indoors in school children in Greater Beijing within a study period of one year. Our study provides additional information on the potentially helpful role of outdoors activity in the prevention of myopia. Public health care measures such as school agendas may potentially take it into account.
Recent work has revealed a relationship between pathological video game use and increased impulsivity among children and adolescents. A few studies have also demonstrated increased risk-taking outside of the video game environment following game play, but this work has largely focused on one genre of video games (i.e., racing). Motivated by these findings, the aim of the current study was to examine the relationship between pathological and non-pathological video game use, impulsivity, and risky decision making. The current study also investigated the relationship between experience with two of the most popular genres of video games [i.e., first-person shooter (FPS) and strategy] and risky decision making. Consistent with previous work, ~7% of the current sample of college-aged adults met criteria for pathological video game use. The number of hours spent gaming per week was associated with increased impulsivity on a self-report measure and on the temporal discounting (TD) task. This relationship was sensitive to the genre of video game; specifically, experience with FPS games was positively correlated with impulsivity, while experience with strategy games was negatively correlated with impulsivity. Hours per week and pathological symptoms predicted greater risk-taking in the risk task and the Iowa Gambling task, accompanied by worse overall performance, indicating that even when risky choices did not pay off, individuals who spent more time gaming and endorsed more symptoms of pathological gaming continued to make these choices. Based on these data, we suggest that the presence of pathological symptoms and the genre of video game (e.g., FPS, strategy) may be important factors in determining how the amount of game experience relates to impulsivity and risky-decision making.
Interventions are needed to protect the health of children who live with smokers. We pilot-tested a real-time intervention for promoting behavior change in homes that reduces second hand tobacco smoke (SHS) levels. The intervention uses a monitor and feedback system to provide immediate auditory and visual signals triggered at defined thresholds of fine particle concentration. Dynamic graphs of real-time particle levels are also shown on a computer screen. We experimentally evaluated the system, field-tested it in homes with smokers, and conducted focus groups to obtain general opinions. Laboratory tests of the monitor demonstrated SHS sensitivity, stability, precision equivalent to at least 1 g/m(3), and low noise. A linear relationship (R(2) = 0.98) was observed between the monitor and average SHS mass concentrations up to 150 g/m(3). Focus groups and interviews with intervention participants showed in-home use to be acceptable and feasible. The intervention was evaluated in 3 homes with combined baseline and intervention periods lasting 9 to 15 full days. Two families modified their behavior by opening windows or doors, smoking outdoors, or smoking less. We observed evidence of lower SHS levels in these homes. The remaining household voiced reluctance to changing their smoking activity and did not exhibit lower SHS levels in main smoking areas or clear behavior change; however, family members expressed receptivity to smoking outdoors. This study established the feasibility of the real-time intervention, laying the groundwork for controlled trials with larger sample sizes. Visual and auditory cues may prompt family members to take immediate action to reduce SHS levels. Dynamic graphs of SHS levels may help families make decisions about specific mitigation approaches.
playgrounds with a softer surface. Study 3 found higher levels of physical activity for playground settings with equipment. CONCLUSIONS: The findings confirm correlational findings on the desirability of equipment and safety. Communities need to test the effects of changes in playgrounds.
Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) demonstrate significant heterogeneity in their profiles of social interaction and stress responsivity. We evaluated behavior and stress response in 52 male children ages 8-12 in a naturalistic playground interaction paradigm involving a child with ASD, a typically developing peer, and a same-age confederate. Younger children in the ASD group engaged in 5.8 times more approach behavior and showed a lower cortisol response than their older peers. Those that verbally initiated with their peers also showed a higher cortisol response. Older children with ASD exhibited the highest stress responsivity, while younger children with ASD showed more willingness to approach others without apparent stress. Intervening early and often may contribute to improvements in social engagement in youth with ASD.
BACKGROUND: The effect of low dose radiation on immune system is shown. Ionizing radiation can affect cytokine production and polarization of T helper cells. OBJECTIVE: The current study focused on ionizing radiation in Ukrainian children residing in a contaminated area with clinical irritable bowel syndrome. METHOD: Our study included 75 rural children population aged 4-18 yrs, who lived in a contaminated area exposed to natural environmental radiation with clinical irritable bowel syndrome (categorized in three groups) and 20 rural children participants aged 5-15 yrs who were living in areas with similar levels of radioactive contamination without clinical irritable bowel syndrome as control group. Internal radiation activity was measured by gamma-ray spectrometry. Serum levels of IL-4 and IFN- were measured by enzyme linked immunosorbent assay. RESULTS: A trend towards increased levels of IL-4 was observed in children with clinical irritable bowel syndrome. In these children, IFN- levels were lower than that of the control group. CONCLUSION: The IBS symptoms in Ukrainian children residing in a contaminated area may have stemmed from Th1 to Th2 immune deviation and differential expression of IL-4 and IFN-
INTRODUCTION: Parents play a critical role in shaping children's attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors, including those around physical activity and inactivity. Our ability to identify which practices effectively promote children's physical activity and limit inactivity is limited by existing measurement instruments. This project will present a newly developed physical activity parenting practices survey, the psychometric properties of this survey's scales, and their association with child physical activity and screen time behaviors. METHODS: A sample of 324 parents with 2- to 5-yr-old children from central North Carolina completed a series of questionnaires, including this newly developed survey of physical activity parenting practices. Child physical activity was assessed by ActiGraph GT3X accelerometers and parent report. Exploratory factor analysis was used to identify physical activity parenting practice constructs, and Pearson correlation was used to explore relations between constructs and child physical activity. RESULTS: Fourteen parent practices used to either control or support children's physical activity or screen time were identified. Limits on screen time (r = 0.44), use of screen time to control behavior (r = 0.23), exposure to TV (r = 0.33), and parent modeling of physical activity (r = 0.37) were all significantly associated with children's TV viewing. Use of physical activity to control child behavior was significantly associated with time spent outside (r = 0.15) and minutes of moderate or vigorous physical activity (r = 0.16). Several supportive practices were associated with time outside (+) and TV time (-). CONCLUSIONS: Results provide support for this new measure of physical activity parenting practices and identify several practices that are clearly associated with child physical activity.
BACKGROUND: In 2009 the Institute of Medicine updated its guidelines for weight gain during pregnancy, in part because women of childbearing age now weigh more pre-pregnancy and tend to gain more weight during pregnancy than women did when the previous set of guidelines were released in 1990. Women who begin pregnancy overweight or obese and women who gain weight outside IOM recommendations are at risk for poor maternal and fetal health outcomes. With these concerns in mind, we examined what obstetricians communicate about gestational weight gain to their pregnant patients and how nulliparous patients perceive weight-related counseling from their obstetricians. METHODS: We conducted one-on-one, semi-structured interviews with 19 nulliparous women and 7 obstetricians recruited from a single clinic at a large academic medical center in the United States. Interviews were transcribed verbatim and analyzed inductively using thematic analysis. RESULTS: We identified 4 major themes: 1) Discussions about the amount and pace of gestational weight gain: obstetricians reported variation in the frequency and timing of weight-related discussions with patients while most patients said that weight was not emphasized by their obstetricians; 2) The content of communication about nutrition and physical activity: obstetricians said they discuss nutrition and activity with all patients while most patients reported that their obstetrician either discussed these topics in general terms or not at all; 3) Communication about postpartum weight loss: obstetricians said that they do not typically address postpartum weight loss with patients during prenatal visits while patients had concerns about postpartum weight; and 4) Patient feelings about obstetrician advice: most patients said that their obstetrician does not tend to offer "unsolicited advice", instead offering information in response to patient questions or concerns. Women were divided about whether they desired more advice from their obstetrician on weight gain, nutrition, and activity. CONCLUSIONS: Our analysis revealed discrepancies between obstetricians' and patients' perceptions of their weight-related clinical interactions. Our findings suggest that there is a missed opportunity to use prenatal visits as opportunities to discuss healthy eating and exercise during pregnancy, the postpartum period, and beyond. Additional research on the design, implementation, and testing of interventions to address prenatal nutrition and physical activity is warranted.

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T1 - Effects of body size and gender on the population pharmacokinetics of artesunate and its active metabolite dihydroartemisinin in pediatric malaria patients
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Despite the important role of the antimalarial artesunate and its active metabolite dihydroartemisinin (DHA) in malaria treatment efforts, there are limited data on the pharmacokinetics of these agents in pediatric patients. This study evaluated the effects of body size and gender on the pharmacokinetics of artesunate-DHA using data from pediatric and adult malaria patients. Nonlinear mixed-effects modeling was used to obtain a base model consisting of first-order artesunate absorption and one-compartment models for artesunate and for DHA. Various methods of incorporating effects of body size descriptors on clearance and volume parameters were tested. An allometric scaling model for weight and a linear body surface area (BSA) model were deemed optimal. The apparent clearance and volume of distribution of DHA obtained with the allometric scaling model, normalized to a 38-kg patient, were 63.5 liters/h and 65.1 liters, respectively. Estimates for the linear BSA model were similar. The 95% confidence intervals for the estimated gender effects on clearance and volume parameters for artesunate fell outside the predefined no-relevant-clinical-effect interval of 0.75 to 1.25. However, the effect of gender on apparent DHA clearance was almost entirely contained within this interval, suggesting a lack of an influence of gender on this parameter. Overall, the pharmacokinetics of artesunate and DHA following oral artesunate administration can be described for pediatric patients using either an allometric scaling or linear BSA model. Both models predict that, for a given artesunate dose in mg/kg of body weight, younger children are expected to have lower DHA exposure than older children or adults.
During the last decades research all over the world has highlighted the deleterious effects of outdoor and indoor pollution on respiratory health of adults and children. The World Health Organization (WHO) "Air quality guidelines for Europe" played a fundamental role in providing information and guidance to authorities involved in the air pollution field and they are considered the key source on which the European Commission's directive on air quality is based. Children appear to be most vulnerable to the harmful effects of outdoor pollutants, which can cause both acute exacerbations, as well as chronic respiratory symptoms and diseases. Possible mechanisms include the induction of oxidative stress, and/or allergic sensitization, as well as increased susceptibility to infections. Cigarette smoke is one of the environmental pollutant influencing morbidity and death rate in childhood as responsible for adverse health effects in both prenatal and postnatal. There is growing epidemiological evidence that indoor allergen exposure may contribute to the development of allergic respiratory symptoms. In Italy the housing and social situation, with regard to the aspects related to exposure to secondhand smoke or the presence of fungal spores, moisture linked to household vapor and poor ventilation of the rooms are problems still not completely resolved. From a medical point of view the field of pediatrics has certainly made great strides in promoting the health of children and pediatricians to have a central role for pursuing this objective.

Summary: Obesity levels are increasing disproportionately in immigrant children worldwide. We investigated predictors of immigrant children's obesity status in a well-documented 3-year follow-up study of children at 9 years (n = 1232) and 12 years (n = 628) of age living in inner city areas of Sydney (Australia). The major immigrant groups in this sample were from Europe, the Middle East and SE Asia. Having an obese parent and having either parent or child not being born in Australia and not playing organised sport were predictors of childhood obesity. If either parent was obese compared to non-obese, then the odds ratio for a 9-year-old child of being obese compared to normal weight was 4.9 (95% CI: 3.0-8.0); for 12-year olds the odds ratio was 8.0 (95% CI: 3.6-18). For the survey of 9-years old, a parent born outside Australia or if the child himself was born outside Australia was associated with an almost twofold chance of being obese (OR = 1.8, 95% CI: 1.1-3.0), and
not participating in organised sports was significantly associated with childhood obesity. Nine-year olds who did not participate in organised sports outside of school hours were almost twice as likely to be obese (OR = 1.9, 95% CI: 1.2-2.9). When stratified by ethnicity, participation in sports was not related to lower obesity status in children of SE Asian origin. One reason for this could be because SE Asian had very limited participation in sports compared to their counterparts. Accordingly, we believe that health promotion messages to avoid obesity need to be targeted ethnically specifically.

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T1 - Changes in community readiness among key school stakeholders after Ready for Recess
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N2 - School community readiness (CR) for health promotion efforts may be critical to the effectiveness of school-based interventions aimed at promoting youth physical activity and reducing childhood obesity. The purpose of this study was to: (i) identify key informants who scored highest on school CR at baseline and (ii) determine the effects of Ready for Recess on changes in CR among school key informants from baseline to post-intervention. Key informants (N = 98) across 17 schools participated in CR interviews. Interview questions focused on school CR for physical activity and childhood obesity efforts across six dimensions. At baseline, principals scored higher than teachers in overall readiness and knowledge of the issue and higher than recess staff and nurses in leadership. Leadership readiness decreased across key informants at post-intervention and principals demonstrated greater decreases when compared with recess staff. Baseline disparities between principals and other key informants suggest principals may have overestimated the readiness of staff implementing the intervention. Declines among principals indicate that they may not have been prepared to deliver adequate support to successfully implement the intervention. These results illuminate the importance of assessing/improving school readiness prior to interventions. The CR model may provide an opportunity to improve school-based physical activity interventions

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Analysis of energy flow during playground surface impacts

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N2 - The amount of energy dissipated away from or returned to a child falling onto a surface will influence fracture risk but is not considered in current standards for playground impact-attenuating surfaces. A two-mass rheological computer simulation was used to model energy flow within the wrist and surface during hand impact with playground surfaces, and the potential of this approach to provide insights into such impacts and predict injury risk examined. Acceleration data collected on-site from typical playground surfaces and previously obtained data from children performing an exercise involving freefalling with a fully extended arm provided input. The model identified differences in energy flow properties between playground surfaces and two potentially harmful surface characteristics: more energy was absorbed by (work done on) the wrist during both impact and rebound on rubber surfaces than on bark, and rubber surfaces started to rebound (return energy to the wrist) while the upper limb was still moving downward. Energy flow analysis thus provides information on playground surface characteristics and the impact process, and has the potential to identify fracture risks, inform the development of safer impact-attenuating surfaces, and contribute to development of new energy-based arm fracture injury criteria and tests for use in conjunction with current methods

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T1 - Unhealthy and healthy food consumption inside and outside of the school by pre-school and elementary school Mexican children in Tijuana, Mexico

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N2 - Food from lunch packs (LP) or food available inside and outside of school can play an important role in the development of obesity. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the LP of elementary school (ES) and preschool children (PS) in Tijuana, and the foods available to them inside and outside of school. Eight public schools participated in the study. A random sample of all the groups from a school district was conducted. A questionnaire was administered to children in first through sixth grade (ES) and to the parents of PS. LP and food available inside and outside of the school were classified as healthy, unhealthy, and adequate according to the guidelines set forth by the Secretariat of Health. A total of 2,716 questionnaires were administered and the content of 648 LP was assessed. It was observed that 99% of PS had LP prepared at home, a higher percentage than ES. None of the LP of the ES was classified as healthy, and 1% was classified as adequate. Among PS, 21% of the LP were classified as healthy and 6% as adequate. More than half of the children recognized the brand name of foods high in fat, salt, and added sugar available inside and outside of school grounds. Most of the LP of ES and PS and the foods available inside and outside of school were unhealthy and inadequate. A strategy to prevent the availability of unhealthy and inadequate food in LP and foods available inside and outside schools is recommended.

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T1 - Epidemiology of paediatric injury in low income environment: value of hospital based data prior to the institution of a formal registration system
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N2 - Background: Little attention is generally paid to paediatric injuries, especially in low income settings. The aim of this study is to provide an overview of the epidemiology of hospital-based paediatric injuries in a semi-
urban area in Cameroon prior to the initiation of a formal registration system. Patients and Methods: A sixteen items data collection sheet derived from a newly instituted trauma registry is used to retrospectively gather hospital-based basic information about epidemiology of injuries in patients aged 15 years or below in a low income setting. Results: Two hundred and seventy seven cases representing 16% of all injury cases could be analysed. The frequency of injuries significantly increased with age with a peak between 11 and 15 years ($P < 0.001$). Children in school playgrounds carried a significantly higher risk of sustaining an injury ($P < 0.001$). Falls and interpersonal violence were the most frequent mechanisms. The face and locomotor systems were the most commonly involved. More than 60% of patients were discharged back home. Conclusions: The data from the present registration system seem to indicate a higher injury rate in pre-adolescent children and in the school playground. The institution of a formal registration system is likely to improve the quality of data recording system.

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T1 - Prevention of prejudice in elementary school students
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N2 - This study investigated the effects of cooperative group peer tutoring on the inter-ethnic relations of elementary school age children. Direct observations of social interactions on the playground and sociometric indices were used to measure inter-ethnic associations before and after the eight-week program. For first graders, inter-ethnic interactions and sociometric choices increased and improvements were found in arithmetic and reading grades. However, no significant changes were found among the third grade program children in either inter-ethnic associations or academic performance. These findings suggest that a cooperative peer tutoring classroom structure may improve the inter-ethnic relationships of first grade children who have experienced only a short history of competitive academic exercises and whose overt ethnic prejudice may be less ingrained
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T1 - Estimated distributions of personal exposure to respirable particles
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A method of estimating distributions of exposure to respirable particles is presented. Using pollutant monitoring data from outdoors and indoors, time-activity data and a time-weighted exposure model, means and variances for exposure distributions are generated. Variances are estimated using Gauss’ law of error propagation. The model is calibrated using data from a personal monitoring study. Estimated distributions of exposure to respirable particles for children in six cities living in homes with and without smokers are presented. The implications of these estimates for air pollution epidemiology and needs for further research are discussed.

OBJECTIVE: More than 50 loci outside the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) region have been confirmed to affect type 1 diabetes (T1D) risk but their effect on beta-cell autoimmunity is poorly defined. We analyzed the association of 35 single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers previously associated with T1D with the presence of disease-predictive autoantibodies at the time of T1D diagnosis. SUBJECTS AND METHODS: The study cohort comprised 1554 children diagnosed with T1D before the age of 15 yr. The associations between...
various genotypes and positivity for antibodies against islet cells [islet cell antibodies (ICA)], insulin [insulin autoantibodies (IAA)], glutamic acid decarboxylase (GADA), islet antigen 2 (IA2A), and zinc transporter 8 (ZnT8A) were analyzed. RESULTS: INS gene polymorphism rs689 and IKZF4 polymorphism (rs1701704) were strongly associated with IAA positivity at the time of T1D diagnosis (p = 0.000004 and 0.00044, respectively). The presence of the T1D-risk conferring INS AA genotype was associated with IAA. In contrast, the presence of the susceptible C allele of the IKZF4 marker was inversely associated with IAA. The INS and IKZF4 polymorphisms were not significantly associated with ICA, GADA, IA2A, or ZnT8A positivity.

CONCLUSIONS: Both INS and IKZF4 polymorphisms modified the probability of IAA positivity at time of T1D onset but the inverse association of IKZF4 risk allele with IAA suggests that the IKZF4 polymorphism is involved in a pathway of beta-cell autoimmunity alternate to the route characterized by IAA and development of T1D in early childhood. The IKZF4 gene encodes Eos, which is implicated to play an important role in Treg programming where this gene might exert its influence on T1D risk. 2013 John Wiley & Sons A/S. Published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd

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T1 - Seasonal variation, weather and behavior in day-care children: a multilevel approach
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N2 - This study analyzes the effect of weather variables, such as solar radiation, indoor and outdoor air temperature, relative humidity and time spent outdoor, on the behavior of 2-year-old children and their affects across different seasons: winter, spring and summer. Participants were a group of 61 children (33 males and 28 females) attending four day-care centers in Florence (Central Italy). Mean age of children at the beginning of the study was 24.1 months (SD=3.6). We used multilevel linear analyses to account for the hierarchical structure of our data. The study analyzed the following behavioral variables: Activity Level, Attentional Focusing, Frustration, and Aggression. Results showed a different impact of some weather variables on children's behavior across seasons, indicating that the weather variable that affects children's behavior is usually the one that shows extreme values during the studied seasons, such as air temperature and relative humidity in winter and summer. Studying children and their reactions to weather conditions could have potentially wide-reaching implications for parenting and teaching practices, as well as for researchers studying social relationships development
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OBJECTIVE: To examine differences in obesity-related behaviors by parental US-born status among low-income, minority families participating in Healthy Habits, Happy Homes, an intervention trial to improve household routines for childhood obesity prevention. Evidence suggests lower obesity risk among adult immigrants, but research is inconclusive regarding the influence of having a non-US-born parent on childhood obesity. METHOD: We sampled 57 US-born and 64 non-US-born families of children aged 2 to 5.9 years living in the Boston area. At baseline, parents reported their own screen time, physical activity, diet, and sleep as well as their children's behaviors. We used linear and logistic regression to examine the association of parental US-born status with obesity-related behaviors. RESULTS: Mean (SD) body mass index z score was 0.94 (1.16), and it did not differ between the groups. After adjusting for parental education and child race/ethnicity, children of non-US-born (vs US-born) parents had later bedtimes (0.81 hours later; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.37-1.25) and wake-up times (0.56 hours later; 95% CI, 0.16-0.95) and engaged in less active play (0.15 fewer hr/d; 95% CI, -0.28 to -0.01). Non-US-born (vs US-born) parents had less screen exposure. CONCLUSION: In this cross-section of low-income, urban families, having a parent born outside the United States was associated with a profile of risk and protective behavior; adjustment for education and race/ethnicity removed the protective associations of parental nativity with child behavior. Obesity-related differences in behaviors and home environments should be considered when designing interventions targeting low-income communities with a high proportion of non-US-born participants.
Longitudinal influences of neighbourhood built and social environment on children's weight status

The objective was to examine longitudinal 4-year-relationships between neighbourhood social environment and children's body mass index-standard deviation score (BMI-SDS) taking into account the built environment. Furthermore, we have analysed the influence of potential interactions between the social environment and family/social data on children's BMI-SDS. Between 2006-2008 and 2010-2012, anthropometric measurements were conducted among 485 children (age at baseline: 6.1 (5.8-6.4)). Socio-demographic characteristics and perception of residential environment were reported by parents. Geographic Information Systems were used to examine street length, number of food outlets and distance to the nearest playground and park/green space within an 800 m Euclidian buffer of each participant address point. Additional data on neighbourhood characteristics (e.g., traffic density, walkability, crime rates) were obtained from the State Capital of Kiel, Germany. In a multivariate model, walkability, street type, socioeconomic status of the district and perceived frequency of passing trucks/buses were associated with BMI-SDS over 4 years, but only neighbourhood SES had an effect on change in BMI-SDS. However, familial/social factors rather than neighbourhood environment (especially social environment) had an impact on children's BMI-SDS over 4 years. Thus, social inequalities in childhood overweight are only partially explained by social neighbourhood environment.
OBJECTIVE: Playground interventions offer an opportunity to enhance school recess physical activity. We aimed to assess the effects of playground marking on objectively measured school recess physical activity in French children. METHODS: Participants were four hundred and twenty children (6-11 years old) from 4 primary schools in Nord-Pas de Calais, France. Children's physical activity (PA) was measured with a uniaxial accelerometer twice a day (morning and afternoon recess) during a 4-day school week in April and May 2009. Two experimental schools (EG) received a recess-based intervention (playground markings) and two others served as controls (CG). Percentage of time spent on the following intensities of physical activity during school recess was measured before and after intervention: sedentary (SED), light physical activity (LPA), moderate physical activity (MPA), vigorous physical activity (VPA), very high physical activity (VHPA) and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA). RESULTS: At baseline, school recess PA among children from CG was significantly (p<0.001) higher than that among EG children. No interaction was observed between the recess-based intervention and gender. After the intervention, the EG spent significantly (p<0.05) more time in MPA, VPA and MVPA with a concomitant significant decrease in SED (p<0.05) compared to baseline, while the PA in CG remained unchanged. CONCLUSION: Painted playground markings had a positive short-term effect on school recess physical activity levels. 2013
Children are a special group since epidemiological evidence indicates that excessive exposure to sunlight at an early age increases the risk of skin cancer in later life. The purpose of this study is to quantify children's UV exposure when skiing, using dosimeters (VioSpor) placed on the shoulders of 10 participants. The children received a median daily Standard Erythema Dose of 2.1 within a range of 4.9-0.71, this being approximately 35% of the calculated 24 h ambient UV radiation on the horizontal plane. According to the results obtained, young skiers are exposed to UV radiation that can potentially cause skin damage and erythema and increase the risk of skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. These findings emphasise the need for adequate protective measures against solar radiation when skiing. The results also suggest that sun-protection campaigns should be undertaken aimed at children engaged in outdoor sports, including winter activities.

Injuries are a leading cause of child death, and safety interventions frequently target mothers. Fathers are largely ignored despite their increasing childcare involvement. In our qualitative study with 18 Canadian heterosexual couples parenting children 2 to 7 years old, we examined dyadic decision making and negotiations related to child safety and risk engagement in recreational activities. Parents viewed recreation as an important component of men's childcare, but women remained burdened with mundane tasks. Most couples perceived men as being more comfortable with risk than women, and three negotiation patterns emerged: fathers as risk experts; mothers countering fathers' risk; and fathers acknowledging mothers' safety concerns but persisting in risk activities. Our findings suggest that contemporary involved fathering practices privilege men in the outdoors and can erode women's control for protecting children from unintentional injury. We recommend promoting involved fathering that empowers both parents and developing injury-prevention strategies incorporating both fathers' and mothers' perspectives.
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T1 - Patterns of participation in school-related activities and settings in children with spina bifida
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N2 - PURPOSE: To evaluate how children with spina bifida (SB) participate in school-related activities and to explore if their motor and process skills in task performance were related to their level of active participation in school. METHOD: Fifty children from a geographical cohort of children with SB (aged 6-14 years) and their teachers rated the children's frequency of participation in school-related activities using a Swedish adaptation of the Availability and Participation Scale. The teachers also rated each child's level of active participation with the School Function Assessment, part one. Each child's motor and process skills were evaluated with the Assessment of Motor and Process Skills. The relation between levels of active participation and motor and process skills was subjected to binary logistic regression analysis. RESULTS: The children participated very frequently in school activities, but their level of active participation was restricted, particularly in the recess/playground setting. There was a highly significant relation between full active participation in most school settings and the children's motor and process skills. CONCLUSION: Children with SB need support to become more actively involved, particularly in unstructured peer activities. The school staff need to be informed that not only the motor skills but also the process skills have an impact on the children's active participation.
IMPLICATIONS FOR REHABILITATION: The children with spina bifida (SB) showed a low level of active participation and involvement in school settings even though their frequency of participation was high. It is of highest importance to enable children with SB to be actively involved in peer-related and unstructured activities and to encourage them to participate in both academic and societal learning. To achieve active participation, it is important to inform the school staff about how this issue is affected not only by the level of the child's motor skills but also, and probably even more so, by the level of his/her process skills. From this knowledge, individual strategies can be worked out
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T1 - Test balloons? Small signs of big events: a qualitative study on circumstances facilitating adults' awareness of children's first signs of sexual abuse
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This research examined caregivers' awareness of children's first signs of sexual abuse. The aim was to explore circumstances that facilitate adults' awareness of first signs in everyday natural settings. Data were obtained from a Norwegian university hospital's outpatient specialty mental health clinic. Included were all cases (N=20) referred during a two-year period for treatment after the disclosure of sexual abuse that was reported to the police and child protective service. Nonabusing caregivers' awareness of first signs were recollected in hindsight as part of therapy. Qualitative analysis was conducted to capture caregivers' experiences. As identified by caregivers, all children gave signs. Thereafter, children either stopped, delayed, or immediately disclosed sexual abuse. At first signs, each child had time and attention from trusted adults, connection to the abuser, and exhibited signs of reservation against that person or related activities. Then, if met with closed answers, first signs were rebuffed as once-occurring events. If met with open answers and follow-up questions, children continued to tell. Unambiguous messages were prompted only in settings with intimate bodily activity or sexual abuse related content. In sum, when trusted adults provided door-openings, children used them; when carefully prompted, children talked; whenthoughtfully asked, children told. The study suggests that children's signs of sexual abuse can be understood as "test balloons" to explore understanding and whether anything is to be done. A disclosing continuation hinges on the trusted adult's dialogical attunement and supplementary door-openings. Divergent from an idea of behavioural markers, or purposeful versus accidental disclosures, this study calls for a broader attention: Moments of first signs are embedded in dialogue. A uniqueness at moments of first signs appears: Both to form such moments and to transform them into moments of meeting for joint exploration and telling, hinge upon how trusted caregivers scaffold opportunities for the child to disclose. Subsequently, support offers need to be addressed not only to strengthen children to tell, but also for caregivers and professionals to take into account the necessity of a dialogically oriented sensitivity towards children, both for telling to occur and for hearing to take place. Copyright 2013 The Authors. Published by Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
Preschoolers' (n = 31) physical activity (PA) levels during indoor and outdoor childcare hours were explored using accelerometers. Participants engaged in 0.54 min/h (SD = 0.59) of moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA) and 14.42 min/h (SD = 6.78) of total PA (TPA) indoors compared with 5.03 min/h (SD = 4.92) of MVPA and 31.68 min/h (SD = 0.83) of TPA outdoors. Boys and girls engaged in significantly more TPA outdoors; however, only boys demonstrated a significant increase in MVPA outdoors.
BACKGROUND: Physical inactivity is a leading cause of death and disease globally. Research suggests physical inactivity might be linked to community designs that discourage active living. A "smart growth" community contains features likely to promote active living (walkability, green space, mixed land use), but objective evidence on the potential benefits of smart growth communities is limited. PURPOSE: To assess whether living in a smart growth community was associated with increased neighborhood-centered leisure-time physical activity in children aged 8-14 years, compared to residing in a conventional community (i.e., one not designed according to smart growth principles). METHODS: Participants were recruited from a smart growth community, "The Preserve," located in Chino, California, and eight conventional communities within a 30-minute drive of The Preserve. The analytic sample included 147 children. During 2009-2010, each child carried an accelerometer and a GPS for 7 days to ascertain physical activity and location information. Negative binomial models were used to assess the association between residence in the smart growth community and physical activity. Analyses were conducted in 2012. RESULTS: Smart growth community residence was associated with a 46% increase in the proportion of neighborhood moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) as compared to conventional community residence. This analysis included neighborhood activity data collected during the school season and outside of school hours and home. Counterfactual simulations with model parameters suggested that smart growth community residence could add 10 minutes per day of neighborhood MVPA. CONCLUSIONS: Living in a smart growth community may increase local physical activity in children as compared to residence in conventionally designed communities. 2013 American Journal of Preventive Medicine
OBJECTIVE: To assess the prevalence and security of fenced house yards on NSW farms and rural properties with a view to providing information to increase the development of safe play areas on farms.

DESIGN: A cross-sectional stratified study using computer-assisted telephone interviewing. SETTING: Interviews were conducted in the four rural Area Health Services throughout February to December 2008.

PARTICIPANTS: Randomly selected sample of 1117 adults living on a farm or rural property in the study areas. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Self-reported issues involving fenced house yards or safe play areas for children. RESULTS: Overall, 79.8% of farm respondents reported that they had a fenced house yard or safe play area. For those respondents with a fenced house yard, 66.6% reported that it was secure enough to prevent/make it difficult for a young child to wander away unsupervised. Based on these figures, it is estimated that only 53.1% of all farms or rural properties have a secure fenced house yard or safe play area. There were statistically significant variations between geographic locations, with the North Coast (37.7%) being lower. CONCLUSIONS: This study illustrates a need across rural NSW to further promote, install or upgrade secure fenced house yards or safe play areas. While all geographic regions of the state could improve provision to protect children, there may also be some that are in need of more intensive intervention programs to enhance compliance. Such a proposition may also be relevant on a national level. 2013 The Authors. Australian Journal of Rural Health National Rural Health Alliance Inc
OBJECTIVES: To estimate the prevalence of recess-based moderate and vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and vigorous physical activity (VPA) among third-grade students attending low-income, urban schools in Texas. METHODS: Structured observations (N = 77 class and 616 student observations) using SOFIT were conducted over 3 months in 8 elementary schools with majority Hispanic students. RESULTS: Students engaged in 66.4% and 19.2% of their ~20-minute recess time in MVPA and VPA, respectively. Boys engaged in more MVPA and VPA (p < .007). Contextual differences in activity (setting and activity type) were identified. CONCLUSIONS: Findings underscore the importance of scheduled recess time for children's physical activity.

BACKGROUND: Summer day camps (SDC) represent one of the largest settings, outside the academic school year, where children can engage in safe, enjoyable physical activity (PA). Yet, little is known about this setting and how active children are while attending. METHODS: System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity in Youth was used to categorize PA of boys/girls as Sedentary/Walking/Vigorous across multiple days (8 AM to 6 PM) in 4 large-scale community-based SDCs. Contextual characteristics of type of activity, activity management, equipment, and in/outdoors were collected simultaneously. Mixed-model regression analyses examined associations between PA categories and contextual characteristics. RESULTS: A total of 4649 scans of 2462 children were made across 27 days in the SDCs. Physical activity opportunities represented 38% of the
daily schedule. Overall, 74%-79%, 13%-16%, and 7%-9% of children were observed Sedentary, Walking, or Vigorous during the SDC, and this changed to 62%-67%, 18%-19%, and 15%-18% observed Sedentary, Walking, or Vigorous during PA opportunities. Water-based PA, equipment, and free-play were related to increased PA. Children waiting-in-line for turns, staff instructing, and organized PA were related to increased sedentary. CONCLUSIONS: These findings provide evidence of modifiable characteristics of SDCs associated with PA. Improving staff skills related to facilitating active environments is a viable avenue to increase PA accumulated within SDCs.

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T1 - The beach as a setting for families' health promotion: a qualitative study with parents and children living in coastal regions in Southwest England
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N2 - This study explores the neglected issue of how families engage with beach environments in their local areas and use them in health promoting ways. Fifteen families with children aged 8-11 years living in coastal regions in Southwest England participated in individual semi-structured interviews. The findings indicate that beaches encouraged families to be physically active. Although families valued the opportunities for physical activity and active play afforded by beaches, the key health benefits emphasised were psychological, including experiencing fun, stress relief and engagement with nature. Increased social and family interaction was also highlighted as benefits. Despite perceiving health benefits, not all families regularly visited the beach. Barriers to visits included parents having limited time, cost of parking, lack of car access and cold weather. Parents played a key role in enabling visits by choosing to share these environments with their children. The social dimension of visits also encouraged families to make regular trips. The findings support the use of beach environments to promote families' health and wellbeing and positive relationships with nature. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
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T1 - Childhood and adult secondhand smoke and type 2 diabetes in women
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OBJECTIVE: The objective of this study was to evaluate the relationship between childhood and adult secondhand smoke and type 2 diabetes. RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS: We conducted a prospective cohort study among 37,343 French women from the E3N-EPIC (Etude Epidemiologique aupres des femmes de l'Education Nationale-European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition) who never smoked and who were free of type 2 diabetes, cancer, or cardiovascular disease at baseline in 1992. Self-reported childhood secondhand smoke exposure was defined as having at least one parent who smoked. Adult secondhand smoke was defined as the sum of self-reported hours recorded at baseline of exposure to tobacco smoke from a spouse who smoked (or domestic close contact) and from outside the home. RESULTS: Between 1992 and 2007, 795 cases of incident type 2 diabetes were identified and validated through a drug reimbursement dataset and a specific questionnaire. Women with at least one parent who smoked appeared to have an 18% higher rate of type 2 diabetes than women with parents who did not smoke (age-adjusted hazard ratio 1.18 [95% CI 1.02-1.36]). Adult secondhand smoke exposure (no exposure versus > 4 h/day) was associated with an increased rate of type 2 diabetes (1.36 [1.05-1.77], P = 0.002 for trend) after adjusting for parental history of diabetes, education, body silhouette at age 8, childhood secondhand smoke exposure, physical activity, body mass index, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, menopausal status and hormone use, alcohol intake, and processed red meat and coffee consumption. CONCLUSIONS: This prospective analysis suggests that secondhand smoke exposure in childhood and adulthood are associated with a higher rate of type 2 diabetes.
BACKGROUND: Neighborhood safety, green space, walkability, and sociodemographics may influence physical activity and childhood obesity. METHODS: Data on measured height and weight, demographic characteristics, and home ZIP code were collected from year 2004 enrollees in a means-tested preschool program in New York City. Each ZIP code was surrounded by a 400-m buffer and characterized using data from the US census, local government departments, New York Times website, and Transportation Alternatives. Linear and Poisson models were constructed using cluster robust standard errors and adjusting for child's sex, race, ethnicity, age, and neighborhood characteristics. RESULTS: Analyses included 11,562 children ages 3-5 years living in 160 residential ZIP codes. A higher homicide rate (at the 75th vs 25th percentile) was associated with a 22% higher prevalence of obesity (95% CI for the prevalence ratio (PR): 1.05 to 1.41). A higher density of street trees (at the 75th vs 25th percentile) was associated with 12% lower prevalence of obesity (95% CI for the PR: 0.79 to 0.99). Other neighborhood characteristics did not have significant associations with childhood obesity. CONCLUSIONS: Among preschool children from low-income families, neighborhood homicide rate was associated with more obesity and street tree density was associated with less obesity. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
OBJECTIVES: To measure the prevalence of behavioural risk factors for obesity among urban adolescent school children in Chennai, India. METHODS: This study was performed as a cross-sectional study using a World Health Organization-designed Global School-based Student Health Survey questionnaire (modified for India) among adolescent school children studying in 30 randomly selected secondary and higher secondary schools in Chennai city. 1842 adolescents studying in the VIII to XII standards were randomly selected for the study. RESULTS: In the present study, 40.7% of the students ate fruit one or more times per day and 74.5% of the students ate vegetables one or more times per day. Nearly 20% of the students ate fast food items on 4 to 7 days during the previous week. Among the students, 30.4% watched television for more than two hours per day. Nearly 68% of the girls and 22% of the boys did not participate in outdoor sports activities. When the pattern of physical activity of the students was assessed, it was observed that 15.6% were inactive, 43.4% were minimally active, and the remaining 41.0% belonged to the category of health enhancing physical activity. Among the students, 6.2% were overweight and 5.2% were obese. CONCLUSIONS: The prevalence of risk factors for obesity was quite high among the adolescents. This study also showed that a great proportion of overweight/obese adolescents had a correct perception of their body weight and they were making efforts to modify risk factors such as television viewing, computer use, a sedentary lifestyle, and unhealthy dietary habits.

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INTRODUCTION: Forearm fractures are common among children. Unlike most pediatric fractures, there is a risk of unsatisfactory results in forearm shaft fractures. The healing of a tubular bone is most unlikely in the diaphysis far away from the metaphyseal zones. The treatment of forearm shaft fractures is evolving. The purpose of the study was to analyze the pattern of forearm shaft fractures and their treatment in a population of children in recent years. MATERIALS AND METHODS: All the children (from 0 to 16 years) with a both-bone forearm shaft fracture (AO-segment 22-D) during the years 1997 to 2009 in a catchment area of about 86,000 children were included in this population-based study. There were 291 fractures in all. The age-related annual incidences, background factors, seasonal variation, injury types, treatment, reoperations, and short-term outcome were determined. RESULTS: The incidence of all forearm shaft fractures increased threefold in 1997 to 2009 (p < 0.001). Boys predominated (70%) over the girls (p < 0.001). The mean age of the patients was 8.7 years (SD, +/- 3.8) among both genders. The fractures were most common in August and most uncommon in December (p < 0.001). A fall in the playground was the most common type of injury (34%). Ninety-two percent...
of all patients (N = 269) were treated in the operating room and 44% (N = 119) were invasively stabilized. The incidence of invasive surgery held stable. However, elastic stable intramedullary nailing (ESIN) increased from 10% in 1998-2000 to 30% in 2007-2009 (p = 0.043). There were 77 reoperations (26%); reoperation rate was 5% (6/119) and 41% (N = 71/172) in the invasive and non-invasive treatment groups, respectively. Twenty-three percent of the patients referred did not have better than “good” short-term results. The “excellent” short-term outcome was increasing (p = 0.031). CONCLUSIONS: We found two mega-trends in pediatric forearm shaft fractures in the period from 1997 to 2009: First, the number of fractures was increasing significantly. Second, the forearm shaft fractures were increasingly treated by an invasive intramedullary method. We also found a significant seasonal variation, but the reason for it is not clear. The findings are based on valuable population-based data and the results are certain. Pediatric trauma centres should prepare themselves for ongoing changes in forearm shaft fractures. Georg Thieme Verlag KG Stuttgart New York

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T1 - Should they play outside? Cardiorespiratory fitness and air pollution among schoolchildren in Bogota
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: This study was aimed at comparing cardiorespiratory fitness (CF), measured as VO2 max, amongst school children exposed to varying levels of particulate matter (PM10), and air pollution in Bogota, Colombia. METHODS: This was a cross-sectional study; it involved 1,045 children aged 7-12 attending four public schools served by different public transit routes and systems. Three schools were classified as being highly polluted (HP) and one slightly polluted (SP). The children and their parents were surveyed to collect data regarding their socio-demographic characteristics, physical activity habits and respiratory disease background. Objective measurements of weight and height were used to calculate the body mass index. VO2max was estimated using the 20-meter shuttle-run test, previously validated for Bogota. Spirometry was performed on 435 children. RESULTS: After adjustment for covariates, no difference was found in VO2max between children attending SP or HP schools (girls SP 45.8 ml/kg/min vs HP 44.6 ml/kg/min, p=0.11; boys SP 47.2 ml/kg/min cf
HP 48.2 ml/kg/min, p=0.41). CONCLUSIONS: VO2max levels did not differ amongst children attending schools exposed to high compared to low levels of air pollution and PM. A longitudinal study assessing children's VO2max levels in relation to exposure to highly-polluted areas is warranted

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Even though Alaska is the largest state in the United States, much of the population resides in rural and underserved areas with documented disparities in respiratory health. This is especially true in the Yukon-Kuskokwim (southwest) and Ahtna (southcentral) Regions of Alaska. In working with community members, the goal of this study was to identify the air pollution issues (both indoors and outdoors) of concern within these two regions. Over a two-year period, 328 air quality surveys were disseminated within seven communities in rural Alaska. The surveys focused on understanding the demographics, home heating practices, indoor activities, community/outdoor activities, and air quality perceptions within each community. Results from these surveys showed that there is elevated potential for PM10/PM2.5 exposures in rural Alaska communities. Top indoor air quality concerns included mold, lack of ventilation or fresh air, and dust. Top outdoor air pollution concerns identified were open burning/smoke, road dust, and vehicle exhaust (e.g., snow machines, ATVs, etc.). These data can now be used to seek additional funding for interventions, implementing long-term, sustainable solutions to the identified problems. Further research is needed to assess exposures to PM10/PM2.5 and the associated impacts on respiratory health, particularly among susceptible populations such as young children.
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N2 - The purpose of this case report was to describe the use of the Nintendo Wii Fit Plus as an alternative exercise for an 11-year-old child with primary Raynaud's disease (PRD) and obesity who was not involved in organized sports and had limited outdoor physical activity and exercise. The Wii Fit Plus exercise parameters are described as well as outcomes measured at baseline, 12 weeks, and 24 weeks. Specifically, we evaluated changes in body mass index (BMI), cardiorespiratory fitness, and health related quality of life (HRQL). Following the 24-week exercise program, the child's BMI decreased, cardiorespiratory fitness increased, and HRQL increased and were comparable to values in healthy children. These findings suggest that the Wii Fit Plus may have been an effective exercise strategy for this child.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 136
T1 - Pacing strategies of inexperienced children during repeated 800 m individual time-trials and simulated competition
A1 - Lambrick,D.
A1 - Rowlands,A.
A1 - Rowland,T.
A1 - Eston,R.
Y1 - 2013/05/
N1 - Lambrick, Danielle. Rowlands, Alex. Rowland, Thomas. Eston, Roger
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N2 - Prior experience of fatiguing tasks is considered essential to establishing an optimal pacing strategy. This study examined the pacing behavior of inexperienced children during self-paced, 800 m running, both individually and within a competitive environment. Thirteen children (aged 9-11 y) completed a graded-exercise test to volitional exhaustion on a treadmill (laboratory trial), followed by three self-paced, individual 800 m time-trials (Trials 1-3) and one self-paced, competitive 800 m time-trial (Trial 4) on an outdoor athletics track. Ratings of perceived exertion (RPE) and heart rate (HR) were measured throughout all trials. Overall performance time improved from Trial 1-3 (250.1 + 50.4 s & 242.4 + 51.5 s, respectively, p < .017). The difference in overall performance time between Trials 3 and 4 (260.5 + 54.2 s) was approaching significance (p = .06). The pacing strategy employed from the outset was consistent across all trials. These findings dispute the notion that an optimal pacing strategy is learned with exercise experience or training.

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T1 - Variables associated with active and inactive behavior during the after-school period
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This study analyzed time-use interviews to report levels of active and inactive behavior during the after-school period (3-6 pm). Interviews were conducted on random days from three separate seasons during third and fourth grade. Youth with at least two interviews during third (356 completed 2 interviews; 506 completed 3 interviews [9 yrs; 50% boys]) and fourth (186 completed 2 interviews; 768 completed 3 interviews [10 yrs; 50% boys]) grade were included to report levels of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA), light physical activity, inactive screen time, inactive nonscreen time, and travel by location and who the activity was undertaken with. Reporting time outside the home and with peers (single or group) was related to higher levels of MVPA. While inside the home, screen and nonscreen proportions were comparable (38% and 40%, respectively), despite unique patterns (screen: boys > girls; nonscreen: girls > boys). Reporting time with both parents was associated with more nonscreen time; whereas reporting time with peer groups was associated with lower screen time. Understanding active and inactive patterns of children's behavior outside of school hours can be very important in contributing toward the development of innovative interventions for increasing physical activity.
The aim of this study was to estimate the population burden of respiratory diseases in the Zasavje region of Slovenia that can be attributed to outdoor air pollution in order to gain relevant grounds for evidence based public health activities. In 2008, 981 schoolchildren (age 6 to 12 years) were observed in a prevalence study. The prevalence of chronic respiratory diseases (CRD) and frequent acute respiratory symptoms (FARS) was related to the level of outdoor air pollution in the local environment (low, moderate and high pollution areas). Logistic regression was used as a method for statistical analysis. The prevalence of CRD was 3.0 % in low pollution areas, 7.5 % in moderate pollution areas, and 9.7 % in high pollution areas (p=0.005). After adjustment for the effects of confounders, 2.91-times higher odds for CRD were registered in high pollution areas in comparison to low pollution areas (p=0.017). The prevalence of FARS was: 7.8 % in low pollution areas, 13.3 % in moderate pollution areas and 15.9 % in high pollution areas (p=0.010). After adjustment for the effects of confounders, 2.02-times higher odds for FARS were registered in high pollution areas in comparison to low pollution areas (p=0.023). The study confirmed a significantly higher prevalence of CRD and FARS in children living in high pollution areas of Zasavje. These results at least partially prompted mutual understanding and cross-sectoral cooperation - prerequisites for solving complex problems involving the impact of air pollution on health.
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12. Pregnancy and breastfeeding, as well as experience with infertility, can affect sexual desire, arousal, orgasm, sexual pleasure, or sexual satisfaction. (II-3) 7. Age-appropriate sexual expression is a positive part of the development of adolescent girls. Negative, coercive, and discriminatory experiences can detrimentally affect sexual well-being. (II-2) 8. Variations exist in same-sex and opposite-sex sexual behaviour; same-sex and opposite-sex sexual behaviour is not equivalent to self-definition as heterosexual or lesbian or bisexual. Some women who have sex with women may be reluctant to define themselves as lesbian because women who identify themselves or who are identified by others as lesbian or bisexual may experience social discrimination. (II-2) 9. Women express their sexuality in a variety of ways and in a variety of situations, including with a partner and through masturbation. (II-2) 10. Masturbation and self-pleasuring can be important for self-knowledge and as a sexual outlet in themselves for women who have and those who do not have a partner. (II-2) 11. Relationship factors have a major influence on a woman's sexual well-being. (II-2) 12. Pregnancy and breastfeeding, as well as experience with infertility, can affect sexual functioning. (II-2) 13. Decline in frequency of sexual activity at menopause does not alter women's potential for desire, arousal, orgasm, sexual pleasure, or sexual satisfaction. (II-2) 14. Psychological, relationship, social, cultural, and biological factors affect women's sexual well-being as they age and experience menopause. (II-2) 15. Most women with a partner continue to engage in sexual activity. Women often cease sexual activity not because of lack of interest but because they do not have a partner. (II-2) 16. Women's sexuality may be affected by biological events (e.g., puberty, childbirth, menopause, and aging), by their own psychology/psychological factors, or because of lack of interest but because they do not have a partner. (II)

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health, by their ethnicity and culture, and by their sexual orientation. (III) 17. Whether or not women's sexual desire and activity continue through periods of pregnancy, childrearing, menopause, and aging may depend on the presence of a partner, a partner's sexual function, the quality of the relationship, and both partners' general health. (III) 18. There is considerable variation in the patterns of girls' and women's sexual expression and experience. (II-2) Recommendations 1. Health care providers should encourage adolescents to use condoms consistently, and to take other steps to promote sexual health and prevent sexually transmitted infections (e.g., human papillomavirus vaccination), even while they are in a relationship. (II-3A) 2. Health care providers should be well informed about the variability of normal patterns of sexual development before evaluating sexual concerns that pertain to children and adolescents. (II-3A) 3. Health care providers should balance concern about adverse sexual consequences for girls with positive messages about adolescent girls' expression of their sexuality. (II-3A) 4. Health care providers should consider the effect of the relationship when assessing a woman's sexual well-being. (III-A) 5. Health care providers should strive to make their offices open and welcoming environments for women of all sexual preferences and practices (III-A) 6. Health care providers should discuss sexuality at the early prenatal visit, before discharge from the hospital postpartum, and at the postnatal check-up. (III-A) 7. Health care providers should communicate that they are open to discussing sexual concerns; educate patients about normal fluctuations in sexual interest and frequency; discuss the range of non-coital sexual activities if intercourse is difficult, painful, or prohibited for medical reasons; and emphasize the importance of the quality of lovemaking rather than coital frequency to sexual satisfaction. (III-A) 8. Health care providers should provide advice to support sexual adjustment and deal with challenges to sexual function during pregnancy and childbirth (e.g., suggest adapting coital position to accommodate changing body shape, suggest topical lubricant to reduce dyspareunia postpartum). (III-A) 9. Health care providers should help women deal with their concerns related to breastfeeding and sexual activity. This should include providing reassurance about the hormonal causes of erotic feelings during breastfeeding and informing women that if they are distressed by milk ejection during orgasm, this can be reduced by emptying the breast before sexual activity. (III-A) 10. The health care provider should enquire about both the woman's functioning and her partner's functioning in assessing changes to sexual activity with menopause and aging. (II-1A) 11. Changes in sexual functioning should be treated only if the woman expresses distress about these changes. (II-3B) 12. Health care providers should recommend the use of a lubricant or estrogen (local or systemic) for problems arising from vaginal dryness. (II-1A) 13. Health care providers should discuss safer sex, particularly with newly single women. (II-2A) 14. Health care providers should understand that all women are sexual and acknowledge that women have sexual needs. (III-A) 15. Health care providers should have an understanding of and respect for diverse individual patterns of sexual behavior and orientation across the lifespan. (III-A) 16. Couples should be encouraged to include sexual pleasuring without penetration in their activities if penetration is impossible. (III-A) 17. Health care providers should recognize the need for sensitivity to a woman's life stage, to her individual situation, and to her sexual orientation when they assess sexual health concerns. (III-A) Chapter 2: Classification, Causes, and Assessment of Women's Sexual Dysfunction Recommendations 18. Health care providers should regard the identification and management of a woman's sexual health issues as important and legitimate elements of her clinical care (II-2A) 19. Health care providers should ensure they have and apply the skills and knowledge necessary to assess and manage a woman's sexual health problems. (III-A) 20. Health care providers should provide a clinical environment in which women feel they can discuss their sexual concerns. (III-A) 21. Health care providers should establish a list of clinical sexual health resources in the community for referral when necessary. (III-A) Chapter 3: Management of Sexual Concerns Summary Statements 19. Effective management of sexual concerns requires a biopsychosocial approach that includes both medical and counseling skills. (II-3) 20. A limited problem-focused approach, sometimes called the 20-minute hour, can be used to assess and manage sexual concerns effectively without disruption of the office schedule. (II-3) 21. The PLISSIT (permission, limited information, specific suggestions, intensive therapy) approach can be used to determine the level of intervention required. (II-3) 22. Involvement of the partner can often enhance outcomes in managing sexual health concerns. (II-3) Recommendations 22. All health care providers should include screening questions regarding sexual well-being as a standard of practice. (II-3A) 23. Health care providers who lack confidence in taking a biopsychosocial approach to counseling on sexual health concerns should seek additional training. (III-B) 24. Health care providers should involve the woman's partner in the assessment and treatment of sexual health concerns when it is appropriate and safe to do so. (III-A) Chapter 4: Health Concerns that Affect Female Sexuality Summary Statements 23. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED)
BACKGROUND: The discovery and development of new anti-malarials are at a crossroads. Fixed dose artemisinin combination therapy is now being used to treat a hundred million children each year, with a cost as low as 30 cents per child, with cure rates of over 95%. However, as with all anti-infective strategies, this triumph brings with it the seeds of its own downfall, the emergence of resistance. It takes ten years to develop a new medicine. New classes of medicines to combat malaria, as a result of infection by Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax are urgently needed.

RESULTS: Natural product scaffolds have been the basis of the majority of current anti-malarial medicines. Molecules such as quinine, lapachol and artemisinin were originally isolated from herbal medicinal products. After improvement with medicinal chemistry and formulation technologies, and combination with other active ingredients, they now make up the current armamentarium of medicines. In recent years advances in screening technologies have allowed testing of millions of compounds from pharmaceutical diversity for anti-malarial activity in cellular assays. These initiatives have resulted in thousands of new sub-micromolar active compounds starting points for new drug discovery programmes. Against this backdrop, the paucity of potent natural products identified has been disappointing. Now is a good time to reflect on the current approach to screening herbal medicinal products and suggest revisions. Nearly sixty years ago, the Chinese doctor Chen Guofu, suggested natural products should be approached by dao-xing-ni-shi or 'acting in the reversed order', starting with observational clinical studies. Natural products based on herbal remedies are in use in the community, and have the potential unique advantage that clinical observational data exist, or can be generated. The first step should be the confirmation and definition of the clinical activity of herbal medicinal products already used by the community. This first step forms a solid basis of observations, before moving to in vivo pharmacological characterization and ultimately identifying the active ingredient. A large part of the population uses herbal medicinal products despite limited numbers of well-controlled clinical studies. Increased awareness by the regulators and public health bodies of the need for safety information on herbal medicinal products also lends support to obtaining more clinical data on such products.

CONCLUSIONS: The relative paucity of new herbal medicinal product scaffolds active against malaria results discovered in recent years suggest it is time to re-evaluate the 'smash and grab' approach of randomly testing purified natural products and replace it with a patient-data led approach. This will require a change of perspective form many in the field. It will require an investment in standardisation in several areas, including: the ethnopharmacology and design and reporting of clinical observation studies, systems for characterizing anti-malarial activity of patient plasma samples ex vivo followed by chemical and pharmacological characterisation of extracts from promising sources. Such work falls outside of the core mandate of the product development partnerships, such as MMV, and so will require additional support. This call is timely, given the strong interest from researchers in disease endemic countries to support the research arm of a malaria eradication agenda. Para-national institutions such as the African Network for Drugs and Diagnostics Innovation (ANDi) will play a major role in facilitating the development of their natural products patrimony and possibly clinical best practice to bring forward new therapeutics. As in the past, with quinine, lapinone and artemisinin, once the activity of herbal medicinal products in humans is characterised, it can be used to identify new molecular scaffolds which will form the basis of the next generation of anti-malarial therapies.
Applying motor-control theory to physical therapy practice: a case report

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Purpose: This case report describes the application of an integrated, systems-based theory of motor control to physical therapy practice. Client Description: The patient was a 5-year-old boy with spastic hemiplegic cerebral palsy who was entering kindergarten. Parent concerns related to the child's safety in playground activities such as playing on the slide. Interventions: Motor-control theory, including factors related to the task, the environment, and the individual, was used to guide and direct physical therapy management related to the patient goal of safely and effectively climbing the ladder to the playground slide. Patient Outcomes: When the child entered kindergarten, he was able to safely ascend the ladder to the playground slide, using a modified movement pattern, when distractions were minimized. However, attentional issues continued to affect task execution when other children were present. Implications: This case report demonstrates a means by which current knowledge and theory can be integrated into clinical practice. Future Directions: Applying motor-control theory to this case led to the development of clinical questions for future research.
Introduction: The literature suggests that individuals with history of cleft lip and palate who present with midfacial growth deficiency are at higher risk of presenting lisping. The relationship between distortions during production of linguoalveolar fricative sounds and the severity of malocclusion, however, has not been established for the population with cleft. Objective: To study the association between lisping and dental arch relationship. Methodology: Speech samples and dental arch casts were obtained from 106 children with operated unilateral cleft lip and palate (UCLP) during the stage of mixed dentition and before orthodontic treatment. Videotaped productions of the phrase /u saci saiw sedu/ were rated by speech-language pathologists for the identification of lisping during [s]. Dental arch casts were rated by orthodontists using the Goslon Yardstick and the Five-Year Index to establish dental arch relationship. Results: Multiple logistic regression showed no significant association between lisping and dento-occlusal index (p = .802) and age (p = .662). Substantial interjudge agreement during auditory-perceptual ratings was found (kappa = .63). Almost perfect agreement was found between orthodontists while establishing the dental arch relationship (kappa = .81). Discussion: This study failed to reveal an association between lisping and dental arch relationship in children with operated UCLP. Multiple variables may play a role in determining occurrence of lisping, warranting further investigation.

The human life-history is characterized by long development and introduction of new developmental stages, such as childhood and adolescence. The developing brain had an important role in these life-history changes because it is expensive tissue which uses up to 80% of resting metabolic rate (RMR) in the newborn and continues to use almost 50% of it during the first 5 postnatal years. Our hominid ancestors managed to lift-up metabolic constraints to increase in brain size by several interrelated ecological, behavioral and social adaptations, such as dietary change, invention of cooking, creation of family-bonded reproductive units, and
life-history changes. This opened new vistas for the developing brain, because it became possible to metabolically support transient patterns of brain organization as well as developmental brain plasticity for much longer period and with much greater number of neurons and connectivity combinations in comparison to apes. This included the shaping of cortical connections through the interaction with infant's social environment, which probably enhanced typically human evolution of language, cognition and self-awareness. In this review, we propose that the transient subplate zone and its postnatal remnant (interstitial neurons of the gyral white matter) probably served as the main playground for evolution of these developmental shifts, and describe various features that makes human subplate uniquely positioned to have such a role in comparison with other primates.

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T1 - Rising Prevalence and Neighborhood, Social, and Behavioral Determinants of Sleep Problems in US Children and Adolescents, 2003-2012
A1 - Singh,G.K.
A1 - Kenney,M.K.
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CY - United States
N2 - We examined trends and neighborhood and sociobehavioral determinants of sleep problems in US children aged 6-17 between 2003 and 2012. The 2003, 2007, and 2011-2012 rounds of the National Survey of Children's Health were used to estimate trends and differentials in sleep problems using logistic regression. Prevalence of sleep problems increased significantly over time. The proportion of children with <7 days/week of adequate sleep increased from 31.2% in 2003 to 41.9% in 2011-2012, whereas the prevalence of adequate sleep <5 days/week rose from 12.6% in 2003 to 13.6% in 2011-2012. Prevalence of sleep problems varied in relation to neighborhood socioeconomic and built-environmental characteristics (e.g., safety concerns, poor housing, garbage/litter, vandalism, sidewalks, and parks/playgrounds). Approximately 10% of children in neighborhoods with the most-favorable social environment had serious sleep problems, compared with 16.2% of children in neighborhoods with the least-favorable social environment. Children in neighborhoods with the fewest health-promoting amenities or the greatest social disadvantage had 37%-43% higher adjusted odds of serious sleep problems than children in the most-favorable neighborhoods. Higher levels of screen time, physical inactivity, and secondhand smoke exposure were associated with 20%-47% higher adjusted odds of sleep problems. Neighborhood conditions and behavioral factors are important determinants of sleep problems in children.
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T1 - Determinants of physical activity in primary school students using the health belief model
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BACKGROUND: Thailand is a middle-income country in which two-thirds of children demonstrate an insufficient level of physical activity. Physical inactivity is a major risk factor for obesity and many other health-related consequences in children. Thus, it is important to understand how primary school children perceive things in their daily life as determinants of physical activity. The purpose of this study was to investigate the impact of cues, perceived benefits, and perceived barriers on the level of physical activity among primary school students. METHODS: A cross-sectional study was conducted in Phitsanulok Province, Thailand, in 2011. Multistage sampling selected a total of 123 primary school students. The Physical Activity Questionnaire for Older Children and the Cues, Perceived Benefits, and Barriers to Physical Activity Questionnaire were used to assess the student levels of physical activity, as well as the perceived benefits, barriers, and cues to action. The association between these factors and the level of physical activity was determined by correlation statistics and confirmed by robust regression. Multivariate analysis of variance compared health belief model determinants: perceived benefits, perceived barriers, and cues to action on physical activity between male and female students. Self-administered questionnaires were validated and tested in a pilot study. RESULTS: The level of activity among primary school children was significantly influenced by perceived barriers, such as fear of strangers when playing outdoors, bad weather, and too much homework. However, activity was not influenced by cues to action or perceived benefits. Perceived benefits, barriers, and cues to physical activity did not differ by gender. CONCLUSION: A safe environment and fewer barriers, such as amount of homework, could enhance physical activity in primary school children.
OBJECTIVE: To examine the effect of season on playground surface injury rates. METHODS: Injuries were identified through student incident report forms used in school districts in Calgary (Alberta) and the surrounding area. Playground surface exposure data were estimated based on school enrollment. RESULTS: A total of 539 injuries were reported during the 2007/2008 school year. Abrasions, bruises and inflammation were the most frequently reported injuries. The head, neck or face were most commonly injured. Injury rates per 1000 student days ranged between 0.018 (rubber crumb in spring) and 0.08 (poured-in-place and natural rock in the fall). Rubber crumb surfacing, compared with natural rock, had a significantly lower rate of injury in the spring, but no other season-surface comparisons were statistically significant. CONCLUSIONS: Rates of injury were similar for natural rock, poured-in-place, and crushed rock in the fall and winter. There was some evidence of a lower rate of injury on rubber crumb surfaces in the spring.

The development and progression of early onset myopia is actively being investigated. While myopia is often considered a benign condition it should be considered a public health problem for its visual, quality of life, and economic consequences. Nearly half of the visually impaired population in the world has uncorrected refractive errors, with myopia a high percent of that group. Uncorrected visual acuity should be screened for and treated in order to improve academic performance, career opportunities and socio-economic status. Genetic and environmental factors contribute to the onset and progression of myopia. Twin studies have supported genetic factors and research continues to identify myopia genetic loci. While multiple myopia genetic loci have been identified establishing myopia as a common complex disorder, there is not yet a genetic model explaining myopia progression in populations. Environmental factors include near work, education levels, urban compared to rural location, and time spent outdoors. In this field of study where there continues to be etiology controversies, there is recent agreement that children who spend more time outdoors are less likely to become myopic. Worldwide population studies, some completed and some in progress, with a common protocol are gathering both genetic and environmental cohort data of great value. There have been rapid population changes in prevalence rates supporting an environmental influence. Interventions to prevent juvenile myopia progression...
include pharmacologic agents, glasses and contact lenses. Pharmacological interventions over 1-2 year trials have shown benefits. Peripheral vision defocus has been found to affect the emmetropization process and may be affected by wearing glasses or contacts. Accommodation accuracy also has been implicated in myopia progression. Further research will aim to assess both the role and interaction of environmental influences and genetic factors.

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T1 - Epidemiology of paediatric burns in Iran
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A1 - Montevalian, A.
A1 - Motabar, A.R.
A1 - Safari, R.
A1 - Parvas, M.S.
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N2 - We surveyed the epidemiology of the patients in a tertiary burn care centre (the Motahari Burn Hospital) in Tehran in the 4-yr period 2005-2009. Scalding was the major cause of burn injury for patients under the age of 6, while there were many more flame and electrical burns in late childhood. Males were mainly affected (male to female ratio, 1.7:1). Most burns occurred in the summer, probably due to older children's increased outdoor activities during school vacations. Most of the injuries took place in the kitchen. Age was directly related to the higher total body surface area and mortality rate. Explosion of propane gas at home had a high incidence. Length of hospital stay increased in relation to the burn surface area. Infants were found to be at greatest risk for burn injuries, while older children were at higher risk for severe burns. Before arriving at the hospital, 22 patients had received traditional therapy in the home which was not effective and caused some problems. Pre-hospital care by emergency medicine service personnel was complete and effective. 374 patients had positive results for wound culture (42.9%). The most frequent bacteria found in burn wound cultures was coagulase-negative Staphylococcus (66.8%). Blood culture was positive in 12% of the patients with positive burn wound culture and the most frequent bacteria in blood culture was Pseudomonas aeruginosa. The overall mortality rate was 10.6%. Treatment and prevention programmes should target high risk groups. Important criteria include older age, flame burn, presence of inhalation injury, total body surface area burned above 40%, and sepsis.
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T1 - Feasibility of a novel web-based physical activity questionnaire for young children
A1 - Bonn, S.E.
A1 - Surkan, P.J.
A1 - Lagerros, Y.T.
A1 - Balter, K.
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N2 - Accurate assessment of children's physical activity is critical in determining associations between childhood physical activity and health later in life. We have developed a web-based questionnaire, KidActive-Q, to assess physical activity in early childhood. The feasibility and reproducibility of KidActive-Q were assessed in a sample of 20 children aged 2 to 6 years. The questionnaire was distributed to parents via e-mail on two occasions. The median time required to complete KidActive-Q was 2.5 minutes. All the parents reported that the questionnaire was easy or very easy to fill. The intraclass correlations for test-retest reliability were 0.60 (95% confidence interval: 0.31-0.88) for daily time spent outdoors, and 0.85 (95% confidence interval: 0.72-0.97) for daily time watching television. Our results suggest that KidActive-Q is a user-friendly tool for assessing physical activity in early childhood. To our knowledge, this is the first web-based questionnaire specifically developed for young children
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TY - JOUR
ID - 151
T1 - Injuries presented at a primary care setting in Oman
A1 - Al-Balushi, H.
A1 - Al-Kalbani, A.
A1 - Al-Khawaldi, T.
A1 - Al-Suqri, S.
A1 - Al-Maniri, A.
A1 - Alazri, M.
A1 - Al-Hinai, M.
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OBJECTIVE: This study aims to measure the rate, types, and causes of injuries presented at a primary care setting in the Muscat governorate. METHODS: A cross-sectional study was carried out where all patients who attended the Al Moabelah Health Center from the period of 1(st) January 2010 to the 31(st) December 2010 were identified from the electronic medical records. Patients identified with any type of injury were then selected for further data collection with their age and gender recorded. Details such as the type, cause and nature of the injury at the clinic were gathered from the clinical notes. RESULTS: A total number of 86,554 visits were recorded for the year 2010. The rate of injury visits was 24 per 1000 visits. In this study, the rate of injury visits was found to be four times more common in males (44.4 per 1000) than in females (11.5 per 1000), p<0.001. While children aged under 12 years accounted for 41.4%, and elderly patients aged over 60 years accounted for 3.5% of the total visits emanating from injuries. The results show that home was the most common place where the majority of injuries occurred (42%), followed by playgrounds (10.2%). The most common causes of injury visits were falls, followed by cutting/piercing by sharp objects and sports injuries, which accounted for 40%, 13.4%, and 12%, respectively. CONCLUSION: Injuries in a primary care setting with close proximity to emergency departments of secondary and tertiary hospitals may only account to less than 3% of the total visits.
health education, and obesity prevention in children. From this review, service-learning appears to have great potential as a flexible component of academic coursework in the areas of preventive medicine and public health.

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T1 - Heat illness surveillance in schoolboys participating in physical education class in tropical climate: an analytical prospective descriptive study
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N2 - OBJECTIVES: This study aimed to determine thermoregulatory and cardiovascular responses as well as the occurrence of heat illness in children exercising outdoors in physical education class under hot and humid climate. Little information regarding this issue under real-life situation is available, especially in the Southeast Asia. DESIGN: Analytical, prospective descriptive study. SETTING: A primary school in Bangkok, Thailand.
PARTICIPANTS: A total of 457 schoolboys (aged 5.5-12 years) were observed while exercising outdoors during their physical education classes throughout the academic year of 2009, including semester 1 (between July and September 2009) and semester 2 (between November 2009 and February 2010). PRIMARY AND SECONDARY OUTCOME MEASURES: Primary outcome measure was tympanic temperature. Secondary outcome measures included blood pressure, heart rate, hydration status and the occurrence of heat-related illness. RESULTS: Outdoor physical activity consisted of skill practice (duration 24.11+11.04 min, intensity <3 metabolic equivalent of tasks) and playing sports (duration 11.48+5.53 min, intensity 2.6-8.8 metabolic equivalent of tasks). After exercise, tympanic temperature increased by 0.66+0.41degreeC. There were 20 (4.4%) students whose ear temperature exceeded 38degreeC, 18 of whom did not consume water. The RR of increasing body temperature up to 38degreeC in overweight students was 2.1-fold higher than normal-weight students. The per cent change in mean arterial pressure and heart rate increased by 20.16+15.34% and 23.94+19.78%, respectively. Sweat and dehydration rates were 391.16+186.75 ml/h and 0.63+0.26%, respectively. No evidence of heat illness was found. Wet bulb globe temperatures of semesters 1 and 2 were 29.95+1.87degreeC and 28.32+2.39degreeC, respectively. CONCLUSIONS: There is an increased risk for heat illness during outdoor activities in physical education class in primary school children, especially those who are overweight and have poor hydration status.
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T1 - The role of the lateral amygdala in the retrieval and maintenance of fear-memories formed by repeated probabilistic reinforcement
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The lateral nucleus of the amygdala (LA) is a key element in the neural circuit subserving Pavlovian fear-conditioning, an animal model of fear and anxiety. Most studies have focused on the role of the LA in fear acquisition and extinction, i.e., how neural plasticity results from changing contingencies between a neutral conditioned stimulus (CS) (e.g., a tone) and an aversive unconditioned stimulus (US) (e.g., a shock). However, outside of the lab, fear-memories are often the result of repeated and unpredictable experiences. Examples include domestic violence, child abuse or combat. To better understand the role of the LA in the expression of fear resulting from repeated and uncertain reinforcement, rats experienced a 30% partial reinforcement (PR) fear-conditioning schedule four days a week for four weeks. Rats reached asymptotic levels of conditioned-fear expression after the first week. We then manipulated LA activity with drug (or vehicle) (VEH) infusions once a week, for the next three weeks, before the training session. LA infusions of muscimol (MUSC), a GABA-A agonist that inhibits neural activity, reduced CS evoked fear-behavior to pre-conditioning levels. LA infusions of pentagastrin (PENT), a cholecystokinin-2 (CCK) agonist that increases neural excitability, resulted in CS-evoked fear-behavior that continued past the offset of the CS. This suggests that neural activity in the LA is required for the retrieval of fear memories that stem from repeated and uncertain reinforcement, and that CCK signaling in the LA plays a role in the recovery from fear after the removal of the fear-evoking stimulus.
Fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO) is a non-invasive marker of airway inflammation in asthma and respiratory allergy. Environmental factors, especially indoor and outdoor air quality, may play an important role in triggering acute exacerbations of respiratory symptoms. The authors have reviewed the literature reporting effects of outdoor and indoor pollutants on FeNO in children. Although the findings are not consistent, urban and industrial pollution—mainly particles (PM(2.5) and PM(10)), nitrogen dioxide (NO(2)), and sulfur dioxide (SO(2))—as well as formaldehyde and electric baseboard heating have been shown to increase FeNO, whilst ozone (O(3)) tends to decrease it. Among children exposed to Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) with a genetic polymorphisms in nitric oxide synthase genes (NOS), a higher nicotine exposure was associated with lower FeNO levels. Finally, although more studies are needed in order to better investigate the effect of gene and environment interactions which may affect the interpretation of FeNO values in the management of children with asthma, clinicians are recommended to consider environmental exposures when taking medical histories for asthma and respiratory allergy. Further research is also needed to assess the effects of remedial interventions aimed at reducing/abating environmental exposures in asthmatic/allergic patients.

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T1 - Activity preferences and participation of school-age children living in urban and rural environments
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N2 - ABSTRACT It is important for therapists to be knowledgeable about the impact of the environment on children's participation patterns and activity preferences. This study investigated the activity preference and participation among school-age children living in urban and rural locations. The participation patterns and preferences for activities of 58 typically developing children (32 males and 26 females; response rate of 38.7%) aged 8-12 years were assessed across both urban (n = 24) and rural (n = 34) regions of southwest Victoria, Australia. The participation patterns and preferences for activities were assessed using the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment and Preferences for Activities of Children (CAPE/PAC). An independent samples t-test was used to determine whether significant differences existed for the CAPE/PAC scores for urban and rurally based children as well as boys and girls. Significant differences were found between the scores of children living in urban and rural areas on the following subscales: CAPE Diversity, CAPE Intensity, CAPE Whom, CAPE Where, PAC Physical Preference, and PAC Social Preference. A significant difference for rural and urban groups was found on the following CAPE activity types: Recreation Diversity, Recreation Intensity, Social Diversity, Social Intensity, Self-Improvement Diversity, and Self-Improvement Intensity. Rurally based children were engaged in a broader range of activities and did so more frequently than urban children. Differences in gender were identified with girls preferring to participate in social and skill-based activities and being more likely to participate with friends or people outside their home. However, there were no significant differences in the participation patterns of boys and girls. Physical, social, and structural aspects of
the location where a child lives impact the frequency, type of activities, and whom a child participates with most frequently in out-of-school activities. The activity participation of boys and girls in Australia has become quite similar.

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**N2** - OBJECTIVE: To examine the relationship between serum vitamin D concentrations, dietary intake and body mass index among healthy children living in Calgary, Alberta. METHODS: The present cross-sectional study included healthy children two to 13 years of age who presented to the Alberta Children's Hospital for elective surgery during a 12-month period. Data including the child's weight, height, age, sex, ethnicity, dietary intake, use of vitamin supplements, physical activity and time spent outdoors were collected. Serum concentrations of 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D) were measured using commercial immunoradiometric assay kits. RESULTS: Serum 25(OH)D concentrations were available for 1442 of 1862 participants, of whom 862 (59.8%) were boys. The mean (+ SD) serum 25(OH)D concentration was 86.1+35.1 nmol/L (range 10 nmol/L to 323 nmol/L). Five hundred thirty-nine (37.4%) participants had insufficient vitamin D status (25(OH)D between 25 nmol/L and lower than 75 nmol/L), and vitamin D deficiency (25(OH)D 25 nmol/L or lower) was present in 29 subjects (2.0%). Children in the older age group (nine to 13 years) were more likely to have suboptimal vitamin D (P<0.001). Other risk factors significantly associated with suboptimal vitamin D status included overweight or obesity, nonwhite ethnicity, winter months, dietary vitamin D intake of less than 200 IU/day and less time spent outdoors. CONCLUSION: A high rate of suboptimal vitamin D concentrations was observed among the participants. Beyond promoting a vitamin D-enriched diet, physicians should also consider the body mass index and other risk factors to determine the optimal vitamin D intake for children living in the area studied.

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OBJECTIVES: This study assessed the health risks for children exposed to phthalate through several pathways including house dust, surface wipes and hand wipes in child facilities and indoor playgrounds. METHODS: The indoor samples were collected from various children's facilities (40 playrooms, 42 daycare centers, 44 kindergartens, and 42 indoor-playgrounds) in both summer (Jul-Sep, 2007) and winter (Jan-Feb, 2008). Hazard index (HI) was estimated for the non-carcinogens and the examined phthalates were diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP), diethyl phthalate (DEP), dibutyl-n-butyl phthalate (DnBP), and butylbenzyl phthalate (BBzP). The present study examined these four kinds of samples, i.e., indoor dust, surface wipes of product and hand wipes. RESULTS: Among the phthalates, the detection rates of DEHP were 98% in dust samples, 100% in surface wipe samples, and 95% in hand wipe samples. In this study, phthalate levels obtained from floor dust, product surface and children's hand wipe samples were similar to or slightly less compared to previous studies. The 50(th) and 95(th) percentile value of child-sensitive materials did not exceed 1 (HI) for all subjects in all facilities. CONCLUSIONS: For DEHP, DnBP and BBzP their detection rates through multi-routes were high and their risk based on health risk assessment was also observed to be acceptable. This study suggested that ingestion and dermal exposure could be the most important pathway of phthalates besides digestion through food.
BACKGROUND: Childhood obesity is increasingly being observed with changing lifestyles of families. The magnitude of overweight ranges from 9% to 27.5% and obesity ranges from 1% to 12.9% among Indian children. OBJECTIVES: The present study was undertaken to study the magnitude of overweight/obesity and its determinants among children in Lucknow city. MATERIALS AND METHODS: A list of government and private school was procured from Office of Basic Shiksha Adhikari. Three government and three private schools were selected by Simple Random Sampling. Students of 5th to 12th grades available at the time of study were included as study unit. Predesigned and pretested questionnaire was used to elicit the information on family characteristics and individual characteristics. Height and weight were measured and BMI was calculated. Children with BMI of 25 and above were considered overweight and children with BMI more than 30 were considered obese. RESULTS: Overweight and obesity was found to be 4.17% and 0.73%, respectively; they together constitute 4.91% for overweight/obesity. The study revealed that the important correlates of overweight/obesity were father's education, father's occupation, class, children playing outdoor games for less than 30 min, and those consuming fast foods. CONCLUSIONS: Children of higher classes (above 8th standard) belonging to higher socioeconomic group with less outdoor activities and consuming fast foods were more predisposed to overweight/obesity. As a preventive strategy, there is a need to apply health and nutritional education programs for inculcating healthy life styles, and incorporating more outdoor activities in Physical Education Department of school curriculum.
BACKGROUND: In some countries, "Big Events" like crises and transitions have been followed by large increases in drug use, drug injection and HIV/AIDS. Argentina experienced an economic crisis and political transition in 2001/2002 that affected how people use their time. This paper studies how time use changes between years 2001 and 2004, subsequent to these events, were associated with drug consumption in poor neighbourhoods of Greater Buenos Aires. METHODS: In 2003-2004, 68 current injecting drug users (IDUs) and 235 young non-IDUs, aged 21-35, who lived in impoverished drug-impacted neighbourhoods in Greater Buenos Aires, were asked about time use then and in 2001. Data on weekly hours spent working or looking for work, doing housework/childcare, consuming drugs, being with friends, and hanging out in the neighbourhood, were studied in relation to time spent using drugs. Field observations and focus groups were also conducted. RESULTS: After 2001, among both IDUs and non-IDUs, mean weekly time spent working declined significantly (especially among IDUs); time spent looking for work increased, and time spent with friends and hanging out in the neighbourhood decreased. We found no increase in injecting or non-injecting drug consumption after 2001. Subjects most affected by the way the crises led to decreased work time and/or to increased time looking for work—and by the associated increase in time spent in one’s neighbourhood—were most likely to increase their time using drugs. CONCLUSIONS: Time use methods are useful to study changes in drug use and their relationships to everyday life activities. In these previously-drug-impacted neighbourhoods, the Argentinean crisis did not lead to an increase in drug use, which somewhat contradicts our initial expectations. Nevertheless, those for whom the crises led to decreased work time, increased time looking for work, and increased time spent in indoor or outdoor neighbourhood environments, were likely to spend more time using drugs. These data suggest that young adults in traditionally less-impoverished neighbourhoods may be more vulnerable to Big Events than those in previously drug-impacted impoverished neighbourhoods. Since Big Events will continue to occur, research on the pathways that determine their sequelae is needed.
respondents reported being aware of the DPA initiative; 100% of respondents reported it being successfully implemented. The leading responses to the question, "How do you define physical activity?" were "moving/movement" (43.5%), "increasing the heart rate" (32.7%) and "being active" (29%). 78.2% of participants responded that physical education was the only type of activity that fulfilled the DPA requirement; the other participants reported that recess, intramurals and DPA periods organized by the teacher also counted. 69.1% and 61.1% of respondents, respectively, stated that there were barriers to increasing physical education and physical activity. A lack of time in the curriculum, a lack of space and a lack of funding were the most frequently reported barriers. CONCLUSION: According to principal and vice-principal reports, the DPA initiative has been successfully implemented in elementary schools in Calgary. This suggests that government initiatives directed at increasing physical activity at school could result in increasing the actual amount of physical activity that children participate in. However, prospective longitudinal research directly measuring the amount of physical activity that children engage in is needed to directly assess the impact of such initiatives.

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T1 - Variables associated with children's physical activity levels during recess: the A-CLASS project
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N2 - BACKGROUND: School recess provides a daily opportunity for children to engage in physically active behaviours. However, few studies have investigated what factors may influence children's physical activity levels in this context. Such information may be important in the development and implementation of recess interventions. The aim of this study was to investigate the association between a range of recess variables and children's sedentary, moderate and vigorous physical activity in this context. METHODS: One hundred and twenty-eight children (39% boys) aged 9-10 years old from 8 elementary schools had their physical activity levels observed during school recess using the System for Observing Children's Activity and Relationships during Play (SOCARP). Playground variables data were also collected at this time. Multilevel prediction models identified variables that were significantly associated with children's sedentary, moderate and vigorous physical activity during recess. RESULTS: Girls engaged in 13.8% more sedentary activity and 8.2% less vigorous activity than boys during recess. Children with no equipment provision during recess engaged in more sedentary activity and less moderate activity than children provided with equipment. In addition, as play space per child increased, sedentary activity decreased and vigorous activity increased. Temperature was a significant negatively associated with vigorous activity. CONCLUSIONS: Modifiable and unmodifiable factors were associated with children's sedentary, moderate and vigorous physical activity during recess. Providing portable equipment and specifying areas for activities that dominate the elementary school playground during recess may be two approaches to increase recess physical activity levels, though further research is needed to evaluate the short and long-term impact of such strategies.
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Elevated cortisol during play is associated with age and social engagement in children with autism

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BACKGROUND: The hallmark characteristic of autism is impaired reciprocal social interaction. While children find social interaction stress-reducing, many children with autism may find social interaction stress-inducing. The current study was designed to examine stress responsivity as measured by cortisol by comparing children with autism to neurotypical peers during an ecologically valid 20-minute playground paradigm.

METHODS: The experiment involved sets of three children: a child with autism, a neurotypical child, and a confederate. Participants included 45 prepubescent males between 8 and 12 years of age (21 with autism and 24 neurotypical children). RESULTS: Children with autism showed fewer initiations (chi2(1) = 4.03, P = 0.044), rejected initiations from others more (chi2(1) = 7.10, P = 0.008) and spent less time interacting during motor (F(1,43) = 16.7, P = 0.0002) and cooperative (F(1,43) = 14.78, P = 0.0004) play. Repeated measures analysis of the cortisol values revealed a significant model (chi2(4) = 22.76, P < 0.0005) that included time of measurement, diagnosis and age as main effects and an interaction between diagnosis and age. Thus, as age increased among children with autism, they experienced enhanced cortisol levels while age did not modify expected cortisol levels for typical children. Stress responsivity was associated with more peripheral equipment play for motor (chi2(3) = 12.3, P = 0.006) and cooperative (chi2(3) = 8.24, P = 0.04) play as well as reduced nonverbal social skills during motor (chi2(1) = 5.52, P = 0.018) and cooperative play (chi2(1) = 4.53, P = 0.033). CONCLUSIONS: Overall, children with autism engaged in fewer social overtures and spent less time interacting than typically developing peers during play. The peer interaction paradigm resulted in significantly higher levels of cortisol in many children with autism. Distinct patterns emerged within the autism group based on developmental (older), biological (cortisol responder) and behavioral patterns (peripheral group interaction). The enhanced cortisol response was observed in children who voluntarily engaged in interaction; thus, it does not support the notion of a response to social threat. Rather, it appears to reflect attendant metabolic preparedness and enhanced arousal from engaging socially. The data suggest that many children with autism activate hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal responses in relatively benign social situations, which appears to be a function of age and level of social engagement. The findings support the need to teach coping strategies in addition to fundamental social skills to youth with autism.

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BACKGROUND: Sedentary behaviour has been linked with a number of health outcomes. Preschool-aged children spend significant proportions of their day engaged in sedentary behaviours. Research into the correlates of sedentary behaviours in the preschool population is an emerging field, with most research being published since 2002. Reviews on correlates of sedentary behaviours which include preschool children have previously been published; however, none have reported results specific to the preschool population. This paper reviews articles reporting on correlates of sedentary behaviour in preschool children published between 1993 and 2009. METHODS: A literature search was undertaken to identify articles which examined correlates of sedentary behaviours in preschool children. Articles were retrieved and evaluated in 2008 and 2009. RESULTS: Twenty-nine studies were identified which met the inclusion criteria. From those studies, 63 potential correlates were identified. Television viewing was the most commonly examined sedentary behaviour. Findings from the review suggest that child's sex was not associated with television viewing and had an indeterminate association with sedentary behaviour as measured by accelerometry. Age, body mass index, parental education and race had an indeterminate association with television viewing, and outdoor playtime had no association with television viewing. The remaining 57 potential correlates had been investigated too infrequently to be able to draw robust conclusions about associations. CONCLUSIONS: The correlates of preschool children's sedentary behaviours are multi-dimensional and not well established. Further research is required to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the influences on preschool children's sedentary behaviours to better inform the development of interventions.
Objective. To prospectively identify behavioral risk factors for childhood overweight and to assess their relevance in high risk sub groups (children of mothers with overweight or low education). Methods. In the PIAMA birth cohort (n = 3963), questionnaire data were obtained at ages 5 and 7 on "screen time", walking or cycling to school, playing outside, sports club membership, fast food consumption, snack consumption and soft drink consumption. Weight and height were measured at age 8 years. Results. Screen time, but none of the other hypothesized behavioral factors, was associated with overweight (aOR 1.4 (CI: 1.2-1.6)). The adjusted population attributable risk fraction for screen time > 1 hr/day was 10% in the high risk and 17% in the low risk sub groups. Conclusion. Reduction of screen time to < 1 hr/day could result in a reduction of overweight prevalence in the order of 2 percentage points in both high and low risks sub groups.

BACKGROUND: This study examines associations between perceptions of neighbourhood environment and physical activity and sports within Portuguese adolescents. METHODS: The sample consisted of 4,877 individuals of both genders, with an average age of 14 years. The instrument used was the Health Behavior School-aged Children questionnaire. RESULTS: Perceptions of the neighbourhood being unsafe for children to play and having no place to spend leisure time were associated with lower levels of exercise among adolescents. The perceptions of the neighbourhood being unsafe for children to play (OR = 1.3, p < .005) and the fact of not having a place to spend leisure time (OR = 1.3, p < .005) p < .005) were associated with lower levels of exercise among adolescents. The perception of these variables is associated to a lower probability of exercising. The neighbourhood characteristics are more important to the practice of outdoor sports than of indoor sports. CONCLUSION: The perceptions of the neighbourhood may influence adolescent's physical activity and sports, in different ways.
CASE: Jonny is a 13 year old boy with spastic quadriplegia and severe mental retardation following Haemophilus influenza type B (HIB) meningitis at 2 months of age. Signs of meningitis started on the evening of his 2-month immunizations that included the HIB vaccine. He presented to his pediatrician with left hip pain that occurred intermittently for a few years and more frequently in the past six months. His parents initially attributed the pain to whizzing around the backyard in a motorized wheelchair. An earlier evaluation of hip pain led to bilateral femoral osteotomies for hip dysplasia. Obesity, associated with inactivity and a tendency to consume fatty foods, complicates Jonny’s disabilities. His only activity is a modest amount of physical therapy at school and "floor time" for about one hour each day at home. In the office of his pediatrician, Jonny is friendly, smiling, and verbalizing a few words with his limited expressive vocabulary. He is resistant to a hip examination and grimaces with manipulation of his left hip. Spasticity of the left leg appears increased compared to previous examinations. He has nonpitting edema of his lower legs and feet, a cryptorchid left testicle, and a somewhat tender left inguinal area. Jonny lives with his mother and father in a small house on a busy street less than one-half mile from the pediatrician's office. Jonny's pediatrician often sees him in his wheelchair, accompanied by his mother or grandmother, and waves or stops to chat. He has van services to school, and there is a Hoyer lift in the home, but his parents do not own a van. Recently, Jonny's father finds it more difficult to lift him. The family has also been challenged by the mental health problems of Jonny's two older brothers, and a serious eye injury suffered by his middle brother in a motor-vehicle accident. Jonny's pediatrician has cared for him and his two brothers since birth. Although the parents continue to believe that the HIB vaccine caused his catastrophic illness, they remain with the pediatrician. In general, they are satisfied with the individualized educational plan at a local public school. When he was 6.5 years old, Jonny's school aid reported that he attempted to touch her in the genital area. The pediatrician attended the meeting to review this incident and successfully advocated for Jonny by pointing out that this was an isolated incident; it did not occur again. At 6 years old Jonny functioned in the 1.5-2.5 year old range with motor skills in the 6-12 month level according to the Bayley Scales of Infant Development and the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales. In the past a neurologist and a physiatrist saw Jonny, but both of these individuals moved from the community. He had prior evaluations at a children's orthopedic clinic at a small community hospital and at the local Shriners hospital. He had a tonsillectomy and adenoiectomy at 7 years old. He is currently treated for constipation and receives dental care at a clinic for people with disabilities. His pediatrician has always respected the parents for their care.
and obvious love for their disabled child. However, parental resistance to addressing major issues such as obesity has frustrated his pediatrician. When the pediatrician suggested that Jonny was eligible for the state's managed care program, which would convert Medicaid coverage to a state sponsored program with more extensive services and case management, Jonny's mother repeatedly said that she would "think it over." At the current visit, the pediatrician recommended an adjustment of Jonny's wheelchair, a hip x-ray, a referral to Shriner's Hospital, and an appointment with a pediatric surgeon to address the undescended testicle and possible hernia. Jonny's mother mentioned that he had been to Shriner's Hospital for hip pain two years earlier but was told nothing could be done "because nothing was wrong with his bone." The hip x-ray was normal as well as a complete blood count and a C-reactive protein. The pediatric surgeon did not find a hernia and deferred treatment of the cryptorchid testicle. His parents contacted the wheelchair company to arrange adjustments. The pediatrician called the medical director at the Shriner's Hospital to discuss Jonny's case, but 2 months after the initial visit, the parents had not arranged for an appointment at the Shriner's Hospital. Jonny's hip pain persisted. The pediatrician now wonders how he can more effectively address Jonny's current problems and improve overall care for him and his family.

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N2 - CASE: A 19-year-old female was admitted to a children's hospital weighing 75 pounds. She lost 75 pounds over 2 years and did not menstruate for a year. Despite her dissatisfaction with her thin appearance and desire to weigh more, her inpatient treatment focused on "disordered eating." Adolescent medicine, nutrition, and gastroenterology specialists were consulted. A pediatric psychology consultation was initiated to address anxiety associated with eating as well as abnormal toileting behaviors. The patient reported that she had chronic constipation since the age 3 years with a large, hard, and painful bowel movement once every 1-3 weeks. She had numerous medical and nutritional interventions to improve her bowel functioning, including extensive laxative use and a diet high in fiber (mostly fruits and vegetables). Additionally, an extensive medical evaluation to look for physiological causes for chronic constipation, including Hirschsprung's disease, was not diagnostic. The patient described purposeful stool withholding due to her concern over painful bowel movements. She also avoided peer activities because she did not want to use toilets outside her home. The patient acknowledged that her disordered eating stemmed largely from her toileting difficulties. She described altering her eating habits to avoid bowel movements (e.g., eating small meals, not eating at school) and anxious thoughts while defecating. Defecation anxiety was now affecting other areas of her life. For example, she frequently used copious amounts of toilet paper to ensure thorough cleaning. The patient's parents confirmed her need to thoroughly clean after
toilet use, using "almost half a roll of toilet paper." They described other concerning "routines," including refusing to use towels after showering. She dried herself with a fan because of fear that her towel may be dirty. They indicated that during early adolescence, she frequently washed her face to prevent acne breakouts. According to parents, the patient followed doctors' instructions "as though they (were) gospel," deviating from suggestions only with extreme resistance.

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N2 - CASE: Tony is an 11-year old boy in the fifth grade whose mother describes him as "really a good kid who is bright and tries to be friendly. But he's always doing things that get him in trouble at school and sometimes at home." Tony was diagnosed with ADHD (combined type) 2 years ago. Stimulant therapy improved his attention and concentration during school, decreased hyperactivity in the classroom and improved educational achievements. However, Tony is oppositional and disruptive on the playground, during team sports and at home. His teacher observed that he wants to fit in, but he quickly gets in arguments with other children. He has difficulty sustaining friendships because he typically annoys others with unreasonable demands. He often has temper tantrums when things do not go his way; the tantrums are not prolonged but frequent. At home, on several occasions Tony hit his younger sister, and he once threw a dinner plate against the wall during a family meal. Although his mother describes these behaviors as present for many years, they seem to be escalating. Tony lives with both parents and his younger sister. There is no history of marital discord or major life event change in the past year. Standardized achievement tests demonstrate average to above average achievement scores. He continues to get mostly B grades and an occasional C. Tony's parents have tried to limit television time as a punishment for disruptive behaviors without any apparent effect. His mother reports that she yelled at him on several occasions when he refused to carry out household chores. "He gets angry at the simplest request for help." After meeting with Tony and his mother and completing a normal physical examination, the pediatrician referred Tony to a child psychologist for behavioral therapy.
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T1 - Individual, social and physical environmental correlates of children's active free-play: a cross-sectional study
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Children's unstructured outdoor free-play (or active free-play) has the potential to make an important contribution to children's overall physical activity levels. Limited research has, however, examined physical activity in this domain. This study examined associations between individual, social and physical environmental factors and the frequency with which children play in particular outdoor locations outside school hours. This study also investigated whether the frequency of playing in outdoor locations was associated with children's overall physical activity levels. METHODS: Participants including 8-9 year old children and their parents (n = 187) were recruited from a selection of primary schools of varying socioeconomic status across metropolitan Melbourne, Australia. Parents completed a survey and children's overall physical activity levels were measured by accelerometry. Regression models examined the odds of children playing in various outdoor settings according to particular correlates. RESULTS: Inverse associations were found between preference for activities not involving physical activity, and the likelihood of children playing in the yard at home on the weekend (OR = 0.65; CI = 0.45,0.95). Positive correlates of children playing in their own street included: parental perceptions that it was safe for their child to play in their street (weekdays [OR = 6.46; CI = 2.84,14.71], weekend days [OR = 6.01; CI = 2.68,13.47]); children having many friends in their neighbourhood (OR = 2.63; CI = 1.21,5.76); and living in a cul-de-sac (weekdays [OR = 3.99; CI = 1.65,9.66], weekend days [OR = 3.49; CI = 1.49,8.16]). Positive correlates of more frequent play in the park/playground on weekdays included family going to the park together on a weekly basis on weekdays (OR = 6.8; CI = 3.4,13.6); and on weekend days (OR = 7.36; CI = 3.6,15.0). No differences in mean mins/day of moderate-vigorous physical activity were found between children in the highest and lowest tertiles for frequency of playing in particular outdoor locations. CONCLUSION: The presence of friends, safety issues and aspects of the built environment were reported by parents to be associated with children's active free-play in outdoor locations. Future research needs to further examine associations with time spent in active free-play and objectively-measured overall physical activity levels. It is also important to investigate strategies for developing a supportive social and physical environment that provides opportunities for children to engage in active free-play
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T1 - Injury-related unsafe behavior among households from different socioeconomic strata in pune city
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INTRODUCTION: Behavior pattern influences the risk of unintentional injuries. This study was conducted to identify the pattern of household unsafe behavior in different socioeconomic strata, in Pune city, India. MATERIALS AND METHOD: Population-based, cross-sectional study. Behaviors influencing the risk of burn, poisoning, drowning, and road traffic injuries were questioned from 200 randomly selected households. RESULTS: Nearly 28% of the households did not have a separate kitchen, 37.5% cooked at the ground level, 33.5% used a kerosene pressure stove, 12% used unprotected open fire as a source of warmth in winter, and 34.5% stored inflammable substances at home. Ninety one percent of the households reported storing poisonous chemicals in places that could not be locked. In 68.3% of the households with children below five years, these chemicals were kept in places accessible to children. Nearly 21% of the individuals, who could swim, did so in unsafe places and 25.2% of them were not trained in swimming. In 35.5% of the households, children used streets as playgrounds. Among all two-wheeled vehicle riders, 35.6% reported not having a helmet and 57.7% of those who had a helmet did not use it regularly. Socioeconomic status was strongly associated with the unsafe behaviors related to burns, drowning, and road traffic injuries. CONCLUSION: The study identifies the sociocultural and behavioral factors leading to unsafe behaviors, placing individuals at risk of unintentional injuries, which can be used as a first step toward prevention.

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T1 - Is there an association between spatial access to parks/green space and childhood overweight/obesity in Calgary, Canada?
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BACKGROUND: The recent increase in childhood obesity is expected to add significantly to the prevalence of chronic diseases. We used multivariate multilevel analysis to examine associations between parks/green space and childhood overweight/obesity across communities in Calgary, Canada, a city characterized by intensified urban sprawl and high car use. METHODS: Body Mass Index was calculated from measured height and weight data obtained from 6,772 children (mean age = 4.95 years) attending public health clinics for pre-school vaccinations. Each child's home postal code was geocoded using ESRI ArcGIS 9.2. We examined four measures of spatial access to parks/green space (based on Geographic Information Systems): 1) the number of parks/green spaces per 10,000 residents, 2) the area of parks/green space as a proportion of the total area within a community, 3) average distance to a park/green space, and 4) the proportion of parks/green space service area as a proportion of the total area within a community. Analyses were adjusted for dissemination area median family income (as a proxy for an individual child's family income) community-level education, and community-level proportion of visible minorities. RESULTS: In general, parks/green space at the community level was not associated with overweight/obesity in Calgary, with the exception of a marginally significant effect whereby a moderate number of parks/green spaces per 10,000 residents was associated with lower odds of overweight/obesity. This effect was non-significant in adjusted analyses. CONCLUSION: Our null findings may reflect the popularity of car travel in Calgary, Canada and suggest that the role built environment characteristics play in explaining health outcomes may differ depending on the type of urban environment being studied.

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N2 - Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a pediatric movement disorder that may affect control signaling in the brain. Previous work has proposed a dual-networks architecture of control processing involving a task-maintenance network and an adaptive control network (Dosenbach et al., 2008). A prior resting-state functional connectivity MRI (rs-fcMRI) analysis in TS has revealed functional immaturity in both putative control networks, with "anomalous" correlations (i.e., correlations outside the typical developmental range) limited to the adaptive control network (Church et al., 2009). The present study used functional MRI (fMRI) to study brain activity related to adaptive control (by studying start-cues signals), and to task-maintenance (by studying signals sustained across a task set). Two hypotheses from the previous rs-fcMRI results were tested. First, adaptive control (i.e., start-cue) activity will be altered in TS, including activity inconsistent with typical development.
Second, group differences found in task-maintenance (i.e., sustained) activity will be consistent with functional immaturity in TS. We examined regions found through a direct comparison of adolescents with and without TS, as well as regions derived from a previous investigation that showed differences between unaffected children and adults. The TS group showed decreased start-cue signal magnitude in regions where start-cue activity is unchanged over typical development, consistent with anomalous adaptive control. The TS group also had higher magnitude sustained signals in frontal cortex regions that overlapped with regions showing differences over typical development, consistent with immature task-maintenance in TS. The results demonstrate task-related fMRI signal differences anticipated by the atypical functional connectivity found previously in adolescents with TS, strengthening the evidence for functional immaturity and anomalous signaling in control networks in adolescents with TS.
children. Center directors and policy makers should consider devising clear and specific policies for the types of clothing that will be permitted in these settings so that children's active play opportunities are not curtailed. To enhance compliance, parents may need education about the importance and benefits of active play for children's development.

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T1 - Objectively measured physical activity, physical activity related personality and body mass index in 6- to 10-yr-old children: a cross-sectional study
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N2 - BACKGROUND: The prevalence and level of overweight in childhood is rapidly increasing. One potential contributor to the rise in overweight is a decline in physical activity (PA). The purpose of this study was to compare levels and patterns of PA and PA related personality in normal weight (NW) and overweight (OW) 6- to 10-yr-old children. METHODS: Subjects were grouped into OW (N = 59, BMI = 24.2 +/- 4.8 kg/m2) or NW (N = 61, BMI = 15.7 +/- 1.5 kg/m2) according to International Obesity Task Force cut-offs. PA was assessed by accelerometry. Parents filled in a questionnaire on PA and sedentary behaviour and PA related personality of their child (born tired, moves slowly, is often tired, lacks energy, avoids physical efforts, prefers watching playing children instead of joining them, is always active, needs to let himself/herself go, has a lot of energy). RESULTS: NW children spent on average 77 min/day in MVPA, whereas OW children only 57 min/day (p = .001). OW children had fewer 5, 10 and 20 min bouts of MVPA (p = .01). OW and NW children showed identical PA patterns on both week days and weekends, although at different levels. According to parents' report, a greater percentage of OW children was not engaged in any sport (46% versus 23%, chi2 = 6.3, p = .01). OW children had a less active personality (p < .001), watched more TV during weekend (p < .01), but no differences were found in outside play or non-active play. BMI of mother and father explained 29% of the variance in children's BMI z-score (p < .001). PA related personality, screen behaviour during weekend and MVPA explained an additional 12% (p < 0.01). CONCLUSION: The results of this study demonstrate that NW children spent on average 20 min per day more in MVPA. PA patterns were similar in NW versus OW children, although at different levels. Greatest differences in PA according to weight status were found in the afternoon during after school hours. This is the first study to show distinct PA related personality traits in OW children compared to NW peers.
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BACKGROUND: Time spent outdoors is positively associated with physical activity and has been suggested as a proxy for physical activity of children. The role of children's independence in physical activity and time spent outdoors is less understood. This study aimed to assess how much time children spent playing outdoors after school, and to explore the relationship between outdoor play and independence among children aged 10-12 years.

METHOD: Children recorded how much time they spent playing outdoors or watching TV/videos or playing computer games after school using a five-day diary, and also reported whether they were allowed to walk on their own in their neighbourhood as an indicator of their independent mobility. Parents were surveyed on family demographics and perception of neighbourhood safety. The surveys were conducted in late 2006 as part of the Central Sydney Walk to School program which involved 1975 children and their parents from 24 primary schools. Factors associated with time spent playing outdoors were determined by logistic regression modelling.

RESULTS: Thirty-seven per cent of children spent less than half an hour a day playing outdoors after school, and 43% spent more than 2 hours a day watching TV, videos or playing computer games. Forty-eight per cent of children were allowed to walk on their own near where they lived. Children's independent mobility was significantly associated with outdoor play after adjusting for other confounders. Compared with those who were never allowed to walk on their own near where they lived, students who were allowed to walk on their own were significantly more likely to spend more than half an hour a day playing outdoors after school with an adjusted odds ratio of 2.6, 95% CI 1.84-3.58, P < 0.001.

CONCLUSION: The findings that a significant proportion of children spend less than half an hour a day playing outdoors after school and have excessive screen time have important implications for physical activity promotion and obesity prevention. The study also suggests that children's independent mobility should be considered in research and evaluation into children's play and physical activity. Environments that promote greater independent mobility in children may increase their physical activity levels and hence reduce their risk of overweight/obesity.
No published studies have addressed the role of hand dominance in various types of forearm fractures. The present study aims to investigate the effects of the dominant hand and gender in forearm fractures in children and adolescents. In a prospective study, 181 children aged 2-15 years presenting with unilateral forearm fracture were examined over a 6-year period, investigating the role of the dominant hand, fractured side, fractured site, and gender in different types of forearm fractures. Forearm fractures occur more often in boys and are more common on the left side (P = 0.001, 0.029, respectively). Isolated distal radius fracture is more common than distal radius and ulna fracture in right-handed children (P = 0.008). Increases in the number of middle forearm fractures in the dominant hand in left-handed children (P = 0.0056) may be due to mechanisms of injury other than a simple indirect fall or severe injury preventing the use of the dominant hand as a preventive measure. The mean age for boys and girls at the time of forearm fractures was 8.97 and 5.98 years, respectively, which may be attributed to older girls tending not to do as many outside-the-home activities as boys at this age. Overall, forearm fractures are more common in the non-dominant hand, in boys, and in both distal forearm bones.

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T1 - Physical environmental characteristics and individual interests as correlates of physical activity in Norwegian secondary schools: the health behaviour in school-aged children study
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N2 - BACKGROUND: The school has been identified as a key arena for physical activity promotion for young people. Effective change of physical activity behaviour requires identification of consistent and modifiable correlates. The study explores students' interests in school physical activity and facilities in the school environment and examines their associations with students' participation in physical activity during recess and their cross-level interaction effect. METHODS: This cross-sectional study was based on a national representative sample of Norwegian secondary schools and grade 8 students who participated in the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) 2005/06 study. The final sample comprised 68 schools and 1347 students. Physical environment characteristics were assessed through questionnaires completed by the principals, and students' physical activity and interests in physical activity were assessed through student self-
completion questionnaires. RESULTS: Most students were interested in more opportunities for physical activity in school. Multilevel logistic regression models demonstrated that students attending schools with many facilities had 4.49 times (95% CI = 1.93-10.44) higher odds of being physically active compared to students in schools with fewer facilities when adjusting for socio-economic status, sex and interests in school physical activity. Also open fields (Odds Ratio (OR) = 4.31, 95% CI = 1.65-11.28), outdoor obstacle course (OR = 1.78, 95% CI = 1.32-2.40), playground equipment (OR = 1.73, 95% CI = 1.24-2.42) and room with cardio and weightlifting equipment (OR = 1.58, 95% CI = 1.18-2.10) were associated with increased participation in physical activity. Both students’ overall interests and the physical facilitation of the school environment significantly contributed to the prediction of recess physical activity. The interaction term demonstrated that students' interests might moderate the effect of facilities on recess physical activity.

CONCLUSION: The findings support the use of an ecological approach and multilevel analyses in the investigation of correlates of physical activity that allows for a broader understanding of the influence of and interaction between factors at multiple levels on physical activity behaviour. In the promotion of physical activity in lower secondary schools, the study suggests that programmes should include a focus on environmental facilitation and incorporate strategies to increase students' interests for school physical activity.
groups in the home was associated with children's intake of these foods (fruit and vegetables, p < 0.001; fat in dairy, p = <0.001; sweetened beverages, p = 0.004-<0.001; non-core foods, p = 0.01-<0.001). CONCLUSION: Physical attributes of the home environment and parental behaviours are associated with preschool children's physical activity, sedentary behaviour and dietary patterns. Many of these variables are modifiable and could be targeted in childhood obesity prevention and management

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T1 - Crime rates and sedentary behavior among 4th grade Texas school children
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N2 - INTRODUCTION: Although per capita crime has generally fallen over the period which coincides with the obesity epidemic, it has not fallen uniformly across communities. It also has not fallen enough to allay fears on the part of parents. Over the past 30 years, technological changes have made the indoor alternatives to playing outside, where children are more vulnerable to criminal activity, more enjoyable (cable TV, video games, and the internet) and comfortable (the spread of air conditioning to low income neighborhoods). We determined whether indoor sedentary behavior patterns are associated with community crime statistics. 4th graders in the U.S. are typically 9 or 10 years old. METHODS: We used data from the 2004-2005 Texas School Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) survey linked with U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics data for the years 2000 through 2005 and Texas State data on sexual offenders. The probability-based sample included a total of 7,907 children in grade four. Multistage probability sampling weights were used. The dependent variables included were hours of TV watching, video game playing, computer use and total indoor sedentary behavior after school. Incremental Relative Rates were computed for community crime rates including robberies, all violent crimes, murders, assaults, property crimes, rapes, burglaries, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts as well as for sexual offenders living in the neighborhood. The neighborhood refers to the areas where the students at each school live. In the case of sexual offenders, sexual offenders per capita are estimated using the per capita rate in the zip code of the school attended; all other crime statistics are estimated by the crimes per capita in the police department jurisdiction covering the school attended. After controlling for sex, age, and African-American and Hispanic, cross-sectional associations were determined using multivariate Poisson regression. RESULTS: 4th grade boys were more likely to play video games in communities with increased per 100 population rates of larceny and burglary as well as in communities with increased per capita sexual offenders; 4th grade girls were more likely to watch television in communities with increased per capita sexual offenders. While 4th grade girls were more likely to watch TV in communities with increased per capita sex offenders, they were less likely to use computers. Per capita sexual offenders were negatively related to computer use amongst 4th grade girls. CONCLUSION: By combining community crime and cross-sectional individual level data on indoor sedentary behavior, we found that there is
an association between community crimes/sex offender rates and certain types of indoor sedentary behavior. The development of technologies in recent decades which makes supervising children easier indoors, where children are much less vulnerable to crime, may be contributing to the epidemic of childhood obesity.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Walking and cycling to school provide a convenient opportunity to incorporate physical activity into an adolescent's daily routine. School proximity to residential homes has been identified as an important determinant of active commuting among children. The purpose of this study is to identify if distance is a barrier to active commuting among adolescents, and if there is a criterion distance above which adolescents choose not to walk or cycle. METHODS: Data was collected in 2003-05 from a cross-sectional cohort of 15-17 yr old adolescents in 61 post primary schools in Ireland. Participants self-reported distance, mode of transport to school and barriers to active commuting. Trained researchers took physical measurements of height and weight. The relation between mode of transport, gender and population density was examined. Distance was entered into a bivariate logistic regression model to predict mode choice, controlling for gender, population density, socio-economic status and school clusters. RESULTS: Of the 4013 adolescents who participated (48.1% female, mean age 16.02 +/- 0.661), one third walked or cycled to school. A higher proportion of males than females commuted actively (41.0 vs. 33.8%, chi2 (1) = 22.21, p < 0.001, r = -0.074). Adolescents living in more densely populated areas had greater odds of active commuting than those in the most sparsely populated areas (chi2 (df = 3) = 839.64, p < 0.001). In each density category, active commuters travelled shorter distances to school. After controlling for gender and population density, a 1-mile increase in distance decreased the odds of active commuting by 71% (chi2 (df = 1) = 2591.86, p < 0.001). The majority of walkers lived within 1.5 miles and cyclists within 2.5 miles. Over 90% of adolescents who perceived distance as a barrier to active commuting lived further than 2.5 miles from school. CONCLUSION: Distance is an important perceived barrier to active commuting and a predictor of mode choice among adolescents. Distances within 2.5 miles are achievable for adolescent walkers and cyclists. Alternative strategies for increasing physical activity are required for individuals living outside of this criterion.

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The contribution of preschool playground factors in explaining children's physical activity during recess

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Low levels of physical activity are characteristic in preschoolers. To effectively promote physical activity, it is necessary to understand factors that influence young children's physical activity.

The present study aimed to investigate how physical activity levels are influenced by environmental factors during recess in preschool. METHODS: Preschool playground observations and pedometry during recess were carried out in 39 randomly selected preschools (415 boys and 368 girls; 5.3 +/- 0.4 years old). In order to examine the contribution of playground variables to physical activity levels, taking adjustment for clustering of subjects within preschools into account, multilevel analyses were conducted.

RESULTS: During recess boys took significantly more steps per minute than girls (65 +/- 36 versus 54 +/- 28 steps/min). In both genders higher step counts per minute were significantly associated with less children per m2 and with shorter recess times. Only in boys a hard playground surface was a borderline significant predictor for higher physical activity levels. In girls higher step counts were associated with the presence of less supervising teachers. Playground markings, access to toys, the number of playing or aiming equipment pieces and the presence of vegetation or height differences were not significant physical activity predictors in both genders.

CONCLUSION: In preschool children physical activity during outdoor play is associated with modifiable playground factors. Further study is recommended to evaluate if the provision of more play space, the promotion of continued activity by supervisors and the modification of playground characteristics can increase physical activity levels in preschoolers.

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BACKGROUND: If guidelines regarding recommended activity levels for young people are to be meaningful and comparable, it should be clear how they are operationalised. It is usually open to interpretation whether young people are required to meet activity and screen time targets (1) all days of the week, (2) on most days of the week, (3) on average across all days, or (4) whether compliance should be understood as the probability that a randomly selected young person meets the guidelines on a randomly selected day. This paper studies this question using data drawn from the Australian Health of Young Victorians study.

METHODS: The subjects for this study were 885 13-19 year olds who recalled four days of activities using a computerised use-of-time instrument, the Multimedia Activity Recall for Children and Adolescents (MARCA). Daily minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and screen time were calculated. The prevalence of compliance to Australian guidelines (≥ 60 min/day of MVPA and ≤ 120 min/day of screen time outside of school hours) was calculated using the four methods. RESULTS: The four methods resulted in significantly different prevalence estimates for compliance to the MVPA guideline (20-68%), screen guideline (12-42%) and both guidelines (2-26%). Furthermore, different individuals were identified as compliant by the different methods.

CONCLUSION: Clarification of how compliance to guidelines should be operationalised would assist in comparisons between studies, and in consistency in determining correlates of compliance.

BACKGROUND: Recess provides a daily opportunity for children to engage in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and vigorous physical activity (VPA). Limited research has investigated the effects of recess-based interventions on physical activity using large sample sizes whilst investigating variables that may influence the
intervention effect. The aim of the study was to investigate the short-term effects of a playground markings and physical structures intervention on recess physical activity. A secondary aim was to investigate the effects of covariates on the intervention. METHODS: 150 boys and 147 girls were randomly selected from 26 elementary schools to wear uni-axial accelerometers that quantified physical activity every 5 seconds during recess. Fifteen schools located in deprived areas in one large urban city in England received funding through a national initiative to redesign the playground environment. Eleven schools served as matched socioeconomic controls. Data were collected at baseline and 6-weeks following playground intervention. Recess MVPA and VPA levels adjusted for pupil- and school-level covariates (baseline physical activity, age, gender, recess length, body mass index) were analysed using multilevel analyses. RESULTS: Positive but non-significant intervention effects were found for MVPA and VPA when confounding variables were added to the model. Gender was a significant predictor of recess physical activity, with boys engaging in more MVPA and VPA than girls. Significant interactions for MVPA revealed that the intervention effect was stronger for younger elementary aged school children compared to older children, and the intervention effect increased as daily recess duration increased. CONCLUSION: The playground redesign intervention resulted in small but non-significant increases in children's recess physical activity when school and pupil level variables were added to the analyses. Changing the playground environment produced a stronger intervention effect for younger children, and longer daily recess duration enabled children to engage in more MVPA following the intervention. This study concludes that the process of increasing recess physical activity is complex when school and pupil-level covariates are considered, though they should be taken into account when investigating the effects of playground intervention studies on children's physical activity during recess.
Although childhood vaccination rates are at an all-time high, those for adolescents and adults are suboptimal. All adolescents and adults should be immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, tetanus, and diphtheria, and many should also receive hepatitis A, hepatitis B, influenza, and pneumococcal vaccines. In addition, active patients who engage in outdoor activities may benefit from vaccination against Lyme and meningococcal disease. Regular, strenuous exercise and foreign travel may increase the risk of some infectious diseases. Athletes often see a physician only for sports physical exams and injuries, so it is important for providers to take the opportunity to vaccinate patients during these visits.
Survival rates for childhood cancer have improved considerably as new drugs, treatment protocols and supportive therapies have developed through clinical trials. Such studies take a considerable amount of time and organization and alongside scientific and medical staff the research nurse plays a vital role. The facets of this role will be outlined in this paper. Involvement begins at an early stage of study development and includes applying for Research Ethics Committee approval of the project. Once the study has opened the research nurse is then responsible for patient recruitment, monitoring and follow-up. The research nurse works within a team but also with a degree of autonomy ensuring that standards of patient care are maintained by adhering to guidelines for clinical research in general and those aimed at children specifically. Providing detailed information and support to the child and family, staff and outside agencies are other notable aspects of the post. The role of the research nurse continues to develop, as clinical trials maintain a significant role in improving the treatment for childhood cancer.

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OBJECTIVE: To compare three sampling methods and to pretest methods for the determination of fecal coliform (FC) counts and Toxocara species from sand in the day care outdoor environment. DESIGN: The sand samples were obtained from the play area and the sandbox of a day care centre and examined for the presence of FC and Toxocara species, the common roundworm of dogs and cats. The sampling methods included random selection and two types of judgement methods. The latter included one method where domestic animals were judged to be likely to defecate and the other where children would be likely to be playing. In addition, to obtain a global estimate of contamination, the entire areas of both the sandbox and the play area were sampled on the last day. SETTING: Outdoor day care environment. MAIN RESULTS: The most representative levels of bacterial contamination and Toxocara species originated from the combined sample of the entire surface areas rather than from any separate random or judgement method of sampling. FCs were found in all sampled areas of the sandbox (median 910 FCs/g of sand) and of the play area (median 350 FCs/g of sand). Toxocara species were recovered from a number of areas in both the sandbox and the play area. CONCLUSIONS: Research on environmental microbial contamination of outdoor day care settings would benefit from the application of standardized and validated sampling and laboratory methods.
Influence of Behavioral and Environmental Factors on the Development of Obesity in Three-year-old Children - A Case-Control Study Based on Toyama Study -

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The purpose of this study was to elucidate the relationship between obesity in 3-year-old children and both behavioral and environmental factors by conducting a case-control study. Subjects were selected from the Toyama study. Matched-pair comparisons were performed between obese children whose Kaup's index was 18 or more (N=117) and control children (N=234). Multivariate stepwise logistic regression analysis also applied to assess influence of confounding factors. The results indicated that the following 6 factors significantly influenced the development of obese 3-year-old children: person other than the mother responsible for taking care of the child, short sleep duration (9 hours or less), physical inactivity, eating snacks irregularly, overweight father (BMI>24), and overweight mother (BMI>24). For both sexes, after adjusting for confounders by multivariate stepwise logistic analysis, overweight mother (OR 2.54, 95% CI 1.64-3.95), birth overweight (birth weight>3,500g; OR 1.76, 95% CI 1.15-2.69), the mother not responsible for taking care of the child (OR 1.65, 95% CI 1.10-2.48), overweight father (OR 2.03, 95% CI 1.22-3.39), eating snacks irregularly (OR 1.94, 95% CI 1.19-3.18), and birth month (36-41 months; OR 0.47, 95% CI 0.23-0.96) had significant relationships with obesity in childhood. For boys, overweight mother (OR 2.53, 95% CI 1.47-4.35), birth overweight (OR 2.03, 95% CI 1.22-3.39), and short sleep duration (OR 2.24, 1.11-4.52) had significant relationships. In neither Fisher's exact method nor multivariate logistic models, time to wake up, bedtime, duration of playing outdoors, regularity of meals, care about salty food, or frequency of eating snacks had significant relations with obesity in 3-year-old children (p<0.05).
Environmental health in minority and other underserved populations: Benign methods for identifying lead hazards at day care centres of New Orleans

A1 - Viverette, L.
A1 - Mielke, H.W.
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This study tests the hypothesis that exterior sources of lead dust are more important than interior sources in the route of exposure of children. Benign field methods were used to distinguish between potential and actual lead exposure problems. Utilising hand wipe and surface wipe techniques, hand and environmental samples were obtained from selected day care centres at different locations within New Orleans. Previous research has shown that soil lead is determined by location within the city. Private and public day care centres were selected from inner and outer city areas to estimate the extent of hand lead exposure. To measure and identify the extent of environmental lead exposure, hand wipes were taken before and after playing outdoors. Results of preliminary findings show that outdoor lead dust is a more potent contaminant of hands than indoor lead dust. An association was found between the amount of lead on children's hands after playing outdoors and the lead content in the exterior dust and soil. Although two girls out of forty children had exceptionally high hand lead quantities after playing outdoors, in general, boys have higher hand lead levels than girls. The private inner-city day care centre had a severe contamination problem in its outdoor play area. By contrast, the outdoor play area of the public inner city day care centre is of such a high quality that the quantity of lead dust is independent of location in the city.

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Petrol lead in a small island environment

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The Maltese population has been repeatedly shown to have high mean blood lead levels irrespective of age. This study confirms that these higher levels also occur in Maltese children. A definite correlation is shown between high blood lead levels and the environment of the subjects studied, being statistically higher in individuals living on the urbanized larger island. A statistical correlation has been shown between hand-wipe specimens taken from children playing in a playground and the traffic density of the area. A similar statistical correlation between playground, street and household dust to traffic density has also been identified.

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N2 - In May 1988, the Annual Meeting of the World Health Assembly (WHA) committed WHO to the exciting challenge of Global Eradication of Poliomyelitis by the year 2000. The World accepted this challenge based on a number of scientific factors that had already been witnessed and certain other basic epidemiological factors concerning the transmission of the wild polio virus: 1. Smallpox had been eradicated and the global machinery and commitment for repeating such a feat could still be mobilised on the same lines to tackle another global menace; 2. The Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) had already by May 1985 committed the American region to polio eradication by the year 1990. Although many people were initially sceptical of this initiative, it was quickly realised and recorded that the programme mounted by PAHO was achieving a high level of success and the goal of eradication was achievable; 3. Epidemiological transmission factors that are persuasive to science for mounting eradication initiatives include: a) The wild polio virus moves from man to man only and has no wild animal reservoir to maintain it. b) An infected individual either dies, is crippled or fully recovers and remains immune without retaining or carrying the virus for many years (no carrier state) c) Available vaccine, particularly the oral (OPV) is not only capable of inducing long standing immunity in an individual but can, by multiplying in the gut, exclude or interrupt the circulation of the wild strain. The basic concepts and strategies for polio eradication recommended by WHO and now adapted globally are quite simple: 1. For each national expanded programme on immunisation (EPI) to raise the primary polio coverage rate with OPV to beyond 80% as a routine in children under one year. Under such conditions of immunisation in every locality in
every district and province, the incidence of paralytic polio is quickly reduced to very low levels. Most countries in the world have already achieved and exceeded this level of coverage. 2. For each country to conduct National Immunisation Days (NIDs) during which 2 doses of OPV, one month apart, are administered to ALL children under 5 years of age irrespective of their previous vaccination status. This strategy boosts the immunity in the children already vaccinated and catches those missed by routine services. The wild polio virus cannot live for long periods outside the human body, hence the NIDs effectively remove the wild polio virus from circulation. China was able to vaccinate over 50 million children under 5 years with OPV within two days. Currently the practice is for many neighbouring countries (even up to 15 at a time) to simultaneously operationalise their NIDs on 2 to 3 days. 3. For each country to establish and operate an extremely sensitive surveillance system capable of detecting any new case of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP). Since paralysis can be produced by other conditions, it is necessary to back up the field surveillance with a reliable laboratory service capable of isolating poliovirus from the stool samples of paralytic cases. An isolated poliovirus would then have to be typed as wild or vaccine type strain. The strategies described above have all been activated in all countries of the world and the world is already witnessing a dramatic disappearance of new cases of AFF. The International Certification Commission on Polio Eradication has established formal criteria by which countries can be certified polio-free. A polio-free status has to be maintained for at least 3 years in the countries of a region for that region to be certified as having eradicated the wild poliovirus. Global eradication will have been achieved if and when all regions in the world have been certified. The world is, no doubt, most grateful to all those international organisations, such as the Rotary International, WHO, UNICEF, national governments of the developed world through donor agencies such as JICA, US AID, DANIDA, etc., for the enormous resources that have been mobilised to operationalise EPI programmes for polio eradication. This gratitude is also a tribute to the late Dr. Albert Sabin, the discoverer of the oral polio virus vaccine, which has been the major biological tool making it possible to eradicate the wild type poliovirus.

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T1 - Good behavior game: effects of individual contingencies for group consequences on disruptive behavior in a classroom
A1 - Barrish,H.H.
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JF - Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis
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VL - 2
IS - 2
CY - United States
N2 - Out-of-seat and talking-out behaviors were studied in a regular fourth-grade class that included several "problem children". After baseline rates of the inappropriate behaviors were obtained, the class was divided into two teams "to play a game". Each out-of-seat and talking-out response by an individual child resulted in a mark being placed on the chalkboard, which meant a possible loss of privileges by all members of the student's team. In this manner a contingency was arranged for the inappropriate behavior of each child while the consequence (possible loss of privileges) of the child's behavior was shared by all members of this team as a group. The privileges were events which are available in almost every classroom, such as extra recess, first to line up for...
lunch, time for special projects, stars and name tags, as well as winning the game. The individual contingencies for the group consequences were successfully applied first during math period and then during reading period. The experimental analysis involved elements of both reversal and multiple baseline designs.

TY - JOUR
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T1 - Mobility, non-familial activity, and fertility
A1 - Tien,H.Y.
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English
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N2 - In this analysis of fertility data from a sample of non-Catholic faculty couples in an American university, temporal patterns and variations in education, employment, marriage, and parenthood of the husbands and wives are discussed in reference to (1) the social mobility-fertility hypothesis and (2) a non-familial activity-fertility hypothesis. The couples are divided into four groups on the basis of family size and mobility status: (1) mobile-small, (2) non-mobile-small, (3) mobile-large, and (4) non-mobile-large. Whatever their mobility status, the four groups of husbands successfully completed requirements for the doctoral degree at about the same age and became established at about the same time in life and within the profession. Whatever their husbands’ social origins, the wives also differ little with respect to educational attainment and in their work experiences in prematrimonial days. However, a different pattern is found in the work experiences of the wives since marriage. Those with two children are more likely to be employed after marriage and parenthood. On the other hand, a good many more wives with four or more children not only never worked before marriage but also remained outside the labor force after marriage (in the earlier years of marriage as well as after the tenth anniversary). The present data thus seem to support an analytically useful distinction between the “working wives” and the "working mothers.’’
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T1 - Maternal Mortality and its Relation to the Shape of the Female Pelvis
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Both in the modern and the ancient world, among women who are out-of-door workers and among those who live in natural and primitive conditions, childbirth is easy and safe. The inlet of the female pelvis approaches a circle. The circular form of inlet allows a larger foetal head to pass than the same measure disposed in any other form. In the circular pelvis the sacro-iliac joints are well developed by constant use and are freely movable. In contrast to this, civilization with its confinement of children indoors, and its absence of sunlight on the skin necessary for the proper calcification of growing bone, and the disuse of the sacro-iliac joints, alters the normal shape of the pelvis and makes childbirth difficult and dangerous. This change in pelvic shape leads to an undue proportion of undersized children surviving the ordeal of birth as the children with the larger heads who would easily pass the circular inlet are born dead. The last report on infant mortality tells us that two-thirds of all the stillbirths and infant deaths are due to prematurity and obstetric trauma, and the New Statistical Review issued in 1927 tells us that 20% more of the stillbirths are males. The natural proportion of males to females is thus upset, only the smaller children are born alive, hence perhaps the eventual decay of all civilizations, past and present. I venture to suggest that the solution of our maternal mortality problem does not consist so much in elaborate provision for abnormal childbirth as in trying to regain the lost heritage of natural and easy birth. We must begin with the newborn female child and her development, and return to nature as regards light, food and exercise, and thus we shall ensure proper development of the pelvis so that childbirth becomes again easy and safe.
OBJECTIVE: To describe the prevalence of aggressive behavior among preschool children and its related family factors. METHODS: 1234 preschool children in ten kindergartens were rated on their aggressive behavior by their parents, using Child Behavior Checklist (CBCI), Parent Behavior Inventory (PBI) and a general questionnaire. RESULTS: The overall prevalence of aggressive behavior among preschool children was 12.9% (95% CI: 11.0 - 15.0) according to the CBCL assessment, with the rate being slightly higher (13.7%, 93/680) in boys than in girls (11.9%, 66/554). Data from logistic regression analysis showed that parents' hostile/coercive parenting style (OR = 2.396, 95% CI: 1.636 - 3.510) and inconsistent parenting attitude between parents and grandparents (OR = 1.867, 95% CI: 1.287 - 2.710) would lead to more aggressive behaviors in preschool children. Compared with children without difficulty in falling asleep, those who often (OR = 3.415, 95% CI: 1.901 - 6.135) or sometimes (OR = 2.147, 95% CI: 1.256 - 3.671) had problem falling asleep at night had more aggressive behaviors. On the other hand, factors as: watching TV less than 1 hour each day (OR = 0.252, 95% CI: 0.136 - 0.467), father in older age (OR = 0.703, 95% CI: 0.503 - 0.983) and participating in regular outdoor activities (OR = 0.617, 95% CI: 0.399 - 0.955) were protective factors to the aggressive behaviors of the children. CONCLUSION: The prevalence of aggressive behavior in preschool children was high which called for more attention. Intervention programs targeting the family should consider the influencing factors as ways of parenting, consistent attitude on parenting in the family etc. to reduce the occurrence of aggressive behavior among preschool children.

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T1 - Differential methylation of genes in the medial prefrontal cortex of developing and adult rats following exposure to maltreatment or nurturing care during infancy
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KW - Newborn
KW - Behavior
KW - Animal/ph [Physiology]
KW - Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor/bi [Biosynthesis]
KW - Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor/ge [Genetics]
KW - Cell Adhesion Molecules
KW - Neuronal/bi [Biosynthesis]
KW - Neuronal/ge [Genetics]
KW - Child
KW - Child Abuse
KW - DNA Methylation/ge [Genetics]
KW - Epigenesis
KW - Genetic/ph [Physiology]
KW - Extracellular Matrix Proteins/bi [Biosynthesis]
Quality of maternal care in infancy is an important contributing factor in the development of behavior and psychopathology. One way maternal care could affect behavioral trajectories is through environmentally induced epigenetic alterations within brain regions known to play prominent roles in cognition, emotion regulation, and stress responsivity. Whereas such research has largely focused on the hippocampus or hypothalamus, the prefrontal cortex (PFC) has only just begun to receive attention. The current study was designed to determine whether exposure to maltreatment or nurturing care is associated with differential methylation of candidate gene loci (bndf and reelin) within the medial PFC (mPFC) of developing and adult rats. Using a within-litter design, infant male and female rats were exposed to an adverse or nurturing caregiving environment outside their home cage for 30 min per day during the first postnatal week. Additional littermates remained with their biological caregiver within the home cage during the manipulations. We observed that infant rats subjected to caregiver maltreatment emitted more audible and ultrasonic vocalizations than littermates subjected to nurturing care either within or outside of the home cage. While we found no maltreatment-induced changes in bndf DNA methylation present in infancy, sex-specific alterations were present in the mPFC of adolescents and adults that had been exposed to maltreatment. Furthermore, while maltreated females showed differences in reelin DNA methylation that were transient, males exposed to maltreatment and both males and females exposed to nurturing care outside the home cage showed differences in reelin methylation that emerged by adulthood. Our results demonstrate the ability of infant-caregiver interactions to epigenetically mark genes known to play a prominent role in cognition and psychiatric disorders within the mPFC. Furthermore, our data indicate the remarkable complexity of alterations that can occur, with both transient and later emerging DNA methylation differences that could shape developmental trajectories and underlie gender differences in outcomes. Copyright 2013 S. Karger AG, Basel

Can topical insect repellents reduce malaria? A cluster-randomised controlled trial of the insect repellent N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) in Lao PDR

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T1 - Can topical insect repellents reduce malaria? A cluster-randomised controlled trial of the insect repellent N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) in Lao PDR
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BACKGROUND: Mosquito vectors of malaria in Southeast Asia readily feed outdoors making malaria control through indoor insecticides such as long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) and indoor residual spraying more difficult. Topical insect repellents may be able to protect users from outdoor biting, thereby providing additional protection above the current best practice of LLINs. METHODS AND FINDINGS: A double blind, household randomised, placebo-controlled trial of insect repellent to reduce malaria was carried out in southern Lao PDR to determine whether the use of repellent and long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) could reduce malaria more than LLINs alone. A total of 1,597 households, including 7,979 participants, were recruited in June 2009 and April 2010. Equal group allocation, stratified by village, was used to randomise 795 households to a 15% DEET lotion and the remainder were given a placebo lotion. Participants, field staff and data analysts were blinded to the group assignment until data analysis had been completed. All households received new LLINs. Participants were asked to apply their lotion to exposed skin every evening and sleep under the LLINs...
each night. Plasmodium falciparum and P. vivax cases were actively identified by monthly rapid diagnostic tests. Intention to treat analysis found no effect from the use of repellent on malaria incidence (hazard ratio: 1.00, 95% CI: 0.99-1.01, p = 0.868). A higher socio-economic score was found to significantly decrease malaria risk (hazard ratio: 0.72, 95% CI: 0.58-0.90, p = 0.004). Women were also found to have a reduced risk of infection (hazard ratio: 0.59, 95% CI: 0.37-0.92, p = 0.020). According to protocol analysis which excluded participants using the lotions less than 90% of the time found similar results with no effect from the use of repellent. CONCLUSIONS: This randomised controlled trial suggests that topical repellents are not a suitable intervention in addition to LLINs against malaria amongst agricultural populations in southern Lao PDR. These results are also likely to be applicable to much of the Greater Mekong Sub-region. TRIAL REGISTRATION: This trial is registered with number NCT00938379

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T1 - Relationship between media viewing and obesity in school-aged children in Taipei, Taiwan
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A1 - Chien,L.Y.
A1 - Yeh,T.C.
A1 - Lee,P.H.
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KW - Mass Media
KW - Obesity/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Taiwan/ep [Epidemiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 195
EP - 203
JF - Journal of Nursing Research
JA - J Nurs Res
VL - 21
IS - 3
CY - China (Republic : 1949-)
N2 - BACKGROUND: Increased media viewing such as watching television and videos and playing on/using computers has been associated with childhood obesity. Guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend limiting children's total media time to no more than 2 hours per day. Information about media usage and school-aged obesity in Taiwan is lacking. PURPOSE: The purpose of this study was to investigate whether media viewing after school is associated with the total and central obesity in school-aged children in Taipei, Taiwan's capital and largest city. METHODS: A case-control study was designed, and a control approach was used to recruit participants. Two hundred seventy-five obese and 275 normal-weight children currently in the fourth grade were enrolled from 29 elementary schools in Taipei City. Media viewing after school was measured using a 3-day self-reported physical activity log and the daily sedentary activity component of the
National Health Interview Survey in Taiwan. The latter was completed by the participants' parents. RESULTS: Participants with total obesity had significantly more television watching time (60.24 minutes vs. 43.50 minutes, p < .05) and total media watching time (73.61 minutes vs. 52.67 minutes, p < .001) than normal-weight participants. Similar results were found for participants with central obesity. Total television and total media watching durations greater than 2 hours a day correlated significantly with total and central obesity. Time spent using computers did not differ significantly between obese and normal-weight control participants on weekdays. CONCLUSIONS/IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE: Childhood obesity may be multifactorial in origin. Excessive sedentary activity such as watching television may have a variety of consequences beyond the putative effect on body habitus. School nurses should promote health programs targeted to prevent excessive weight and obesity in children, recommend reducing media viewing, and encourage patient participation in extracurricular outdoor activities.

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T1 - Influencing factors of sedentary behavior in European preschool settings: an exploration through focus groups with teachers
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A1 - Wijndaele,K.
A1 - Duvinage,K.
A1 - Androutsos,O.
A1 - Iotova,V.
A1 - Lateva,M.
A1 - Alvira,J.M.
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KW - Adult
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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Europe
KW - Faculty/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Female
KW - Focus Groups
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Health Education/mt [Methods]
KW - Health Promotion/mt [Methods]
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Obesity/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Schools/og [Organization & Administration]
BACKGROUND: Sedentary behavior refers to activities involving sitting down and reclining (e.g., watching TV, using the computer) and has been associated with different health outcomes. In preschool, children are sedentary for 50% to 80% of the time, in the classroom as well as during recess. Because of the absence of qualitative studies examining influencing factors of preschoolers’ sedentary behavior in preschool settings, this study explored teachers’ opinions on potentially influencing factors of this behavior.

METHODS: Eighty-seven teachers of 4- to 6-year-old preschoolers from 6 European countries participated in a total of 18 focus groups between October 2010 and January 2011. Key findings were reported separately by country, and were independently analyzed by 2 researchers using qualitative content analysis.

RESULTS: Teachers perceive the lack of play space and small classroom size as being influential factors on preschoolers’ sedentary behavior; increasing play equipment and using teachers’ prompts are mentioned as ways to stimulate children to be less sedentary on the playground. Computer use is reported to be more common in preschool than watching TV.

CONCLUSION: Interventions should focus on increasing teachers’ awareness of how sedentary preschoolers are during the preschool day. Teachers also should be informed about strategies to decrease sedentariness in the classroom and on the playground. 2013, American School Health Association
This research describes the design, deployment, performance, and acceptability of a novel outdoor active air sampler to provide simultaneous measurements of multiple contaminants at timed intervals for the Aggravating Factors of Asthma in Rural Environment (AFARE) study—a longitudinal cohort of 50 children in Yakima Valley, Washington. The sampler was constructed of multiple sampling media connected to individual critical orifices and a rotary vane vacuum pump. It was connected to a timed control valve system to collect 24 hours samples every six days over 18 months. We describe a spatially representative approach with both quantitative and qualitative location criteria to deploy a network of 14 devices at participant residences in a rural region (20 x 60 km). Overall the sampler performed well, as the concurrent mean sample flow rates were within or above the ranges of recommended sampling rates for each exposure metric of interest. Acceptability was high among the study population of Hispanic farmworker participant households. The sampler design may prove useful for future urban and rural community-based studies with aims at collecting multiple contaminant data during specific time periods.
BACKGROUND: Blastomycosis is a potentially life-threatening infection caused by the soil-based dimorphic fungus Blastomyces dermatitidis, which is endemic throughout much of the Midwestern United States. We investigated an increase in reported cases of blastomycosis that occurred during 2009-2010 in Marathon County, Wisconsin. METHODS: Case detection was conducted using the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS). WEDSS data were used to compare demographic, clinical, and exposure characteristics between outbreak-related and historical case patients, and to calculate blastomycosis incidence rates. Because initial mapping of outbreak case patients' homes and recreational sites demonstrated unusual neighborhood and household case clustering, we conducted a 1:3 matched case-control study to identify factors associated with being in a geographic cluster. RESULTS: Among the 55 patients with outbreak-related cases, 33 (70%) were hospitalized, 2 (5%) died, 30 (55%) had cluster-related cases, and 20 (45%) were Hmong. The overall incidence increased significantly since 2005 (average 11% increase per year, P < .001), and incidence during 2005-2010 was significantly higher among Asians than non-Asians (2010 incidence: 168 vs 13 per 100 000 population). Thirty of the outbreak cases grouped into 5 residential clusters. Outdoor activities were not risk factors for blastomycosis among cluster case patients or when comparing outbreak cases to historical cases. CONCLUSIONS: This outbreak of blastomycosis, the largest ever reported, was characterized by unique household and neighborhood clustering likely related to multifocal environmental sources. The reasons for the large number of Hmong affected are unclear, but may involve genetic predisposition.

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KW - Male
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KW - Mothers/px [Psychology]
KW - Overweight/ep [Epidemiology]
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To characterize the relationship between maternal depressive symptoms and child weight status, obesity-promoting feeding practices, and activity-related behaviors in low-income urban families.
METHODS: We conducted a cross-sectional survey of mothers with 5-year-old children receiving pediatric care at a federally qualified community health center. We used regression analyses to examine the relationship between maternal depressive symptoms (trichotomized: none, mild, moderate to severe) and 1) child weight status; 2) obesity-promoting feeding practices, including mealtime practices and feeding styles; and 3) activity-related behaviors, including sleep time, screen time, and outdoor playtime. RESULTS: The sample included 401 mother-child pairs (78.3% response rate), with 23.4% of mothers reporting depressive symptoms (15.7% mild, 7.7% moderate to severe). Mothers with moderate to severe depressive symptoms were more likely to have overweight and obese children than mothers without depressive symptoms (adjusted odds ratio 2.62; 95% confidence interval 1.02-6.70). Children of mildly depressed mothers were more likely to consume sweetened drinks and to eat out at restaurants and were less likely to eat breakfast than children of nondepressed mothers. Mothers with depressive symptoms were less likely to set limits, to use food as a reward, to restrict their child's intake, and to model healthy eating than nondepressed mothers. Children with depressed mothers had less sleep and outdoor playtime per day than children of nondepressed mothers. CONCLUSIONS: Maternal depressive symptoms are associated with child overweight and obese status and with several obesity-promoting practices. These results support the need for maternal depression screening in pediatric obesity prevention programs. Further research should explore how to incorporate needed mental health support. Copyright 2013 Academic Pediatric Association. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
The aim of this review is to summarize the existing literature on therapy and management of cerebrovascular insults in children and adolescents. As data sources, studies were identified by MEDLINE, PubMed, Cochrane Library, and relevant bibliographies for the topic "pediatric stroke." We also reviewed guidelines for "stroke in adults." As a result, pediatric stroke is underestimated. The annual incidence for all stroke entities (cerebral venous thrombosis and hemorrhagic and arterial ischemic stroke) is as high as for pediatric brain tumors, 3-15/100,000 children per year. A distinct etiology can be determined only in a minority of them. Underlying risk factors are multiple, mainly vasculopathies, congenital heart diseases, coagulopathies, lipometabolic disorders, and sickle cell anemia. Current recommendations for therapy are based on adult studies, are preliminary, and discussed controversially. Antithrombotic therapy is uniformly recommended for the acute stage of pediatric stroke; no consensus exists on antiplatelet therapy with acetylsalicylic acid (ASA, aspirin) (5 mg/d), with ultra-fractionated or low-molecular-weight heparin. Thrombolysis using recombinant tissue plasminogen activator is not advised, despite the fact that current practice takes a different approach. None of the guidelines specify the duration of ASA for secondary prevention. Additional supportive therapy measures are osmotherapy and decompressive craniectomy. Oxygen in the absence of hypoxemia, intensive insulin therapy, antiepileptic drugs in the absence of clinical or electrographic seizures, corticosteroids, and GP-IIb/IIIa-receptor antagonists should not be used outside clinical trials. In conclusions, current therapeutic guidelines for pediatric stroke are still based on consensus and expert and society opinions and differ between countries. Consensus prevails on the need for acute anticoagulation using either antiplatelets or heparin. Long-
term treatment with acetylsalicylic acid in all or only high-risk patients and for how long remains the subject of debate. Lifelong secondary prevention has never been investigated in children or adults. All guidelines agree that there is no indication for thrombolysis in children outside clinical trials, although clinical practice in large centers differs.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: We tested if a relationship between distant parts of the default mode network (DMN), a resting state network defined by fMRI studies, can be observed with intracranial EEG recorded from patients with localization-related epilepsy. METHODS: Magnitude squared coherence, mutual information, cross-
approximate entropy, and the coherence of the gamma power time-series were estimated, for one hour intracranial EEG recordings of background activity from 9 patients, to evaluate the relationship between two test areas which were within the DMN (anterior cingulate and orbital frontal, denoted as T1 and posterior cingulate and mesial parietal, denoted as T2), and one control area (denoted as C), which was outside the DMN. We tested if the relationship between T1 and T2 was stronger than the relationship between each of these areas and C. RESULTS: A low level of relationship was observed among the 3 areas tested. The relationships among T1, T2 and C did not demonstrate support for the DMN. CONCLUSIONS: This study suggests a lack of intracranial EEG support for the fMRI defined default mode network. SIGNIFICANCE: The results obtained underscore the considerable difference between electrophysiological and hemodynamic measurements of brain activity and possibly suggest a lack of neuronal involvement in the DMN. Copyright 2013 International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology. Published by Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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N2 - While family reunification is the primary permanency objective for children who must be placed temporarily outside of their homes, reunification is not possible for all children. For those children who do not return to their parents and cannot find permanent homes with other family members, adoption is the favored outcome. This review examines the composite measure in the federal Child and Family Services Review that measures agency performance related to the timeliness of adoptions of foster children. It summarizes the multiple factors that research has found to be associated with increased risk for adoption delay and disruption.
These include child characteristics, family of origin and adoptive family characteristics, and features of child welfare services and systems. Practices that have been broadly linked to adoption timeliness or address risk factors associated with delays in adoption are described, including social worker activities and agency or system-wide practice.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: Rock climbing's popularity continues to rise, with people of all ages regularly participating in the sport. Climbing literature suggests climbers get injured mostly in their upper extremities. Most studies on climbing injury analysis are conducted retrospectively, with all the inherent problems of a retrospective setup (no exact time collection, biased injury perception, etc). Prospective data are still missing. METHODS: We prospectively evaluated all attendees of a major German indoor climbing gym in Stuttgart, Germany, with bouldering and lead climbing facilities. Attendee's age, sex, and time spent climbing were electronically
recorded on each visit. All acute injuries were graded using the Medical Commission of the Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme Score. Injury cause, belayer's and climbers' experience, and outcome were additionally analyzed. RESULTS: During a 5-year period (2007-2011), 515,337 visits to the climbing wall were registered, of which 63.6% were by male visitors, 36.4% female, within an age of 8-80 years (median, 34 years). The average time of climbing was 2 hours 47 minutes. Thirty climbing injuries were recorded, 22 were in male and 8 in female climbers with a total mean age of 27.5 + 10.6 years. Acute injuries happened in 6 cases while bouldering, in 16 cases while lead climbing, in 7 cases while top roping, and in 1 case as a third person (not climbing or belaying) while watching another climber. Bouldering injuries were mostly the result of falls onto the mat, whereas in lead and top rope climbing various scenarios happened. Fifteen (50%) injuries were Medical Commission of the Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme grade 2, 13 (43%) were grade 3, and 2 (7%) were grade 4, with no fatalities. The overall injury rate was 0.02 injuries per 1000 hours of climbing activities. CONCLUSIONS: This was the first study to accurately record time spent indoor climbing digitally and evaluate the acute injuries prospectively in a large cohort. There were few injuries sustained, suggesting indoor climbing has a low risk of acute injury per 1000 hours of participation. The injuries were of minor to moderate injury severity, and no fatalities occurred. Several injuries could have been avoided, and further injury-prevention concepts should be developed. Wilderness Medical Society
CONTEXT: Successful obesity intervention efforts depend on effective recruitment and retention, an ongoing challenge for community-based programs. OBJECTIVE: We sought to provide insights into the most salient factors affecting family enrollment and retention in community-based programs for overweight youth and their families. We especially sought to understand potentially modifiable program factors affecting participation. DESIGN: We conducted semistructured, in-depth, face-to-face interviews with parents of overweight children within 1 year of referral to a public health grant-funded community-based healthy lifestyle promotion program. Purposeful sampling was used to select participants across program sites, by level of program completion, and child age and sex. Transcribed interviews were coded independently by 2 staff with a structured codebook and then analyzed by themes through an iterative process using Atlas.ti. The Integrative Model of Behavior served as an orienting theoretical framework. SETTING: Community-based child obesity intervention program in King County, Washington. PARTICIPANTS: Twenty-three parents from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds were interviewed, of which 10 completed the program, 9 did not complete, and 4 did not enroll. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE(S): Parent-reported factors related to enrollment and retention. RESULTS: Key parent reasons for program enrollment included: (a) addressing both eating and activity, (b) concern about child's weight, (c) seeking help outside the family, and (d) structured parent-child time. Parents perceived a lack of child motivation to enroll; some youth initially opposed attending, which was overcome through positive program experience. All families described barriers to attending, and some identified specific strategies or skills they used to overcome barriers. No single program design emerged to address every family's needs. Instead, using the themes of accessibility and accountability, we present parent-recommended design options. CONCLUSIONS: To meet different families' needs, public health and health care agencies offering youth health promotion programs should consider providing program options that vary intensity level and weight loss emphasis.
AIM: The number of hospital presentations and admissions for treatment of sunburn remains significant, despite efforts to educate the public regarding sun protection. Current literature chiefly examines public health campaigns and sun protection behaviours and attitudes. There are very few articles that explore paediatric sunburn requiring hospital presentation. This study was therefore undertaken to provide a snapshot of this issue and to identify patterns and causative factors in the development of severe sunburn requiring hospital presentation. METHODS: Data were collected for retrospective analysis from case records of patients who presented with sunburn and were registered on the Burns Service database at the Women's and Children's Hospital in South Australia. This study includes patients who presented during the period of October 2006 to March 2011. RESULTS: There were 81 cases identified over the period of 2006-2011 from the Burns database that had sufficient information for the purpose of this study. Factors such as outdoor activity and water sports were predictably apparent, with patients being burned on days with extremely high ultraviolet ratings. Key patterns that emerged were location of sunburn and sun protection use, which were gender and age specific. CONCLUSION: Larger-scale studies are warranted to further delineate the contributing factors and to identify the specific populations of children at risk of sunburn. Future educational programmes can therefore target these subgroups and behaviours for effective prevention of sunburn. Tailored campaigns that address these factors may be of greater impact in reducing hospital presentations and admissions of significant sunburn. 2013 The Authors. Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health 2013 Paediatrics and Child Health Division (Royal Australasian College of Physicians)
Health benefits from children's independent mobility and active travel beyond school travel are largely unexplored. OBJECTIVES: This review synthesized the evidence for associations of independent mobility and active travel to various destinations with physical activity, sedentary behaviour and weight status. DESIGN: Systematic review. METHODS: A systematic search in six databases (PubMed, Scopus, CINAHL, SportDiscus, PsychInfo, TRIS) for papers published between January 1990 and March 2012 was undertaken, focussing on children aged 3-18 years. Study inclusion and methodological quality were independently assessed by two reviewers. RESULTS: 52 studies were included. Most studies focussed solely on active travel to and/or from school, and showed significant positive associations with physical activity. The same relationship was detected for active travel to leisure-related places and independent mobility with physical activity. An inverse relationship between active travel to school and weight status was evident but findings were inconsistent. Few studies examined correlations between active travel to school and self-reported screen-time or objectively measured sedentary behaviour, and findings were unclear. CONCLUSIONS: Studies on independent mobility suggested that children who have the freedom to play outdoors and travel actively without adult supervision accumulate more physical activity than those who do not. Further investigation of children's active travel to leisure-related destinations, measurement of diverse sedentary behaviour beyond simply screen-based activities, and consistent thresholds for objectively measured sedentary behaviour in children will clarify the inconsistent evidence base on associations of active travel with sedentary behaviour and weight status.

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We assessed children's physical activity (PA) in structured (physical education) and unstructured (recess, lunch, before and after school) periods in special schools and examined its association with modifiable area contextual characteristics. 2. Children with disabilities were not highly active, but were more active during recess and lunch periods than at other times including physical education classes. 3. Areas were often not accessible during unstructured settings. Children were more active in areas when supervision and organised activities were provided. 4. Providing an interactive game during free play did not significantly increase group's PA. 5. Children's PA accrual is influenced by contextual characteristics of the school environment. There is a need to make areas more accessible and to use social marketing and programming to attract more users. School and health professionals should modify contextual characteristics by providing more direct supervision and organised activities during free play.

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BACKGROUND: Physical activity (PA) levels in schools vary widely, and there is interest in studying how student PA accrual relates to school policy and environmental conditions. School PA policy research, however, is in its infancy and generalizable measurement tools do not exist. We developed and assessed reliability of items on the School Physical Activity Policy Assessment (S-PAPA), an instrument designed to assess school PA policy related to physical education (PE), recess, and other opportunities. METHODS: To develop items, we perused associated literature, examined existing instruments, and consulted school policy makers. For test-retest reliability assessment, 31 elementary school PE teachers completed the survey twice, 14 days apart. RESULTS: S-PAPA uses open-ended, dichotomous, multichotomous, and checklist formatting and has 3 modules: 1) Physical Education (47 items), 2) Recess (27 items), and 3) Other Before, During, and After School Programs (15 items). Responses to more than 95% of items were highly related between Times 1 and 2. Generally, physical education and recess items had fair to substantial levels of agreement, and items about other school PA programs had fair to perfect agreement. CONCLUSIONS: Test-retest results suggest S-PAPA items are reliable and useful in assessing PA policies in elementary schools
The First National Environmental Health Survey of Child Care Centers was conducted to provide information about lead, allergen, and pesticide levels in licensed U.S. child care centers. Lead levels were measured in settled dust, paint, and play area soil; indoor allergen levels were measured in settled dust; and pesticide residues were measured on indoor surfaces and in play area soil. Fourteen percent of centers had significant lead hazards, suggesting that an estimated 470,000 children under age six (approximately 10% of all children in licensed centers) attend centers with significant lead hazards. Approximately 5% of centers had levels of allergens associated with asthma and allergic conditions. Three-quarters of centers had pesticides applied (either indoors or outdoors) during the previous year. Although most centers did not appear to present risks from lead and allergens, some centers did have unsafe levels of these contaminants. These conclusions cannot be generalized to unlicensed child care arrangements.
BACKGROUND: Nowadays, adolescent population begins sexual activity earlier, a behavior with negative psychological and social consequences. AIM: To determine the association between family factors and early sexual activity in adolescents of low and middle socioeconomic level. MATERIAL AND METHODS: A sample of 3,210 adolescents, who confidentially requested care in a sexual and reproductive health university center, between 2000 and 2007, was analyzed. Adolescents who started sexual activity before 15 years of age, and those who started sexual activity after 15 years of age, were compared. Data was collected from structured interviews conducted at the adolescent's first visit. Logistic regression was used to identify family factors associated with early sexual initiating in both, men and women. RESULTS: Family factors associated with early sexual activity start were not being raised by both parents, a poor parent-child relationship, a poor family communication, mothers with a history of adolescent motherhood, mothers employed outside the home and family dysfunction. Among women, the variables associated with a higher risk of early sexual debut were not married parents and history of adolescent fatherhood record among parents. Among men, these variables were permissions without restriction during the week and punishment when family rules were broken. CONCLUSIONS: Family factors must be considered in the design of strategies to prevent early sexual activity.
Prophylactic HPV vaccines target young adolescents to prevent related cervical lesions and even genital warts prior to onset of sexual activity. Parental consent is often essential for success of vaccination program for this age group. We conducted a national multicenter study to explore the acceptability of HPV vaccination among parents of young adolescents and associated factors in relevant parent decision making in China. A total of 2899 parents of young adolescents (11-17 years) participated in the survey between November 28, 2011 and May 9, 2012, but four were excluded from analysis because of inconsistencies in their given information in the questionnaire. Mothers accounted for 62.8% of the parent participants. The mean age of the parents was 40.40 (standard deviation, 4.68) years. Only 36.2% of the parents accepted the vaccine for their children. Knowledge about HPV and HPV vaccine was a positive correlate with HPV vaccination acceptability (Ptrend=0.003). Grade of child (Ptrend=0.015), prior vaccination experience outside the National Expanded Program on Immunization (OR: 1.43; 95%CI: 1.19-1.72), fear of cervical cancer and/or genital warts (OR: 2.47; 95%CI: 2.00-3.05), and prior consultation regarding HPV vaccine information (OR: 2.35; 95%CI: 1.57-3.52) were also positively associated with higher HPV vaccine acceptability. The acceptability was lower in mothers (OR: 0.45; 95%CI: 0.37-0.54) and who had better education (Ptrend=0.009). 57.3% of the parents agreed that the most appropriate venue for HPV vaccination was the local center for disease prevention and control. In conclusion, our study indicates a low acceptability of HPV vaccination among parents of young adolescents in China. We understand there are many challenges in implementing HPV vaccination program. Our findings will serve as valuable references for future HPV vaccination policies and campaigns after HPV vaccines are approved in China. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
BACKGROUND: The relationship between physical education (PE) policies and children's PE and recess time is not well understood. PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to assess the association of district and school PE policies, the PE environment, and PE and recess time. METHODS: Key informants in 65 schools from 9 states completed instruments assessing district and school PE policies, the school PE environment, and time in PE and recess. RESULTS: Few significant associations were found between PE policies and PE or recess minutes; no policies were associated with both. A number of PE environmental variables were associated with both policies and time in PE and recess. CONCLUSIONS: PE policies, their implementation, and PE environmental variables can have important implications for recess time. Some school PE environment measures designed to improve PE may result in PE time limitations. Deficiencies in PE and recess time are not likely to be effectively addressed through policy adoption alone.
BACKGROUND: In developed societies levels of daily physical activity (PA) among school-age children are decreasing. This implies risk factors for cardiovascular and metabolic diseases. Specific strategies to improve levels of PA are needed. In prepubertal boys there is evidence that strength training increases spontaneous PA outside of training.

METHODS: A total of 102 schoolchildren (age 10-14 years) in Switzerland were randomly assigned to physical education classes or to participate twice weekly at a guided strength training program for 19 weeks. Spontaneous PA energy expenditure (PAEE; 3axial accelerometry for 7 days), leg and arm strength, and body composition (dual energy radiograph absorptiometry) were measured at baseline, after 19 weeks of training intervention, and after 3 months of washout.

RESULTS: There were no significant differences between the groups at baseline. In the intervention group, PAEE increased by 10% from baseline to end of training in boys (P = .02), but not in girls. Leg and arm strength were increased owing to training intervention in both boys and girls. All other variables were unchanged. Baseline PAEE was significantly negatively correlated with changes of PAEE. CONCLUSIONS: Targeted strength training significantly increases daily spontaneous PA behavior in boys. The less active children showed the greatest increase in spontaneous PAEE. Girls showed a similar increase in strength, but not in spontaneous PAEE. This may be explained by their earlier pubertal development. Strength training may be a promising strategy in schools to counteract decreasing levels of PA.
Disentangling neighborhood contextual associations with child body mass index, diet, and physical activity: the role of built, socioeconomic, and social environments

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Obesity prevalence among US children and adolescents has tripled in the past three decades. Consequently, dramatic increases in chronic disease incidence are expected, particularly among populations already experiencing health disparities. Recent evidence identifies characteristics of "obesogenic" neighborhood environments that affect weight and weight-related behaviors. This study aimed to examine associations between built, socioeconomic, and social characteristics of a child's residential environment on body mass index (BMI), diet, and physical activity. We focused on pre-adolescent children living in New Haven, Connecticut to better understand neighborhood environments' contribution to persistent health disparities. Participants were 1048 fifth and sixth grade students who completed school-based health surveys and physical measures in fall 2009. Student data were linked to US Census, parks, retailer, and crime data. Analyses were conducted using multilevel modeling. Property crimes and living further from a grocery store were associated with higher BMI.
Students living within a 5-min walk of a fast food outlet had higher BMI, and those living in a tract with higher density of fast food outlets reported less frequent healthy eating and more frequent unhealthy eating. Students' reported perceptions of access to parks, playgrounds, and gyms were associated with more frequent healthy eating and exercise. Students living in more affluent neighborhoods reported more frequent healthy eating, less unhealthy eating, and less screen time. Neighborhood social ties were positively associated with frequency of exercise. In conclusion, distinct domains of neighborhood environment characteristics were independently related to children's BMI and health behaviors. Findings link healthy behaviors with built, social, and socioeconomic environment assets (access to parks, social ties, affluence), and unhealthy behaviors with built environment inhibitors (access to fast food outlets), suggesting neighborhood environments are an important level at which to intervene to prevent childhood obesity and its adverse consequences. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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T1 - Does goal setting in activity-focused interventions for children with cerebral palsy influence treatment outcome?. [Review]
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N2 - Today, treatment for children with cerebral palsy predominantly aims at improving the children's possibilities to perform everyday activities in their natural environment. The activities in focus for intervention are often expressed as specific goals, frequently defined in a collaborative goal-setting process between professionals and parents. The role of goal setting to improve the outcome of the intervention has not been shown in the literature so far. Thus, the aim of this systematic review was to explore if goal setting has an impact on treatment outcome assessed by standardized measures. CINAHL and MEDLINE were searched from January 2000 to October 2012, resulting in a final selection of 13 articles, six of which were randomized controlled trials. Methodological quality was assessed and study characteristics were analysed descriptively.
Subject characteristics, type of intervention/s, frequency, and intensity of therapy varied largely. Outcome was assessed by standardized outcome measures as well as evaluated through aspects of goal attainment. Most studies showed robust within-group changes according to study-appropriate standardized measures, whereas the between-group comparisons exhibited less consistent differences in outcome. The review does not provide support for a positive effect of goal setting per se on treatment outcome. Studies that specifically measure the effect of goal setting on treatment outcome are needed. The Authors. Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology 2013 Mac Keith Press
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A1 - Saunders, R.P.
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KW - Multilevel Analysis
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KW - Research Design
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Physical inactivity is a recognized public health concern. Inadequate proportions of children in the U.S, including those of preschool age, are meeting physical activity recommendations. In response to low numbers of preschool children attaining appropriate physical activity levels, combined with the large number of young children who attend preschool, researchers have identified the need to devise interventions to increase physical activity at preschools. However, few multi-component interventions to increase physical activity in preschool children exist. The aims of this study were to observe the effects of a multi-component intervention on physical activity, sedentary behavior, and physical activity energy expenditure
in 3-5 year-old children; identify factors that associate with change in those variables; and evaluate the process of implementing the multi-component intervention. The purpose of this manuscript is to describe the study design and intervention protocol. METHODS/DESIGN: The overall design of the Study of Health and Activity in Preschool Environments (SHAPES) was a two-year randomized trial (nested cohort design), with two conditions, two measurement occasions, and preschool serving as the unit of analysis. Sixteen schools (eight intervention and eight control) were enrolled. The intervention protocol was based on the social ecological model and included four main components: (a) indoor physical activity ("move inside"), (b) recess ("move outside"), (c) daily lessons ("move to learn"), and (d) social environment. Components were implemented using teacher and administrator trainings and workshops, site support visits, newsletters, and self-monitoring methods. Outcomes included accelerometer assessment of physical activity, sedentary behavior, and physical activity energy expenditure; weight status; and demographic factors; family/home social and physical environment; and parental characteristics. An extensive process evaluation battery was also used to monitor dose delivered by interventionists, completeness of intervention component delivery by teachers, and fidelity of teachers' implementation. DISCUSSION: The study will address important gaps relative to increasing physical activity in preschool children. Few studies to date have incorporated a multi-component approach, rigorous measurement protocol, and thorough evaluation of intervention implementation.
IMPORTANCE: Estimating the US burden of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections is important for planning and tracking success of prevention strategies. OBJECTIVE: To describe updated national estimates and characteristics of health care- and community-associated invasive methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections in 2011. DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS: Active laboratory-based case finding identified MRSA cultures in 9 US metropolitan areas from 2005 through 2011. Invasive infections (MRSA cultured from normally sterile body sites) were classified as health care-associated community-onset infections (cultured <3 days after admission and/or prior year dialysis, hospitalization, surgery, long-term care residence, or central vascular catheter presence <2 days before culture); hospital-onset infections (cultured >3 days after admission); or community-associated infections if no other criteria were met. National estimates were adjusted using US census and US Renal Data System data. MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES: National estimates of invasive HACO, hospital-onset, and community-associated MRSA infections using US census and US Renal Data System data. MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES: National estimates of invasive HACO, hospital-onset, and community-associated MRSA infections using US census and US Renal Data System data as the denominator. RESULTS: An estimated 80,461 (95% CI, 69,515-93,914) invasive MRSA infections occurred nationally in 2011. Of these, 48,353 (95% CI, 40,195-58,642) were HACO infections; 14,156 (95% CI, 10,096-20,440) were hospital-onset infections; and 16,560 (95% CI, 12,806-21,811) were community-associated infections. Since 2005, adjusted national estimated incidence rates decreased among HACO infections by 27.7% and hospital-onset infections decreased by 54.2%; community-associated infections decreased by only 5.0%. Among recently hospitalized community-onset (nondialysis) infections, 64% occurred 3 months or less after discharge, and 32% of these were admitted from long-term care facilities. CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE: An estimated 30,800 fewer invasive MRSA infections occurred in the United States in 2011 compared with 2005; in 2011 fewer infections occurred among patients during hospitalization than among persons in the community without recent health care exposures. Effective strategies for preventing infections outside acute care settings will have the greatest impact on further reducing invasive MRSA infections nationally.
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T1 - Traumatic dental injuries at a German university clinic 2004-2008
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KW - Child
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KW - Female
KW - Germany/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Guidelines as Topic
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Retrospective Studies
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JF - Dental Traumatology
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N2 - AIM: This study was designed to analyse the distribution and treatment management of patients who presented at a German university dental emergency department for trauma in a 5-year period.
MATERIALS/METHODS: Clinical and radiographical baseline data and recall of patients presenting from 2004 to 2008 for dental trauma were evaluated with regard to age, gender, type of injury and treatment strategies. In addition, trauma management as performed was compared with the guidelines of the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT).
RESULTS: A total of 361 teeth in 219 patients from 1 to 68 years were treated with 1.7 injured teeth per incident and patient. Over 75% of the patients were < 14 years. In 23% of all incidents, primary teeth were affected with a male-to-female ratio of 2.1:1. Luxation injuries were predominant in the deciduous dentition. The domestic environment was the most common trauma location (44%), followed by nursery schools (36%) and outdoors during recreational activities (20%) mainly caused by falls (72%). In 76% of all dental injuries, permanent teeth were involved; 65% of patients were men; and 35%, women (1.8:1). With permanent teeth, enamel-dentine fracture without pulp involvement was most common. Falls (38%), accidental contacts (21%) and sports accidents (18%) caused the most injuries. The majority of teeth were treated in concordance with the guidelines (89%).
CONCLUSIONS: The distribution of traumatic injuries is similar to other national and international data with regard to gender, age and in relation to injury type, location and causes. International and national healthcare associations and teachers in under- and
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KW - Environmental Exposure/st [Standards]
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KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Nuclear Medicine/mt [Methods]
KW - Nuclear Medicine/st [Standards]
KW - Practice Guidelines as Topic
KW - Radiation Dosage
KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Societies
KW - Medical/st [Standards]
KW - Syringes
KW - Technetium Tc 99m Dimercaptosuccinic Acid/du [Diagnostic Use]
KW - Time Factors
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N2 - UNLABELLED: Balancing image quality with radiation dose is a goal with every diagnostic procedure requiring radiation. Our institution compared the dosing of (99m)Tc-labeled succimer, commonly referred to as dimercaptosuccinic acid ((99m)Tc-DMSA), to pediatric patients using 2 methods of calculation, body surface area (BSA, the method we used from 2009 to 2010) and body weight (BW, the method we used in 2011).

METHODS: A retrospective study was conducted in a 230-bed inpatient, tertiary-care academic pediatric hospital to obtain objective data on patients under the age of 17 y who received a renal nuclear medicine
procedure with (99m)Tc-DMSA using a 300,000-count parallel image and four 150,000-count pinhole images. Data collection included patient age, sex, height, weight, calculated activity, assayed activity, administered activity, residual syringe activity, imaging time, and notable patient or equipment factors affecting the procedure. RESULTS: Calculated activities based on BSA were higher than calculated activities based on BW. (99m)Tc-DMSA adsorption to the plastic syringes was significant, with a range of 3%-82%. Because of the adsorption, an average of 23.7 MBq (SD, +31 MBq) was added to the patients' calculated dose when the order was placed. Therefore, assayed activities were significantly higher than calculated activities in both groups. Administered activity correlations to BSA and BW calculations were 0.75 and 0.83, respectively. Administered activities from BSA and BW groups were outside the American College of Radiology (ACR)-recommended guidelines 59% and 45% of the time, respectively. Overall, children less than 2 y old were above the ACR recommendations 80% of the time. There was a poor correlation between administered activity and total imaging time (r = 0.23). Average imaging time overall for 5 planar views was 14.8 min (+7.1 min). Patients receiving less than the ACR-recommended administered activities (<1.85 MBq/kg) had an average increase in imaging time of 4.5 min (+3.4 min). CONCLUSION: The activity administered to patients was significantly affected by the amount of (99m)Tc-DMSA activity adsorbed to the syringe. Syringe residual should be considered when standardizing (99m)Tc-DMSA imaging protocols and calculating patient dose. Although (99m)Tc-DMSA adsorption was variable, the administered activities correlated with calculated activities. In all but one of our patients, the total imaging time was far less than recommended by the ACR and European Association of Nuclear Medicine guidelines. The study indicates that using the BW calculation of 3.7 MBq/kg resulted in a range of administered activity of 1.85-2.59 MBq/kg. (99m)Tc-DMSA dosing of 3.7 MBq/kg for pinhole imaging should be appropriate for most studies.
OBJECTIVE: To identify correlates of objectively measured moderate and vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in children during preschool attendance. METHODS: This cross-sectional study included data from 426 apparently healthy Danish children (49.5% boys), 5 to 6 years of age enrolled in 42 randomly selected preschools. The percentage of time spent in MVPA (> 574 counts/15 second) during preschool attendance was measured using ActiGraph accelerometers over 4.3 preschool days in May and June in 2009. Thirty-seven potential correlates across the child, preschool staff, and preschool environment domains were tested for associations with MVPA. RESULTS: The final multivariate model identified 9 significant correlates of MVPA. Preterm birth, vegetation on the playground, and rainy days were negatively associated with MVPA, whereas child motor coordination, location of preschool building on the playground, gender (boys), percentage afternoon hours, and size of indoor area per child were positively associated with MVPA. The direction of the significant association with the parental mean education level was unclear. CONCLUSIONS: We identified a number of new modifiable correlates of MVPA during preschool attendance. The positive association with size of indoor area per child and location of the preschool building on the playground seem important correlates to be targeted in future studies.

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KW - Child
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KW - Europe [Epidemiology]
In recent years, reports suggesting a resurgence of vitamin D deficiency in the Western world, combined with various proposed health benefits for vitamin D supplementation, have resulted in increased interest from health care professionals, the media, and the public. The aim of this position paper is to summarise the published data on vitamin D intake and prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in the healthy European paediatric population, to discuss the health benefits of vitamin D and to provide recommendations for the prevention of vitamin D deficiency in this population. Vitamin D plays a key role in calcium and phosphate metabolism and is essential for bone health. There is insufficient evidence from interventional studies to support vitamin D supplementation for other health benefits in infants, children, and adolescents. The pragmatic use of a serum concentration >50 nmol/L to indicate sufficiency and a serum concentration <25 nmol/L to indicate severe deficiency is recommended. Vitamin D deficiency occurs commonly among healthy European infants, children, and adolescents, especially in certain risk groups, including breast-fed infants, not adhering to the present recommendation for vitamin D supplementation, children and adolescents with dark skin living in northern countries, children and adolescents without adequate sun exposure, and obese children. Infants should receive an oral supplementation of 400 IU/day of vitamin D. The implementation should be promoted and supervised by paediatricians and other health care professionals. Healthy children and adolescents should be encouraged to follow a healthy lifestyle associated with a normal body mass index, including a varied diet with vitamin D-containing foods (fish, eggs, dairy products) and adequate outdoor activities with associated sun exposure. For children in risk groups identified above, an oral supplementation of vitamin D must be considered beyond 1 year of age. National authorities should adopt policies aimed at improving vitamin D status using measures such as dietary recommendations, food fortification, vitamin D supplementation, and judicious sun exposure, depending on local circumstances.

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OBJECTIVE: To understand the prevalence and risk factors of agricultural activities related injuries among rural residents in Shandong province. METHODS: A retrospective investigation was conducted among agricultural profession-related workers in 20 villages with multistage cluster sampling method in Shandong province. Four times face-to-face interview were conducted by trained interviewers, including 32 students and local medical personnel under constructed questionnaires. Accidental injuries occurred in the activities or in the agricultural profession-related jobs were recorded, from May 1(st) 2009 to April 30(st) 2010. Data was input and analyzed by SPSS 13.0 statistical software. RESULTS: A total of 837 cases reported at least 1 job-related injury out of the 11 902 people who had been surveyed in one year. The crude incidence rate was 7.03% and the standardized incidence rate was 7.36%, higher in males (9.01%) than in females (4.10%), $\chi^2 = 105.53$, $P = 0.000$. Children and adolescents (< 14 aged) had the higher incidence rate (9.50%), $\chi^2 = 9.70$, $P = 0.008$. People working in the area of commercial service related to agricultural products had the highest incidence rate (12.94%). In particular, those occupations that related to agricultural construction or materials appeared to have had higher incidence rates as 16.80% and 15.59% respectively, than other kinds of jobs ($\chi^2 = 167.30$, $P =$...
0.000). There were higher proportion of injuries occurred in the roads (28.79%), in the fields (28.08%) during labor work (38.00%) transportation (27.97%), respectively. The seasonality of agricultural injuries mostly occurred between June and August, accounted for 47.43%. Major external causes related to injuries were instruments or tools (31.42%) being used, transportation (24.13%) and falls (20.19%). Wounds on limbs took the majority (56.39%). The accidental self-inflicted injury occupied 76.82%, while accidents to passive injuries occupied 11.47%, other kinds accounted for 11.71%. Most of the accidents caused mild or moderate damage, accounted for 60.22% and 30.34% respectively. 7 cases died of injuries, with the fatality rate as 0.84% and the mortality rate was 58.81 per one hundred thousand. 72 cases ended up in disability caused by injuries, with the morbidity rate as 6.05 per thousand. Answers to the major internal causes of injuries appeared to be: "did not know how to protect oneself" (29.87%) with females (45.41%) in particular, followed by "over fatigue" and "inappropriate treatment" which took the 2(nd) place in males. Major natural environmental factors of injuries would relate to "high air temperature and humidity but lower wind velocity" (14.93%), "unclear signs on the country road" (12.19%), "the sky was cloudy or dark" (10.87%), "slippery road caused by rain or snow" (10.51%), "kids were unintended" (10.27%) etc. Most of the wounded received treatment clinically (50.18%), with the percentile (P50) of medical cost as 182.76 RMB (Yuan). The proportion of inpatient was 27.72% and with percentile of time as P(50) = 7.57 day and cost as P(50) = 2840.00 RMB Yuan. The wounded had a rest of P50 = 5.9 days, with an indirect cost as P(50) = 233.16 RMB Yuan. CONCLUSION: The results of this study indicated that the incidence of agricultural profession-related injuries was high, with serious harm. Behavioral intervention and awareness of injuries should be enhanced, together with the improvement of environmental condition.

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T1 - Differences in movement-related cortical activation patterns underlying motor performance in children with and without developmental coordination disorder
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Age Factors
KW - Biomechanical Phenomena
KW - Brain Waves
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Motor Cortex/gd [Growth & Development]
KW - Motor Cortex/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Motor Skills
KW - Motor Skills Disorders/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Movement/ph [Physiology]
KW - Task Performance and Analysis
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Behavioral deficits in visuomotor planning and control exhibited by children with developmental coordination disorder (DCD) have been extensively reported. Although these functional impairments are thought to result from “atypical brain development,” very few studies to date have identified potential neurological mechanisms. To address this knowledge gap, electroencephalography (EEG) was recorded from 6- to 12-yr-old children with and without DCD (n = 14 and 20, respectively) during the performance of a visuomotor drawing task. With respect to motor performance, typically developing (TD) children exhibited age-related improvements in key aspects of motor planning and control. Although some children with DCD performed outside this TD landscape (i.e., age-related changes within the TD group), the group developmental trajectory of the children with DCD was similar to that of the TD children. Despite overall similarities in performance, engagement of cortical resources in the children with DCD was markedly different from that in their TD counterparts. While the patterns of activation are stable in TD children across the age range, the young children with DCD exhibited less engagement of motor cortical brain areas and the older children with DCD exhibited greater engagement of motor cortical brain areas than their TD peers. These results suggest that older children with DCD may employ a compensatory strategy in which increased engagement of relevant motor resources allows these children to perform comparably to their TD peers. Moreover, the magnitude of activation was related to several kinematic measures, particularly in children with DCD, suggesting that greater engagement in motor resources may underlie better behavioral performance.
BACKGROUND: Qualitative research into the effect of school recess on children's physical activity is currently limited. This study used a write and draw technique to explore children's perceptions of physical activity opportunities during recess. METHODS: 299 children age 7-11 years from 3 primary schools were enlisted. Children were grouped into Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 and completed a write and draw task focusing on likes and dislikes. Pen profiles were used to analyze the data. RESULTS: Results indicated 'likes' focused on play, positive social interaction, and games across both age groups but showed an increasing dominance of games with an appreciation for being outdoors with age. 'Dislikes' focused on dysfunctional interactions linked with bullying, membership, equipment, and conflict for playground space. Football was a dominant feature across both age groups and 'likes/dislikes' that caused conflict and dominated the physically active games undertaken. CONCLUSION: Recess was important for the development of conflict management and social skills and contributed to physical activity engagement. The findings contradict suggestions that time spent in recess should be reduced because of behavioral issues.

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T1 - Ethnic differences in the home environment and physical activity behaviors among low-income, minority preschoolers in Texas
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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Confidence Intervals
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Hispanic Americans
KW - Housing
KW - Humans
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Minority Groups
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Odds Ratio
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Poverty/eth [Ethnology]
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Television/ut [Utilization]
KW - Texas
PURPOSE: To evaluate the ethnic differences in the home physical activity and screen time environment of preschoolers enrolled in Head Start. DESIGN: Cross-sectional. SETTING: Sixteen Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) Head Start centers, Texas. SUBJECTS: Seven hundred and six preschoolers enrolled in HCDE Head Start centers and their parents. MEASURES. Items from the parent-reported Healthy Home Survey evaluating the home physical activity environment and the Nutrition Screening form evaluating screen time. ANALYSIS: Mixed model linear and logistic regression analysis. RESULTS: Of the parents, 75.06% were overweight or obese. Hispanic parents were more likely to have a yard or open space (p = .014) and usable play equipment in the yard (p = .019) for their children to play in compared to African-Americans. Conversely, more African-American parents reported having a television (TV) in their preschooler's bedroom (p = .032) and were less likely to cut down their child’s TV viewing time (p = .036). African-American preschoolers were reportedly more likely to eat while watching TV (p = .009), play video games for > 2 hours on weekdays (p = .018) and have computer time for > 2 hours on weekends (p = .007), compared to Hispanics.

CONCLUSION: The Hispanic participants of this study had a healthier home environment for physical activity and screen time as compared with their African-American counterparts. Future interventions targeting lifestyle change need to address these factors in an ethnic-specific manner.
OBJECTIVE: Distracted driving is an increasingly deadly threat to road safety. This study documents trends in and characteristics of pedestrian, bicycle rider, and other victim deaths caused by distracted drivers on U.S. public roads. METHODS: We obtained data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System database from 2005 to 2010 on every crash that resulted in at least one fatality within 30 days occurring on public roads in the U.S. Following the definition used by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, we identified distracted driving based on whether police investigators determined that a driver had been using a technological device, including a cell phone, onboard navigation system, computer, fax machine, two-way radio, or head-up display, or had been engaged in inattentive or careless activities. RESULTS: The rate of fatalities per 10 billion vehicle miles traveled increased from 116.1 in 2005 to 168.6 in 2010 for pedestrians and from 18.7 in 2005 to 24.6 in 2010 for bicyclists. Pedestrian victims of distracted driving crashes were disproportionately male, 25-64 years of age, and non-Hispanic white. They were also more likely to die at nighttime, be struck by a distracted driver outside of a marked crosswalk, and be in a metro location. Bicycling victims of distracted crashes were disproportionately male, non-Hispanic white, and struck by a distracted driver outside of a crosswalk. Compared with pedestrians, bicyclists were less likely to be hit in early morning. CONCLUSIONS: Distracted drivers are the cause of an increasing share of fatalities found among pedestrians and bicycle riders. Policies are needed to protect pedestrians and bicycle riders as they cross intersections or travel on roadways.
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KW - Adolescent
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KW - Age of Onset
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KW - Cardiovascular Diseases/ep [Epidemiology]
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KW - Child
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KW - Endothelium/de [Drug Effects]
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KW - Endothelium/re [Radiation Effects]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Neoplasms/co [Complications]
KW - Radiotherapy/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Survivors/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
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N2 - PURPOSE: To evaluate the presence of vascular damage in long-term childhood cancer survivors (CCS) and sibling controls, and to evaluate the association between vascular damage parameters and cancer treatment and influence of cardiovascular risk factors. PATIENTS AND METHODS: Vascular assessment was performed in 277 adult CCSs (median age at diagnosis, 9 years; range, 0 to 20 years; median current age, 28 years; range, 18 to 48 years) treated with potentially cardiovascular toxic anticancer treatment (ie, anthracyclines, platinum, and/or radiotherapy [RT]). Measurements included carotid- and femoral-wall intima-media thickness (IMT), flow-mediated vasodilatation of the brachial artery by ultrasound, assessment of endothelial and inflammatory marker proteins (including tissue-type plasminogen activator [t-PA], plasminogen activator inhibitor type 1 [PAI-I]), and cardiovascular risk factors. CCS assessments were compared with those of 130 sibling controls (median age, 26 years; range, 18 to 51 years). RESULTS: At a median of 18 years (range, 5 to 31 years) after treatment, carotid and femoral IMTs in CCSs were not different from those of controls. However, CCSs who received RT as part of their treatment regimen had increased carotid and femoral IMTs and higher t-PA and PAI-I levels, indicating vascular damage and persistent endothelial activation. Patients treated with RT to the neck or chest also had greater femoral IMT. Greater IMT was associated with presence of cardiovascular risk factors (eg, hypertension and overweight). CONCLUSION: After potentially cardiovascular toxic anticancer treatment, CCSs who received RT showed signs of endothelial damage and an unfavorable cardiovascular risk profile compared with controls. CCSs treated with localized RT had increased IMT outside the primary irradiation field. These abnormalities are probably involved in the pathogenesis of cardiovascular morbidity in CCSs
BACKGROUND: We compared school participation patterns of students ages 5-17 with and without disabilities and examined whether features of the school environment were perceived to help or hinder their participation. METHODS: Parents (n = 576) residing in the USA and Canada completed the Participation and Environment Measure for Children and Youth (PEM-CY) via the internet. RESULTS: Parents of students with
disabilities reported that their children participated less frequently in school clubs and organizations and getting together with peers outside the classroom and that they were less involved in all school activities. Parents of students with disabilities also were significantly more likely to report that features of the environment hindered school participation and that resources needed to support their child's participation were not adequate.

CONCLUSIONS: Parents of students with disabilities report that their children are participating less in important school-related activities. Barriers limiting school participation include features of the physical and social environment as well as limited resources. 2013 John Wiley & Sons Ltd

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T1 - Is school community readiness related to physical activity before and after the Ready for Recess intervention?
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KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Residence Characteristics
KW - School Health Services
KW - Schools/og [Organization & Administration]
KW - Schools

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N2 - The purpose of this study was to determine: (i) the effect of schools' baseline community readiness (CR) on youth physical activity (PA) at recess prior to the Ready for Recess intervention; (ii) if changes in PA due to the intervention were explained by baseline CR and (iii) if specific components of the intervention altered an association between baseline CR and changes in youth PA. Methods that were employed included: six informants from each of 17 schools participated in CR interviews at baseline (N = 101). CR scores were calculated based on the CR model's nine stages. Direct observation was used to measure PA. Poisson models evaluated the association between baseline CR and PA. Results were that seven schools were in denial, eight in vague awareness and two in pre-planning stages. CR marginally predicted pre-intervention PA. When compared with youth at schools in denial, youth at schools in vague awareness and pre-planning demonstrated significant
increases in moderate/vigorous PA. Ready for Recess strengthened this association. This is the first study to demonstrate that school CR may explain changes in PA at recess after a school-based PA intervention. Low CR levels may contraindicate interventions. Efforts to increase school CR a priori may be critical to increasing PA among youth.

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T1 - Rifamycins (rifampicin, rifabutin and rifapentine) compared to isoniazid for preventing tuberculosis in HIV-negative people at risk of active TB. [Review]
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KW - Child
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KW - Drug Administration Schedule
KW - HIV Seronegativity
KW - Humans
KW - Isoniazid/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Latent Tuberculosis/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic
KW - Rifabutin/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Rifampin/aa [Analogs & Derivatives]
KW - Rifampin/tu [Therapeutic Use]
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Preventing active tuberculosis (TB) from developing in people with latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) is important for global TB control. Isoniazid (INH) for six to nine months has 60% to 90% protective efficacy, but the treatment period is long, liver toxicity is a problem, and completion rates outside trials are only around 50%. Rifampicin or rifamycin-combination treatments are shorter and may result in higher completion rates. OBJECTIVES: To compare the effects of rifampicin monotherapy or rifamycin-combination therapy versus INH monotherapy for preventing active TB in HIV-negative people at risk of developing active TB. SEARCH METHODS: We searched the Cochrane Infectious Disease Group Specialized Register; Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL); MEDLINE; EMBASE; LILACS; clinical trials registries; regional databases; conference proceedings; and references, without language restrictions to
December 2012; and contacted experts for relevant published, unpublished and ongoing trials. SELECTION CRITERIA: Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) of HIV-negative adults and children at risk of active TB treated with rifampicin, or rifamycin-combination therapy with or without INH (any dose or duration), compared with INH for six to nine months. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: At least two authors independently screened and selected trials, assessed risk of bias, and extracted data. We sought clarifications from trial authors. We pooled relative risks (RRs) with their 95% confidence intervals (CIs), using a random-effects model if heterogeneity was significant. We assessed overall evidence quality using the GRADE approach. MAIN RESULTS: Ten trials are included, enrolling 10,717 adults and children, mostly HIV-negative (2% HIV-positive), with a follow-up period ranging from two to five years. Rifampicin (three/four months) vs. INH (six months)Five trials published between 1992 to 2012 compared these regimens, and one small 1992 trial in adults with silicosis did not detect a difference in the occurrence of TB over five years of follow up (one trial, 312 participants; very low quality evidence). However, more people in these trials completed the shorter course (RR 1.19, 95% CI 1.01 to 1.30; five trials, 1,768 participants; moderate quality evidence). Treatment-limiting adverse events were not significantly different (four trials, 1,674 participants; very low quality evidence), but rifampicin caused less hepatotoxicity (RR 0.12, 95% CI 0.05 to 0.30; four trials, 1,674 participants; moderate quality evidence). Rifampicin plus INH (three months) vs. INH (six months)The 1992 silicosis trial did not detect a difference between people receiving rifampicin plus INH compared to INH alone for occurrence of active TB (one trial, 328 participants; very low quality evidence). Adherence was similar in this and a 1998 trial in people without silicosis (two trials, 524 participants; high quality evidence). No difference was detected for treatment-limiting adverse events (two trials, 536 participants; low quality evidence), or hepatotoxicity (two trials, 536 participants; low quality evidence). Rifampicin plus pyrazinamide (two months) vs. INH (six months)Three small trials published in 1994, 2003, and 2005 compared these two regimens, and two reported a low occurrence of active TB, with no statistically significant differences between treatment regimens (two trials, 176 participants; very low quality evidence) though, apart from one child from the 1994 trial, these data on active TB were from the 2003 trial in adults with silicosis. Adherence with both regimens was low with no statistically significant differences (four trials, 700 participants; very low quality evidence). However, people receiving rifampicin plus pyrazinamide had more treatment-limiting adverse events (RR 3.61, 95% CI 1.82 to 7.19; two trials, 368 participants; high quality evidence), and hepatotoxicity (RR 4.59, 95% CI 2.14 to 9.85; three trials, 540 participants; moderate quality evidence). Weekly, directly-observed rifapentine plus INH (three months) vs. daily, self-administered INH (nine months)A large trial conducted from 2001 to 2008 among close contacts of TB in the USA, Canada, Brazil and Spain found directly observed weekly treatment to be non-inferior to nine months self-administered INH for the incidence of active TB (0.2% vs 0.4%, RR 0.44, 95% CI 0.18 to 1.07; one trial, 7,731 participants; moderate quality evidence). The directly-observed, shorter regimen had higher treatment completion (82% vs 69%, RR 1.19, 95% CI 1.16 to 1.22, moderate quality evidence), and less hepatotoxicity (0.4% versus 2.4%; RR 0.16, 95% CI 0.10 to 0.27; high quality evidence), though treatment-limiting adverse events were more frequent (4.9% versus 3.7%; RR 1.32, 95% CI 1.07 to 1.64 moderate quality evidence) AUTHORS’ CONCLUSIONS: Trials to date of shortened prophylactic regimens using rifampicin alone have not demonstrated higher rates of active TB when compared to longer regimens with INH. Treatment completion is probably higher and adverse events may be fewer with shorter rifampicin regimens. Shortened regimens of rifampicin with INH may offer no advantage over longer INH regimens. Rifampicin combined with pyrazinamide is associated with more adverse events. A weekly regimen of rifapentine plus INH has higher completion rates, and less liver toxicity, though treatment discontinuation due to adverse events is probably more likely than with INH
Cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL) is an endemic parasitic infection in the Mediterranean region, including Libya and its Al-jabal Al-gharbi province. We aimed at studying the occupational relevance as well as other epidemiological aspects of CL. We investigated 140 CL cases who attended at Gharyan outpatient polyclinic during a period of 6 months in 2009. CL infection was clinically diagnosed and confirmed by demonstration of Leishmania parasites on smears from lesions. Our findings showed that males were more affected than females (P=0.04), and people above 10-years were more affected than younger ones (P=0.0001). A significant percent of CL cases belonged to Al-Kawasem subprovince (P=0.0001). Farm-related activities were the most frequent occupations among CL cases (P=0.04). In addition to farm workers, housewives and students are at risk groups since they are engaged at farm activities. Moreover, those who have occupations that require staying outdoors for a part of night, e.g., policemen, are also at risk. Compared to children, adult CL patients had multiple lesions (P=0.001) that were more prevalent in their upper and lower extremities than the face (P=0.0001). We conclude that CL is a major health problem in Al-jabal Al-gharbi province of Libya. The presence of rodents and sandflies makes it a suitable environment for Leishmania to spread in an endemic epidemiological pattern. Being engaged in farming activities or outdoor occupations increases the risk of infection. Various clinical patterns of CL suggest the presence of more than 1 species of Leishmania at Al-jabal Al-gharbi province. We propose that the 2 species responsible for CL in this area are L. major and L. tropica. Further investigations to identify the leishmanial species responsible for CL at Al-jabal Al-gharbi together with adoption of preventive and control programs are needed.
T1 - Does playground improvement increase physical activity among children? A quasi-experimental study of a natural experiment
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A1 - Phongsavan,P.
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N2 - Outdoor recreational spaces have the potential to increase physical activity. This study used a quasi-experimental evaluation design to determine how a playground renovation impacts usage and physical activity of children and whether the visitations correlate with children's physical activity levels and parental impressions of the playground. Observational data and intercept interviews were collected simultaneously on park use and park-based activity among playground visitors at pre- and postrenovation at an intervention and a comparison park during three 2-hour periods each day over two weeks. No detectable difference in use between parks was observed at followup. In the intervention park, attendance increased among boys, but decreased among girls although this (nonsignificant) decline was less marked than in the comparison park. Following renovation, there was no detectable difference between parks in the number of children engaged in MVPA (interaction between park and time: P = 0.73). At the intervention park, there was a significant decline in girls engaging in MVPA at followup (P = 0.04). Usage was correlated with parental/carer perceptions of playground features but not with physical activity levels. Renovations have limited the potential to increase physical activity until factors influencing usage and physical activity behavior are better understood
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We conducted direct observation of 23 caregiver-infant pairs for 130 hours and recorded wash-related behaviors to identify pathways of fecal-oral transmission of bacteria among infants. In addition to testing fingers, food, and drinking water of infants, three infants actively ingested 11.3 ± 9.2 (mean ± SD) handfuls of soil and two ingested chicken feces 2 ± 1.4 times in 6 hours. Hand washing with soap was not common and drinking water was contaminated with Escherichia coli in half (12 of 22) of the households. A one-year-old infant ingesting 1 gram of chicken feces in a day and 20 grams of soil from a laundry area of the kitchen yard
would consume 4,700,000-23,000,000 and 440-4,240 E. coli, respectively, from these sources. Besides standard wash and nutrition interventions, infants in low-income communities should be protected from exploratory ingestion of chicken feces, soil, and geophagia for optimal child health and growth.

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T1 - Nonmedical vaccine exemptions and pertussis in California, 2010
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KW - Cluster Analysis
KW - Culture
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KW - Male
KW - Pertussis Vaccine/tu [Therapeutic Use]
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KW - Whooping Cough/di [Diagnosis]
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N2 - BACKGROUND: In 2010, 9120 cases of pertussis were reported in California, more than any year since 1947. Although this resurgence has been widely attributed to waning immunity of the acellular vaccine, the role of vaccine refusal has not been explored in the published literature. Many factors likely contributed to the outbreak, including the cyclical nature of pertussis, improved diagnosis, and waning immunity; however, it is important to understand if clustering of unvaccinated individuals also played a role. METHODS: We analyzed
nonmedical exemptions (NMEs) for children entering kindergarten from 2005 through 2010 and pertussis cases with onset in 2010 in California to determine if NMEs increased in that period, if children obtaining NMEs clustered spatially, if pertussis cases clustered spatially and temporally, and if there was statistically significant overlap between clusters of NMEs and cases. RESULTS: Kulldorff's scan statistics identified 39 statistically significant clusters of high NME rates and 2 statistically significant clusters of pertussis cases in this time period. Census tracts within an exemptions cluster were 2.5 times more likely to be in a pertussis cluster (odds ratio = 2.47, 95% confidence interval: 2.22-2.75). More cases occurred within as compared with outside exemptions clusters (incident rate ratios = 1.20, 95% confidence interval: 1.10-1.30). The association remained significant after adjustment for demographic factors. NMEs clustered spatially and were associated with clusters of pertussis cases. CONCLUSIONS: Our data suggest clustering of NMEs may have been 1 of several factors in the 2010 California pertussis resurgence.

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KW - Fukushima Nuclear Accident
KW - Health Knowledge
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KW - Practice
KW - Humans
KW - Pregnancy
KW - Radiation Protection
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N2 - About 1 mo after the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant accident, which was caused by the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami on 11 March 2011, Japanese authorities set a dose criterion for the use of school playgrounds in Fukushima at 20 mSv yr-1 based on the International Commission on Radiological Protection recommendation for the reference level for the public under the existing exposure situation. This dose criterion was intended as a start line for reducing the dose to children; however, it caused much confusion among the public due to the misunderstanding of the concept of optimization and the application of reference level. Also, concerns were caused by the lack of precise but understandable information on radiation effects. This situation highlighted the importance of an understanding of radiation protection concepts by members of
the general public and the outreach activities of radiation protection experts, both of which are essential for Fukushima recovery.

N2 - BACKGROUND: Injuries are the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in US residents aged 1 to 44 years. Community-based interventions are effective in reducing injuries. Using this approach, investigators significantly reduced injuries in Avondale, Ohio, between 1999 and 2004 compared with three control communities (42 vs. 15%, respectively). The objective of this study was to determine if injury reduction was sustained through the 5 years after initial implementation of injury prevention (IP) efforts in Avondale compared with the same three control communities. DESIGN/METHODS: Injury prevention interventions implemented in Avondale, Ohio, during previous study years were sustained. Two new playgrounds were built,
but no other new interventions were introduced. Control communities had no programs introduced by the team during the study period. Data were obtained from the Hamilton County Injury Surveillance System from 2005 to 2009 for deaths, hospitalizations, and emergency department visits due to injury for children 0 to 19 years old. Data from the study community were compared with those of the same three control communities as in our previous work, with similar demographics and socioeconomic characteristics, as well as with data obtained previously from 1999 to 2004. Census data based on annual estimates were used to calculate injury rates.

RESULTS: The injury rate in Avondale decreased from 17,073 to 11,284 injuries per 100,000 children per year during the 11-year period (33.9% reduction). The injury rate in the control communities decreased from 14,436 to 12,381 injuries per 100,000 children per year in the same period (14.2% reduction). The difference in the injury rate decrease between the intervention and control communities was statistically significant, p < 0.001.

From 2005 to 2009, the lower injury rate was sustained in Avondale, p = 0.58. CONCLUSIONS: Community-based strategies to prevent injuries to children in high-risk communities can be successful in reducing overall injury rates. These efforts can result in sustained injury reduction over time despite no new interventions being introduced

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T1 - Physical activity, adiposity and urbanization level in children: results for the Italian cohort of the IDEFICS study
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KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Pediatric Obesity/ep [Epidemiology]
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OBJECTIVES: While there is extensive evidence about the influence of environmental factors on adult obesity, fewer studies have assessed how the environment influences body fat in children. This cross-sectional study investigated the distribution of adiposity indices according to urbanization level and patterns of physical activity among children in the Italian cohort of the IDEFICS study. METHODS: The sample included 1673 preschool and school-aged children (mean age 6.1 years, standard deviation 1.7) living in rural (n = 579), suburban (n = 442) and urban (n = 652) areas. Anthropometric measures were taken and questionnaires were used to assess children’s lifestyles, including patterns of physical activity. RESULTS: Children who lived in rural areas spent significantly more time in outdoor activities but participated in less structured physical activity compared with children living in suburban and urban areas. Adiposity estimated by the sum of skinfold thickness increased linearly from rural to urban areas, with results for suburban areas showing intermediate values. CONCLUSIONS: The data show that geographical environmental factors influence patterns of physical activity and body fat in children. In particular, the results suggest an association between the time spent in unstructured outdoor activities and the degree of adiposity in schoolchildren. These results may have implications for public health, including efforts to increase freely available playgrounds as an effective measure to counteract the obesity epidemic in children. Copyright 2013 The Royal Society for Public Health. Published by Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
Physical activity, through independent outdoor play, has come to the fore as a way to improve children's health through it fostering healthy mental and social as well as physiological development. However, in many high-income countries children's autonomous play opportunities have diminished due to urban intensification and declining parental license. Regardless of this trend, children's play varies across countries, cities, cultures and seasons. This paper offers new insights into the complexities of play as a vital aspect of children's wellbeing. Within the context of New Zealand - whose citizens generally regard themselves as outdoor people - this paper explores why 'play' might resonate differently across localities and seasons. We contrast the play affordances provided by Auckland's central city (dominated by apartment living) with Beach Haven, a suburban area. We employed a multi-method approach and included 20 children and their parents who were recruited through school and summer holiday programs embracing different gender and ethnicities to reflect the general cultural mix of the respective neighbourhoods. We advance two arguments. First, we suggest that the rarity of children playing outdoors unsupervised normalises supervised indoor play and reduces children's opportunities to see outdoor play as an alternative to interior or supervised pastimes. Second, we follow Bourdieu's theory of practice to argue that the regard parents and children have towards outdoor play reflects locally constituted beliefs about what is seasonally 'appropriate' children's activity. We found that extra-curricular activities and supervised excursions are undertaken in the central city all year around and only vary between social groups by the type of destination. In the suburb, independent outdoor play in summer represents children's main business after school in ways that enhance their environmental literacy and potential future health gain. For others these symbolic values were replaced by safety concerns. In contrast, it seems that even in a relatively mild climate winter is the time to relax and stay indoors unless children have an outdoor habitus. We find that the determinants of seasonal outdoor play transcend modifiable barriers such as traffic and unsuitable play spaces as well as the inevitable issue of inclement weather. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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KW - Coal Mining
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KW - Environmental Exposure/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Environmental Monitoring/mt [Methods]
Jharia (India) a coal mining town has been affected by the consequences of mining and associated activities. Samples of outdoor fallen dust were collected at different locations of Jharia covering four different zones: commercial, petrol pump, high traffic, and residential areas. The dust samples were analysed for different trace elements (As, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Mn, Ni, Pb, Se, and Zn). The highest concentration of the elements in the dust samples are Mn (658 mg/kg), Zn (163.6 mg/kg), Cr (75.4 mg/kg), Pb (67.8 mg/kg), Ni (66 mg/kg), Cu (56.8 mg/kg), Co (16.9 mg/kg), As (4.1 mg/kg), and Cd (0.78 mg/kg). The concentration of selenium was below detection limit. Except Cd, contents of all the other elements in the dust samples were significantly lower in the residential area. High amount of Ni (145 mg/kg) and Pb (102 mg/kg) was observed in the high traffic and petrol pump areas, respectively. The exposure risk assessment strategies are helpful in predicting the potential health risk of the trace elements in the street dust. Selected receptors for risk assessment were infants, toddlers, children, teens, and adults. The calculated hazard quotient (HQ) for lifetime exposure was <1.0 for all the elements studied, indicating no risks from these elements for adults. Among the receptors, toddlers were found to be more vulnerable, with HQ for Co, Cr, and Pb > 0.1. The finding predicts potential health risk to toddlers and children.
OBJECTIVE: To determine the effectiveness of vestibular-specific neuromuscular training on motor skills, balance and health-related quality of life in children with hearing impairment. DESIGN: Controlled, randomized, preliminary study. SETTING: Rehabilitation school for children with hearing impairment. SUBJECTS AND INTERVENTION: Twenty-three children with mean age of 7.5-8.1 years with hearing impairment were randomized to either the intervention or the control group. Children in the experimental group (n = 11) participated in vestibular-specific neuromuscular training for six weeks and the children in the control group continued their regular activities followed at school. OUTCOME MEASURES: Measurement of motor skills (Test of Gross Motor Development-2), postural control (Pediatric Reach Test, One Leg Standing Balance Test and postural sway meter) and health-related quality of life (PedsQL Generic Core Scale). RESULTS: Following intervention, the scores of motor skills (Test of Gross Motor Development P = 0.02; throw for distance P = 0.042; kick for distance P = 0.08; jump for distance P = 0.001; 15-yard dash P = 0.001), postural control measures (Pediatric Reach Test P = 0.001; One Leg Standing Test P = 0.03; and anteroposterior sway (eyes open P = 0.007, eyes closed P = 0.03); mediolateral sway (eyes open P = 0.014, eyes closed P = 0.017) and health-related quality of life (P = 0.01) improved significantly in the experimental group and not in the control group. CONCLUSION: The findings of the study suggest that vestibular-specific neuromuscular training programme may improve the motor skills, balance and health-related quality of life in children with hearing impairment.

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OBJECTIVE: The role of neighborhood physical activity resources on childhood physical activity level is increasingly examined in pediatric obesity research. We describe how availability of physical activity resources varies by individual and block characteristics and then examine its associations with physical activity levels of Latino and black children in East Harlem, New York City. METHODS: Physical activity resource availability by individual and block characteristics were assessed in 324 children. Availability was measured against 4 physical activity measures: average weekly hours of outdoor unscheduled physical activity, average weekly metabolic hours of scheduled physical activity, daily hours of sedentary behavior, and daily steps. RESULTS: Physical activity resource availability differed by race/ethnicity, caregiver education, and income. Presence of one or more playgrounds on a child's block was positively associated with outdoor unscheduled physical activity (odds ratio [OR] = 1.95, 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.11-3.43). Presence of an after-school program on a child's block was associated with increased hours of scheduled physical activity (OR = 3.25, 95% CI 1.41-7.50) and decreased sedentary behavior (OR = 3.24, 95% CI 1.30-8.07). The more resources a child had available, the greater the level of outdoor unscheduled physical activity (P for linear trend = .026). CONCLUSIONS: Neighborhood physical activity resource availability differs by demographic factors, potentially placing certain groups at risk for low physical activity level. Availability of select physical activity resources was associated with reported physical activity levels of East Harlem children but not with objective measures of physical activity. Copyright 2013 Academic Pediatric Association. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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T1 - Amount and environmental predictors of outdoor playtime at home and school: a cross-sectional analysis of a national sample of preschool-aged children attending Head Start
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Outdoor play is an important contributor to children's physical activity and the prevalence, correlates, and environmental predictors of it among young children are not well characterized. This study aims to estimate the amount of time preschool-aged children attending Head Start spend playing outdoors at home and school, and whether aspects of the home and school environment are associated with greater outdoor play. We analyzed data (n=2529) collected in spring 2007 in the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES). Overall, 37.5% of children played outside at home >2h per weekday. Children who had a yard near home to play in or who had visited a park or playground or gone on a picnic with a family member in the last month were more likely to have >2h per weekday outdoor play at home, but having a playground within walking distance of the home was not related to home outdoor playtime. On average children played outdoors at Head Start for 36 min per day. The amount of time children played outdoors at home was not related to school outdoor time.

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The school setting provides a promising environment to increase children's physical activity (PA), however, staff often impact the success of PA within schools. The purpose of this article was to describe the knowledge of elementary school staff related to PA and their perception of the importance of the school environment being conducive to PA prior to the implementation of a recess intervention. Qualitative focus groups were conducted in 12 elementary schools in the Midwest. Grounded theory was used to explore participants' knowledge and perceptions. Participants felt PA was important but believed several factors impacted children's ability to be more active: (i) lack of time due to increasing academic demands, (ii) peer pressure (especially in girls) not to be active and (iii) lack of space and equipment. When discussing recess, staff felt that their encouragement of or active participation in PA with children resulted in more activity. Furthermore, even though participants were aware of PA benefits, they noticed eliminating recess was often used as a punishment for misbehavior. School-based PA promotion and PA opportunities hold great promise for increasing PA in children. However, to maximize these efforts school polices related to training staff about PA are needed.
PURPOSE: To assess changes in children's health behaviors and weight status after participation in community-originated interventions. DESIGN: Prospective cohort study following body mass index (BMI) z-score trajectory over time. SETTING: Schools and community settings in 19 locations in North Carolina. SUBJECTS: A total of 1144 children, with an average age of 9.5 years, participating in community-originated physical activity and nutrition interventions, such as active recess and healthy cafeteria offerings, and environment and policy changes designed to prevent and reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity. Retention from baseline to final collection was 54%. Measures: Self-reported physical activity and eating behaviors; measured height and weight were collected at baseline and after interventions (average of 20 months). Z-score was compared with expected growth without intervention. ANALYSIS: Descriptive statistics, chi² tests and t-tests, and ANOVA analyses of variance to assess changes in health behaviors and weight status. RESULTS: More than 11% of children improved their weight status, and 86% of children who began at a healthy weight remained there. The average BMI for children who were overweight at enrollment was significantly lower after intervention (1.1 kg/m² lower for boys and 0.88 kg/m² lower for girls). Overweight and obese children who made improvements in key health behaviors showed greater decreases in BMI z-score than those who did not improve those behaviors (increased fruit [-.2207 vs. -.0793] and vegetable [-.2215 vs. -.0855] intake, and drinking less soda [-.1985 vs. -.0912]). There were no significant increases in physical activity, and changes in physical activity were not related to decreases in BMI z-score in this study. CONCLUSION: Community-originated interventions to raise awareness about food choices and to change policies and environments may improve BMI z-scores.
Purpose: To examine the risk factors for incident myopia in Australian schoolchildren. Design: Population-based, longitudinal cohort study. Participants: The Sydney Adolescent Vascular and Eye Study (SAVES) was a 5- to 6-year follow-up of the Sydney Myopia Study (SMS). At follow-up, 2103 children were reexamined: 892 (50.5%) from the younger cohort and 1211 (51.5%) from the older cohort. Of these, 863 in the younger cohort and 1196 in the older cohort had complete refraction data. Methods: Cycloplegic autorefraction (cyclopentolate 1%; Canon RK-F1; Canon, Tokyo, Japan) was measured at baseline and follow-up. Myopia was defined as a spherical equivalent refraction of < -0.50 diopters (D). Children were classified as having incident myopia if they were nonmyopic at baseline and myopic in either eye at follow-up. A comprehensive questionnaire determined the amount of time children spent outdoors and doing near work per week at baseline, as well as ethnicity, parental myopia, and socioeconomic status. Main outcome measures: Incident myopia. Results: Children who became myopic spent less time outdoors compared with children who remained nonmyopic (younger cohort, 16.3 vs. 21.0 hours, respectively, P<0.0001; older cohort, 17.2 vs. 19.6 hours, respectively, P=0.001). Children who became myopic performed significantly more near work (19.4 vs. 17.6 hours; P=0.02) in the younger cohort, but not in the older cohort (P=0.06). Children with 1 or 2 parents who were myopic had greater odds of incident myopia (1 parent: odds ratio [OR], 3.2, 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.9-5.2; both parents: OR, 3.3, 95% CI, 1.6-6.8) in the younger but not the older cohort. Children of East Asian ethnicity had a higher incidence of myopia compared with children of European Caucasian ethnicity (both P<0.0001) and spent less time outdoors (both P<0.0001). A less hyperopic refraction...
at baseline was the most significant predictor of incident myopia. The addition of time outdoors, near work, parental myopia, and ethnicity to the model significantly improved the predictive power (P<0.0001) in the younger cohort but had little effect in the older cohort. CONCLUSIONS: Time spent outdoors was negatively associated with incident myopia in both age cohorts. Near work and parental myopia were additional significant risk factors for myopia only in the younger cohort. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE(S): The author(s) have no proprietary or commercial interest in any materials discussed in this article. Copyright 2013 American Academy of Ophthalmology. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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T1 - Effects of a short-term coordination exercise program during school recess: agility of seven- to eight-year-old elementary school children
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N2 - This study tested the effect of a short-term coordination program focused on improving the agility of school children ages 7 to 8 years. Healthy Japanese children were placed in an experimental group of 26 children (10 girls, 16 boys) and a control group of 20 children (9 girls, 11 boys). The experimental group participated in 10 coordination program sessions during recesses; each session was performed 1 to 3 times per week, for 26 days. No differences were observed between the groups in repeated side-step scores prior to the program, although an interaction was observed after the completion of the treatment. The short-term coordination program was effective in increasing the agility of elementary school children aged 7 to 8 years
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Background: elementary school children spend little time at the school in Mexico. The aim was to investigate the activities after school time in children and to determine the presence of overweight and obesity. Methods: one hundred and seventy two children of both sexes were included. They belonged to the first and second grade of an official primary school from a marginalized zone. Somatometry was obtained and the type of physical practice and motifs for no practice physical activity were investigated. Descriptive statistics were applied. Results: the frequency of underweight was 12.1 %, overweight 19 %, and obesity 18.5 %. Sedentary activities like watching television and playing video games were the most common registered, whereas sports were the lowest physical activity practiced, especially in girls. The parents' lack of time, low family income, and the scarcity of safe spaces where children can play and practice physical activity or sports were the most related factors. Conclusions: poverty and insecurity of the neighborhoods influence the outside activities in after school time. The high frequency of underweight, overweight and obesity in school children were associated to the lack of physical activity.
OBJECTIVES: We assessed the prevalence of regulatory noncompliance of licensed child care centers and identified factors associated with improved compliance. METHODS: We analyzed 676 routine, unannounced reports of child care centers collected by the Connecticut Department of Public Health licensing specialists over a 2-year time period, included characteristics of centers, and created categories of regulations. RESULTS: The sample included 41% of licensed child care centers. Of the 13 categories of regulations in the analyses, 7 categories (outdoor safety, indoor safety, indoor health, child and staff documentation, emergency preparedness, infant-toddler indoor health, and infant-toddler indoor safety) had regulations with center noncompliance greater than 10%. Playground hazard-free was the regulation with the highest frequency (48.4%) of noncompliance. Compliance with the regulation for 20 hours of continuing education per year for child care providers was the characteristic most frequently associated with regulations compliance. CONCLUSIONS: Efforts to support continuing education of child care providers are essential to improve and sustain healthy and safe early-care and education programs. Analyses of state child care licensing inspection reports provide valuable data and findings for strategic planning efforts.
OBJECTIVE: We investigated subtypes of school-avoiding children and adolescents in a German sample using cluster analysis. METHOD: 169 outpatients of a specialized outpatient unit for children and adolescents with school-avoiding behavior were subjected to cluster analysis using factor scores (principal factoring, varimax-rotation: measures of internalizing and externalizing symptoms, e.g., CBCL, YSR, and variables indicating the quality of school avoiding behavior, such as initial parental knowledge of school absence,
activities during school absence). The resulting clusters were compared to other variables such as parental mental health problems, parental divorce, bullying in school, class repetition, and IQ. RESULTS: Three groups were identified: "school refusers" with low externalizing symptoms who mainly stayed at home with their parents and were informed about their school absence from the beginning. Second, the "truants" with strong externalizing symptoms who spent school time alone or together with peers outside their home and were absent in school without initial parental knowledge. In a third cluster, children showed more externalizing problems than the school refusers and less externalizing problems than the truants. Most of their parents were informed about the school absence from the beginning, although the dominant activity was staying at home alone. Internalizing symptoms had no impact on cluster formation. Comparisons of the three groups, however, showed higher internalizing problems for school refusers and the third cluster, which was then labeled "school avoidance with mixed symptoms." RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS: In most cases, significant differences regarding potential stressors at home (e.g., parental mental health problems) or in school (e.g., bullying, class repetition) were not obtained.
The home environment is an important influence on the sedentary behaviour and physical activity of children, who have limited independent mobility and spend much of their time at home. This article reviews the current evidence regarding the influence of the home physical environment on the sedentary behaviour and physical activity of children aged 8-14 years. A literature search of peer reviewed articles published between 2005 and 2011 resulted in 38 observational studies (21 with activity outcomes, 23 with sedentary outcomes) and 11 experimental studies included in the review. The most commonly investigated behavioural outcomes were television watching and moderate to vigorous physical activity. Media equipment in the home and to a lesser extent the bedroom were positively associated with children's sedentary behaviour. Physical activity equipment and the house and yard were not associated with physical activity, although environmental measures were exclusively self-reported. On the other hand, physical activity equipment was inversely associated with sedentary behaviours in half of studies. Observational studies that investigated the influence of the physical and social environment within the home space, found that the social environment, particularly the role of parents, was important. Experimental studies that changed the home physical environment by introducing a television limiting device successfully decreased television viewing, whereas the influence of introducing an active video game on activity outcomes was inconsistent. Results highlight that the home environment is an important influence on children's sedentary behaviour and physical activity, about which much is still unknown. While changing or controlling the home physical environment shows promise for reducing screen based sedentary behaviour, further interventions are needed to understand the broader impact of these changes. Future studies should prioritise investigating the influence of the home physical environment, and its interaction with the social environment, on objectively measured sedentary time and home context specific behaviours, ideally including technologies that allow objective measures of the home space.

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BACKGROUND: Multidrug-resistant (MDR) tuberculosis is a potential threat to tuberculosis elimination, but the extent of MDR tuberculosis disease in the USA that is attributable to transmission within the country is unknown. We assessed transmission of MDR tuberculosis and potential contributing factors in the USA.

METHODS: In a cross-sectional study, clinical, demographic, epidemiological, and Mycobacterium tuberculosis genotype data were obtained during routine surveillance of all verified cases of MDR tuberculosis reported from eight states in the USA (California from Jan 1, 2007, to Dec 31, 2009; Texas from Jan 1, 2007, to March 31, 2009; and the states of Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Tennessee, and Washington from Jan 1, 2007 to Dec 31, 2008). In-depth interviews and health-record abstraction were done for all who consented to ascertain potential interpersonal connections.

FINDINGS: 168 cases of MDR tuberculosis were reported in the eight states during our study period. 92 individuals (55%) consented to in-depth interview. 20 (22%) of these individuals developed MDR tuberculosis as a result of transmission in the USA; a source case was identified for eight of them (9%). 20 individuals (22%) had imported active tuberculosis (ie, culture-confirmed disease within 3 months of entry into the USA). 38 (41%) were deemed to have reactivation of disease, of whom 14 (15%) had a known previous episode of tuberculosis outside the USA. Five individuals (5%) had documented treatment of a previous episode in the USA, and so were deemed to have relapsed. For nine cases (10%), insufficient evidence was available to definitively classify reason for presentation.

INTERPRETATION: About a fifth of cases of MDR tuberculosis in the USA can be linked to transmission within the country. Many individuals acquire MDR tuberculosis before entry into the USA. MDR tuberculosis needs to be diagnosed rapidly to reduce potential infectious periods, and clinicians should consider latent tuberculosis infection treatment-tailored to the results of drug susceptibility testing of the putative source case for exposed individuals.

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T1 - Schoolyard physical activity of 6-11 year old children assessed by GPS and accelerometry
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BACKGROUND: Children's current physical activity levels are disturbingly low when compared to recommended levels. This may be changed by intervening in the school environment. However, at present, it is unclear to what extent schoolyard physical activity contributes towards reaching the daily physical activity guideline. The aim of this study was to examine how long and at what intensity children are physically active at the schoolyard during different time segments of the day. Moreover, the contribution of schoolyard physical activity towards achieving the recommended guideline for daily physical activity was investigated. METHODS: Children (n=76) between the age of 6-11 years were recruited in six different schools in five cities (>70,000 residents) in the Netherlands. During the weekdays of a regular school week, children's physical activity and location were measured with ActiGraph accelerometers and Travelrecorder GPS receivers. Data was collected from December 2008 to April 2009. From the data, the amount of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) on and outside the schoolyard was established. Moreover, the percentage of MVPA on the schoolyard was compared between the following segments of the day: pre-school, school, school recess, lunch break and post-school. Differences between boys and girls were compared using linear and logistic mixed-effects models.

RESULTS: On average, children spent 40.1 minutes/day on the schoolyard. During this time, boys were more active on the schoolyard, with 27.3% of their time spent as MVPA compared to 16.7% among girls (OR=2.11 [95% CI 1.54 - 2.90]). The children were most active on the schoolyard during school recess, during which boys recorded 39.5% and girls recorded 23.4% of the time as MVPA (OR=2.55 [95% CI: 1.69 - 3.85]). Although children were only present at the schoolyard for 6.1% of the total reported time, this time contributed towards 17.5% and 16.8% of boys' and girls' minutes of MVPA. CONCLUSIONS: On the schoolyard, children's physical activity levels are higher than on average over the whole day. Physical activity levels are particularly high during school recess. The school environment seems to be an important setting for improving children's
physical activity levels. Further research on the facilitators of these high activity levels may provide targets for further promotion of physical activity among children.

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N2 - A large body of data is available to support the hypothesis that dopamine (DA) is one of the retinal neurotransmitters involved in the signaling cascade that controls eye growth by vision. Initially, reduced retinal DA levels were observed in eyes deprived of sharp vision by either diffusers (“deprivation myopia”, DM) or negative lenses (“lens induced myopia”, LIM). Simulating high retinal DA levels by intravitreal application of a DA agonist can suppress the development of both DM and LIM. Also more recent studies using knock-out mouse models of DA receptors support the idea of an association between decreased DA levels and DM. There seem to be differences in the magnitude of the effects of DA on DM and LIM, with larger changes in DM but the degrees of image degradation by both treatments need to be matched to support this conclusion. Although a number of studies have shown that the inhibitory effects of dopamine agonists on DM and LIM are mediated through stimulation of the D2-receptor, there is also recent evidence that the balance of D2- and D1-receptor activation is important. Inhibition of D2-receptors can also slow the development of spontaneous myopia in albino guinea pigs. Retinal DA content displays a distinct endogenous diurnal, and partially circadian rhythm. In addition, retinal DA is regulated by a number of visual stimuli like retinal illuminance, spatial frequency content of the image, temporal contrast and, in chicks, by the light input from the pineal organ. A close interaction was found between muscarinergic and dopaminergic systems, and between nitric oxide and dopaminergic pathways, and there is evidence for crosstalk between the different pathways, perhaps multiple binding of the ligands to different receptors. It was shown that DA agonists interact with the immediate early signaling molecule ZENK which triggers the first steps in eye growth regulation. However, since long treatment periods were often needed...
to induce significant changes in retinal dopamine synthesis and release, the role of dopamine in the early steps is unclear. The wide spatial distribution of dopaminergic amacrine cells in the retina and the observation that changes in dopamine levels can be locally induced by local retinal deprivation is in line with the assumption that dopaminergic mechanisms control both central and peripheral eye growth. The protective effect of outdoor activity on myopia development in children seems to be partly mediated by the stimulatory effect of light on retinal dopamine production and release. However, the dose-response function linking light exposure to dopamine and to the suppression of myopia is not known and requires further studies. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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T1 - Psychological predictors of children's recess physical activity motivation and behavior
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KW - Sex Factors
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N2 - PURPOSE: This study explored the relationship between children's basic psychological needs satisfaction at recess, level of recess physical activity motivation (RPAM), and recess physical activity (RPA). METHOD: Fifth-grade children (N = 203; 50.2% boys; 71.7% healthy-weight) completed measures of age, gender, basic psychological need satisfaction, and level of self-determined motivation for RPA. Children also wore pedometers during six consecutive 30-min mid-school-day recesses. RESULTS: Multiple regression analyses indicated unique significant predictors of RPAM and RPA according to gender and weight status. RPAM was significantly predicted by all three basic psychological needs for boys and only competence need satisfaction for girls and healthy-weight children. RPA was predicted by RPAM for girls, competence need satisfaction for overweight children, and autonomy need satisfaction for boys and healthy-weight children. CONCLUSIONS:
Findings support self-determination theory and provide important insight into the variations in psychological predictors of motivation for RPA and actual physical activity behavior based on gender and weight status.
BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE: Although comprehensive smoking counseling to limit secondhand smoke (SHS) is widely endorsed, it is often not done. Published evaluations of brief and practical systems that improve screening and counseling to reduce SHS are limited. Our objective was to determine if a quality improvement activity around smoking counseling leads to changes in (1) medical assistant and pediatric provider assessment of smoking history and (2) smoking or other behaviors affecting children's SHS exposure.

METHODS: In a large urban teaching clinic we assessed the ONE Step intervention, which included the following: (1) "Ask" (medical assistant asking whether caregivers smoke); (2) "Advise" (providers advising smoking outside and quitting if ready); (3) "Refer" (providers referring to the Colorado telephone QuitLine); and (4) electronic medical record prompts and required documentation regarding smoking. Medical assistant and provider assessments of smoking were evaluated with a chart review by using a pre-/posttest design. Caregiver behavior change was evaluated with a time-series survey that included assessment at baseline and follow-up via telephone at 6 and 12 months from study entry. RESULTS: ONE Step was associated with a statistically significant increase in Ask, Advise, and Refer documentation. Caregiver surveys showed that 97% found discussions of SHS with providers acceptable. Six- and 12-month follow-ups, respectively, showed that 14% and 13% of smokers reported quitting and that 63% and 70% of current smokers reported reduced SHS exposure. CONCLUSIONS: ONE Step was feasible to deliver in a busy outpatient setting, acceptable to families, and appears to have resulted in decreased exposure to SHS in our pediatric population.

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T1 - High frequency oscillations mirror disease activity in patients with focal cortical dysplasia
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PURPOSE: The study analyzes the occurrence of high frequency oscillations in different types of focal cortical dysplasia in 22 patients with refractory epilepsy. High frequency oscillations are biomarkers for epileptic tissue, but it is unknown whether they can reflect increasingly dysplastic tissue changes as well as epileptic disease activity. METHODS: High frequency oscillations (80-450 Hz) were visually marked by two independent reviewers in all channels of intracranial implanted grid, strips, and depth electrodes in patients with focal cortical dysplasia and refractory epilepsy. Rates of high frequency oscillations in patients with pathologically confirmed focal cortical dysplasia of Palmini type 1a and b were compared with those in type 2a and b. KEY FINDINGS: Patients with focal cortical dysplasia type 2 had significantly more seizures than those with type 1 (p < 0.001). Rates of high frequency oscillations were significantly higher in patients with focal cortical dysplasia type 2 versus type 1 (p < 0.001). In addition, it could be confirmed that rates of high frequency oscillations were significantly higher in patients with focal cortical dysplasia type 2 lesions compared to type 1 lesions. Therefore, rates of high frequency oscillations can reflect disease activity of a lesion. This has implications for the use of high frequency oscillations as biomarkers for epileptogenic areas, because a detailed analysis of their rates may be necessary to use high frequency oscillations as a predictive tool in epilepsy surgery. Wiley Periodicals, Inc. 2013 International League Against Epilepsy

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BACKGROUND: Increasing school-day physical activity through policy and programs is commonly suggested to prevent obesity and improve overall child health. However, strategies that focus on school-day physical activity may not increase total physical activity if youth compensate by reducing physical activity outside of school. PURPOSE: Objectively measured, nationally representative physical activity data were used to test the hypothesis that higher school-day physical activity is associated with higher overall daily physical activity in youth. METHODS: Accelerometer data from 2003-2004/2005-2006 National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys were analyzed in 2012 to estimate physical activity levels during the school day (8AM-3PM) among youth aged 6-19 years (n=2548). Fixed-effects regressions were used to estimate the impact of changes in school-day minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) on changes in total daily MVPA. RESULTS: Each additional minute of school-day MVPA was associated with an additional 1.14 minutes (95% CI=1.04, 1.24; p<0.001) of total daily MVPA, or 0.14 additional minutes (95% CI=0.04, 0.24; p=0.008) outside the school day, controlling for total daily accelerometer wear time and age, gender, race/ethnicity, and other non-time varying covariates. There were no differences in the effect of school-day MVPA on total MVPA by age group, gender, race/ethnicity, poverty status, or degree of change in MVPA. CONCLUSIONS: Higher school-day MVPA was associated with higher daily MVPA among U.S. youth with no evidence for same-day "compensation." Increasing school-based physical activity is a promising approach that can improve total daily physical activity levels of youth. Copyright 2013 American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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INTRODUCTION: Delaware is one state that has implemented comprehensive child care regulations to foster healthy dietary and physical activity behaviors of young children. This study describes the Delaware family child care environment and providers' knowledge of and compliance with physical activity regulations. We analyzed the data to determine characteristics associated with predictors of knowledge of and compliance with these regulations. METHODS: A random stratified sample of 663 licensed Delaware family child care providers was mailed a survey on family child care characteristics and providers' awareness and practices of the child care regulations. Three logistic regression models were used to explore the association between provider characteristics and their knowledge of and compliance with the regulations. RESULTS: Ultimately, 313 of the 663 eligible family child care providers participated in the survey (47.2% response rate). Controlling for covariates, we found that family child care providers' education level was significantly associated with knowledge of the physical activity regulation. Another model showed that family child care providers with larger amounts of outdoor space were more likely to report compliance with the recommendation for unstructured physical activity than those without this described space (odds ratio, 2.45). A third model showed a significant association between available indoor space for all activities including running and reported greater compliance with the recommendation for structured physical activity than was reported by caregivers with less indoor space (odds ratio, 11.2). CONCLUSION: To provide the recommended levels of physical activity for children in child care, the available physical space environment is an important area of focus for advocates of physical activity recommendations within the family child care environment.
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We evaluated patterns of health care use for diarrhea among children 0–59 months of age residing in Mirzapur, Bangladesh, using a baseline survey conducted during May–June 2007 to inform the design of a planned diarrheal etiology case/control study. Caretakers of 7.4% of 1,128 children reported a diarrheal illness in the preceding 14 days; among 95 children with diarrhea, 24.2% had blood in the stool, 12.2% received oral rehydration solution, 27.6% received homemade fluids, and none received zinc at home. Caretakers of 87.9% sought care outside the home; 49.9% from a pharmacy, and 22.1% from a hospital or health center. The primary reasons for not seeking care were maternal perception that the illness was not serious enough (74.0%) and the high cost of treatment (21.9%). To improve management of childhood diarrhea in Mirzapur, Bangladesh, it will be important to address knowledge gaps in caretakers’ assessment of illness severity, appropriate home management, and when to seek care in the formal sector. In addition, consideration should be given to inclusion of the diverse care-giving settings in clinical training activities for diarrheal disease management.

OBJECTIVE: To quantify the effect of handhold size (diameter) on the maximum breakaway strength between a hand and handhold for children. BACKGROUND: Falls from playground equipment are a major...
cause of childhood injury and death. It is unclear if recommendations for handholds on playground equipment are too broad. METHODS: Breakaway strength was defined as the maximum quasistatic force that can be exerted on a grasped object before the object is forcibly pulled from the grasp. Hand anthropometry, grip, and breakaway strengths were measured for 397 children between the ages of 6 and 11 years. Three cylindrical handhold diameters were tested. RESULTS: Breakaway strength was significantly affected by handhold size, gender, and hand dominance. Significant covariate predictors for breakaway strength included grip strength, age, and hand breadth. Breakaway strength was reduced for the largest diameter (3.81 cm) for children of all ages. CONCLUSION: Handhold design factors significantly affect the breakaway strength of children. APPLICATION: The results can be used as a basis for design recommendations for hand rungs used by children to reliably support their bodyweight.

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T1 - A cluster randomized controlled trial of an incentive-based outdoor physical activity program
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KW - Child
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KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Humans
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KW - Motivation
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To evaluate an incentive-based physical activity intervention to increase physical activity and fitness among children in a 9-month cluster randomized controlled trial. STUDY DESIGN: Children aged 6-12 years were randomized to control (n = 138 from 106 families) or intervention arm (n = 147 from 106 families). The intervention included incentives for meeting step targets as measured by pedometers and structured weekend outdoor activities. Outcomes included trends in activity for the intervention group and between-group differences in pedometer steps, 6-minute walk test, body mass index, and parent-reported
Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory. RESULTS: At follow-up, children in the intervention group recorded significantly more pedometer steps than controls over the entire week (8660 vs 7767; P = .010), on weekdays (8646 vs 7826; P = .041), and on weekends (8779 vs 7684; P = .018). Three different trajectory classes were identified. The first group increased activity but was not sustained, the second group met the target step levels, and the third group significantly surpassed the step goals. The intervention group showed trends toward longer 6-minute walk test times and higher Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory scores, but the differences were not statistically significant. CONCLUSION: Incentives for increased step activity were effective in producing greater steps and showed a (nonsignificant) trend toward improvements in other health outcomes. Thus, future incentive trials should be incorporate greater step targets and longer follow-up periods to provide evidence of the long-term effect of these incentives on children's health. Copyright 2013 Mosby, Inc. All rights reserved

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English
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - 80 and over
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Saskatchewan/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Time Factors
KW - West Nile Fever/co [Complications]
KW - West Nile Fever/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Young Adult
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 580
EP - 584
JF - Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences
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CY - Canada
N2 - BACKGROUND: West Nile virus (WNV) is a virus of the family Flaviviridae. The main route of human infection is through the bite of an infected mosquito. Approximately 90% of WNV infections in humans are asymptomatic, but neurologic manifestations can be severe. METHODS: This study reviews the clinical profile of cases with neuroinvasive West Nile infection (NJNI) reported by the Surveillance program of the
government of Saskatchewan in the Saskatoon Health Region (SHR). In 2007, 1456 cases of human West Nile cases were reported by the government of Saskatchewan in the whole province. One hundred and thirteen cases had severe symptoms of NWNI (8%), 1172 (80%) cases had mild symptoms of WNI and 171 (12%) had asymptomatic disease. Three hundred and fifty six cases were reported in the SHR, where 57 (16%) fulfilled criteria for NWNI. RESULTS: From the 57 cases, 39 (68%) were females. Nine (16%) patients had a history of recent camping, two (4%) reported outdoor sports and four (8%) reported outdoor activities not otherwise specified. Twenty five patients had headache (43.9%), 25 confusion (42.1%), 23 meningitis (40.4%), 17 encephalitis (29.8%), 14 encephalopathy (24.6%), 11 meningoencephalitis (19.3%), 10 tremor (17.5%), acute flaccid paralysis 10 (17.5%), myoclonus 1 (1.8%), nystagmus 2 (3.5%), diplopia 2 (3.5%), dizziness 2 (3.5%). Three patients died related with comorbidities during admission. CONCLUSION: During a year of high occurrence of WNI in Saskatchewan, 16% of cases developed NWNI. The recognition of neurological complications associated with WNI is important to improve their referral to tertiary centers.
through adult life. Low bone mineral density (BMD) appears to be common in perinatally HIV-infected youth, especially outside of high-income settings, but data are limited and interpretation complicated by the need for better pediatric norms. The potential negative effects of tenofovir on BMD and bone mass accrual are of particular concern as this drug may be used more widely in younger children. Emphasizing good nutrition, calcium and vitamin D sufficiency, weight-bearing exercise and avoidance of alcohol and smoking are effective and available approaches to maintain and improve bone health in all settings. More data are needed to inform therapies and monitoring for HIV-infected youth with proven bone fragility. While very limited data suggest lack of marked increase in fracture risk for youth with perinatal HIV infection, the looming concern for these children is that they may fail to attain their expected peak bone mass in early adulthood which could increase their risk for fractures and osteoporosis later in adulthood.

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T1 - Validity of a self-report survey tool measuring the nutrition and physical activity environment of primary schools
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KW - Administrative Personnel
KW - Child
KW - Data Collection
KW - Diet
KW - Environment Design
KW - Exercise
KW - Faculty
KW - Food Dispensers
KW - Automatic
KW - Food Services
KW - Fund Raising
KW - Humans
KW - Interviews as Topic
KW - Lunch
KW - New South Wales
KW - Questionnaires/st [Standards]
KW - Recreation
KW - Reproducibility of Results
KW - Schools
KW - Self Report
KW - Sports
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BACKGROUND: Valid tools measuring characteristics of the school environment associated with the physical activity and dietary behaviours of children are needed to accurately evaluate the impact of initiatives to improve school environments. The aim of this study was to assess the validity of Principal self-report of primary school healthy eating and physical activity environments. METHODS: Primary school Principals (n=42) in New South Wales, Australia were invited to complete a telephone survey of the school environment; the School Environment Assessment Tool - SEAT. Equivalent observational data were collected by pre-service teachers located within the school. The SEAT, involved 65 items that assessed food availability via canteens, vending machines and fundraisers and the presence of physical activity facilities, equipment and organised physical activities. Kappa statistics were used to assess agreement between the two measures. RESULTS: Almost 70% of the survey demonstrated moderate to almost perfect agreement. Substantial agreement was found for 10 of 13 items assessing foods sold for fundraising, 3 of 6 items assessing physical activity facilities of the school, and both items assessing organised physical activities that occurred at recess and lunch and school sport. Limited agreement was found for items assessing foods sold through canteens and access to small screen recreation. CONCLUSIONS: The SEAT provides researchers and policy makers with a valid tool for assessing aspects of the school food and physical activity environment.
BACKGROUND: Falls are the leading cause of nonfatal unintentional injuries among hospitalized children with playground equipment accounting for more than 50%. National standards for playground rung and rail design exist, but there a lack of in vivo models available to test these standards. We developed a novel in vivo model to test rung and rail design. We report the feasibility and safety of the model. METHODS: A device was built to simulate children hanging onto a playground bar until their hand slips off. This was defined as breakaway strength. The handle unit was mounted on a vertical cable that was mechanically raised and lowered using a linear actuator controlled by the experimenter. The unit was padded and contained a video camera that recorded the posture of the hand during each trial. Breakaway force and torque were recorded as they held onto the handle by LabView software. In addition, standard anthropometrics and grip strength were recorded.

RESULTS: Biomedical engineering approved the device. There were 425 eligible students aged 5 years to 11 years. Of these, 93% (397) participated (212 males and 185 females). Ninety-nine percent (396 of 397) completed all three experimental stations, one declined because of fear. There were no injuries and no falls. Average time to complete the study was 22 + 0.5 minutes. Ninety-one percent of participants were right handed; the ethnicity was representative of the local area with 79% being white. Mean + SD height, weight, and body mass index for the 397 participants were 1.28 + 0.11 m, 28.0 + 8.12 kg, and 16.31 + 2.59 kg/m2, respectively. Hand size, grip strength, and maximum breakaway force increased with age.

CONCLUSION: This model is safe and feasible and maybe a viable method to assess rung and rail design for playgrounds.
While advances in biomineralization have been made in recent years, unanswered questions persist on bone- and tooth-cell differentiation, on outside-in signaling from the extracellular matrix, and on the link between protein expression and mineral deposition. In the present study, we validate the use of a bioengineered three-dimensional (3D) dense collagen hydrogel scaffold as a cell-culture model to explore these questions. Dental pulp progenitor/stem cells from human exfoliated deciduous teeth (SHEDs) were seeded into an extracellular matrix-like collagen gel whose fibrillar density was increased through plastic compression. SHED viability, morphology, and metabolic activity, as well as scaffold mineralization, were investigated over 24 days in culture. Additionally, measurements of alkaline phosphatase enzymatic activity, together with immunoblotting for mineralized tissue cell markers ALPL (tissue-non-specific alkaline phosphatase), DMP1 (dentin matrix protein 1), and OPN (osteopontin), demonstrated osteo/odontogenic cell differentiation in the dense collagen scaffolds coincident with mineralization. Analyses of the mineral phase by electron microscopy, including electron diffraction and energy-dispersive x-ray spectroscopy, combined with Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy and biochemical analyses, were consistent with the formation of apatitic mineral that was frequently aligned along collagen fibrils. In conclusion, use of a 3D dense collagen scaffold promoted SHED osteo/odontogenic cell differentiation and mineralization.
INTRODUCTION: Myopia is a significant public health problem in Singapore with estimates that more than 50% of the population is affected by it by the time of adulthood. Childhood obesity is also increasing and has been linked to long-term health problems. Recent studies have found that Singaporean children in Primary 1 spend less than 3 hours a day outdoors which is less than children in other countries. Physical activity has been shown to be protective against obesity and recently, there has been some evidence to suggest that time spent outdoors may reduce the prevalence and severity of myopia. This study aims to explore the barriers and enablers to children in Singapore participating in outdoor activities.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Qualitative data, gathered from focus group discussions was thematically analysed against the PRECEDE component of the
PRECEDE-PROCEED model which provided a conceptual framework for examining factors relevant to children participating in an outdoor activity intervention. A total of 31 people participated in 4 focus groups held over a 6-month period. RESULTS: This feasibility study was exploratory in nature but provided valuable information concerning barriers and enablers to participation. Data informed the development of a larger study. CONCLUSION: Results indicated that families preferred structured activities such as orienteering and a choice of weekend attendance days and times.
BACKGROUND: To determine the difference in the rate of myopic progression between children wearing single vision lenses with undercorrection of +0.50 D and children whose myopia is fully corrected, and to explore the factors that may influence the process. DESIGN: Randomized, controlled, double-blind trial. PARTICIPANTS: Two hundred children aged 7-15 years with low-to-moderate myopia (-1.5 D to -6.0 D), astigmatism < -1.5 D and anisometropia < 1.0 D. METHODS: The children were randomly allocated to wear single vision lenses with full correction or undercorrection by +0.50 D. Ocular examinations and questionnaire surveys for myopia-related factors will be performed every 6 months. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Cycloplegic autorefraction and axial length. RESULTS: Of 200 children, 100 (50%) were girls, 41 (21%) esophoric and 82 (42%) exophoric at near. The characteristics of gender, age, age of myopia onset, phoria, eye dominance, parental myopia, refractive error, axial length, corneal curvature, mean time spent in near work and outdoor activities between the two groups were not significantly different. The accommodative responses at 33 cm, the accommodative demands and lags at infinity were significantly different in the two groups as they were measured with full correction in one group and undercorrection in the other. CONCLUSION: Full correction and Undercorrection of Myopia Evaluation Trial is a clinical trial designed to determine the effectiveness of undercorrection of myopia by +0.5 D on myopic progression in a population of school-aged children known to be susceptible to myopia and to identify the factors influencing the process.
BACKGROUND: The exact pathogenesis of the pediatric disorder periodic fever, aphthous stomatitis, pharyngitis, cervical adenitis (PFAPA) syndrome is unknown. OBJECTIVES: We hypothesized that PFAPA might be due to dysregulated monocyte IL-1beta production linked to genetic variants in proinflammatory genes. METHODS: Fifteen patients with PFAPA syndrome were studied during and outside a febrile episode. Hematologic profile, inflammatory markers, and cytokine levels were measured in the blood. The capacity of LPS-stimulated PBMCs and monocytes to secrete IL-1beta was assessed by using ELISA, and active IL-1beta secretion was visualized by means of Western blotting. Real-time quantitative PCR was performed to assess cytokine gene expression. DNA was screened for variants of the MEFV, TNFRSF1A, MVK, and NLRP3 genes in a total of 57 patients with PFAPA syndrome. RESULTS: During a febrile attack, patients with PFAPA syndrome revealed significantly increased neutrophil counts, erythrocyte sedimentation rates, and C-reactive protein, serum amyloid A, myeloid-related protein 8/14, and S100A12 levels compared with those seen outside attacks. Stimulated PBMCs secreted significantly more IL-1beta during an attack (during a febrile episode, 575 + 88 pg/mL; outside a febrile episode, 235 + 56 pg/mL; P < .001), and this was in the mature active p17 form. IL-1beta secretion was inhibited by ZYVAD, a caspase inhibitor. Similar results were found for stimulated monocytes (during a febrile episode, 743 + 183 pg/mL; outside a febrile episode, 227 + 92 pg/mL; P < .05). Genotyping identified variants in 15 of 57 patients, with 12 NLRP3 variants, 1 TNFRSF1A variant, 4 MEFV variants, and 1 MVK variant. CONCLUSION: Our data strongly suggest that IL-1beta monocyte production is dysregulated in patients with PFAPA syndrome. Approximately 20% of them were found to have NLRP3 variants, suggesting that inflammasome-related genes might be involved in this autoinflammatory syndrome.
INTRODUCTION: Few studies have examined how joint-use agreements between schools and communities affect use of school facilities after hours for physical activity in under-resourced communities. The objective of this study was to assess whether these agreements can increase community member use of these opened spaces outside of school hours. METHODS: Trained observers conducted school site observations after joint-use agreements were implemented in 7 Los Angeles County school districts. All 7 districts had disproportionately high adult and child obesity rates, and all had executed a joint-use agreement between schools and community or government entities from January 2010 through December 2012. To assess use, we...
adapted the System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) instrument to record the number, demographic characteristics, and physical activity levels of community members who used the joint-use school sites. To supplement observations, we collected contextual information for each location, including the existence of physical activity programs at the site and the condition of exercise equipment. RESULTS: We completed 172 SOPARC observations and related environmental assessments for 12 school sites. Observations made on 1,669 site users showed that most of them were Hispanic and nearly half were adults; three-quarters engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity. Community member use of school sites was 16 times higher in joint-use schools that had physical activity programs than in schools without such programs. CONCLUSION: Joint-use agreements are a promising strategy for increasing moderate to vigorous physical activity among adults and children in under-resourced communities. Providing physical activity programs may substantially increase after-hours use of school facilities by community members.

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T1 - Attentional threat avoidance and familial risk are independently associated with childhood anxiety disorders
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Anxiety Disorders/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Anxiety Disorders/ge [Genetics]
KW - Anxiety Disorders/px [Psychology]
KW - Attention
KW - Child
KW - Color Perception
KW - Diseases in Twins/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Diseases in Twins/ge [Genetics]
KW - Diseases in Twins/px [Psychology]
KW - Emotions
KW - Facial Expression
KW - Female
KW - Field Dependence-Independence
KW - Gene-Environment Interaction
KW - Genetic Predisposition to Disease/ge [Genetics]
KW - Genetic Predisposition to Disease/px [Psychology]
KW - Harm Reduction
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Orientation
KW - Pattern Recognition
BACKGROUND: Twin studies in children reveal that familial aggregation of anxiety disorders is due to both genetic and environmental factors. Cognitive biases for threat information are considered a robust characteristic of childhood anxiety. However, little is known regarding the underlying aetiology of such biases and their role in anxiety disorders. METHOD: A face version of the dot-probe task measuring attentional biases for negative (anger, fear, sad, disgust) and positive (happy) facial expressions was completed by 600, 8-year-old twins; the largest study of its kind. Twin correlations for attentional bias scores were compared to estimate genetic and environmental effects. Parent-report diagnostic interviews identified children with an anxiety disorder. Indices of inferred genetic and familial risk for anxiety disorders were created for each child. Data were analysed using a series of logistic regressions. RESULTS: Anxious children showed greater attentional avoidance of negative faces than nonanxious children; t (548) = 2.55, p < .05. Attentional avoidance was not under genetic or shared environmental influence. Risk for anxiety disorders was predicted by familial factors. Both attentional avoidance and inferred familial risk were significant but independent predictors of anxiety disorders (ORs = .65 and 3.64, respectively). CONCLUSIONS: Anxiety-related attentional biases and familial risk play important but independent roles in childhood anxiety disorders. If replicated, these findings indicate that links between genetic risk and anxiety disorders lie outside the domain of attentional processes. 2012 The Authors. Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry 2012 Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health SN - 1469-7610 AD - Social, Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, London, UK. hannah.brown@kcl.ac.uk UR - 23176633 ER -
This study examines exposure risks associated with lead smelter emissions at children's public playgrounds in Port Pirie, South Australia. Lead and other metal values were measured in air, soil, surface dust and on pre- and post-play hand wipes. Playgrounds closest to the smelter were significantly more lead contaminated compared to those further away (t(27.545) = 3.76; p = .001). Port Pirie post-play hand wipes contained significantly higher lead loadings (maximum hand lead value of 49,432 mug/m(2)) than pre-play hand wipes (t(27) = 3.57, p = .001). A 1% increase in air lead (mug/m(3)) was related to a 0.713% increase in lead dust on play surfaces (95% CI, 0.253-1.174), and a 0.612% increase in post-play wipe lead (95% CI, 0.257-0.970). Contaminated dust from smelter emissions is determined as the source and cause of childhood lead poisoning at a rate of approximately one child every third day. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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KW - Aedes
KW - Animals
KW - Child
KW - Exercise
KW - Humans
KW - Mosquito Control
KW - Obesity
KW - Urban Population
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We tested the hypothesis that day-biting mosquitoes contribute to child obesity by reducing opportunities for summer outdoor play. The influence of Asian tiger mosquito (Aedes albopictus) prevalence on child outdoor physical activity was compared in 2 matched urban communities, one treated for mosquito abatement and one untreated. More time was spent outdoors by children where abatement took place.

OBJECTIVE: To investigate the risk factors for asthma in children in Hefei, China and to provide a strategy for asthma control in this region. METHODS: A total of 400 children with a confirmed diagnosis of asthma, as well as 400 children of comparable age, sex, living environment, and family background, who had no respiratory diseases, were selected for a case-control study. A survey questionnaire survey was completed for all children. The obtained data were subjected to univariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis to determine the risk factors for asthma. RESULTS: The logistic regression analysis showed that a family history of allergy, allergic rhinitis, infantile eczema, no breastfeeding, air-conditioning and passive smoking were the
risk factors for asthma in children, with odds ratios of 9.63, 7.56, 4.58, 2.16, 1.73, and 1.55 respectively.

CONCLUSIONS: In order to reduce the incidence of asthma, we should advocate breast feeding, promote outdoor activities, keep ventilation natural, prevent passive smoking and cure allergic rhinitis

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T1 - Modifiable lifestyle behavior patterns, sedentary time and physical activity contexts: a cluster analysis among middle school boys and girls in the SALTA study
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KW - Body Mass Index
KW - Child
KW - Cholesterol
KW - HDL/bl [Blood]
KW - Cluster Analysis
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Female
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Physical Fitness
KW - Portugal
KW - Recreation
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Sedentary Lifestyle
KW - Students/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Travel
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SP - 413
EP - 415
JF - Preventive Medicine
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CY - United States
N2 - OBJECTIVE: To analyze how modifiable health-related variables are clustered and associated with children's participation in play, active travel and structured exercise and sport among boys and girls.
METHODOLOGY: Data were collected from 9 middle-schools in Porto (Portugal) area. A total of 636 children in the 6th grade (340 girls and 296 boys) with a mean age of 11.64 years old participated in the study. Cluster analyses
were used to identify patterns of lifestyle and healthy/unhealthy behaviors. Multinomial logistic regression analysis was used to estimate associations between cluster allocation, sedentary time and participation in three different physical activity (PA) contexts: play, active travel, and structured exercise/sport. RESULTS: Four distinct clusters were identified based on four lifestyle risk factors. The most disadvantaged cluster was characterized by high body mass index, low high-density lipoprotein cholesterol and cardiorespiratory fitness and a moderate level of moderate to vigorous PA. Everyday outdoor play (OR=1.85, 95%CI 0.318-0.915) and structured exercise/sport (OR=1.85, 95%CI 0.291-0.990) were associated with healthier lifestyle patterns. There were no significant associations between health patterns and sedentary time or travel mode. CONCLUSION: Outdoor play and sport/exercise participation seem more important than active travel from school in influencing children's healthy cluster profiles. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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KW - Male
KW - Oxytocin/me [Metabolism]
KW - Sex Characteristics
KW - Testosterone/me [Metabolism]
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N2 - This review examines the role of hormones in the development of social and nonsocial cognition and the brain. Research findings from human studies designed to elucidate the effects of both prenatal and postnatal exposure to hormones in children and young adults are summarized. Effects are found to be both time and dose dependent, with exposure to abnormal hormone levels having a limited impact outside the "critical window" in development. Particular attention is given to the role of prenatal hormone exposure, which appears to be vital
for early organization of the brain. In later life, measurements of circulating hormone levels and the administration of testosterone and oxytocin are found to predict behavior, but the effect is thought to be one of "activation" or "fine-tuning" of the early organization of the brain. Possible directions for valuable future research are discussed.

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N2 - PURPOSE: To examine the patterns of myopigenic activity (high near work, low time outdoors) in children growing up in Sydney, Australia, by age, ethnicity and gender. METHODS: The Sydney Adolescent Vascular and Eye Study (SAVES) re-examined children from the two age cohorts (6 and 12 years at baseline) from the Sydney Myopia Study (SMS). At 5-6 year follow-up, 863 in the younger cohort and 1196 in the older cohort had complete refraction data. Cycloplegic autorefraction (cyclopentolate 1%; Canon RK-F1) was measured at baseline and follow-up. Children who became myopic (<-0.50 dioptres spherical equivalent refraction) were those classified as non-myopic at baseline and myopic at follow-up. A detailed questionnaire

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was administered to measure weekly activities, including time spent outdoors and near work at both baseline and follow-up examination. RESULTS: Overall, 128 (14.8%) children in the younger cohort and 210 (17.6%) in the older cohort became myopic. At follow-up, for both cohorts, children had significantly reduced the amount of time spent outdoors (younger cohort, p = 0.001, older cohort, p < 0.0001) and increased near work time (younger cohort, p < 0.0001, older cohort, p = 0.006). Children of East Asian ethnicity spent significantly less time outdoors by more than 7 h per week (both cohorts at baseline and follow-up, all p < 0.0001) and more time in near work activities by close to 3 h compared to European Caucasian children at all ages examined (both cohorts at baseline and follow-up all, p < 0.03). The average pattern of activity for girls differed from that of boys in a similar way (both cohorts at baseline and follow-up all, p < 0.0001). The two independent samples of 12 year-old children provided by follow-up in the younger cohort and baseline in the older cohort gave very similar answers to the questionnaire, with significant differences only evident for computer use (p = 0.001) and books read (p < 0.0001). CONCLUSIONS: Answers to the activity questionnaire were very similar in the two cohorts of 12 year-olds, suggesting that the questionnaire gives reproducible answers. However, further work is required for validation. Children's pattern of activities become more myopigenic with age, and differed by gender and by ethnicity at all ages, with girls having a more myopigenic activity pattern than boys, and children of East Asian ancestry having a more myopigenic activity pattern than European Caucasian children.

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BACKGROUND: Operational vector sampling methods lack standardization, making quantitative comparisons of malaria transmission across different settings difficult. Human landing catch (HLC) is considered the research gold standard for measuring human-mosquito contact, but is unsuitable for large-scale sampling. This study assessed mosquito catch rates of CDC light trap (CDC-LT), Ifakara tent trap (ITT), window exit trap (WET), pot resting trap (PRT), and box resting trap (BRT) relative to HLC in western Kenya to 1) identify appropriate methods for operational sampling in this region, and 2) contribute to a larger, overarching project comparing standardized evaluations of vector trapping methods across multiple countries.

METHODS: Mosquitoes were collected from June to July 2009 in four districts: Rarieda, Kisumu West, Nyando, and Rachuonyo. In each district, all trapping methods were rotated 10 times through three houses in a 3 x 3 Latin Square design. Anophelines were identified by morphology and females classified as fed or non-fed. Anopheles gambiae s.l. were further identified as Anopheles gambiae s.s. or Anopheles arabiensis by PCR. Relative catch rates were estimated by negative binomial regression. RESULTS: When data were pooled across all four districts, catch rates (relative to HLC indoor) for An. gambiae s.l (95.6% An. arabiensis, 4.4% An. gambiae s.s) were high for HLC outdoor (RR = 1.01), CDC-LT (RR = 1.18), and ITT (RR = 1.39); moderate for WET (RR = 0.52) and PRT outdoor (RR = 0.32); and low for all remaining types of resting traps (PRT indoor, BRT indoor, and BRT outdoor; RR < 0.08 for all). For Anopheles funestus, relative catch rates were high for ITT (RR = 1.21); moderate for HLC outdoor (RR = 0.47), CDC-LT (RR = 0.69), and WET (RR = 0.49); and low for all resting traps (RR < 0.02 for all). At finer geographic scales, however, efficacy of each trap type varied from district to district. CONCLUSIONS: ITT, CDC-LT, and WET appear to be effective methods for large-scale vector sampling in western Kenya. Ultimately, choice of collection method for operational surveillance should be driven by trap efficacy and scalability, rather than fine-scale precision with respect to HLC. When compared with recent, similar trap evaluations in Tanzania and Zambia, these data suggest that traps which actively lure host-seeking females will be most useful for surveillance in the face of declining vector densities.

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T1 - Outdoor activity during class recess reduces myopia onset and progression in school children
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PURPOSE: The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of outdoor activity during class recess on myopia changes among elementary school students in a suburban area of Taiwan. DESIGN: Prospective, comparative, consecutive, interventional study. PARTICIPANTS: Elementary school students 7 to 11 years of age recruited from 2 nearby schools located in a suburban area of southern Taiwan. INTERVENTION: The children of one school participated in the interventions, whereas those from the other school served as the control group. The interventions consisted of performing a recess outside the classroom (ROC) program that encouraged children to go outside for outdoor activities during recess. The control school did not have any special programs during recess. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Data were obtained by means of a parent questionnaire and ocular evaluations that included axial length and cycloplegic autorefraction at the beginning and after 1 year. RESULTS: Five hundred seventy-one students were recruited for this study, of whom 333 students participated in the interventional program, and 238 students were in the control school. At the beginning of the study, there were no significant differences between these 2 schools with regard to age, gender, baseline refraction, and myopia prevalence (47.75% vs. 49.16%). After 1 year, new onset of myopia was significantly lower in the ROC group than in the control group (8.41% vs. 17.65%; P<0.001). There was also significantly lower myopic shift in the ROC group compared with the control group (-0.25 diopter [D]/year vs. -0.38 D/year; P = 0.029). The multivariate analysis demonstrated that the variables of intervention of the ROC program and higher school year proved to be a protective factor against myopia shift in nonmyopic subjects (P = 0.020 and P = 0.017, respectively). For myopic subjects, school year was the only variable significantly associated with myopia progression (P = 0.006). CONCLUSIONS: Outdoor activities during class recess in school have a significant effect on myopia onset and myopic shift. Such activities have a prominent effect on the control of myopia shift, especially in nonmyopic children. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE(S): The author(s) have no proprietary or commercial interest in any materials discussed in this article. Copyright 2013 American Academy of Ophthalmology. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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In U.S. children of ages 2-5 years, combined overweight and obesity has increased to 21%, with African American children of this age range highest at 26%. Lack of physical activity is highly predictive of overweight and obesity in children. Preschools may be a useful point for intervention. An innovative preschool physical activity treatment (Start For Life) was developed based on principles of social cognitive and self-efficacy theory. It incorporated 30 minutes daily of highly structured physical activity with behavioral and self-regulatory skills training (e.g., goal setting, self-monitoring, productive self-talk) interspersed. Data obtained from accelerometry was used to contrast physical activity outputs during the preschool day in the Start For Life condition (n = 202) with a usual-care control condition (n = 136). After controlling for age and sex of the primarily African American participants (M age = 4.7 years), changes over eight weeks in moderate-to-vigorous and vigorous physical activity were significant, and significantly more favorable in the Start For Life group; F(1, 344) = 4.98, p = .026 and F(1, 344) = 3.60, p = .058, respectively. Start For Life was associated with a weekly increase in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity of approximately 40 minutes. After sufficient replications that better account for different sample types, parental effects and physical activity outside of the school day, and long-term effects, widespread dissemination may be considered.
BACKGROUND: Physical inactivity among children is an increasing problem that adversely affects children's health. A better understanding of factors which affect physical activity (PA) will help create effective interventions aimed at raising the activity levels of children. This cross-sectional study examined the associations of PA with individual (biological, social, behavioral, psychological) and environmental (East vs. West Germany, rural vs. urban regions) characteristics in children. METHODS: Information on PA and potential correlates was collected from 1843 girls and 1997 boys using questionnaires during the 10-year follow-up of two prospective birth cohort studies (GINIplus and LISAplus). Study regions represent urban and rural sites as well as East and West of Germany. Logistic regression modeling was applied to examine cross-sectional associations between individual as well as environmental factors and PA levels. RESULTS: Five of fourteen variables were significantly associated with PA. Among children aged 10, girls tended to be less active
than boys, especially with respect to vigorous PA (OR=0.72 for summer). Children who were not a member of a sports club showed a substantially reduced amount of PA in winter (OR=0.15). Rural environments promote moderate PA, particularly in winter (OR=1.88), whereas an increased time outdoors primarily promotes moderate PA in summer (OR=12.41). Children with abnormal emotional symptoms exhibited reduced physical activity, particularly in winter (OR=0.60). BMI, puberty, parental BMI, parental education, household income, siblings, TV/PC consumption, and method of arriving school, were not associated with PA. CONCLUSIONS: When considering correlates of PA from several domains simultaneously, only few factors (sex, sports club membership, physical environment, time outdoors, and emotional symptoms) appear to be relevant. Although the causality needs to be ascertained in longitudinal studies, variables which cannot be modified should be used to identify risk groups while modifiable variables, such as sports club activities, may be addressed in intervention programs.
The primary goals of this study were to test a conceptual model linking social approach and avoidance motivations, socially withdrawn behaviors, and peer difficulties in later childhood and to compare the socioemotional functioning of different subtypes of withdrawn children (shy, unsociable, avoidant). Participants were 367 children, aged 9-12 years. Measures included assessments of social motivations (i.e., self-reported shyness and preference for solitude) and social withdrawal (observations of solitary behaviors in the schoolyard and self-reports of solitary activities outside of school), as well as self- and parent-reported peer difficulties and internalizing problems. Among the results, both shyness and preference for solitude were associated with socially withdrawn behaviors, which in turn predicted peer difficulties. However, only shyness (but not preference for solitude) also displayed a direct path to peer difficulties. As well, results from person-oriented analyses indicated that different subtypes of socially withdrawn children displayed decidedly different profiles with regard to indices of internalizing problems. For example, whereas unsociable children did not differ from their nonwithdrawn peers on indices of internalizing problems, socially avoidant (i.e., high in both shyness and unsociability) children reported the most pervasive socioemotional difficulties. Findings are discussed in terms of the implications of different forms of social withdrawal for socioemotional functioning in later childhood.
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PURPOSE: More than one fifth of American preschool-aged children are classified as overweight/obese. Increasing physical activity is one means of slowing/reversing progression to overweight or obesity. Measurement of physical activity in this age group relies heavily on motion sensors such as accelerometers. Output is typically interpreted through application of one of several cutpoints to quantify the amount of time spent at various physical activity levels. Cutpoint nonequivalence has resulted in widely varying estimates of physical activity. Thus, we sought to ascertain the convergent validity of four ActiGraph accelerometer cutpoints with the Observation System for Recording Activity in Children-Preschool (OSRAC-P).

METHOD: Two studies were conducted with sixty-nine 4- and 5-year-olds during unstructured outdoor free play at a single university campus preschool in Southern California. In Study 1 (N = 57), percentages of time spent in sedentary behavior (SED) and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) were compared at the aggregate level using the two-proportion z-test and Bland Altman plots. In Study 2 (N = 12), time-matched 5-s intervals between accelerometry and the OSRAC-P were compared using percent agreement, kappa, and classification functions.

RESULTS: In Study 1, cutpoints by Sirard, Trost, Pfeiffer, Dowda, and Pate (2005) best converged with the OSRAC-P estimates of SED and MVPA. In Study 2, Sirard et al. cutpoints and those by Pate, Almeida, McIver, Pfeiffer, and Dowda (2006) were more sensitive in detecting SED and MVPA, respectively.

CONCLUSIONS: Choosing a cutpoint in this age group should be based on the exposure of interest, epoch/observation interval duration, and required degree of stringency for classifying physical activity level.
OBJECTIVE: To explore the effects of an innovative school-based intervention for increasing physical activity. METHODS: 226 children (5-7 years old) randomly selected from 12 Australian primary schools were recruited to a cluster randomised trial with schools randomly allocated to intervention or control conditions. The 13-week intervention comprised: (1) altering the school playground by introducing loose materials and (2) a teacher-parent intervention exploring perceptions of risk associated with children's free play. The primary outcomes were total accelerometer counts and moderate-vigorous physical activity during break times. Testing took place in Sydney, 2009-2010. RESULTS: 221 participants were tested at baseline. Mixed-effect multilevel regression revealed a small but significant increase from the intervention on total counts (9400 counts, 95% CI 3.5-15.2, p=0.002) and minutes of MVPA (1.8 min, 95% CI 0.5-3.1, p=0.006); and a decrease in sedentary activity (2.1 min, 95% CI 0.5-3.8, p=0.01) during break times. We retested children in one intervention school after 2 years; they maintained the gains. CONCLUSIONS: Capturing children's intrinsic motivations to play while simultaneously helping adults reconsider views of free play as risky provided increases in physical activity during break times. Using accelerometry as the sole measure of physical activity may underestimate the effect. Trial registration: ACTRN12611000089932. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
BACKGROUND: The benefits of physical activity to maintain optimal health and well-being in children and adolescents are undisputed. The school environment offers opportunities for children to be physically active.

OBJECTIVE: The aim of this review is to systematically examine the effects of recess-based interventions on the physical activity (PA) levels of school-aged children and adolescents.

DATA SOURCES: A systematic literature search was conducted to identify papers reporting interventions to promote PA during school recess and/or lunchtime periods. The search was conducted in six databases (PubMed, SPORTDiscus, Web of Science, Proquest, Cochrane and Scopus) for papers published between January 2000 and April 2011.

STUDY SELECTION: Articles were included in the review if (i) they reported the findings of an intervention targeting PA levels of children and/or adolescents during school recess and/or lunchtime; (ii) have a measure of PA as an outcome variable; (iii) participants were aged between 5 and 18 years; and (iv) were published in English.

METHODS: Two authors independently searched the literature using the same search strategies to identify papers reporting interventions that promote PA during school recess and lunchtime periods. Methodological quality was assessed using an adapted eight item assessment scale. The effects of the interventions were assessed with a rating system used in a recent review of interventions in youth.

RESULTS: The search originally retrieved 2,265 articles. Nine published peer-reviewed journal articles met the inclusion criteria for this review. Eight studies used randomized controlled trials and one was a controlled trial. Three studies demonstrated high methodological quality (33%). None of the studies adequately reported the randomization procedure or used power calculations. Few studies reported potential confounders and three studies had less than a 6 week follow-up. Five studies demonstrated a positive intervention effect on children's PA levels, with four reporting statistically significant increases and two reporting significant decreases in recess PA. The summary of the levels of evidence for intervention effects found inconclusive results for all intervention types, though promising strategies that require further investigation were identified.

LIMITATIONS: Whilst every effort was made to ensure that this review was as encompassing as possible, it may be limited by its search terms especially if there were studies with unclear titles or abstracts. In addition, only manuscripts published in English were considered, eliminating any possible studies published in other languages.

CONCLUSIONS: All of the studies used an objective measure to assess PA outcomes, although several criteria were consistently absent from the studies. The levels of evidence were not sufficient to establish conclusive intervention effects on children's recess PA. This could be due to the small number of published studies. There is a need for higher-quality intervention research to strengthen published findings to inform recess PA interventions. Intervention research is needed in adolescents due to the absence of school recess intervention research in this population.

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BACKGROUND: Plasmodium vivax and Plasmodium falciparum malaria remain highly endemic in the Pacific Islands including Lihir Island, Papua New Guinea. Lihir Gold Limited is conducting mining activities and funded an integrated vector control intervention within the villages surrounding the mine. The aim of this study was to assess the impact of such programme by comparing the epidemiological trends of malaria in different parts of the island.

METHODS: Two cross-sectional surveys were conducted before and after the intervention (2006-2010) to determine malaria prevalence in mine-impact (MI) and non-MI areas. Incidence of malaria was estimated for the Lihir Medical Centre catchment area using island population denominators and a health-centre passive case detection ongoing from 2006-2011. RESULTS: A total of 2,264 and 1,653 children<15 were surveyed in the cross-sectional studies. The prevalence of any malaria parasitaemia initially was 31.5% in MI areas and, 34.9% in non-MI (POR 1.17; 95 CI 0.97 - 1.39). After four years there was a significant reduction in prevalence in the MI areas (5.8%; POR 0.13, 95 CI 0.09 - 0.20), but reduction was less marked in non-MI areas (26.9%; POR 0.69, 95 CI 0.58 - 0.81). 28,747 patients were included in the evaluation of incidence trends and overall malaria in local Lihirian population in MI areas declined over time, while it remained at similar high levels among migrants. The age-incidence analysis showed that for each higher age range the malaria incidence declines compared to that of the previous stratum. CONCLUSIONS: There was a substantial reduction in prevalence and incidence rates of both P. vivax and P. falciparum in the mining area following implementation of a malaria control intervention, which was not seen in the area outside the mining activities.
BACKGROUND: Children's physical activity (PA) levels remain low, and schools are being asked to assume a leadership role in PA promotion. Research suggests outdoor recess contributes to children's overall PA levels. However, similar research is not available for indoor recess, which occurs frequently due to a variety of factors. The purpose of this study was to describe PA levels and intensity during indoor recess using PA dance videos. METHODS: Fifty-four children (27 girls) wore accelerometers for 5 days during indoor recess. Factorial analyses of variance were conducted to examine the differences in PA between sexes and across grades. RESULTS: Participants averaged 17.66 (SD=2.82) minutes in indoor recess. On average, 22.22% (SD=12.72) was spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA), and 45.70% (SD=11.29) of time was spent in low-intensity physical activity (LPA) totaling 67.92% (SD=16.54) of total recess time. Boys accumulated a higher percentage of MVPA and total PA compared to girls. CONCLUSIONS: Students engaged in PA 68% of indoor recess time, equaling almost 12 minutes of PA during recess. Results suggest PA dance videos are an effective method for increasing elementary children's PA during indoor recess as an alternative to sedentary activities. 2013, American School Health Association.
BACKGROUND: Understanding the physical activity behaviour of young children who are highly active may provide important guidance for promoting physical activity in preschools. OBJECTIVES: The objective of this study was to describe the movement characteristics of high-active (HA) children during attendance at preschools. METHODS: Children in 20 preschools (n=231) wore accelerometers and were classified into tertiles of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. Children's movement characteristics were observed using the Observational System for Recording Physical Activity in Children-Preschool Version. Mixed-model analyses compared movement types between HA children and lower-active (LA) children during the total school day. RESULTS: HA (n=77) children were observed to be more active than LA children (n=154) indoors (P<0.001), but no differences were observed outdoors. HA children were more frequently observed running, crawling, climbing, jumping, skipping, swinging and throwing across the total school day than LA children. Indoors, HA children participated in more swinging and throwing and less jumping or skipping than LA children. CONCLUSIONS: HA children have unique activity patterns. Further interventions to increase physical activity of all preschoolers should increase the time spent outside and include varied activity types throughout the entire school day. 2012 The Authors. Pediatric Obesity 2012 International Association for the Study of Obesity
INTRODUCTION: Airsoft guns have become more common in France since the Decree of March 24, 1999, allowing people over 18 years of age to use weapons with an energy level below 2J. The present study aimed to assess the relationship between the context of Airsoft gun pellet related ocular injuries and their
clinical consequences, in order to determine an effective prevention strategy. METHODS: A retrospective analysis of ocular injuries due to Airsoft gun pellets was conducted in two hospitals in northern France between September 2009 and August 2010. RESULTS: Six patients with a mean age of 12.6 ± 3.2 years were included. The most frequent injuries were corneal abrasion, hyphema and iris trauma. Functional sequelae were observed in 50% of cases and surgical intervention was necessary in one third of cases. A direct shot had occurred in all cases. In 83% of cases, the accident took place while playing in or around the house. In one out of every two cases, the gun had been won at a booth in a fair or had been purchased in a big-box store and in no cases did the patients own safety glasses. CONCLUSION: The strong appeal of Airsoft guns to minors leads us to propose several practical measures to help protect them, with the main one being to forbid selling these guns outside of specialized stores. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Masson SAS. All rights reserved

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Less than half of elementary children meet the physical activity recommendations of 30 to 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) on a daily basis. Recess provides the single biggest opportunity for children to accumulate MVPA. This study explored whether a teacher's social prompting to be active during recess alone and modeling of active recess-time games alone may increase the amount of MVPA children accumulate during recess. METHODS: Three demographically matched schools were randomly assigned to receive a social prompting intervention, modeling intervention, or to serve as a comparison group. Pre- and postintervention physical activity data was collected utilizing accelerometers. RESULTS: Compared with preintervention, MVPA during recess increased significantly in the social prompting group and decreased
significantly in the modeling group. There were no significant changes in the comparison group. There was a significant interaction between time and intervention: pre- to postintervention change between interventions was significant for modeling versus comparison and modeling versus social prompting, but not for social prompting versus comparison. CONCLUSIONS: Modeling was not an effective strategy for increasing MVPA during recess. Social prompting may be an effective strategy for increasing MVPA during recess. However, larger studies are needed to determine whether social prompting increases MVPA during recess. In light of evidence suggesting that MVPA is linked to lower obesity rates, and a substantial number of health and academic benefits, social prompting may be a useful strategy to further explore to address the childhood obesity epidemic, and improve students' health and academic outcomes. 2013, American School Health Association

INTRODUCTION: Despite the establishment of playground safety standards, playground-related injuries are still a significant cause of extremity fractures in Singapore. This prospective study evaluates the dimensions and characteristics of our playgrounds, and their effect on fracture severity in an Asian population. We aim to correlate various playground risk factors with severity of the fractures and give recommendations on future safety standards. Our data also allows us to compare the demographics of patients in our study group with that collected in our earlier study in 2004. METHODS: From June 2005 to 2006, children who presented with extremity fractures to KK Women's and Children's Hospital after a playground injury were enrolled. Their
clinical data were collected prospectively. Relevant playground details were collected on-site independently by another investigator. For analysis of severity, fractures were "major" if they required reduction or operative fixation and were "minor" if they did not. RESULTS: Supervision at time of injury, especially from the child's parents or siblings, resulted in a lower likelihood of "major" fractures (P=0.002, likelihood ratio=1.97). Conversely, supervision from grandparents or maids was found to result in a higher likelihood of "major" fractures. Increased weight of patients was directly related to severity of fractures (P=0.000), and a body mass index (BMI) of less than 19.8 kg/m resulted in lower likelihood of "major" fractures (P=0.010, likelihood ratio=2.22). Height of equipments and other playground-related factors were not linked to severity of fractures. CONCLUSIONS: Supervision at the playground, preferably from the child's parents or siblings, and keeping a child's BMI within limits as guided by the BMI charts, may potentially reduce the occurrence of severe fractures. LEVEL OF EVIDENCE: Level I-prognostic study

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N2 - PURPOSE OF REVIEW: This overview highlights recent experimental and epidemiological evidence for the programming effects of outdoor air pollution exposures during early development on lung function and
chronic respiratory disorders, such as asthma and related allergic disorders. RECENT FINDINGS: Air pollutants may impact anatomy and/or physiological functioning of the lung and interrelated systems. Programming effects may result from pollutant-induced shifts in a number of molecular, cellular, and physiological states and their interacting systems. Specific key regulatory systems susceptible to programming may influence lung development and vulnerability to respiratory diseases, including both central and peripheral components of neuroendocrine pathways and autonomic nervous system (ANS) functioning which, in turn, influence the immune system. Starting in utero, environmental factors, including air pollutants, may permanently organize these systems toward trajectories of enhanced pediatric (e.g., asthma, allergy) as well as adult disease risk (e.g., chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). Evidence supports a central role of oxidative stress in the toxic effects of air pollution. Additional research suggests xenobiotic metabolism and subcellular components, such as mitochondria are targets of ambient air pollution and play a role in asthma and allergy programming. Mechanisms operating at the level of the placenta are being elucidated. Epigenetic mechanisms may be at the roots of adaptive developmental programming. SUMMARY: Optimal coordinated functioning of many complex processes and their networks of interaction are necessary for normal lung development and the maintenance of respiratory health. Outdoor air pollution may play an important role in early programming of respiratory health and is potentially amenable to intervention.

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KW - Accidental Falls/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Age Factors
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cohort Studies
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Cuspid/in [Injuries]
KW - Dental Enamel/in [Injuries]
KW - Dental Pulp/in [Injuries]
KW - Dentin/in [Injuries]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Incisor/in [Injuries]
KW - India/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Male
KW - Play and Playthings/in [Injuries]
KW - Prevalence
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Tooth Crown/in [Injuries]
KW - Tooth Discoloration/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Tooth Fractures/ep [Epidemiology]
N2 - AIMS: The aims of the study were: to assess the prevalence of traumatic injuries to the teeth of 4- to 6-year-old children living in Gulbarga City, India, to determine prevalence of such dental traumatic injuries at the ages of 4, 5, and 6 years and to compare the prevalence of these injuries between male and female children.

METHODS: A cross-sectional survey was performed. It consisted of a clinical examination of upper and lower deciduous anterior teeth by one examiner and an interview using a questionnaire with a sample of 1500 children aged 4 to 6 years who attended kindergarten and primary schools in Gulbarga city. Garcia-Godoy's (1981) classification was used to classify the traumatic injuries. Intra-examiner consistency was assessed by kappa values on tooth-by-tooth basis. The chisquare test was used to analyse any gender and age differences.

RESULTS: The prevalence of traumatic dental injuries was 76.13%, of which crown fracture with enamel involvement of teeth was the most prevalent, followed by crown fracture with both enamel and dentine involvement. Significant and highly significant differences were found between boys and girls for discoloration of teeth (P<0.05), crown fracture involving enamel (P<0.001) and crown fracture involving both enamel and dentine (P<0.001). The prevalence of traumatic dental injuries in the 5-year-old children was higher than that in the 4- and 6-year-olds. The commonest cause of injury was due to a fall (60%) and in 40% of cases of traumatic injury, they occurred in a field/playground. CONCLUSIONS: The prevalence of traumatic injuries to the anterior teeth of the 4- to 6-year-olds who took part in this study was very high. There is a need to run educational programmes to increase parents' awareness of the risks of dental trauma.
OBJECT: The authors' goal in this paper was to retrospectively evaluate the relevance of the presurgical workup and the postoperative outcome in children (<15 years) who undergo surgery for temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE).

METHODS: The authors performed a retrospective analysis of 68 patients (43 boys and 25 girls) who underwent resection for TLE between 2001 and 2010 at a single center and had a minimum postoperative follow-up of 12 months. Presurgical investigations included full clinical evaluation, interictal electroencephalography (EEG), and MRI in all cases; cognitive evaluation in patients older than 5 years; scalp video-EEG in 46 patients; and invasive EEG in 3 patients. Clinical evaluation included a careful assessment of ictal semiology (based on anamnestic reports or video-EEG review), with particular attention to early signs and/or symptoms suggestive of temporal lobe origin of the seizure. Microsurgical resections were performed within the anatomical limits of the temporal lobe, and surgical specimens were processed for histological examination. Postoperative assessment of seizure outcome (Engel classification system) and cognitive performance was conducted at regular intervals. The effect on postoperative seizure outcome (good = Engel Class I; poor = Engel Classes II-IV) of several presurgical and surgical variables was investigated by bivariate statistical analysis.

RESULTS: All patients had at least 1 early sign or symptom suggesting a temporal lobe origin of their seizures. Lateralized interictal or ictal EEG abnormalities were seen in all patients, and they were localized to the temporal lobe in 45 patients. In all cases MRI demonstrated a structural abnormality. Surgery consisted of a tailored anterior temporal lobectomy in 64 patients and a neocortical lesionectomy in 4 patients. Postoperatively, 58 patients (85%) were in Engel Class I. Variables significantly associated with a poor outcome were preoperative sensory motor deficit ($p = 0.019$), mental retardation ($p = 0.003$), MRI abnormalities extending outside the temporal lobe ($p = 0.0018$), history of generalized seizures ($p = 0.01$) or status epilepticus ($p = 0.008$), unremarkable histology ($p = 0.001$), seizures immediately postoperatively ($p = 0.00001$), and ipsilateral epileptiform activity on postoperative EEG ($p = 0.005$). At postoperative neuropsychological assessment, the percentage of patients with a pathological score at the final visit invariably decreased compared with that at the preoperative evaluation in all considered cognitive domains.

CONCLUSIONS: Among the study population, a surgical selection based on a noninvasive evaluation was possible in most patients. The invaluable information resulting from the rigorous noninvasive electroclinical and neuroimaging evaluation can lead to excellent surgical results without the use of invasive, time-consuming, and expensive diagnostic tools. The potential reduction of invasiveness-related risks, complexity, and costs of presurgical investigations should hopefully allow for an increase in the number of children with TLE who will receive surgery, particularly in centers with limited technological resources.
BACKGROUND: Many drugs are prescribed outside the terms of the marketing authorization ("off-label"). Several studies have shown that this is a common practice in various European healthcare settings. OBJECTIVE: This study aimed to quantify and characterize off-label drug prescribing in children admitted to a Portuguese Paediatric Emergency Unit (PEU). SETTING: This study was conducted in the Paediatric Emergency Unit of the university teaching hospital of Cova da Beira Hospital Centre (CHCB), Covilhã, located in the Eastern Central Region of Portugal. METHOD: A descriptive study was conducted, including a sample of 700 children, randomly selected from those admitted between January to October 2010. Drug prescription was assessed by retrospective review of clinical files. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: Off-label prescribing was defined as the utilization of a drug at an indication, age, dosage, frequency or route of administration different from those recommended in the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC). For purposes of this study only the medicines prescribed to be used after discharge from the hospital were studied. RESULTS: 364 boys and 336 girls, aged from 4 days to 18 years, were included in this study. Of the 724 medicines prescribed, 32.2 % were off-label. At least one drug was used off-label in 28.1 % of the studied population, corresponding to 46.1 % of the 427 children that received prescriptions. "Alteration in dosage" was the commonest reason for off-label prescribing (28.2 %). The off-label prescriptions comprised mainly drugs acting on the "Respiratory System" and "Anti-infectious agents for systemic use". Amoxicillin/clavulanic acid, paracetamol, amoxicillin, ibuprofen and salbutamol were the five active principles most frequently prescribed off-label. CONCLUSION: The prevalence of off-label drug
prescribing in the Portuguese PEU of CHCB is high, the use in a dose or for an age group not approved in the
SPC being the most common reasons for off-label prescription

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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Birth Weight
KW - Body Height
KW - Child
KW - Computers
KW - Female
KW - Head/ah [Anatomy & Histology]
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Linear Models
KW - Longitudinal Studies
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Sports
KW - Television
KW - Time Factors
KW - Video Games
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 475
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JF - Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise
JA - Med Sci Sports Exerc
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N2 - PURPOSE: We investigated the association between birth parameters (weight, length, and head
circumference) and time spent in physical activity (outdoor and indoor) and screen time (TV viewing, computer,
and videogame usage) among adolescents. METHODS: A longitudinal cohort study surveyed 1794 children in
2004-2005 (median age = 12.7 yr), and 752 were resurveyed 5 yr later in 2009-2010 (age = 17-18 yr).
Adolescents completed detailed activity questionnaires. Parents extracted birth parameter data from their child's
health record booklet. RESULTS: After adjusting for age, sex, ethnicity, gestational age, parental education,
home ownership, exposure to passive smoking, and body mass index, 12-yr-old children in the highest compared with the lowest quartile of birth weight spent on average approximately 56 and 62 min more in total (Ptrend = 0.02) and outdoor physical activity (Ptrend = 0.02) per week, respectively. Similarly, 12-yr-old children in the high (>4000 g) versus very low (<2000 g) birth weight group spent approximately 1.3 h/wk more in outdoor activity (Ptrend = 0.02). Among those age 17-18 yr, increasing birth weight (lowest to highest quartile) was associated with greater time spent in outdoor physical activity (~1 h/wk-1, Ptrend = 0.04).

Significant associations were not observed between all birth parameters and recreational screen time. Also, no associations were observed between head circumference or birth length with physical activity and screen time.

CONCLUSIONS: Birth weight could be a potential determinant of physical activity, but not of screen time during adolescence. Hence, this could be part of the underlying mechanism between prenatal influences and future disease risk and could have possible clinical implications.

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English
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KW - Animals
KW - Antivenins/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Fatal Outcome
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Multiple Organ Failure
KW - Scorpion Stings/mo [Mortality]
KW - Scorpion Stings/th [Therapy]
KW - Scorpion Venoms/ai [Antagonists & Inhibitors]
KW - Scorpions
KW - Time Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 23
EP - 27
JF - Wilderness & Environmental Medicine
JA - Wilderness Environ Med
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CY - United States
N2 - We report the case of a 2-year-old Bedouin boy in whom developed severe and unusual complications after being stung, most probably, by the yellow scorpion Leirus quinquestriatus hebraeus. Five hours after arrival to the emergency department, the boy had multisystem organ failure involving the central nervous system (seizure activity followed by coma with dilated, nonreactive pupils, and severe brain edema), shock
(noncardiogenic), disseminated intravascular coagulation, renal failure, hepatic failure, and watery diarrhea, causing his death. In view of the relevant literature, we discuss the pathophysiologic events ultimately leading to his death. Copyright 2013 Wilderness Medical Society. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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T1 - What factors are associated with adolescents' school break time physical activity and sedentary time?
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English
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Age Factors
KW - Child
KW - Exercise/ph [Physiology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Multivariate Analysis
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Schools
KW - Sedentary Lifestyle
KW - Time Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - e56838
JF - PLoS ONE [Electronic Resource]
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N2 - PURPOSE: Adolescents' physical activity levels during school break time are low and understanding correlates of physical activity and sedentary time in this context is important. This study investigated cross-sectional and longitudinal associations between a range of individual, behavioural, social and policy/organisational correlates and objectively measured school break time physical activity and sedentary time. METHODS: In 2006, 146 adolescents (50% males; mean age = 14.1+0.6 years) completed a questionnaire and wore an accelerometer for >3 school days. Time spent engaged in sedentary, light (LPA) and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) during school break times (recess and lunchtime) were calculated using existing cut-points. Measures were repeated in 2008 among 111 adolescents. Multilevel models examined cross-sectional and longitudinal associations. RESULTS: Bringing in equipment was cross-sectionally associated with 3.2% more MVPA during break times. Females engaged in 5.1% more sedentary time than males, whilst older adolescents engaged in less MVPA than younger adolescents. Few longitudinal associations were observed. Adolescents who brought sports equipment to school engaged in 7.2% less LPA during break times two years later compared to those who did not bring equipment to school. CONCLUSION: These data suggest that
providing equipment and reducing restrictions on bringing in sports equipment to school may promote physical activity during school recess. Strategies targeting females' and older adolescents', in particular, are warranted.

BACKGROUND: Many unhealthy dietary and physical activity habits that foster the development of obesity are established by the age of five. Presently, approximately 70 percent of children in the United States are currently enrolled in early childcare facilities, making this an ideal setting to implement and evaluate childhood obesity prevention efforts. We describe here the methods for conducting an obesity prevention randomized trial in the child care setting. METHODS/DESIGN: A randomized, controlled obesity prevention trial is currently being conducted over a three year period (2010-present). The sample consists of 28 low-income, ethnically diverse child care centers with 1105 children (sample is 60% Hispanic, 15% Haitian, 12% Black, 2% non-Hispanic White and 71% of caregivers were born outside of the US). The purpose is to test the
efficacy of a parent and teacher role-modeling intervention on children's nutrition and physical activity behaviors. The Healthy Caregivers-Healthy Children (HC2) intervention arm schools received a combination of (1) implementing a daily curricula for teachers/parents (the nutritional gatekeepers); (2) implementing a daily curricula for children; (3) technical assistance with meal and snack menu modifications such as including more fresh and less canned produce; and (4) creation of a center policy for dietary requirements for meals and snacks, physical activity and screen time. Control arm schools received an attention control safety curriculum. Major outcome measures include pre-post changes in child body mass index percentile and z score, fruit and vegetable and other nutritious food intake, amount of physical activity, and parental nutrition and physical activity knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs, defined by intentions and behaviors. All measures were administered at the beginning and end of the school year for year one and year two of the study for a total of 4 longitudinal time points for assessment. DISCUSSION: Although few attempts have been made to prevent obesity during the first years of life, this period may represent the best opportunity for obesity prevention. Findings from this investigation will inform both the fields of childhood obesity prevention and early childhood research about the effects of an obesity prevention program housed in the childcare setting. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Trial registration number: NCT01722032

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T1 - Parents' perceptions of children's physical activity compared on two electronic diaries
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Accelerometry
KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Data Collection/is [Instrumentation]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Parents/px [Psychology]
KW - Perception
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Sex Factors
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BACKGROUND: After-school hours provide an opportunity for physical activity (PA). Parental perceptions influence children's PA. The aims were to: compare parents' perceptions of children's PA with objectively measured PA; shed light on PA during after-school hours; and compare two electronic devices for collecting data. METHODS: Twenty parent-child dyads participated. Children (5-7 years, mean 6.25 ± 0.64) wore Actical accelerometers; their parents responded to activity diaries on electronic devices. Data were collected twice for 4 consecutive weekday afternoons (15.30-19.00). RESULTS: While parents perceived their children to be quite active, children were, in fact, largely inactive. Parents' responses compared with accelerometer data yielded moderate correlations (r = .44, p < .01). Two thirds of parents' responses were overestimations. Boys were physically more active than girls and had higher PA outdoors than indoors. Girls' PA remained similar indoors and outdoors but parents did not perceive the similarity. Both electronic devices produced similar results and compliance rates. CONCLUSION: Parents consistently over-reported their children's PA. Findings have implications for initiatives to increase PA. If parents perceive their children as very active, they may lack motivation to promote PA. Parents' limitations as proxy reporters aside, the similarity of results yielded by the two electronic devices suggests that the choice is a matter of researcher preference.

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T1 - Lower head temperature does not affect children’s self-paced running velocity
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - Brazil
KW - Child
KW - Environmental Exposure/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Female
KW - Head
KW - Heart Rate
KW - Heat Stress Disorders/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Hot Temperature
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Physical Exertion
KW - Protective Clothing
KW - Running/ph [Physiology]
KW - Skin Temperature/ph [Physiology]
KW - Statistics
To test if the use of a peaked cap protects children against sun radiation, allowing increased exercise performance, nineteen healthy children (10.3 + 0.8 years old, 146.2 + 6.9 cm, 36.8 + 5.5 kg, 1.2 + 0.1 m2 and 44.1 + 2.8 mL.kg-1.min-1) took part in 4 experimental situations: 2 initial familiarization runs and 2 self-paced 6km runs (4 x 1.5 km exercise bouts with 3 min rest intervals) one of them wearing a peaked cap (CAP) and another situation without the cap (NOCAP). The CAP and NOCAP situations were randomized. Exercise was performed outdoors 3-7 days apart. Environmental variables were measured every 10 min, and physiological variables were measured before and after each run and during the rest intervals. Running velocity did not differ between CAP and NOCAP situations. The mean head temperature was reduced by 1.1 degreeC in the CAP situation (p < .05). Average skin temperature, mean heart rate, rate of perceived exertion and wet bulb and globe temperature did not differ between CAP and NOCAP. The decrease in the mean head temperature was not sufficient to alter running velocity.
BACKGROUND: Several neighbourhood elements have been found to be related to leisure-time walking and cycling. However, the association with neighbourhood safety remains unclear. This study aimed to assess the association of neighbourhood-level safety with leisure-time walking and cycling among Dutch adults.

METHODS: Data were derived from the national health survey (POLS) 2006-2009, with valid data on 20046 respondents residing in 2127 neighbourhoods. Multilevel logistic regression models were used to examine the association between neighbourhood-level safety (general safety and specific safety components: physical disorder, social disorder, crime-related fear, traffic safety) and residents' engagement in outdoor leisure-time walking and cycling for at least 30 minutes per week. RESULTS: An increase in neighbourhood safety (both general safety and each of the safety components) was significantly associated with an increase in leisure-time cycling participation. Associations were strongest for general safety and among older women. In the general population, neighbourhood safety was not significantly associated with leisure-time walking. However, among younger and older adult men and lower educated individuals, an increase in general safety was associated with a decrease in leisure-time walking participation. CONCLUSIONS: In the Netherlands, neighbourhood safety appears to be related to leisure-time cycling but not to walking. Leisure-time cycling may best be encouraged by improving different safety components at once, rather than focusing on one safety aspect such as traffic safety. Special attention is needed for older women.

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T1 - Changes in screen time activity in Norwegian children from 2001 to 2008: two cross sectional studies
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KW - Child Behavior
KW - Computers/ut [Utilization]
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Educational Status
KW - Female
KW - Humans
BACKGROUND: There has been an increase in screen-based communication, leading to concerns about the negative health effects of screen-based activities in children and adolescents. The present study aimed to (1) analyze changes in screen time activity in Norwegian children from 2001 to 2008, and (2) to analyze associations between the changes in screen time activity over time and sex, grade level and parental educational level. METHODS: Within the project Fruits and Vegetables Make the Marks (FVMM), 14 886 6th and 7th grade pupils from 27 Norwegian elementary schools completed a questionnaire including a question about time spent on television viewing and personal computer use in 2001 and 1339 pupils from the same schools completed the same questionnaire in 2008. Data were analyzed by multilevel linear mixed models. RESULTS: The proportions of 6th and 7th grade pupils at the 27 schools that reported screen time activity outside school of 2 hours/day or more decreased from 55% to 45% (p<0.001) from 2001 to 2008 when adjusting for sex, grade level and parental education. The decrease was most evident in 6th graders (51% to 37%) and in children with highly educated parents (54% to 39%). CONCLUSION: The present study shows that there has been a marked reduction in screen time activity outside school in this group of Norwegian 10-12 year olds from 2001 to 2008.
BACKGROUND: The modified International Knee Documentation Committee (Pedi-IKDC) Subjective Knee Evaluation Form has recently been shown to be valid, reliable, and responsive in a pediatric and adolescent population. The correlations between the Pedi-IKDC and quality-of-life-related health measures have not been studied in depth to determine how a knee injury affects patients in this age group. The purpose of this study was to examine the association between the Pedi-IKDC score and the Child Health Questionnaire (CHQ) in a group of pediatric patients with an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury.

METHODS: A prospectively collected registry of patients with ACL injuries was searched to identify all patients who had completed both the Pedi-IKDC and CHQ (CHQ-CF87) questionnaires. These were analyzed to determine significant correlations between domains of the CHQ and the Pedi-IKDC.

RESULTS: A total of 135 patients were included (80 male, 55 female) with a median age of 15.3 years (range, 13.1 to 17.2 y). The cohort included patients treated both operatively (120) and nonoperatively (15). The total Pedi-IKDC score was found to correlate with the majority of the CHQ including expected domains such as physical function (correlation coefficient = 0.64), bodily pain (0.7), and family activities (0.41), in addition to emotional role (0.45), mental health (0.46), self-esteem (0.45), and social limitations--physical (0.38) (P < 0.001 for all correlations).

CONCLUSIONS: Seven of the 12 domains on the CHQ are significantly correlated with the IKDC in adolescent patients with an ACL tear. Self-esteem, mental health, emotional role, and social limitations categories are significantly correlated with knee function suggesting that quality-of-life in this population is affected in domains outside of physical function and pain. A greater understanding of the psychosocial impact of injury may be of utility in these patients.

STUDY DESIGN: Level III cross-sectional study

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Research in developmental disabilities
Given the growing evidence for the effects of constraint-induced therapy (CIT) in children with cerebral palsy (CP), there is a need for investigating the characteristics of potential participants who may benefit most from this intervention. This study aimed to establish predictive models for the effects of pediatric CIT on motor and functional outcomes. Therapists administered CIT to 49 children (aged 3-11 years) with CP. Sessions were 1-3.5h a day, twice a week, for 3-4 weeks. Parents were asked to document the number of restraint hours outside of the therapy sessions. Domains of treatment outcomes included motor capacity (measured by the Peabody Developmental Motor Scales II), motor performance (measured by the Pediatric Motor Activity Log), and functional independence (measured by the Pediatric Functional Independence Measure). Potential predictors included age, affected side, compliance (measured by time of restraint), and the initial level of motor impairment severity. Tests were administered before, immediately after, and 3 months after the intervention. Logistic regression analyses showed that total amount of restraint time was the only significant predictor for improved motor capacity immediately after CIT. Younger children who restrained the less affected arm for a longer time had a greater chance to achieve clinically significant improvements in motor performance. For outcomes of functional independence in daily life, younger age was associated with clinically meaningful improvement in the self-care domain. Baseline motor abilities were significantly predictive of better improvement in mobility and cognition. Significant predictors varied according to the aspects of motor outcomes after 3 months of follow-up. The potential predictors identified in this study allow clinicians to target those children who may benefit most from CIT. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
OBJECTIVES: To assess playground safety and quality in Chicago, Illinois, identify disparities in access, and use the data to inform collaborative improvement. METHODS: A cross-sectional survey of public park playgrounds in Chicago, Illinois, was conducted in 2009, 2010, and 2011 by using the National Program for Playground Safety Standardized Survey. All playgrounds were surveyed in 2009 and 2010; those that failed in 2010 were resurveyed in 2011. Playgrounds were assessed in 4 main categories: age-appropriate design, fall surfacing, equipment maintenance, and physical environment. Safety scores were generated from the assessment. Geographic information system mapping provided a visual description of the playground pass/fail rate based on neighborhood, child population, race/ethnicity, and poverty level. RESULTS: Of the ~500 playgrounds, 467 were assessed in 2009, and 459 were assessed in 2010. In 2009, half of all playgrounds (55%) and in 2010, nearly two-thirds (61%) earned scores consistent with safe playgrounds (P < .001). Playgrounds scored poorest in fall surfacing and equipment maintenance. Geographic information system mapping showed neighborhoods with a higher percentage of children and impoverished families had fewer playgrounds and more failing playgrounds. In 2011, 154 (85%) of the playgrounds that failed in 2010 were surveyed. The mean playground score among failing playgrounds improved significantly between 2010 (61%) and 2011 (67%, P < .001). CONCLUSIONS: Since the playground improvement initiative began in 2009, considerable progress has been made in the safety scores, although access to high-quality playgrounds varies by neighborhood. Many failing playgrounds can be brought up to standard with improvement in fall surfacing and equipment maintenance.
OBJECTIVE: To assess associations among outdoor activity, ocular biometric parameters, and myopia among grade 1 and grade 4 primary students in Beijing. DESIGN: School-based, cross-sectional study.

PARTICIPANTS: A total of 382 grade 1 and 299 grade 4 children participated in the study. METHODS: The children underwent a comprehensive eye examination, including ocular biometry by optical low-coherence reflectometry and noncycloplegic refractometry. Parents and children participated in a detailed interview,
including questions on time spent indoors and outdoors. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Factors associated with myopia. RESULTS: The study included 681 children, with 382 (56.1%) students from grade 1 (mean age, 6.3 ± 0.5 years; range, 5-8 years) and 299 students from grade 4 (mean age, 9.4 ± 0.7 years; range, 8-13 years); 370 students (54.3%) lived in the urban region. The mean daily time spent outdoors was 1.6 ± 0.8 hours (range, 0.5-5.1 hours). In multivariate analysis, axial length was significantly associated with older age (P < 0.001; standardized beta coefficient, 0.28), taller body height (P = 0.001; beta, 0.18), maternal myopia (P = 0.03; beta, 0.09), and urban region of habitation (P < 0.001; beta, -0.21), or alternatively to the region of habitation, with less time spent outdoors (P = 0.001; beta, -0.16) and more time spent indoors studying (P = 0.02; beta, 0.10). The axial length-to-corneal curvature radius ratio was associated with older age, urban region of habitation, maternal and paternal myopia, and paternal level of education. Presence of myopia (defined as refractive error ≤ -1 diopters in the right eye) was associated with older age (P < 0.001; odds ratio [OR], 1.45; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.24-1.69), maternal myopia (P < 0.001; OR, 2.99; 95% CI, 1.94-5.35), and urban region of habitation (P < 0.001; OR, 0.17; 95% CI, 0.11-0.26), or alternatively to the region of habitation, with less time spent outdoors (P < 0.001; OR, 0.32; 95% CI, 0.21-0.48) and more time spent indoors studying (P < 0.001; OR, 1.38; 95% CI, 1.09-1.75). CONCLUSIONS: Less outdoor activity, more indoor studying, older age, maternal myopia, and urban region of habitation were associated with longer ocular axial length and myopia in grade 1 and grade 4 primary school children in Greater Beijing. Remaining outdoors more (e.g., during school) may reduce the high prevalence of myopia in the young generation in Beijing. Copyright 2013 American Academy of Ophthalmology. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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BACKGROUND: Adverse respiratory effects in children with asthma are associated with exposures to nitrogen dioxide (NO2). Levels indoors can be much higher than outdoors. Primary indoor sources of NO2 are gas stoves, which are used for cooking by one-third of U.S. households. We investigated the effects of indoor NO2 exposure on asthma severity among an ethnically and economically diverse sample of children, controlling for season and indoor allergen exposure.

METHODS: Children 5-10 years of age with active asthma (n = 1,342) were recruited through schools in urban and suburban Connecticut and Massachusetts (2006-2009) for a prospective, year-long study with seasonal measurements of NO2 and asthma severity. Exposure to NO2 was measured passively for four, month-long, periods with Palmes tubes. Asthma morbidity was concurrently measured by a severity score and frequency of wheeze, night symptoms, and use of rescue medication. We used adjusted, hierarchical ordered logistic regression models to examine associations between household NO2 exposure and health outcomes.

RESULTS: Every 5-fold increase in NO2 exposure above a threshold of 6 ppb was associated with a dose-dependent increase in risk of higher asthma severity score (odds ratio = 1.37 [95% confidence interval = 1.01-1.89]), wheeze (1.49 [1.09-2.03]), night symptoms (1.52 [1.16-2.00]), and rescue medication use (1.78 [1.33-2.38]).

CONCLUSIONS: Asthmatic children exposed to NO2 indoors, at levels well below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency outdoor standard (53 ppb), are at risk for increased asthma morbidity. Risks are not confined to inner city children, but occur at NO2 concentrations common in urban and suburban homes.
BACKGROUND: Following weight loss surgery (WLS), patients are expected to make diet and lifestyle changes which may lead to children mimicking the changing behaviors of their parents. The purpose of the study was to identify the differences in diet and lifestyle behaviors between obese children with and without a parent who received WLS.

METHODS: Medical records of 45 children whose parents had undergone WLS and 90 age- and gender-matched control children were reviewed from a weight loss program in a large Midwest children's hospital. Differences in dietary choices and behaviors, perceived barriers, and sedentary behaviors were examined between both groups.

RESULTS: The mean age for the sample was 12.8 years. Children in the parental weight loss surgery (PWLS) group were more likely to eat two or more helpings of food at each sitting (p=0.02) and less likely to play outdoors for more than an hour each day (p=0.01). Compared to the control group, the PWLS group more frequently reported eating fast food on most days (45.2 vs. 27.0 %), soda consumption several times a week (48.6 vs. 29.4 %), and no vegetable intake (9.5 vs. 1.1 %). The top three barriers to exercise for both groups were lack of self-discipline, lack of interest, and lack of energy.

CONCLUSIONS: Obese children who live with a parent that had undergone WLS reported several unhealthy lifestyle behaviors, in some cases worse than the children who live with parents who had not had WLS. Being cognizant of these findings will help obesity providers focus their counseling and expectations appropriately.
BACKGROUND: In a previous study PCR analysis of clinical samples from suspected cases of Buruli ulcer disease (BUD) from Togo and external quality assurance (EQA) for local microscopy were conducted at an external reference laboratory in Germany. The relatively poor performance of local microscopy as well as effort and time associated with shipment of PCR samples necessitated the implementation of stringent EQA
measures and availability of local laboratory capacity. This study describes the approach to implementation of a national BUD reference laboratory in Togo. METHODOLOGY: Large scale outreach activities accompanied by regular training programs for health care professionals were conducted in the regions "Maritime" and "Central," standard operating procedures defined all processes in participating laboratories (regional, national and external reference laboratories) as well as the interaction between laboratories and partners in the field. Microscopy was conducted at regional level and slides were subjected to EQA at national and external reference laboratories. For PCR analysis, sample pairs were collected and subjected to a dry-reagent-based IS2404-PCR (DRB-PCR) at national level and standard IS2404 PCR followed by IS2404 qPCR analysis of negative samples at the external reference laboratory. PRINCIPAL FINDINGS: The inter-laboratory concordance rates for microscopy ranged from 89% to 94%; overall, microscopy confirmed 50% of all suspected BUD cases. The inter-laboratory concordance rate for PCR was 96% with an overall PCR case confirmation rate of 78%. Compared to a previous study, the rate of BUD patients with non-ulcerative lesions increased from 37% to 50%, the mean duration of disease before clinical diagnosis decreased significantly from 182.6 to 82.1 days among patients with ulcerative lesions, and the percentage of category III lesions decreased from 30.3% to 19.2%. CONCLUSIONS: High inter-laboratory concordance rates as well as case confirmation rates of 50% (microscopy), 71% (PCR at national level), and 78% (including qPCR confirmation at external reference laboratory) suggest high standards of BUD diagnostics. The increase of non-ulcerative lesions, as well as the decrease in diagnostic delay and category III lesions, prove the effect of comprehensive EQA and training measures involving also procedures outside the laboratory.

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The '5th National Growth Study' indicates that the percentage of overweight children in the Netherlands has risen from 9-12% in 1997 to 13-15% in 2009. Child Health Care is a unique setting for promotion of development, growth and behaviour of children, in which tailored prevention can be offered. Detection of overweight in children and intervention by Child Health Care takes place in a multidisciplinary setting linking general practitioners, paediatricians, dieticians, teachers, physiotherapists, pedagogues and psychologists. For overweight children, a change plan is created based on exercise, playing outside, having breakfast every day, as little as possible sweetened beverages and fast-food, and less time spent in front of the television or computer, with fewer energy-rich snacks. As recommended in the Dutch CBO guideline 'Obesity', obese children are referred to a general practitioner or paediatrician.
OBJECTIVE: Parks are an important setting for physical activity and specific park features have been shown to be associated with park visitation and physical activity. Most park-based research has been conducted in urban settings with few studies examining rural parks. This study examined differences in features of parks in urban compared with rural areas. METHODS: In 2009/10 a tool was developed to audit 433 urban and 195 rural parks located in disadvantaged areas of Victoria, Australia. Features assessed included: access; lighting/safety; aesthetics; amenities; paths; outdoor courts/ovals; informal play spaces; and playgrounds (number, diversity, age appropriateness and safety of play equipment). RESULTS: Rural parks scored higher for aesthetics compared with urban parks (5.08 vs 4.44). Urban parks scored higher for access (4.64 vs 3.89), lighting/safety (2.01 vs 1.76), and diversity of play equipment (7.37 vs 6.24), and were more likely to have paths suitable for walking/cycling (58.8% vs 40.9%) and play equipment for older children (68.2% vs 17.1%). CONCLUSION: Although the findings cannot be generalized to all urban and rural parks, the results may be used to inform advocacy for park development in rural areas to create parks that are more supportive of physical activity for children and adults. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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BACKGROUND: Despite overwhelming evidence of the health benefits of physical activity, most American youth are not meeting the 60 minutes per day recommendation for moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity (MVPA). Policy changes have the potential to bring about substantial increases in physical activity in youth, within school and community settings. PURPOSE: The purpose of this study was to quantify the increase in energy expenditure for school-based policies and built environment changes. METHODS: Scientific literature reviews were consulted, and more than 300 published studies (1995-2011) in English were identified based on titles and abstracts. After an initial screening, 85 articles were included. Study quality was assessed, and the impact of various strategies for increasing physical activity in youth was estimated from objective measurements/direct observation. RESULTS: Within school settings, the average minutes of MVPA gained per school day for studies in each intervention category were as follows: mandatory physical education (23 minutes); classroom activity breaks (19 minutes); afterschool activity programs (10 minutes); standardized physical education curricula (6 minutes more than traditional physical education); modified playgrounds (6 minutes); and modified recess (5 minutes more than traditional recess). Within community settings, significant MVPA was associated with active commuting (16 minutes) and park renovations (12 minutes), but proximity to parks had a small effect (1 minute). No conclusions could be drawn regarding joint-use agreements, because of a lack of studies quantifying their impact on energy expenditure. CONCLUSIONS: Of the various policies and built environment changes examined, the largest effects were seen with mandatory physical education, classroom activity breaks, and active commuting to school. Policymakers can use this information along with estimates of the cost, feasibility, and population reach, to identify the best options for increasing physical activity in youth. Copyright 2013 American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
BACKGROUND: Achieving health benefits while reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport offers a potential policy win-win; the magnitude of potential benefits, however, is likely to vary. This study uses an Integrated Transport and Health Impact Modelling tool (ITHIM) to evaluate the health and environmental impacts of high walking and cycling transport scenarios for English and Welsh urban areas outside London.

METHODS: Three scenarios with increased walking and cycling and lower car use were generated based upon the Visions 2030 Walking and Cycling project. Changes to carbon dioxide emissions were estimated by environmental modelling. Health impact assessment modelling was used to estimate changes in Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) resulting from changes in exposure to air pollution, road traffic injury risk, and physical activity. We compare the findings of the model with results generated using the World Health Organization’s Health Economic Assessment of Transport (HEAT) tools.

RESULTS: This study found considerable reductions in disease burden under all three scenarios, with the largest health benefits attributed to reductions in ischemic heart disease. The pathways that produced the largest benefits were, in order, physical activity, road traffic injuries, and air pollution. The choice of dose response relationship for physical activity had a large impact on the size of the benefits. Modelling the impact on all-cause mortality rather than through individual diseases suggested larger benefits. Using the best available evidence we found fewer road traffic injuries for all scenarios compared with baseline but alternative assumptions suggested potential increases.

CONCLUSIONS: Methods to estimate the health impacts from transport related physical activity and injury risk are in their infancy; this study has demonstrated an integration of transport and health impact modelling approaches. The findings add to the case for a move from car transport to walking and cycling, and have implications for empirical and modelling research.
BACKGROUND: Embracing a physically active lifestyle is especially important for American Indian (AI) children who are at a greater risk for hypokinetic diseases, particularly Type 2 diabetes. The purpose of this study was to describe AI children's pedometer-determined physical activity (PA) segmented into prominent daily activity patterns. METHODS: Participants included 5th- and 6th-grade children (N = 77) attending school from 1 Southwestern US AI community. Children wore a pedometer (Yamax Digiwalker SW-200) for 7 consecutive days. RESULTS: Boys accumulated 12,621 (+ 5385) steps/weekday and girls accumulated 11,640 (+ 3695) steps/weekday of which 38% (4,779 + 1271) and 35% (4,027 + 1285) were accumulated at school for boys and girls, respectively. Physical education (PE) provided the single largest source of PA during school for both boys (25% or 3117 steps/day) and girls (23% or 2638 steps/day). Lunchtime recess provided 1612 (13%) and 1241 (11%) steps/day for boys and girls, respectively. Children were significantly less active on weekend days, accumulating 8066 + 1959 (boys) and 6676 + 1884 (girls). CONCLUSIONS: Although children accumulate a majority of their steps outside of school, this study highlights the important contribution of PE to the overall PA accumulation of children living in AI communities. Further, PA programming during the weekend appears to be important for this population.
OBJECTIVE: The aim of this study is to clarify the social development conditions and related factors for children in Japanese kindergarten in Shanghai, China. METHODS: The target schools were three Japanese kindergartens in Shanghai, three in Wakayama, Japan, and three in Osaka, Japan. The target kindergarten children were all 5- or 6-year-olds. We used an anonymous questionnaire to the guardian of the child. The question items related to social development, lifestyle and daily activities of the child, and rearing awareness and conditions of the guardian. Social development was scored by Strength and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQ). RESULTS: The number of respondents was 246 (Shanghai group 72, Wakayama group 86, Osaka group 88). The median value of the score of total difficulties and prosocial behavior, SDQ subscale, and the proportion of children judged as low need showed no significant difference. Results of multiple logistic regression analysis showed that the frequency of eating fast-foods and the rearing condition "I become anxious or lose enthusiasm for childrearing when the child is recalcitrant" were the factors relevant to prosocial behavior in the Shanghai group. In the Wakayama group, the hours spent daily watching TV was designated as the relevant factor. In the Osaka group, hours spent daily playing outdoors was found to be the relevant factor. CONCLUSIONS: Social development of children in Japanese kindergarten in Shanghai was the same as that of those living in Japan. The factors relevant to prosocial behavior in the Shanghai group were different from those in the two cities in Japan. This study may show the important points to keep in mind for childrearing abroad.
Artesunate has been recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the first-line treatment for severe malaria since 2010. It is not licensed in the United States but is available from CDC under an investigational new drug (IND) protocol. During 2010-2012, a total of 19 cases of delayed hemolytic anemia after treatment of severe malaria with artesunate were published in the peer-reviewed medical literature, but no such cases have been reported in the United States. CDC Malaria Branch staff reviewed each published report of delayed hemolysis after artesunate use. Based on the pathogenesis of malaria, the hemolysis likely is a result of severe malaria and not the treatment itself. However, artesunate used in the United States is produced by the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity, and artesunate used outside of the United States is not. An unrecognized difference might exist between the U.S. artesunate and the artesunate used elsewhere. Alternatively, cases of artesunate-associated hemolysis might have occurred in the United States but were not reported. To better assess these possibilities, CDC has amended the artesunate IND protocol and now recommends that persons treated for severe malaria with artesunate be followed for 4 weeks after treatment and evaluated for hemolytic anemia.
OBJECTIVE: Parks are important physical activity (PA) settings, but few studies have examined PA differences between park areas according to multiple user demographic characteristics. This study explored variations in adult/senior and child/teen PA intensity across park settings by gender, age, and race/ethnicity.

METHODS: In July-August 2009, the System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) was used in four parks in Kansas City, Missouri to record park users' PA behavior within specific park areas. A total of 8855 observations were recorded. ANCOVAs compared mean energy expenditure (EE) for various demographic groups across the five most-used park target areas for adults/seniors and children/teens.

RESULTS: Among adults/seniors, all sub-samples exhibited higher EE on paved trails (0.086-0.093 kcal/kg/min) and tennis courts (0.086-0.089 kcal/kg/min), than in open spaces, playgrounds, or picnic shelters. Among children/teens, the child, White, and all child/teen sub-samples showed greater EE on playgrounds (0.088-0.089 kcal/kg/min) than in picnic shelters. CONCLUSION: Park planning and design efforts should consider environmental and programming initiatives to increase intergenerational PA levels within park areas such as playgrounds, open spaces, and picnic shelters. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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BACKGROUND: Severe obesity has increased >300% in US children since 1976, and is associated with multiple cardiovascular risk factors and high adult obesity rates. OBJECTIVE: The objective of this study was to identify predictors of severe obesity in kindergarteners. METHODS: Multivariable logistic regression and recursive partitioning analysis (RPA) were used to identify prenatal/pregnancy, infant, and early childhood predictors of severe kindergarten obesity (body mass index (BMI) 99th percentile) in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Birth Cohort, a nationally representative longitudinal study that followed children from birth through kindergarten. RESULTS: For the 6800 children, the severe kindergarten obesity prevalence was 5.7%, with higher adjusted odds for crossing the 85th percentile of BMI at 2 years old (odds ratio (OR), 8.0; 95% confidence interval (CI), 4.1-15.7), preschool age (OR, 7.9; 95% CI, 4.9-12.8) and 9 months old (OR, 1.8; 95% CI, 1.2-2.6); maternal severe obesity (OR, 2.3; 95% CI, 1.4-3.7) and gestational diabetes (OR, 2.9; 95% CI, 1.5-5.5); drinking tea or coffee between meals/before bedtime at 2 years old (OR, 3.3; 95% CI, 1.3-8.5); Latino (OR, 2.3; 95% CI, 1.4-3.7) and multiracial (OR, 2.3; 95% CI, 1.1-4.8) race/ethnicity; and drinking sugary beverages at kindergarten age at least weekly (OR, 2.3; 95% CI, 1.4-3.7). Ever-attending center-based daycare (OR, 0.3; 95% CI, 0.1-0.9), eating fruit at least weekly at kindergarten age (OR, 0.3; 95% CI, 0.1-0.7), and maternal history of a prior newborn birth weight 4000g (OR, 0.1; 95% CI, 0.02-0.6) were associated with reduced odds of severe obesity. RPA identified low severe obesity prevalence (1.9%) for non-85th BMI percentile preschool crossers and high severe obesity (56-80%) for predictor clusters which included crossing the 85th BMI percentile at earlier ages, low parental education, specific maternal age cutoffs, pre-schooler bedtime rules, and outside walking/play frequency for 9-month-olds. CONCLUSIONS: Certain parental, prenatal/pregnancy, infant, and early childhood factors, both alone and in combination, are potent predictors of severe obesity in kindergarteners.
Recess is at the heart of a vigorous debate over the role of schools in promoting the optimal development of the whole child. A growing trend toward reallocating time in school to accentuate the more academic subjects has put this important facet of a child's school day at risk. Recess serves as a necessary break from the rigors of concentrated, academic challenges in the classroom. But equally important is the fact that safe and well-supervised recess offers cognitive, social, emotional, and physical benefits that may not be fully appreciated when a decision is made to diminish it. Recess is unique from, and a complement to, physical education—not a substitute for it. The American Academy of Pediatrics believes that recess is a crucial and necessary component of a child's development and, as such, it should not be withheld for punitive or academic reasons.
OBJECTIVES: To determine if physical activity (PA) during the school day varied by school, grade level, gender, weight status, and physical education (PE) and recess participation among urban kindergarten and first-grade students. METHODS: Cross-sectional study at 4 Bronx, NY, schools. Student PA was measured by a Yamax Digi-Walker pedometer, an objective and validated measure of PA in children. Each student wore a sealed pedometer during school for 5 consecutive days. Hierarchical models were fit to identify variables predictive of PA. RESULTS: A total of 916 had valid pedometer data (53% male, 70% Hispanic, mean age 5.98 years [SD 0.66], 45% overweight). PA varied by school (P < .0001). First-grade students took a significantly greater mean number of steps during school than kindergarten students. Overall, students took an average of 2479.7 (SD 961.8) steps/school day. PA did not differ by BMI status. Students took on average 724 more steps on PE days than on non-PE days and 490 more steps on days with outdoor recess than nonrecess days (P < .05 for both). Fewer than 1% of all students achieved lower cut points for previously published mean range of steps/school day for boys and girls. Multivariable analysis revealed higher grade level, participation in PE class, and outdoor recess as independent predictors of PA. CONCLUSIONS: PA levels were low in kindergarten and first-grade students. Future interventions incorporating classroom-based PA and outdoor recess may increase PA in resource-poor urban schools with limited PE facilities.
BACKGROUND: Being outdoors may have health benefits including being more physically active. Understanding the relationship between outdoor time and health is hampered by the difficulty of measuring outdoor time. PURPOSE: To examine the accuracy and validity of light-sensor and GPS methods for quantifying outdoor time among those aged 3-5 years at child care. METHODS: A total of 45 children (mean age 4.5 years, 64% boys) from five child care centers wore portable accelerometers with built-in light sensors and a separate GPS device around their waists during child care, providing 80,648 episodes (15 seconds each) for analysis. Direct observation (gold standard) of children being outdoors versus indoors was conducted for 2 days at each center. GPS signal-to-noise ratios, processed through the Personal Activity and Location Measurement System were used to define indoor versus outdoor locations. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) analyses were used to determine thresholds for defining being indoors versus outdoors. Data were collected in Fall 2011, analyzed in 2012. RESULTS: Mean observed outdoor time was 63 [±44; range: 18-152] minutes/day. Mean light-sensor levels were significantly higher outdoors. The area under the ROC curve for location based on light sensor for all weather conditions was 0.82 (range: 0.70 on partly cloudy days to 0.97 on sunny days); for GPS, it was 0.89. The light sensor had a sensitivity of 74% and specificity of 86%. GPS had a sensitivity of 82% and specificity of 88%. CONCLUSIONS: A light sensor and a GPS device both distinguish indoor from outdoor time for preschoolers with moderate to high levels of accuracy. These devices can increase the feasibility and lower the cost of measuring outdoor time in studies of preschool children. Copyright 2013 American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
The issue of electronic media use by young children is increasingly important in pediatrics, a major risk factor for numerous chronic conditions. Despite guidelines in place since 1999, screen time is on the rise, aided by new formats removing practically all barriers of use. Key drivers are technological allure, confusion about developmental readiness, and perception of educational value, fueled by potent marketing. This article describes the development of Baby Unplugged, a series of children's board books celebrating "old-school," screen-free childhood. Written by a pediatrician who also owns a children's bookstore, the books were inspired and informed by advocacy projects in the areas of media use and early literacy as a pediatric resident. They reinforce AAP Electronic Media Guidelines, notably discouraging screen-based media under 2 years old, largely by encouraging healthy, fun alternatives. Examples include Pets, Book, and Yard. Multi-sensorial exploration and parent-child engagement are emphasized in a non-prescriptive way, featuring gender and ethnic diversity and activities that are accessible and inexpensive. The author describes challenges faced by pediatricians providing anticipatory guidance for media use, given limited time and resources and the perception that we are out of touch. This is heightened by oft-deceptive marketing of screen-based products more likely to be perceived as "cool." Reach Out and Read is cited as an example of a successful, "cool" intervention, though limited to select populations. Baby Unplugged takes advocacy to the marketplace, where the screen time battle is being lost.

Elevated blood lead levels and sources of exposure in the population of Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo


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The objective of this study was to determine blood lead levels (BLLs) and the possible sources of exposure in the population of Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo. A cross-sectional survey was carried out from January to May 2008 in a representative sample of the Kinshasan population. BLL was measured in 275 individuals (53.4% women) aged 1-70 years in the urban area of Kinshasa and from 60 additional subjects in the rural area. Pb was also determined in environmental specimens (air and soil, indoor and outdoor). BLL in the study population ranged from 2.9 to 49.3μg/dl (median, 9.9μg/dl). The median BLL among children aged <6 years was 11.5μg/dl (range: 3.0-37.8μg/dl). Of these children, 71% had elevated BLL (>10μg/dl) and 22% had BLL >20μg/dl. The proportion of elevated BLL (>10μg/dl) was higher for children aged <3 years than for children aged 3 to 5 years (97% vs 56%). A higher prevalence of elevated BLL was observed in urban compared with rural children (71% vs 20%). Significantly higher BLLs were also found in children whose mother consumed fired clay during pregnancy. Residential informal activities in the recycling of car batteries also contributed to elevated BLL in children. The elevated background of Pb exposure in the Kinshasan population indicates a public health issue that requires corrective actions. Pb-contaminated dust and air in children's home is an issue of public health concern. The use of leaded gasoline and the activities of car battery recycling in certain residences appear to constitute the main sources of exposure in the city of Kinshasa. The traditional use of fired clay for the treatment of gastritis by pregnant women is another significant contributor for elevated BLL in children.
AIM: To test how the quality of the outdoor environment of child day care centres (DCCs) influences children's health. METHODS: The environment was assessed using the Outdoor Play Environmental Categories (OPEC) tool, time spent outdoors and physical activity as measured by pedometer. 172/253 (68%) of children aged 3.0-5.9 from nine DCCs participated in Southern Sweden. Health data collected were body mass index, waist circumference, saliva cortisol, length of night sleep during study, and symptoms and well-being which were scored (1-week diary - 121 parent responders). Also, parent-rated well-being and health of their child were scored (questionnaire, 132 parent responders). MANOVA, ANOVA and principal component analyses were performed to identify impacts of the outdoor environment on health. RESULTS: High-quality outdoor environment at DCCs is associated with several health aspects in children such as leaner body, longer night sleep, better well-being and higher mid-morning saliva cortisol levels. CONCLUSION: The quality of the outdoor environment at DCCs influenced the health and well-being of preschool children and should be given more attention among health care professionals and community planners. 2012 The Author(s)/Acta Paediatrica 2012 Foundation Acta Paediatrica
The study investigated the effects of a Special Olympics (SO) Unified Sport (UNS) soccer program on anthropometry, physical fitness and soccer skills of male youth athletes with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) who participated in a training group (TRG) and in a comparison group (CG) without specific training. Youth with ID (WID) were randomly selected out of all the students between the ages 12 and 15, with a diagnosis of educable mental retardation and no secondary disabilities, who were attending a special education school. Participants without ID (WoID) were randomly selected from a regular secondary school out of the same age groups of male students. All participants were given permission by their parents or guardians to participate in the study. Participants in the TRG included 23 youth WID and 23 youth WoID. Mean ages were = 14.1 (SD = 1.1) and 13.2 (SD = 0.79) respectively. Fifteen WID, and 15 WoID comprised the CG. Mean ages were 14.51 (SD = 0.81) and 13.78 (SD = 0.49) respectively. Prior to and following the program measurements were conducted, and data were collected on students' anthropometric and fitness components of the Brockport physical fitness test as well as a soccer skill performance based on the SO soccer skill test. Participants in the TRG trained 8 weeks, 1.5h per session, three times per week, in an after-school soccer program. CG did not participate in any sports program outside of the school physical education class. Dependent t tests and effect size calculations revealed that SO athletes and non-disabled partners scored significantly higher with regard to physical fitness and football skills in most variables compared with their CG. This Unified Program was successful in increasing fitness and soccer skill performance of youth WID as well as of those WoID.
This study analyzed the patterns and predictors of participation in leisure activities outside of school of Spanish children and adolescents with Cerebral Palsy (CP). Children and adolescents with CP (n = 199; 113 males and 86 females) participated in this cross-sectional study. Their mean age was 12.11 years (SD = 3.02; range 8-18 years), and they were evaluated using the Spanish version of the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE). Means, standard deviations and percentages were used to characterize the profile of participation, and linear regression analyses were employed to assess associations between the variables (child, family and environmental factors) and the diversity, intensity and enjoyment of participation. Children and adolescents with CP reported low diversity and intensity of participation and high levels of...
enjoyment. Participation in leisure activities outside of school was determined more by child and environmental factors than by family ones. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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N2 - Children's time-location patterns are important determinants of environmental exposure and other health-relevant factors. Building on data of the German Environmental Survey for Children (GerES IV), our study aimed at deriving reference values and distributions for time-location patterns of 3-14-year-old German children. We also investigated if GerES IV data are appropriate for evaluating associations with children's health determinants by linking them to data of the National Health Interview and Examination Survey for Children and Adolescents (KiGGS). Parents reported on the time their children usually spend at home, in other indoor
environments, and outdoors. This information was characterized by statistical parameters, which were also calculated for different strata concerning socio-demography and the residential environment. Consequently, group differences were evaluated by t-tests and univariate ANOVA. Reference distributions were fitted to the time-location data by a Maximum Likelihood approach to make them also useable in probabilistic exposure modeling. Finally, associations between data on the children’s physical activity as well as body weight and their outdoor time were investigated by bivariate correlation analysis and cross tabulation. On daily average, German children spend 15 h and 31 min at home, 4 h and 46 min in other indoor environments, and 3 h and 43 min outdoors. Time spent at home and outdoors decreases with age while time spent in other indoor environments increases. Differences in time-location patterns were also observed for the socio-economic status (SES) and immigration status. E.g., children with a high SES spend 24 min less outdoors than low SES children. Immigrants spend on daily average 20 min more at home and 15 min less outdoors than non-immigrant children. Outdoor time was associated with parameters of the residential environment like the building development. Children living in 1- or 2-family houses spend more time outdoors than children living in building blocks (3 h 48 min vs. 3 h 29 min). Physical activity correlates with outdoor time. For children with diminished age-specific outdoor time, a higher prevalence of obesity was observed (odds ratio: 3.2, 95% CI: 1.5-7.1). GerES IV provides a compilation of current time-location reference values and distributions on German children. This data hint to substantial differences in time-location patterns within the population to be considered in environmental health risk assessment. Copyright 2012 Elsevier GmbH. All rights reserved

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OBJECTIVES: To date, only a few studies have attempted to study the processes by which community design and the built and social environments affect individual physical activity, especially in children. Qualitative enquiry is useful for exploring perceptions and decision-making, and to understand the processes involved in how people interact with their environments. This study used qualitative methods to gain insight into the pathways linking the neighbourhood environment with children's activity patterns. METHODS: Data were collected in semi-structured interviews with 24 child-parent dyads (children aged 10-14 years). Families lived in neighbourhoods ranging from lowest to highest median income and representing the three main design types found in Saskatoon - urban, semi-suburban and suburban. RESULTS: Parents and children underscored the importance of safe environments for children's physical activity: streets or paths they can cycle on without feeling threatened, parks and green spaces free of criminal activity, and neighbourhoods where people know each other and children have friends to play with. Although grid-pattern urban neighbourhoods with a high density of destinations may in principle promote active transportation, the higher levels of crime and traffic danger that tend to exist in these areas may hinder physical activity in children. CONCLUSION: Understanding what facilitates activity in children is a complex endeavour. It requires understanding the barriers to physical activity present at the neighbourhood level as well as social and perceptual factors that act in interdependent ways to either promote or hinder children's physical activity.
ISSUE ADDRESSED: Increasing childhood overweight and obesity rates need strategies that promote and engage children in more physical activity and school is one setting for this. This pilot project aimed to determine if coloured playground markings are an effective strategy, in the Australian context, to increase students' physical activity during school break times in primary schools. METHODS: Four schools participated, two as intervention schools and two as control schools. A combination of data collection methods were used, including accelerometers on students, playground observations and a teacher survey. RESULTS: The accelerometer and observation data did not show an improvement in the physical activity levels of the intervention students compared to the control students. The teacher survey was positive in all aspects of the project implementation. Observations suggest that most students were active in large grass areas rather than around the playground markings. CONCLUSION: Based on our data, it is unclear whether playground markings are an effective intervention to increase physical activity in the school setting. The amount of playing space available appears to influence the use of the playground markings.
Head injuries are very common in children and are the most frequent cause of disability and death among children. This retrospective study included 350 children hospitalized for injury of neurocranium over a 5-year period at Dr Josip Bencevic General Hospital in Slavonski Brod. Boys were more commonly injured (63.4%) than girls. The most common injuries were recorded in children aged 7-14 (47.1%), followed by those aged 1-6 (33.8%) years. The injuries occurred slightly more often in urban (50.9%) than in rural (46.6%) setting.

Children were more commonly injured in the street or on the road (38.6%), followed by injuries sustained at home (35.2%), at school (9.3%) and on playgrounds (5.7%). They were most commonly injured by fall (50%), followed by traffic injuries (33.5%). Statistically significant differences were found in the following age groups: all children younger than one year were injured by fall; children aged 1-14 were mostly injured by fall (less in traffic, and due to hitting), and those aged 15-18 mostly in traffic (less by fall and due to hitting). Children were mostly injured in the street or on the road (in traffic accidents), followed by injuries at home (mostly by fall), at school and around the house or in the yard (mostly by fall); on the playground (due to hitting) and on the road (in traffic accidents) (statistically significant difference). Most of them had head contusion and cerebral commotion combined (46.8%), followed by head contusion alone (12.5%) and skull fractures (10.5%). Hemorrhages and hematomas were rare (epidural, subdural, subarachnoid hemorrhage), found in 3.2% of cases. We hope that our results will prove helpful in planning preventive measures and treatment of injured children.

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Air pollution is one of the great problems of this century and it plays an important role in the increasing prevalence of chronic inflammatory problems in the upper airway in children. Since their lungs and immune system are not fully developed when exposure begins, newborns and children appear to be more sensitive to the effects of both outdoor and indoor air pollution. Furthermore, children spend most of their time indoors and are exposed more often to pollutants in indoor air. The link between health problems, chemical products and allergens (the latter mainly from cats and mites) has been extensively studied. Other important indoor contaminants are fungi, which are often present in damp buildings and can cause severe respiratory disease by producing spores, allergens, volatile irritant compounds and toxins. A proper identification of mould contamination of this kind is vital for correct diagnosis, treatment and the prevention of health problems, and improvements have been observed after the removal or cleaning of the contaminated materials and improvements to the ventilation of buildings. While a possible association between respiratory symptoms, such as rhinitis, and the presence of fungi in the indoor environment has been documented by several authors, other studies have observed no significant relationship. The development of standardised sampling, detection and diagnostic tests will be essential to understand the proper role of fungi in the indoor atmosphere and their impact on public health.
BACKGROUND: School recess provides an important opportunity for children to engage in physical activity. Previous studies indicate that children and adults of South Asian origin are less active than other ethnic groups in the United Kingdom, but have not investigated whether activity differs within the shared school environment. The aim of this study was to test the hypothesis that British Pakistani girls aged 9-11 years are less active during recess than White British girls. METHODS: In Study One, the proportion of recess spent by 137 White British (N = 70) and British Pakistani (N = 67) girls in sedentary behavior, moderate-to-vigorous activity (MVPA) and vigorous activity (VPA) was determined using accelerometry. In Study Two, 86 White British (N = 48) and British Pakistani (N = 38) girls were observed on the playground using the System for Observing Children's Activity and Relationships during Play (SOCARP). Accelerometry data were collected during observations to allow identification of activities contributing to objectively measured physical activity.

RESULTS: Accelerometry data indicated that British Pakistani girls spent 2.2% (95% CI: 0.2, 4.3) less of their total recess time in MVPA and 1.3% (95% CI: 0.2, 2.4) less in VPA than White British girls. Direct observation showed that British Pakistani girls spent 12.0% (95% CI: 2.9, 21.1) less playground time being very active, and 12.3% (95% CI: 1.7, 23.0) less time playing games. Time spent being very active according to direct observation data correlated significantly with accelerometer-assessed time spent in MVPA and VPA, and time spent playing games correlated significantly with accelerometer-assessed time spent in VPA, suggesting that differences in behavior observed in Study Two may have contributed to the differences in time spent in MVPA and VPA in Study One. CONCLUSIONS: British Pakistani girls were less active than White British girls during school recess. Recess has been identified as a potentially important target for the delivery of physical activity interventions; such interventions should consider ways in which the activity levels of British Pakistani girls could be increased.

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We examined a procedure consisting of a preference assessment, prompting, contrived conditioned establishing operations, and consequences for correct and incorrect responses for teaching children with autism to mand "which?" We used a modified multiple baseline design across 3 participants. All the children learned to mand "which?" Generalization occurred to the natural environment, to a novel activity, and to a novel container; the results were maintained over time.

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INTRODUCTION: The ESCALA* project (Estudio de Salud y Contaminacion del Aire en Latinoamerica) is an HEI-funded study that aims to examine the association between exposure to outdoor air pollution and mortality in nine Latin American cities, using a common analytic framework to obtain comparable and updated information on the effects of air pollution on several causes of death in different age groups. This report summarizes the work conducted between 2006 and 2009, describes the methodologic issues addressed during project development, and presents city-specific results of meta-analyses and meta-regression analyses.

METHODS: The ESCALA project involved three teams of investigators responsible for collection and analysis of city-specific air pollution and mortality data from three different countries. The teams designed five different protocols to standardize the methods of data collection and analysis that would be used to evaluate the effects of air pollution on mortality (see Appendices B-F). By following the same protocols, the investigators could directly compare the results among cities. The analysis was conducted in two stages. The first stage included analyses of all-natural-cause and cause-specific mortality related to particulate matter < or = 10 pm in aerodynamic diameter (PM10) and to ozone (O3) in cities of Brazil, Chile, and Mexico. Analyses for PM10 and O3 were also stratified by age group and O3 analyses were stratified by season. Generalized linear models (GLM) in Poisson regression were used to fit the time-series data. Time trends and seasonality were modeled using natural splines with 3, 6, 9, or 12 degrees of freedom (df) per year. Temperature and humidity were also modeled using natural splines, initially with 3 or 6 df, and then with degrees of freedom chosen on the basis of residual diagnostics (i.e., partial autocorrelation function [PACF], periodograms, and a Q-Q plot) (Appendix H, available on the HEI Web site). Indicator variables for day-of-week and holidays were used to account for short-term cyclic fluctuations. To assess the association between exposure to air pollution and risk of death, the PM10 and O3 data were fit using distributed lag models (DLMs). These models are based on findings indicating that the health effects associated with air pollutant concentrations on a given day may accumulate over several subsequent days. Each DLM measured the cumulative effect of a pollutant concentration on a given day (day 0) and that day's contribution to the effect of that pollutant on multiple subsequent (lagged) days. For this study, exposure lags of up to 3, 5, and 10 days were explored. However, only the results of the DLMs using a 3-day lag (DLM 0-3) are presented in this report because we found a decreasing association with mortality in various age-cause groups for increasing lag effects from 3 to 5 days for both PM10 and O3. The potential modifying effect of socioeconomic status (SES) on the association of PM10 or O3 concentration and mortality was also explored in four cities: Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, and Santiago. The methodology for developing a common SES index is presented in the report. The second stage included meta-analyses and metaregression. During this stage, the associations between mortality and air pollution were compared among cities to evaluate the presence of heterogeneity and to explore city-level variables that might explain this heterogeneity. Meta-analyses were conducted to combine mortality effect estimates across cities and to evaluate the presence of...
heterogeneity among city results, whereas meta-regression models were used to explore variables that might explain the heterogeneity among cities in mortality risks associated with exposures to PM10 (but not to O3).

RESULTS: The results of the mortality analyses are presented as risk percent changes (RPC) with a 95% confidence interval (CI). RPC is the increase in mortality risk associated with an increase of 10 microg/m3 in the 24-hour average concentration of PM10 or in the daily maximum 8-hour moving average concentration of O3. Most of the results for PM10 were positive and statistically significant, showing an increased risk of mortality with increased ambient concentrations. Results for O3 also showed a statistically significant increase in mortality in the cities with available data. With the distributed lag model, DLM 0-3, PM10 ambient concentrations were associated with an increased risk of mortality in all cities except Concepcion and Temuco. In Mexico City and Santiago the RPC and 95% CIs were 1.02% (0.87 to 1.17) and 0.48% (0.35 to 0.61), respectively. PM10 was also significantly associated with increased mortality from cardiopulmonary, respiratory, cardiovascular, cerebrovascular-stroke, and chronic obstructive lung diseases (COPD) in most cities. The few nonsignificant effects generally were observed in the smallest cities (Concepcion, Temuco, and Toluca). The percentage increases in mortality associated with ambient O3 concentrations were smaller than for those associated with PM10. All-natural-cause mortality was significantly related to O3 in Mexico City, Monterrey, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Increased mortality risks for some specific causes were also observed in these cities and in Santiago. In the analyses stratified by season, different patterns in mortality and O3 were observed for cold and warm seasons. Risk estimates for the warm season were larger and significant for several causes of death in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Risk estimates for the cold season were larger and significant for some causes of death in Mexico City, Monterrey, and Toluca. In an analysis stratified by SES, the all-natural-cause mortality risk in Mexico City was larger for people with a medium SES; however we observed that the risk of mortality related to respiratory causes was larger among people with a low SES, while the risk of mortality related to cardiovascular and cerebrovascular-stroke causes was larger among people with medium or high SES. In Sao Paulo, the all-natural-cause mortality risk was larger in people with a high SES, while in Rio de Janeiro the all-natural-cause mortality risk was larger in people with a low SES. In both Brazilian cities, the risks of mortality were larger for respiratory causes, especially for the low- and high-SES groups. In Santiago, all-natural-cause mortality risk did not vary with level of SES; however, people with a low SES had a higher respiratory mortality risk, particularly for COPD. People with a medium SES had larger risks of mortality from cardiovascular and cerebrovascular-stroke disease. The effect of ambient PM10 concentrations on infant and child mortality from respiratory causes and lower respiratory infection (LRI) was studied only for Mexico City, Santiago, and Sao Paulo. Significant increased mortality risk from these causes was observed in both Santiago (in infants and older children) and Mexico City (only in infants). For O3, an increased mortality risk was observed in Mexico City (in infants and older children) and in Sao Paulo (only in infants during the warm season). The results of the meta-analyses confirmed the positive and statistically significant association between PM10 and all-natural-cause mortality (RPC = 0.77% [95% CI: 0.60 to 1.00]) using the random-effects model. For mortality from specific causes, the percentage increase in mortality ranged from 0.72% (0.54 to 0.89) for cardiovascular disease to 2.44% (1.36 to 3.59) for COPD, also using the random-effects model. For O3, significant positive associations were observed using the random-effects model for some causes, but not for all natural causes or for respiratory diseases in people 65 years or older (> or = 65 years), and not for COPD and cerebrovascular-stroke in the all-age and the > or = 65 age groups. The percentage increase in all-natural-cause mortality was 0.16% (-0.02 to 0.33). In the meta-regression analyses, variables that best explained heterogeneity in mortality risks among cities were the mean average of temperature in the warm season, population percentage of infants (< 1 year), population percentage of children at least 1 year old but < 5 years (i.e., 1-4 years), population percentage of people > or = 65 years, geographic density of PM10 monitors, annual average concentrations of PM10, and mortality rates for lung cancer. CONCLUSIONS: The ESCALA project was undertaken to obtain information for assessing the effects of air pollutants on mortality in Latin America, where large populations are exposed to relatively high levels of ambient air pollution. An important goal was to provide evidence that could inform policies for controlling air pollution in Latin America. This project included the development of standardized protocols for data collection and for statistical analyses as well as statistical analytic programs (routines developed in R by the ESCALA team) to insure comparability of results. The analytic approach and statistical programming developed within this project should be of value for researchers carrying out single-city analyses and should facilitate the inclusion of additional Latin American cities within the ESCALA multicity project. Our analyses confirm what has been observed in other parts of the world regarding the effects of ambient PM10 and O3 concentrations on daily mortality. They also suggest that SES plays a role in the susceptibility of a population to air pollution; people with a lower SES appeared to have an increased risk of death from respiratory causes, particularly COPD. Compared with the general population,
infants and young children appeared to be more susceptible to both PM10 and O3, although an increased risk of mortality was not observed in these age groups in all cities. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED)

N2 - BACKGROUND: Important health benefits can be achieved when physical activity in children from low socio-economic status is promoted and sedentariness is limited. By specifying the mediating mechanisms of existing interventions one can improve future physical activity interventions. This study explored potential mediators of the long-term effect of the school-based multicomponent JUMP-in intervention on sport participation, outdoor play and screen time in Dutch primary schoolchildren from disadvantaged neighborhoods.

METHODS: In total, 600 primary schoolchildren (aged 9.8 + 0.7, 51% girls, 13% Dutch ethnicity, 35%
overweight) from 9 intervention and 10 control schools were included in the analyses. JUMP-in was developed using Intervention Mapping, and targeted psychological and environmental determinants of physical activity. Outcome behaviors were self-reported sport participation, outdoor play, TV-viewing behavior and computer use. Potential mediators were self-reported psychological, social and physical environmental factors.

RESULTS: JUMP-in was effective in improving sport participation after 20 months, but not in improving outdoor play, or reducing TV-viewing or computer time. JUMP-in was not effective in changing hypothesized mediators so no significant mediated effects could be identified. However, changes in self-efficacy, social support and habit strength were positively associated with changes in sport participation, and changes in social support, self-efficacy, perceived planning skills, enjoyment and habit strength were positively associated with changes in outdoor play. Changes in enjoyment was positively associated with changes in TV-viewing while parental rules were negatively associated. Having a computer in the bedroom and enjoyment were positively associated with changes in computer use, while changes in parental rules were negatively associated.

CONCLUSIONS: Besides a significant positive effect on sports participation, no significant intervention effect on outdoor play, screen time or any of the potential mediators was found. This suggest that other (unmeasured) factors operated as mediating mechanisms of the intervention, that we used unsuccessful intervention strategies, that the strategies were inappropriately implemented, or that children are unable to accurately recall past activities and cognitions. Additionally, the school setting might not be the sole channel to influence leisure time activities. Still, several personal and environmental constructs were found to be relevant in predicting change in sport participation, outdoor play and screen behavior and seem to be potential mediators. Future interventions are recommended including more effective strategies targeting these relevant constructs, addressing different constructs (e.g. pedagogic skills of parents), and focusing on different implementation settings. TRAIL REGISTRATION: ISRCTN17489378

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OBJECTIVE: To describe the vitamin D status of Belgian children and examine the influence of non-nutritional determinants, in particular of anthropometric variables. DESIGN: Cross-sectional data of Belgian participants of the EU 6th Framework Programme IDEFICS (Identification and Prevention of Dietary- and Lifestyle-Induced Health Effects in Children and Infants) Study. SETTING: 25-Hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D) was measured using RIA. Vitamin D status was categorized as deficient (<25 nmol/l), insufficient (25-50 nmol/l), sufficient (50-75 nmol/l) and optimal (>75 nmol/l). Anthropometric measurements included height, weight, waist and hip circumferences and triceps and subscapular skinfold thicknesses. SUBJECTS: Children (n = 357) aged 4-11 years. RESULTS: Serum 25(OH)D ranged from 136 to 1235 nmol/l (mean 472 (sd 146) nmol/l); with 5% deficient, 53% insufficient, 40% sufficient and 2% optimal. No significant differences were found by age and gender. Significant differences in 25(OH)D were observed for month of sampling (P < 0001), number of hours playing outside per week (r = 0140), weight (r = -0121), triceps (r = -0112) and subscapular (r = -0119) skinfold thickness, sum of two skinfold thicknesses (r = -0125) and waist circumference (r = -0108). Linear regression analysis of 25(OH)D adjusted for age, month of sampling and hours playing outside per week suggested that (i) weight, (ii) BMI Z-score, (iii) waist circumference and (iv) triceps and subscapular skinfold thickness (as well as the sum of both) independently influenced 25(OH)D. CONCLUSIONS: The majority of Belgian children had a suboptimal vitamin D status, with more than half having an insufficient status in winter and spring. Month of the year, weekly number of hours playing outside and body composition - both central and abdominal obesity - were identified as important determinants of vitamin D status in Belgian children.
BACKGROUND: Neurocysticercosis is a leading cause of preventable epilepsy in the developing world. Sustainable community-based interventions are urgently needed to control transmission of the causative parasite, Taenia solium. We examined the geospatial relationship between live pigs with visible cysticercotic cysts on their tongues and humans with adult intestinal tapeworm infection (taeniasis) in a rural village in...
northern Peru. The objective was to determine whether tongue-positive pigs could indicate high-risk geographic foci for taeniasis to guide targeted screening efforts. This approach could offer significant benefit compared to mass intervention. METHODS: We recorded geographic coordinates of all village houses, collected stool samples from all consenting villagers, and collected blood and examined tongues of all village pigs. Stool samples were processed by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for presence of Taenia sp. coproantigens indicative of active taeniasis; serum was processed by enzyme-linked immunoelectrotransfer blot for antibodies against T. solium cysticercosis (EITB LLGP) and T. solium taeniasis (EITB rES33). FINDINGS: Of 548 pigs, 256 (46.7%) were positive for antibodies against cysticercosis on EITB LLGP. Of 402 fecal samples, 6 (1.5%) were positive for the presence of Taenia sp. coproantigens. The proportion of coproantigen-positive individuals differed significantly between residents living within 100-meters of a tongue-positive pig (4/79, 5.1%) and residents living >100 meters from a tongue-positive pig (2/323, 0.6%) (p = 0.02). The prevalence of taeniasis was >8 times higher among residents living within 100 meters of a tongue-positive pig compared to residents living outside this range (adjusted PR 8.1, 95% CI 1.4-47.0). CONCLUSIONS: Tongue-positive pigs in endemic communities can indicate geospatial foci in which the risk for taeniasis is increased. Targeted screening or presumptive treatment for taeniasis within these high-risk foci may be an effective and practical control intervention for rural endemic areas.
BACKGROUND: Sepsis is a common and frequently fatal condition. Human recombinant activated protein C (APC) has been introduced to reduce the high risk of death associated with severe sepsis or septic shock. This systematic review is an update of a Cochrane review originally published in 2007.

OBJECTIVES: We assessed the benefits and harms of APC for patients with severe sepsis or septic shock. SEARCH METHODS: We searched CENTRAL (The Cochrane Library 2012, Issue 6); MEDLINE (2010 to June 2012); EMBASE (2010 to June 2012); BIOSIS (1965 to June 2012); CINAHL (1982 to June 2012) and LILACS (1982 to June 2012). There was no language restriction.

SELECTION CRITERIA: We included randomized clinical trials assessing the effects of APC for severe sepsis or septic shock in adults and children. We excluded studies on neonates. We considered all-cause mortality at day 28 and at the end of study follow up, and hospital mortality as the primary outcomes.

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: We independently performed trial selection, risk of bias assessment, and data extraction in duplicate. We estimated relative risks (RR) for dichotomous outcomes. We measured statistical heterogeneity using the I(2) statistic. We used a random-effects model.

MAIN RESULTS: We identified one new randomized clinical trial in this update which includes six randomized clinical trials involving 6781 participants in total, five randomized clinical trials in adult (N = 6307) and one randomized clinical trial in paediatric (N = 474) participants. All trials had high risk of bias and were sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. APC compared with placebo did not significantly affect all-cause mortality at day 28 compared with placebo (780/3435 (22.7%) versus 767/3346 (22.9%); RR 1.00, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.86 to 1.16; I(2) = 56%). APC did not significantly affect in-hospital mortality (393/1767 (22.2%) versus 379/1710 (22.1%); RR 1.01, 95% CI 0.87 to 1.16; I(2) = 20%). APC was associated with an increased risk of serious bleeding (113/3424 (3.3%) versus 74/3343 (2.2%); RR 1.45, 95% CI 1.08 to 1.94; I(2) = 0%). APC did not significantly affect serious adverse events (463/3334 (13.9%) versus 439/3302 (13.2%); RR 1.04, 95% CI 0.92 to 1.18; I(2) = 0%). Trial sequential analyses showed that more trials do not seem to be needed for reliable conclusions regarding these outcomes.

AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS: This updated review found no evidence suggesting that APC should be used for treating patients with severe sepsis or septic shock. APC seems to be associated with a higher risk of bleeding. The drug company behind APC, Eli Lilly, has announced the discontinuation of all ongoing clinical trials using this drug for treating patients with severe sepsis or septic shock. APC should not be used for sepsis or septic shock outside randomized clinical trials.
BACKGROUND: Schools are frequently cited as a favorable venue to promote physical activity (PA), however little data exist describing times when students are least active. Our objective was to overcome this limitation and describe time periods when students are least active. METHODS: We used a cross-sectional design to assess patterns of PA in 923 grade 5 students [mean age: 10.9 (+ 0.4) years] from 30 schools in Alberta, Canada. Students wore time-stamped pedometers for 9 consecutive days, providing 7 full days of data. We compared step counts adjusted for nonwear time between school days and nonschool days as well as during school hours and after school hours. RESULTS: 689 (75%) students provided complete data. The average daily step count was higher on school days (boys 13,476 + 4123 step/day; girls 11,436 + 3158 steps/day) than nonschool days (boys 11,009 + 5542 steps/day; girls 10,256 + 5206 steps/day). More steps were also taken during school hours than nonschool hours (boys +206 + 420 steps/hour, P < .001; girls 210 + 347, P < .001 steps/hour). CONCLUSIONS: PA levels of children are below Canadian recommended levels for optimal growth and health. Health promotion should emphasize PA particularly among girls, outside school hours, and weekends.
This paper explores wellbeing from the perspective of the psychological dynamics underlying adolescents' relationship with place. It uses a dynamic model of wellbeing called personal project analysis (PPA) which captures the concept of 'flourishing', defined as functioning well in your activities, strivings and interactions with the world [1]. Using PPA methods we identified adolescents' daily activities and the 'restorative niches' that best support them. A series of settings (including home, urban and natural outdoor places) were explored using PPA with 45 young people (aged 11-13) living in Edinburgh, Central Scotland. Participants were asked to think of eight projects of current importance to them, to say where the project took place and to rate each project against a series of core wellbeing dimensions measuring project meaning, manageability, support and affect (how much fun, stress etc.). Latent class analysis was carried out to explore clusters or sub-groups in the data and to identify the significant discriminators between clusters. A three-cluster model produced the best fit with project type, project place and wellbeing indicators (fun and stress) significantly discriminating between the three clusters. The three clusters were labeled by their dominant environmental context, 'faraway' (e.g., beach, national parks, hills), 'everyday' (e.g., home, school, local streets) and 'citywide' (e.g., sport settings, urban town context). 'Faraway' and 'citywide' clusters had a significantly higher wellbeing content, especially for fun and stress; the 'everyday' cluster indicated local environs remain a dominant project place for this age group, but are associated with greater stress. We compare findings with adults and suggest that outdoor settings further afield from home have greater significance within adolescent project systems, but that support is needed to facilitate access to these places.
This study investigated the impact of renovation and redesign of a university preschool's outdoor space on children's sedentary behavior, light activity, and moderate-to-vigorous-physical-activity (MVPA) during unstructured recess. Physical activity was measured by accelerometry and direct observation in two independent samples of 50 (baseline) and 57 (postintervention) children (Mage = 4.4 yrs ± 0.5). Controlling for gender, age, BMI and recess length, observational data, but not accelerometry, revealed a significant decrease in intervals spent sedentary (-26.5%) and increases in light physical activity (+11.6%) and MVPA (+14.9%). Higher levels of MVPA were associated with specific environmental changes (new looping cycle path, OR = 2.18; increased playground open space, OR = 7.62; and new grass hill, OR = 3.27). Decreased sedentary behavior and increased light activity and MVPA may be realized with environmental changes that promote continuous and novel movement experiences in more expansive spaces.
The school day offers several different time periods that provide varying opportunities for sedentary time (SED) and engagement in physical activity (PA), yet little is known about the PA and sedentary behaviour patterns of boys and girls during these times. The volume, intensity and temporal distributions of SED and PA undertaken by 135 schoolchildren aged 10-14 years, during different segments of the school day: (a) school transport, (b) morning recess, (c) lunch break, (d) class time and (e) after school, were explored using triaxial accelerometry. PA was categorised into SED, light PA (LPA), moderate PA (MPA) and vigorous PA (VPA). Girls engaged in significantly more SED and LPA than boys during recess and lunch break (p<0.05), while boys engaged in significantly higher levels of VPA during recess (p<0.001) and MPA and VPA during lunch break (p<0.001). PA engagement was similar between sexes during other segments of the day. Conclusion: PA patterns appear more beneficial for health in boys during less structured school-based time periods and interventions may therefore target opportunities for girls to be physically active during these times to overcome this observed sex deficit.
BACKGROUND: Globally, efforts aimed at the prevention of childhood obesity have led to the implementation of a range of school-based interventions. This study assessed whether augmenting physical activity (PA) within the school setting resulted in increased daily PA and decreased overweight/obesity levels in 6-9-year-old children.

METHODS: Across the first to third primary school years, PA of 84 girls and 92 boys was objectively monitored five times (each for seven successive days) using Yamax pedometer (step counts) and Caltrac accelerometer (activity energy expenditure AEE - kcal/kg per day).

Four schools were selected to participate in the research (2 intervention, 2 controls), comprising intervention (43 girls, 45 boys) and control children (41 girls, 47 boys). The study was non-randomized and the intervention schools were selected on the basis of existing PA-conducive environment. Analyses of variance (ANOVA) for repeated measures examined the PA programme and gender effects on the step counts and AEE. Logistic regression (Enter method) determined the obesity and overweight occurrence prospect over the course of implementation of the PA intervention. RESULTS: There was a significant increase of school-based PA during schooldays in intervention children (from 1718 to 3247 steps per day; and from 2.1 to 3.6 Kcal/Kg per day) in comparison with the control children. Increased school-based PA of intervention children during schooldays contributed to them achieving >10,500 steps and >10.5 Kcal/Kg per school day across the 2 years of the study, and resulted in a stop of the decline in PA levels that is known to be associated with the increasing age of children. Increased school-based PA had also positive impact on leisure time PA of schooldays and on PA at weekends of intervention children. One year after the start of the PA intervention, the odds of being overweight or obese in the intervention children was almost three times lower than that of control children (p<0.005), and these odds steadily decreased with the duration of the intervention. CONCLUSIONS: The findings suggest that school-based PA (Physical Education lessons, PA during short breaks and longer recesses, PA at after-school nursery) in compatible active environments (child-friendly gym and school playground, corridors with movement and playing around corners and for games) has a vital role in obesity and overweight reduction among younger pupils.
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N2 - Patellar osteochondral fractures with no dislocation are uncommon and usually affect the centromedial facet of the patella. We present the case of a 10 year-old, overweight, female patient. She was seen in the emergency room after suffering an accidental fall, assessed as an osteochondral fracture-dislocation of the right patella with upper-outer displaced free fragments. By patient interview, she referred to no previous episodes of patellar dislocation. To complete the study, we performed an MRI which showed a medial facet patellar fracture, with two osteochondral fragments located in the sub-quadriceps recess, associated with other lesions suggesting patellar subluxation. We considered that the best treatment was surgery, so the following was performed: an open reduction and internal fixation with absorbable bars, lateral patellar release (Ficat technique), patellar coverage by medial portion of quadriceps (Insall technique) and internal moving of the lateral half of the patellar tendon (Goldwaith technique). The injury was checked one year later using arthroscopy. It confirmed a good reconstruction of the articular surface, and right patellar centering. At follow-up, during the physiotherapy period, the patient began to have repeated episodes of instability in the contralateral patella. The CT scan confirmed the patellar lateralisation (TAGT 17). Centering surgery was indicated due to the occurrence of multiple dislocation episodes. The patient currently carries out normal physical activity and she has a complete range of movement. Patellar osteochondral fracture is an injury frequently associated with patellar instability, which may onset in the first episode. The medial location of the lesions and the involvement of the system of medial knee stability is a fundamental finding. This fact reinforces the diagnosis of pre-fracture patellar dislocation. This is not a fracture-dislocation, but a dislocation-fracture. We may, therefore, treat the injury and its cause. Copyright 2011 SECOT. Published by Elsevier Espana. All rights reserved

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T1 - "HealthKick": formative assessment of the health environment in low-resource primary schools in the Western Cape Province of South Africa
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BACKGROUND: This study evaluated the primary school environment in terms of being conducive to good nutrition practices, sufficient physical activity and prevention of nicotine use, with the view of planning a school-based health intervention. METHODS: A sample of 100 urban and rural disadvantaged schools was randomly selected from two education districts of the Western Cape Education Department, South Africa. A situation analysis, which comprised an interview with the school principal and completion of an observation schedule of the school environment, was done at all schools. RESULTS: Schools, on average, had 560 learners and 16 educators. Principals perceived the top health priorities for learners to be an unhealthy diet (50%) and to far lesser degree, lack of physical activity (24%) and underweight (16%). They cited lack of physical activity (33%) and non-communicable diseases (NCDs; 24%) as the main health priorities for educators, while substance abuse (66%) and tobacco use (31%) were prioritised for parents. Main barriers to health promotion programmes included lack of financial resources and too little time in the time table. The most common items sold at the school tuck shops were crisps (100%), and then sweets (96%), while vendors mainly sold sweets (92%), crisps (89%), and ice lollies (38%). Very few schools (8%) had policies governing the type of food items sold at school. Twenty-six of the 100 schools that were visited had vegetable gardens. All schools reported having physical activity and physical education in their time tables, however, not all of them offered this activity outside the class room. Extramural sport offered at schools mainly included athletics, netball, and rugby, with cricket and soccer being offered less frequently. CONCLUSION: The formative findings of this study contribute to the knowledge of key environmental and policy determinants that may play a role in the health behaviour of learners, their parents and their educators. Evidently, these show that school environments are not always conducive to healthy lifestyles. To address the identified determinants relating to learners it is necessary to intervene on the various levels of influence, i.e. parents, educators, and the support systems for the school environment including the curriculum, food available at school, resources for physical activity as well as appropriate policies in this regard.
T1 - Introduction of 2009 pandemic influenza A virus subtype H1N1 into South Africa: clinical presentation, epidemiology, and transmissibility of the first 100 cases

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KW - H1N1 Subtype/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Influenza
KW - Human,ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Human,pa [Pathology]
KW - Human,tm [Transmission]
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Prospective Studies
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BACKGROUND: We documented the introduction of the 2009 pandemic influenza A virus subtype H1N1 (A[H1N1]pdm09) into South Africa and describe its clinical presentation, epidemiology, and transmissibility.

METHODS: We conducted a prospective descriptive study of the first 100 laboratory-confirmed cases of A(H1N1)pdm09 infections identified through active case finding and surveillance. Infected patients and the attending clinicians were interviewed, and close contacts were followed up to investigate household transmission.

FINDINGS: The first case was confirmed on 14 June 2009, and by 15 July 2009, 100 cases were diagnosed. Forty-two percent of patients reported international travel within 7 days prior to onset of illness. Patients ranged in age from 4 to 70 years (median age, 21.5 years). Seventeen percent of household contacts developed influenza-like illness, and 10% of household contacts had laboratory-confirmed A(H1N1)pdm09 infection. We found a mean serial interval (+ SD) of 2.3 ± 1.3 days (range, 1-5 days) between successive laboratory-confirmed cases in the transmission chain.

CONCLUSIONS: A(H1N1)pdm09 established itself rapidly in South Africa. Transmissibility of the virus was comparable to observations from outside of Africa and to seasonal influenza virus strains.
OBJECTIVE: To investigate the predictors of change in physical activity (PA) from early to mid adolescence in a cohort of adolescents. DESIGN: Prospective, population-based birth cohort study. PA level was evaluated by means of questionnaire, and was analysed in continuous form (min/week) and as a trajectory (inactive-inactive, inactive-active, active-inactive, active-active) based on the cut-off point of 300 min/week. SETTING: Pelotas, a city of 340,000 inhabitants in southern Brazil. SUBJECTS: Adolescents (n 4120) followed from 11 to 15 years of age. RESULTS: Maternal PA change and more exposure to outdoors were directly associated with a positive change in PA level (min/week) for both genders. Higher maturation status (among boys) and later menarche were also associated with positive PA change in min/week. Predictors to remain inactive were: maternal PA change (inverse association), more exposure to outdoors, higher socio-economic level, fear of living in the neighbourhood and non-overweight girls. Predictors to become inactive were higher socio-economic level among boys and increase in screen time among girls. CONCLUSIONS: The study demonstrates that social, family, biological, behavioural and environmental factors exert an important role in the PA change among youngsters as they move into adolescence. These findings may be relevant to the design of policies and intervention programmes aimed at promoting PA in teenagers.
OBJECTIVE: This study evaluated the effectiveness of a personal digital assistant (PDA) on independent transitioning between activities in a day treatment centre for youth with high-functioning ASD. METHODS: Within a multiple baseline design across four participants, data were collected on participant's transitioning and staff's prompting behaviour. Intervention by staff consisted of one technical instruction session on use of the PDA and non-specific instruction following incorrect transitions while not using the PDA, in the natural setting. RESULTS: Analysis revealed a significant increase in percentage independent daily transitions, which resulted from the independent use of the PDA. The change in staff's prompt use during intervention was mainly the result of a significant decrease in the use of non-specific prompts in correcting participant's transition behaviour. CONCLUSION: A brief intervention was effective in improving independent transitioning using a PDA. Findings are evaluated in light of their clinical implications and suggestions for future research are discussed.

OBJECTIVE: Given that more than 34% of U.S. children are cared for in home-based child care settings and outdoor play is associated with physical activity and other health benefits, we sought to characterize the
outdoor play frequency of preschoolers cared for at home-based child care settings and factors associated with outdoor play. METHODS: Cross-sectional study of 1900 preschoolers (representing approximately 862,800 children) cared for in home-based child care settings (including relative and nonrelative care) using the nationally representative Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort. RESULTS: Only 50% of home-based child care providers reported taking the child outside to walk or play at least once/day. More than one-third of all children did not go outside to play daily with either their parent(s) or home-based child care provider. There were increased odds of going outside daily for children cared for by nonrelatives in the child's home compared with care from a relative. Children with >3 regular playmates had greater odds of being taken outdoors by either the parents or child care provider. We did not find statistically significant associations between other child level (age, sex, screen-time), family level (highest education in household, mother's race, employment, exercise frequency), and child care level (hours in care, provider's educational attainment, perception of neighborhood safety) factors and frequency of outdoor play. CONCLUSIONS: At a national level, the frequency of outdoor play for preschoolers cared for in home-based child care settings is suboptimal. Further study and efforts to increase outdoor playtime for children in home-based child care settings are needed.

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T1 - DNA hypomethylation affects cancer-related biological functions and genes relevant in neuroblastoma pathogenesis
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KW - DNA Methylation/ge [Genetics]
KW - Gene Expression Profiling
KW - Gene Expression Regulation
KW - Neoplastic
Neuroblastoma (NB) pathogenesis has been reported to be closely associated with numerous genetic alterations. However, underlying DNA methylation patterns have not been extensively studied in this developmental malignancy. Here, we generated microarray-based DNA methylation profiles of primary neuroblastic tumors. Stringent supervised differential methylation analyses allowed us to identify epigenetic changes characteristic for NB tumors as well as for clinical and biological subtypes of NB. We observed that gene-specific loss of DNA methylation is more prevalent than promoter hypermethylation. Remarkably, such hypomethylation affected cancer-related biological functions and genes relevant to NB pathogenesis such as CCND1, SPRR3, BTC, EGF and FGF6. In particular, differential methylation in CCND1 affected mostly an evolutionarily conserved functionally relevant 3' untranslated region, suggesting that hypomethylation outside promoter regions may play a role in NB pathogenesis. Hypermethylation targeted genes involved in cell development and proliferation such as RASSF1A, POU2F2 or HOXD3, among others. The results derived from this study provide new candidate epigenetic biomarkers associated with NB as well as insights into the molecular pathogenesis of this tumor, which involves a marked gene-specific hypomethylation.
BACKGROUND: Overweight and obesity prevention in childhood and adolescence represent a priority for public health; school is a privileged place for health promotion interventions. OBJECTIVES: The study aimed to test the effectiveness of a multicomponent 5-month intervention on the habits of primary school children, making the families aware of the importance of healthy choices. METHODS: Two hundred nine children attending the fourth class of primary school, divided into interventional (n=103) and control arm (n=106) were included in the study. In the intervention group, parents and teachers received more intense lifestyle counseling, associated with weekly motivational telephone calls to families to motivate further their lifestyle changes. Standard deviation score (SDS) body mass index (BMI) was the primary outcome measure; on open-air games and TV watching were secondary outcomes. RESULTS: At baseline, no differences were observed between groups. At 8-month follow-up, mean SDS BMI had decreased by 0.06 units in the intervention arm and increased by 0.12 in controls (timetreatment anova, P<0.002). Outdoor activities increased from 6.23h week(-1) to 9.93 in the intervention group (P<0.001), not in controls. This change was associated differences in TV watching from baseline (intervention, -0.96h week(-1); P=0.037; controls, +1.33h week(-1); P=0.031). CONCLUSION: A multicomponent school-based intervention addressing the needs of children, teachers and families produced a significant and favourable short-term effect on overweight/obese schoolchildren. 2012 The Authors. Pediatric Obesity 2012 International Association for the Study of Obesity
To address a variety of questions pertaining to the interactions between physical activity, musculoskeletal loading and musculoskeletal health/injury/adaptation, simple methods are needed to quantify, outside a laboratory setting, the forces acting on the human body during daily activities. The purpose of this study was to develop a statistically based model to estimate peak vertical ground reaction force (pVGRF) during youth gait. 20 girls (10.9 ± 0.9 years) and 15 boys (12.5 ± 0.6 years) wore a Biotrainer AM over their right hip. Six walking and six running trials were completed after a standard warm-up. Average AM intensity (g) and pVGRF (N) during stance were determined. Repeated measures mixed effects regression models to estimate pVGRF from Biotrainer activity monitor acceleration in youth (girls 10-12, boys 12-14 years) while walking and running were developed. Log transformed pVGRF had a statistically significant relationship with activity monitor acceleration, centered mass, sex (girl), type of locomotion (run), and locomotion type-acceleration interaction controlling for subject as a random effect. A generalized regression model without subject specific random effects was also developed. The average absolute differences between the actual and predicted pVGRF were 5.2% (1.6% standard deviation) and 9% (4.2% standard deviation) using the mixed and generalized models, respectively. The results of this study support the use of estimating pVGRF from hip acceleration using a mixed model regression equation.

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T1 - Activated partial thromboplastin time is a better trending tool in pediatric extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
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OBJECTIVES: To determine whether activated partial thromboplastin times are a better heparin management tool than activated clotting times in pediatric extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. DESIGN: A single-center retrospective analysis of perfusion and patient records. SETTING: Academic pediatric tertiary care center. PATIENTS: Pediatric patients (<21 yrs old) requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation support initiated at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. INTERVENTIONS: None. MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS: Point-of-care activated partial thromboplastin time values, weight-normalized heparin administration (units/kg/hr), and reported outcomes were collected for pediatric patients treated for cardiac and/or respiratory failure with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. Spearman's ranked correlations were performed for each coagulation test compared to heparin dosage. The Bland-Altman test was used to determine the validity of the point-of-care activated partial thromboplastin time. Hazard analysis was conducted for outcomes and complications for patients whose heparin management was based on the clinical laboratory activated partial thromboplastin time or the activated clotting time. Only the clinical laboratory activated partial thromboplastin time showed a correlation (p = 0.40 vs. p = -0.04 for activated clotting time) with the heparin administration (units/kg/hr). Point-of-care activated partial thromboplastin time and activated partial thromboplastin time values correlated well (p = 0.76), with <5% of samples showing a difference outside 2 SDs, but differences in their absolute values (activated partial thromboplastin time = 100 secs) preclude them from being interchangeable measures. Furthermore, despite no effective change in the mean activated clotting time, cardiac patients showed a
significantly improved correlation to heparin dose for all coagulation tests (e.g., point-of-care activated partial thromboplastin time p = 0.60). Management of patients with the clinical laboratory activated partial thromboplastin time did not significantly affect patient survival rates but did significantly reduce bleeding complications and significantly increased clotting in the extracorporeal membrane oxygenation circuit. A hazard analysis demonstrated that bleeding complications were associated with an increased risk of mortality, whereas clotting complications in the extracorporeal membrane oxygenation circuit were not. CONCLUSIONS: The activated clotting time is not an accurate monitoring tool for heparin management in pediatric extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. The point-of-care activated partial thromboplastin time correlates well with the clinical laboratory activated partial thromboplastin time but cannot be substituted for the clinical laboratory activated partial thromboplastin time values. Management of pediatric extracorporeal membrane oxygenation patients with the clinical laboratory activated partial thromboplastin time reduced bleeding complications which are associated with increases in mortality

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T1 - Leading causes of injury hospitalisation in children aged 0-4 years in New South Wales by injury submechanism: a brief profile by age and sex
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N2 - AIM: To identify the leading causes of injury in children aged 0-4 years by single year of age using injury submechanisms and present a brief epidemiologic profile of each cause. METHODS: Hospitalisation data for New South Wales from 1999 to 2009 were used to identify the leading causes of injury for children aged 0-4
years by single year of age. For each leading cause, rates over time and by sex were calculated by single year of age. Associated age and sex risk ratios were estimated. RESULTS: The leading causes of injury for children aged <1, 1 and 2 years were falls while being carried, burns by hot non-aqueous substances and poisoning by other and unspecified pharmaceutical substances, respectively. Falls involving playground equipment ranked first for children aged 3-4 years. Each leading injury cause exhibited an age pattern that remained stable over time and by sex. Age predicted falls while being carried and both age and sex predicted the remaining leading injury causes, with age and sex interacting to predict burns by hot non-aqueous substances. CONCLUSIONS: Epidemiologic analysis using single-year age intervals and injury submechanisms results in a clearer picture of injury risk for young children. The findings of this study provide detailed information regarding the leading causes of hospitalised injury in young children by age and sex. Child health-care providers can use this information to focus discussions of child development and injury risk with families of young children and suggest appropriate prevention measures in terms of a child's age and sex. 2012 The Authors. Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health 2012 Paediatrics and Child Health Division (Royal Australasian College of Physicians) SN - 1440-1754 AD - University of New South Wales Faculty of Health Sciences, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. mschmertmann@optusnet.com.au UR - 23078174 ER -

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T1 - Lessons from the hepatoblastoma-familial polyposis connection
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BACKGROUND: Approximately one-third of hepatoblastoma (HB) patients have associated congenital abnormalities, but familial recurrence is rare, except in association with familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP). This correlation may be missed if not actively sought, with implications for long-term outcome and management.

METHODS: We retrospectively investigated 3 families with an HB-familial polyposis connection, from a cohort of 113 FAP families (1989 - 2010). Data were analysed to assess clinical problem, treatment, complications and management. Long-term morbidity and functional outcome were analysed to identify management difficulties.

RESULTS: Three FAP families (2.65%) had an HB association. In one case, undiagnosed FAP at the time of HB diagnosis was only detected 5 years later, when the mother presented with advanced colorectal carcinoma. A chromosome 5 APC gene mutation (exon 15 codon 793 C>T) was then identified. In a second case, a non-related male child presented with a stage 4 multifocal HB with lung metastases. Genetic studies identified an APC gene mutation (exon 6 codon 232 C>T). Further family investigation showed >20 related FAP patients. A third HB-FAP association was identified in a known FAP family early in the study, prior to the availability of genetic testing.

CONCLUSION: Although a rare association, a family history of FAP in HB patients is an important 'hidden connection'. Germline variation may be outside the usual FAP gene site. Identifying families with unknown HB/FAP is important due to long-term management implications and follow-up.
A total of 32 samples of surficial soil were collected from 16 playground areas in Madrid (Spain), in order to investigate the importance of the geochemistry of the soil on subsequent bioaccessibility of trace elements. The in vitro bioaccessibility of As, Co, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb and Zn was evaluated by means of two extraction processes that simulate the gastric environment and one that reproduces a gastric + intestinal digestion sequence. The results of the in vitro bioaccessibility were compared against aqua regia extractions ("total" concentration), and it was found that total concentrations of As, Cu, Pb and Zn were double those of bioaccessible values, whilst that of Cr was ten times higher. Whereas the results of the gastric + intestinal extraction were affected by a high uncertainty, both gastric methods offered very similar and consistent results, with bioaccessibilities following the order: As = Cu = Pb = Zn > Co > Ni > Cr, and ranging from 63 to 7 %. Selected soil properties including pH, organic matter, Fe and CaCO₃ content were determined to assess their influence on trace element bioaccessibility, and it was found that Cu, Pb and Zn were predominantly bound to organic matter and, to a lesser extent, Fe oxides. The former fraction was readily accessible in the gastric solution, whereas Fe oxides seemed to recapture negatively charged chloride complexes of these elements in the gastric solution, lowering their bioaccessibility. The homogeneous pH of the playground soils included in the study does not influence trace element bioaccessibility to any significant extent except for Cr, where the very low gastric accessibility seems to be related to the strongly pH-dependent formation of complexes with organic matter. The results for As, which have been previously described and discussed in detail in Mingot et al. (Chemosphere 84: 1386-1391, 2011), indicate a high gastric bioaccessibility for this element as a consequence of its strong association with calcium carbonate and the ease with which these bonds are broken in the gastric solution. The calculation of risk assessments are therefore dependant on the methodology used and the specific environment they address. This has impacts on management strategies formulated to ensure that the most vulnerable of society, children, can live and play without adverse consequences to their health.
In the past years, a wide range of epidemiological, clinical, and experimental studies have produced remarkable advances in the field of respiratory allergies in childhood. By the recent investigations on epidemiological trends, risk factors, and prevention of asthma and allergic rhinitis, various exiting concepts have been challenged, and novel innovative approaches have been developed. Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (PAI), with a number of highly relevant contributions between 2010 and 2012, has become an important forum in this area. The prevalence of asthma in some developed countries may have reached a plateau, while in developing countries, where the prevalence was previously low, allergic diseases are still on the increase. A wide array of risk and protective factors, including hygiene, infections, outdoor and indoor air pollution, allergen exposure, breast-feeding practices, nutrition, and obesity, play a multifaceted role in shaping the observed worldwide trends of respiratory allergies. Under the guidance of recent research, prediction and prevention strategies in the clinical practice are progressively changing, the focus moving away from avoidance of allergen exposure and toward tolerance induction.
OBJECTIVES: To examine urban/rural differences in children's independent mobility; associations between mobility licences and children's independent mobility; and potential correlates of mobility licences.

DESIGN: Cross-sectional study of 430 primary (48% boys; 72% urban) and 258 secondary schoolchildren (52% boys; 51.6% urban) and their parents. METHODS: Parents survey reported the mobility licences they granted to their children (e.g. allowing them to cross main roads on their own), access to outdoor playspaces and mobile phone ownership. Children survey reported their independent mobility on school journeys and on weekends. Differences were examined in mobility licences and independent mobility by sex, urban/rural setting and age-group. Regression analyses examined associations between mobility licences and independent mobility; and how access to playspaces, and mobile phone ownership, were associated with mobility licences. RESULTS: Overall, on average, boys were granted more mobility licences, than were girls, but there were no significant differences by urban/rural location. Variations in independent mobility by urban/rural locality were identified on the school journey but not on weekends. Boys attending urban primary schools had highest rates (44%) of walking/cycling independently to school; those attending rural secondary schools had the lowest (14%). Among urban boys and rural primary school-aged girls access to outdoor playspaces was associated with mobility licences. Mobile phone ownership was associated with mobility licences only among boys attending urban primary schools. CONCLUSIONS: Many Australian children in urban and rural areas lack independent mobility. Further research should examine social/physical environmental influences on parental restrictions, to inform interventions that aim to promote children's independent mobility. Copyright 2012 Sports Medicine Australia. Published by Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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Indoor exposure to particulate matter (PM) has received great interest due to the epidemiological evidence of its health impact, particularly in susceptible populations such as children. The present study investigated indoor concentrations of three PM size fractions in 11 naturally ventilated schools with static heating systems, and the relationship between indoor and outdoor PM concentrations. The study was performed in Porto, Portugal, during winter and included school buildings and individual classrooms with walk-through surveys, as well as indoor and outdoor air monitoring. Mean 12-h indoor daytime concentrations PM10, PM(2.5), and PM1 were 140, 95, and 91 mug/m³, respectively. During the day, PM(2.5) and PM1 concentrations were lower indoors than outdoors (indoor/outdoor ratios of 0.83 and 0.8, respectively), whereas PM10 showed the opposite trend. Concentrations decreased significantly during the night, 49% for PM10 and 27% for PM(2.5) and PM1. These findings reflect the significant contribution from the activities of occupants inside classrooms to higher indoor levels of PM10 levels, whereas the fine fraction of PM(2.5) and PM1 is primarily influenced by outdoor concentrations. This study provides a link between size-specific PM in Portuguese schools with contribution of outdoor versus indoor air. Our results suggest that exposure to PM is high and highlights the need for strategies that provide healthier school environments.
AIM: To report the current lipid status of Australian school children from a population-based sample and compare this to international and Australian data. METHODS: A cross section of school children aged 6 to 16.9 years in Busselton, Western Australia (WA) between 2005 and 2007 had fasting lipids tested. The first analysis compares the Busselton sample to data recommended by the American Academy of Paediatrics (AAP) 2008. The second analysis compares the Busselton sample to data from the Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey (SPANS) study, New South Wales (NSW), Australia, 2004 and the 1985 Australian Health and Fitness Survey (AHFS). The third analysis applies laboratory-reported cut-points in WA to report percentages over ‘healthy desirable norms’. RESULTS: Analysis 1: higher levels of total cholesterol and triglycerides in Busselton children compared to AAP data source. Boys had higher low-density lipoprotein (LDL) levels. Analysis 2: comparable rates of dyslipidaemia to SPANS 2004 but lower rates compared to the AHFS, 1985. Analysis 3: total and LDL-cholesterol above recommended range in 32.7% and 19.4% of boys and 38.2% and 24.6% of girls. CONCLUSION: In a large population-based sample of Australian school children, we found a higher frequency of abnormal lipid profiles when compared to American data. In addition, many children have levels outside reported healthy norms for Australian children. Research tracking lipid profiles of Australian children into adulthood is needed to understand the association of these levels with future cardiovascular risk.
BACKGROUND: Although environmental characteristics as perceived by parents are known to be related to children's outdoor play behavior, less is known about the relation between independently measured neighborhood characteristics and outdoor play among children. The purpose of this study was to identify quantitative as well as qualitative neighborhood characteristics related to outdoor play by means of neighborhood observations. METHODS: Questionnaires including questions on outdoor play behavior of the child were distributed among 3,651 parents of primary school children (aged 4-12 years). Furthermore, neighborhood observations were conducted in 33 Dutch neighborhoods to map neighborhood characteristics such as buildings, formal outdoor play facilities, public space, street pattern, traffic safety, social neighborhood characteristics, and general impression. Data of the questionnaires and the neighborhood observations were coupled via postal code of the respondents. Multilevel GEE analyses were performed to quantify the correlation between outdoor play and independently measured neighborhood characteristics. RESULTS: Parental education was negatively associated with outdoor play among children. Neither the presence nor the overall quality of formal outdoor play facilities were (positively) related to outdoor play among children in this study. Rather, informal play areas such as the presence of sidewalks were related to children's outdoor play. Also, traffic safety was an important characteristic associated with outdoor play. CONCLUSIONS: This study showed that, apart from individual factors such as parental education level, certain modifiable characteristics in the neighborhood environment (as measured by neighborhood observations) were associated with outdoor play among boys and...
girls of different age groups in The Netherlands. Local policy makers from different sectors can use these research findings in creating more activity-friendly neighborhoods for children

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N2 - A number of dose criteria were set after the accident in Fukushima, including a criterion regarding the use of school playgrounds in Fukushima. Considering the band of 1-20 mSv/year recommended by the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) for public exposure under existing exposure situations, Japanese authorities set 20 mSv/year as a 'start line' for reducing the dose to school children. However, this led to considerable confusion among the general public and some experts. They thought that the dose limit was increased to 20 mSv/year (20 times as high as before), and that school children could be exposed to 20 mSv in 1 year. This is just an example of confusion caused by inadequate comprehension of radiation effects, misunderstanding of radiation protection concepts, or both. Another issue was raised regarding the higher radiosensitivity of children compared with adults. In the 2007 ICRP Recommendations, a higher risk coefficient is given to the whole population than the adult population, because the whole population includes children; a subpopulation with higher radiosensitivity and a longer life span. The point of argument was whether a lower reference level should be set for children alone. Radiation protection experts should continue to collect scientific information to improve the radiation protection system. In addition, it is the role of these experts to explain the framework of radiation protection to the general public in plain language. Copyright 2012. Published by Elsevier Ltd
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Individuals with autism often violate social rules and have lower accuracy in identifying and explaining inappropriate social behavior. Twelve children with autism (AD) and thirteen children with typical development (TD) participated in this fMRI study of the neurofunctional basis of social judgment. Participants indicated in which of two pictures a boy was being bad (Social condition) or which of two pictures was outdoors (Physical condition). In the within-group Social-Physical comparison, TD children used components of mentalizing and language networks [bilateral inferior frontal gyrus (IFG), bilateral medial prefrontal cortex (mPFC), and bilateral posterior superior temporal sulcus (pSTS)], whereas AD children used a network that was primarily right IFG and bilateral pSTS, suggesting reduced use of social and language networks during this social judgment task. A direct group comparison on the Social-Physical contrast showed that the TD group had greater mPFC, bilateral IFG, and left superior temporal pole activity than the AD group. No regions were more active in the AD group than in the group with TD in this comparison. Both groups successfully performed the task, which required minimal language. The groups also performed similarly on eyetracking measures, indicating that the activation results probably reflect the use of a more basic strategy by the autism group rather than performance disparities. Even though language was unnecessary, the children with TD recruited language areas during the
social task, suggesting automatic encoding of their knowledge into language; however, this was not the case for
the children with autism. These findings support behavioral research indicating that, whereas children with
autism may recognize socially inappropriate behavior, they have difficulty using spoken language to explain
why it is inappropriate. The fMRI results indicate that AD children may not automatically use language to
encode their social understanding, making expression and generalization of this knowledge more difficult.

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T1 - The amount and value of work time of community medicine distributors in community case management
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N2 - BACKGROUND: The contribution of community medicine distributors (CMD) to prompt health service
delivery in areas described as "hard-to-reach" is important but the value of their work time remains unknown
and thus makes it difficult to design appropriate regular financial incentives to motivate them. This makes
CMDs feel their efforts are not recognized. An attempt to estimate the value of 54 CMDs’ work time involved in
community case management of malaria (CCMm) in a rural district in Ghana is presented. METHODS: Time
spent by CMDs on CCMm activities were recorded for a period of 12 months to determine the work-time value.
Cost analysis was performed in Microsoft Excel with data from CMD records and at 2007 market price in Ghana. RESULTS: A CMD spent 4.8 hours, [95% CI: 3.9; 5.3] on all CCMm-related activities per day. The time value of CMD work ranged from GH 2.04 (US$ 2.24) to GH 4.1 [US$ 4.6] per week and GH 19.2 - 86.4 (US$ 21.10-94.95) per month. The gross wage outside CCMm as reported by CMD was GH 58.4 [US$ 64.69] and value of foregone income of GH 86.40 (US$ 94.95) per month, about 14-times higher than the monthly incentives of GH 6.0 given by the CCMm programme. CONCLUSION: The value of work time and the foregone income of CMDs in CCMm are high and yet there are no regular and sustainable incentives provided for them. The results are significant to policy in designing incentives to motivate CMDs in large-scale implementation of CCMm

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OBJECTIVE: This pilot study examined if lowering playground density is feasible and effective in improving preschoolers’ activity and sedentary levels during recess. METHOD: Between November and December 2011, a within-subject design was used to study preschoolers’ activity via accelerometry during recesses in the usual conditions (baseline) and with lower playground density (intervention). During the intervention, preschools scheduled extra recesses so that the number of classes usually sharing the playground was halved. Effects were investigated, using two-level linear regression models, in 128 4- to 6-year-old children (69 boys) from 4 preschools in Ghent, Belgium. The four preschool principals filled in a questionnaire after the intervention. RESULTS: At baseline, available play space was on average 7.4 (SD=1.7) m²/child; during the intervention this increased to 16.7 (SD=5.1) m²/child. The intervention was effective in decreasing sedentary time (-1 min; -5.1%) and increasing light-to-vigorous (+1 min; +5.1%) and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (+0.8 min; +4.8%) during recess. None found it difficult to implement the intervention. All agreed it was possible to use this strategy in the future. CONCLUSIONS: Although it was feasible to implement this intervention, improvements in preschoolers’ activity levels were small. This intervention could especially be important for preschools with higher playground density. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
PURPOSE: To investigate the association between myopia progression and time spent outdoors and in various visual activities. METHODS: Subjects were 835 myopes (both principal meridians ≥ 0.75 diopters [D] or more myopia by cycloplegic autorefraction) in the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Ethnicity and Refractive Error (CLEERE) Study with both progression data and at least one measure of activity associated with a progression interval. Activity data were collected by parental survey. Average activity level (mean of the activity at the beginning and the end of a 1-year progression interval) was the primary predictor in a repeated-measures mixed model. The model controlled for age, sex, ethnicity, refractive error at the beginning of the progression interval, clinic site, and type of autorefractor used. Effects were scaled based on performing an additional 10 hours per week of an activity. RESULTS: In the multivariate model, the number of hours of reading for pleasure per week was not significantly associated with annual myopia progression at an a priori level of P < 0.01, nor were the other near activities, the near-work composite variable diopter-hours, or outdoor/sports activity. The magnitude of effects was clinically small. For example, the largest multivariate effect was that each additional 10 hours of reading for pleasure per week at the end of a progression interval was associated with an increase in average annual progression by -0.08 D. CONCLUSIONS: Despite protective associations previously reported for time outdoors reducing the risk of myopia onset, outdoor/sports activity was not associated with less myopia progression following onset. Near work also had little meaningful effect on the rate of myopia progression.
BACKGROUND: Obesity prevention research is sparse in young children at risk for obesity. This study tested the effectiveness of a culturally tailored, multicomponent prevention intervention to promote healthy weight gain and gross motor development in low-income preschool age children. METHODS: Study participants were predominantly Mexican-American children (n = 423; mean age = 4.1; 62% in normal weight range) enrolled in Head Start. The study was conducted using a quasi-experimental pretest/posttest design with two treatment groups and a comparison group. A center-based intervention included an age-appropriate gross motor program with structured outdoor play, supplemental classroom activities, and staff development. A combined center- and home-based intervention added peer-led parent education to create a broad supportive environment in the center and at home. Primary outcomes were weight-based z-scores and raw scores of gross motor skills of the Learning Achievement Profile Version 3. RESULTS: Favorable changes occurred in z-scores for weight (one-tailed p < 0.04) for age and gender among children in the combined center- and home-based intervention compared to comparison children at posttest. Higher gains of gross motor skills were found in children in the combined center- and home-based (p < 0.001) and the center-based intervention (p < 0.01). Children in both intervention groups showed increases in outdoor physical activity and consumption of healthy food. Process evaluation data showed high levels of protocol implementation fidelity and program participation of children, Head Start staff, and parents. CONCLUSION: The study demonstrated great promise in creating a health-conducive environment that positively impacts weight and gross motor skill development in children at risk for obesity. Program efficacy should be tested in a randomized trial.
The incidence of accidents in child care centers of the local government organizations

Objective: To study the incidence of accidents and the environment around the building of child care centers of the local government organizations under the Health Promoting Center 6. Material and Method: This was a descriptive study carried out among 1,871 child care centers of the local government organizations under the Health Promoting Center 6 within eight Northeastern provinces. The self-administered questionnaires were handed out in the process of this study and data were collected between January 1 and February 28, 2011. Results: One thousand eight hundred seventy one child care centers answered the questionnaires. The ratio of children per caregiver was found to be 17:1. In 2010 the incidence of injury in children was 7.17 per 100 persons. Ratio of injury between boys and girls was 1.9:1. The places mostly reported for the accidents were outside the building, the playground instruments, and inside the classrooms. Most child care centers were located on the street side and had no fence near the water sources (pool, pond) and trees. Only 22.9% had children water closets and those with adult water closet provided no support for holding. Most (93.3%) of the toilets had water containers inside. Conclusion: Environment around the child care center building may be the cause of many accidents. If the child care centers comply the convention instructions, children will be safe during they stay.

Representative contact diaries for modeling the spread of infectious diseases in Taiwan

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Recent studies of infectious diseases have attempted to construct more realistic parameters of interpersonal contact patterns from diary-approach surveys. To ensure that such diary-based contact patterns provide accurate baseline data for policy implementation in densely populated Taiwan, we collected contact diaries from a national sample, using 3-stage systematic probability sampling and rigorous in-person interviews. A representative sample of 1,943 contact diaries recorded a total of 24,265 wide-range, face-to-face interpersonal contacts during a 24-hour period. Nearly 70% of the contacts occurred outside of respondents' households. The most active age group was schoolchildren (ages 5-14), who averaged around 16-18 daily contacts, about 2-3 times as many as the least active age groups. We show how such parameters of contact patterns help modify a sophisticated national simulation system that has been used for years to model the spread of pandemic diseases in Taiwan. Based on such actual and representative data that enable researchers to infer findings to the whole population, our analyses aim to facilitate implementing more appropriate and effective strategies for controlling an emerging or pandemic disease infection.
The association between time spent outdoors and myopia in children and adolescents: a systematic review and meta-analysis. [Review]

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OBJECTIVE: To summarize relevant evidence investigating the association between time spent outdoors and myopia in children and adolescents (up to 20 years). DESIGN: Systematic review and meta-analysis.

PARTICIPANTS: Results from 7 cross-sectional studies were pooled in a meta-analysis. A further 16 studies (8 cross-sectional not meeting criteria for meta-analysis; 7 prospective cohort studies; 1 randomized, controlled trial [RCT]) were reported in the systematic review. METHODS: The literature search included 4 databases (Medline, Embase, Web of Science, and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials [CENTRAL]), and reference lists of retrieved studies. Estimates of association were pooled using random effects meta-analysis. We summarized data examining the association between time spent outdoors and prevalent myopia, incident myopia, and myopic progression. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Pooled odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for myopia for each additional hour spent outdoors per week from a meta-analysis. RESULTS: The pooled OR for myopia indicated a 2% reduced odds of myopia per additional hour of time spent outdoors per week, after adjustment for covariates (OR, 0.981; 95% CI, 0.973-0.990; P<0.001; I(2), 44.3%). This is equivalent to an OR of 0.87 for an additional hour of time spent outdoors each day. Three prospective cohort studies provided estimates of risk of incident myopia according to time spent outdoors, adjusted for possible confounders, although estimates could not be pooled, and the quality of studies and length of follow-up times varied. Three studies (2 prospective cohort and 1 RCT) investigated time spent outdoors and myopic
progression and found increasing time spent outdoors significantly reduced myopic progression.

CONCLUSIONS: The overall findings indicate that increasing time spent outdoors may be a simple strategy by which to reduce the risk of developing myopia and its progression in children and adolescents. Therefore, further RCTs are warranted to investigate the efficacy of increasing time outdoors as a possible intervention to prevent myopia and its progression. Copyright 2012 American Academy of Ophthalmology. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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N2 - PURPOSE: Epileptic high-frequency oscillations (HFOs; 80-500 Hz) may be used to guide neurosurgeons during epilepsy surgery to identify epileptogenic tissue. We studied the effect of the anesthetic agent propofol on the occurrence of HFOs in intraoperative electrocorticography (ECoG). METHODS: We selected patients who were undergoing surgery for temporal lobe epilepsy with a standardized electrode grid placement. Intraoperative ECoG was recorded at 2,048 Hz following cessation of propofol. The number and distribution of interictal spikes, ripples (R [80-250 Hz]), and fast ripples (FRs; 250-500 Hz) were analyzed. The amount of events on mesiotemporal channels and lateral neocortical channels were compared between patients with a suspected mesiotemporal and lateral epileptogenic area (Student's t-test), and HFOs were compared with the irritative zone, using correlation between amounts of events per channel, to provide evidence for the epileptic nature of the HFOs. Next, the amount of events within the first minute and the last minute were compared to each other and the change in events over the entire epochs was analyzed using correlation analyses of 10 epochs during the emergence periods (Spearman rank test). We studied whether the duration of HFOs changed over time. The change in events within presumed epileptogenic area was compared to the change outside this area (Student's t-test). Periods of burst suppression and continuous background activity were compared between and within patients (t-test). KEY FINDINGS: Twelve patients were included: five with suspected mesiotemporal epileptogenic area and three with suspected lateral epileptogenic area (and four were “other”). Spikes, ripples, and FRs were related to the suspected epileptogenic areas, and HFO zones were related to the irritative zones. Ripples and FRs increased during emergence from propofol anesthesia (mean number of ripples from first minute-last minute: 61.5-73.0, R = 0.46, p < 0.01; FRs: 3.1-5.7, R = 0.30, p < 0.01) and spikes remained unchanged (80.1-79.9, R = -0.05, p = 0.59). There was a decrease in number of channels with spikes (R = -0.18, p = 0.05), but no change in ripples (R = -0.13, p = 0.16) or FRs (R = 0.11, p = 0.45). There was no change in the durations of HFOs. The amount of HFOs in the presumed epileptogenic areas did not change more than the amount outside the presumed epileptogenic area, whereas spikes paradoxically decreased more within the suspected epileptogenic area. Six patients showing burst-suppression had lower rates of ripples than six other patients with continuous background activity (p = 0.02). No significant difference was found between burst suppression and continuous background activity in four patients, but there was a trend toward showing more ripples during continuous background activity (p = 0.16). SIGNIFICANCE: Propofol, known for its antiepileptic effects, reduces the number of epileptic HFOs, but has no effect on spikes. This enforces the hypothesis that, in epilepsy, HFOs mirror the disease activity and HFOs might be useful for monitoring antiepileptic drug treatment. It is feasible to record HFOs during surgery, but propofol infusion should be interrupted for some minutes to improve detection. Wiley Periodicals, Inc. 2012 International League Against Epilepsy
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OBJECTIVE: To characterize preschoolers’ daily parent-supervised outdoor play frequency and associated factors. DESIGN: Cross-sectional using data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Birth Cohort. SETTING: Nationally representative US sample. PARTICIPANTS: Preschool-aged children. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: Parent-reported outdoor play frequency. RESULTS: The sample size of 8950 represented approximately 4 million children. Sixty percent of mothers worked outside the home, 79% exercised 0 to 3 days per week, and 93% perceived their neighborhood to be safe. Forty-four percent of mothers and 24% of fathers reported taking their child outside to play at least once per day. Fifty-one percent of children were reported to go outside to play at least once per day with either parent. Fifty-eight percent of children who were not in child care went outside daily. A child's odds of going outside daily were associated with sex (odds ratio [OR] for girls, 0.85; 95% CI, 0.75-0.95), having more regular playmates (OR for > 3 playmates, 2.03; 95% CI, 1.72-2.38), mother's race/ethnicity (OR for Asian, 0.51, 95% CI, 0.43-0.61; black, 0.59, 95% CI, 0.49-0.70; Hispanic, 0.80, 95% CI, 0.67-0.95), mother's employment (OR for full time, 0.70; 95% CI, 0.62-0.81), and parent's exercise frequency of 4 days or more per week (OR, 1.50; 95% CI, 1.28-1.75). We did not find significant association of outdoor play with child's time spent watching television, household income, mother's marital status, or parent's perceptions of neighborhood safety. CONCLUSIONS: About half the preschoolers in this sample did not have even 1 parent-supervised outdoor play opportunity per day. Efforts to increase active outdoor play should especially target children who are girls and nonwhite. Outdoor play opportunities at child care are critical for children of parents who work outside the home.

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BACKGROUND: In northern Ethiopia, the prevalence of visceral leishmaniasis is steadily rising, posing an increasing public health concern. In order to develop effective control strategies on the transmission of the disease, it is important to generate knowledge on the epidemiological determinants of the infection.

METHODOLOGY/PRINCIPAL FINDINGS: We conducted a cross-sectional survey on children 4-15 years of age using a multi-staged stratified cluster sampling on high-incidence sub-districts of Amhara regional state, Ethiopia. The survey included a socio-demographic, health and dietary questionnaire, and anthropometric measurements. We performed rK39-ICT and DAT serological tests in order to detect anti-Leishmania antibodies and carried out Leishmanin Skin Test (LST) using L.major antigen. Logistic regression models were used. Of the 565 children surveyed, 56 children were positive to infection (9.9%). The individual variables that showed a positive association with infection were increasing age, being male and sleeping outside (adjusted odds ratios (95% CI): 1.15 (1.03, 1.29), 2.56 (1.19, 5.48) and 2.21 (1.03, 4.71) respectively) and in relation to the household: past history of VL in the family, living in a straw roofed house and if the family owned sheep (adjusted OR (95% CI): 2.92 (1.25, 6.81), 2.71 (1.21, 6.07) and 4.16 (1.41, 12.31) respectively).

CONCLUSIONS/SIGNIFICANCE: A behavioral pattern like sleeping outside is determinant in the transmission of the infection in this area. Protective measures should be implemented against this identified risk activity. Results also suggest a geographical clustering and a household focalization of the infection. The behavior of the vector in the area needs to be clarified in order to establish the role of domestic animals and house materials in the transmission of the infection.

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T1 - School and individual-level characteristics are associated with children's moderate to vigorous-intensity physical activity during school recess
OBJECTIVE: The objective of this study was to identify school environmental characteristics associated with moderate to vigorous physical activity during school recess, including morning and lunch breaks.

METHODS: Accelerometry data, child-level characteristics and school physical activity, policy and socio-cultural data were collected from 408 sixth grade children (mean age 11 years) attending 27 metropolitan primary schools in Perth, Western Australia. Hierarchical modelling identified key characteristics associated with children's recess moderate to vigorous physical activity (RMVPA). RESULTS: Nearly 40% of variability in children's RMVPA was explained by school environment and individual characteristics identified in this study. Children's higher daily RMVPA was associated with newer schools, schools with a higher number of grassed surfaces per child and fewer shaded grassed surfaces, and the physical education coordinator meeting Australian physical activity guidelines. CONCLUSIONS: Characteristics of the school physical and social environments are strongly correlated with children's MPVA during recess. IMPLICATIONS: The school environment is an ideal target for maximising children's physical activity during recess. Future research could examine the impact of modifying these environmental characteristics on children's school physical activity.
OBJECTIVE: To develop an open, self-reported questionnaire, focused in understanding intake and intention to increase vegetable and fruit consumption during the Mexican children's lunchtime.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: After assessing pilot tests, the self-reported questionnaire was applied as a classroom exercise to measure children's consumptions of fruit and vegetables. RESULTS: A total of 486 children completed the questionnaire (49.8% males and 50.2% females). The reported food consumption indicates that 24.5% of children do not consume vegetables or fruits, and among consumers the most common portion size is one. Girls consume more vegetables and fruits and they can recognize more benefits. A total of 9.7% of the participants that do not consume VF, expressed less intention of including vegetables or fruits in their lunch. These results were similar to those reported by other authors. CONCLUSION: This study is useful to identify strengths and limitations during the design and implementation of this type of instrument to understand children's food habits during school recess.
Recent studies suggest that vitamin D insufficiency or deficiency is not only a problem of older generations anymore but also an important health concern among younger generations. However, comprehensive data are lacking in Korean adolescents. We investigated the vitamin D (25-hydroxy vitamin D [25(OH)D]) status, the prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency or deficiency, and the association between vitamin D levels and insulin resistance and lipid profiles in a sample of 188 Korean adolescents aged 12-13 years who participated in a general health check-up at a tertiary hospital. Vitamin D deficiency was considered as serum concentrations <20 ng/mL (50 nmol/L); a level of 21-29 ng/mL (52-72 nmol/L) was considered to indicate vitamin D insufficiency, whereas a level of 30 ng/mL or greater (>75 nmol/L) was considered sufficient or optimum. In this cross-sectional study, vitamin D insufficiency or deficiency was found in 98.9% of boys and 100% of girls, whereas only 1.1% of boys and 0% of girls had a serum 25(OH)D level of greater than 30 ng/mL. In multivariate linear regression analysis, HOMA-IR, triglyceride, and LDL cholesterol were inversely associated with 25(OH)D concentrations. We found that vitamin D insufficiency or deficiency is a very common health problem in Korean adolescents, particularly in girls, and that serum 25(OH)D levels are
inversely associated with insulin resistance and lipid profiles. These results suggest that more time spent in outdoor activity for sunlight exposure and higher vitamin D intake may be needed in younger adolescents in South Korea.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Fungal exposures are believed to play an important role in the development of asthma and atopy, accounting for increased asthmatic symptoms and severe asthma exacerbation. Indoor fungal species vary both in taxa and concentration in different residences and in different regions. OBJECTIVES: We explored the fungal species spectrum in 88 homes with at least one asthmatic child in the Middle West region of the
United States mostly during late spring and fall season in comparison with 85 homes that did not contain an asthmatic child during flu season. METHODS: The average fungal spore counts per cubic metre of air in the bedroom of the enrolled child, the main living spaces and outdoor environments, and the culturable fungal colony-forming units per cubic metre of air samples in the main living space from each home were measured. RESULTS: The results indicated that Cladosporium, Penicillium, Aspergillus, Basidiospores, Epicoccum and Pithomyces were found in more asthmatic homes than in homes without an asthmatic child or existed in higher concentration in asthmatic homes than in homes without an asthmatic child even after adjusting outdoor spore concentration. The results for culturable fungal species confirmed most of these findings even after adjusting for seasonal factors. Although Alternaria was commonly found in both kinds of homes, there was no significant difference in detection rate or concentration of Alternaria between asthmatic homes and homes without an asthmatic child by either spore counting or culturable airborne detection. CONCLUSION AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE: Since many allergens have been identified in these fungal species, identifying and controlling these fungal species in asthmatic homes might be expected to improve asthma care and benefit asthmatic children.

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In this review, we identify the health benefits associated with physical activity (PA); address the physical activity and sedentary guidelines issued by public health scientists as well as children's compliance to these guidelines; discuss the importance of motor skill acquisition during early childhood; and identify different settings that contribute to physical activity participation and strategies for improving PA in these settings. Results show that regular participation in PA during childhood has numerous immediate benefits, including positive changes in adiposity, skeletal health, psychological health, and cardiorespiratory fitness. Additionally, motor skill development during early childhood may have immediate health benefits as well as long-lasting effects in adulthood. Furthermore, the benefits of PA during childhood also appear to positively influence adult health outcomes, such as increased bone mineral density. Key environmental settings that have been shown to influence children's PA behavior include child care, active commuting to and from school, school recess, school physical education, after-school programs, churches, medical settings, and the home environment. Recommendations for practitioners and researchers are discussed.
Every year, about 50,000 people die of rabies of which about 55% of the mortalities occur in Asia and over 40% in Africa. Children are victims of up to 50% of these mortalities. The figure is alarming and immediate action is required to stop this scourge. This study was carried out to assess the knowledge, attitude and practice about rabies among children attending primary schools located in the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) premises and those outside the university as well as those receiving informal education. The participants for this study were children drawn by random selection from the schools chosen by purposive sampling. With the aid of questionnaires, information was obtained from a total of 477 children with 400 from formal educational settings among 3 schools, and 77 from quaranic schools (almajiris) in the informal setting. More children receiving formal education were aware about the disease (50.8%) than those receiving informal education (32.5%), likewise those residing within ABU quarters (71%) were better informed than those residing outside ABU quarters (43.3%). Among children in the formal schools, 25.9% obtained information from friends and at school (25.9%), while in the informal setting, 56% obtained information from friends and only 16% from school. With regards to attitude and practice, 75.5% of children receiving formal education came from homes where dogs were vaccinated against rabies and 23.3% of them play with dogs they know, while 11.1% of those receiving informal education vaccinate their dogs and fewer of them (14.3%) play with dogs known to them. Many children (65.7%) of those in formal schools know the role of dogs in rabies transmission, compared to only 8% in the informal schools. However, only 9.7% of children in formal schools associate both signs of furious and dumb form of rabies with the disease, compared with 28% in informal schools. Among children bitten by dogs, 87.5% of those receiving informal education received hospital treatment compared to 63.7% of those going to formal schools. About 13% in each of the two categories received traditional treatment. It is, therefore, important for children to be properly educated about rabies so that they can avoid dogs, recognise potential exposures, report to a responsible adult and pass on the knowledge to their peers.

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We assessed voluntary orientation and reorientation of visuospatial attention in 313 healthy 6- to 22-year-old participants, 30 children suffering from benign epilepsy with centrotemporal spikes (BECTS) and 13 children with Panayiotopoulos syndrome (PS). The developmental section highlights the late development of reorienting skills. Only children with BECTS-R showed a strong tendency toward a rightward bias in attentional orientation. Additionally, a unilateral deficit of disengagement characterizes the patients with BECTS-R and comorbid ADHD. Right rolandic spikes seem to aggravate subclinical reorienting difficulties. Finally, children with PS failed to diffuse inhibition, except in the nearest area outside the attentional focus. This deficit could be attributed to the typical occipital-to-frontal spreading of the spikes in PS. By showing distinct attentional deficiencies according to the epileptic syndrome and the epileptic focus lateralization in BECTS, the results provide new evidence for alterations of attentional mechanisms by interictal epileptic activity, which probably contribute to learning difficulties. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
Assessment of correlates of physical activity occurring at different times of the day, locations and contexts, is imperative to understanding children's physical activity behaviour. The purpose of this review was to identify the correlates of children's physical activity (aged 8-14 years) occurring during the school break time and after-school periods. A review was conducted of the peer-reviewed literature, published between 1990 and January 2011. A total of 22 studies (12 school break time studies, 10 after-school studies) were included in the review. Across the 22 studies, 17 studies were cross-sectional and five studies were interventions. In the school break time studies, 39 potential correlates were identified, of which gender and age were consistently associated with school break time physical activity in two or more studies, and family affluence, access to a gym, access to four or more physical activity programs and the condition of a playing field were all associated with school break time physical activity in only one study. Access to loose and fixed equipment, playground markings, size of and access to play space and the length of school break time were all positively associated with changes in school break time physical activity in intervention studies. Thirty-six potential correlates of after-school physical activity were identified. Gender (with boys more active), younger age, lower body mass index (for females), lower TV viewing/playing video games, and greater access to facilities were associated with higher levels of after-school physical activity in two or more studies. Parent supervision was negatively associated with females' after-school physical activity in one study. This review has revealed a relatively small number of studies investigating the school break time and after-school periods in the specified age range and only a few correlates have demonstrated a consistent association with physical activity. This highlights the infancy of this area and a need for further investigation into time-specific physical activity behaviour so that interventions designed for these specific periods can target the important correlates.
BACKGROUND: Despite frequent use of pedometers in interventions targeting youth PA, there is no literature that addresses the prevalence and reasons for protocol nonadherence. METHODS: Adherence behaviors of early adolescents (n = 43; Mean age = 12.3 ± 1.0) in an 8-week, faith-based intervention were monitored/recorded. Students provided reasons for various aspects of protocol breach, which were used to develop a post intervention questionnaire. Analyses included calculations of frequency/percentage as well as cross tabulations/chi square to detect gender/age differences. RESULTS: Over the intervention, recording PA in logs decreased by 85% and was attributed to forgetfulness and lack of time. For pedometers, highest-frequency events included error codes (n = 501), incorrect wear (37%, > 1 day), and shaking (58%-69%, > 1 time). Top reasons for shaking were to make up for lost step opportunities and get further along the route. Of permissible stepping strategies, males used ambulatory activity on the playground and stair usage more, while 6th graders used speed stepping in place more than their respective counterparts. CONCLUSIONS: Students admit to basal levels of nonadherence, which should be taken into consideration when designing/implementing interventions. Integrating intervention tasks into the regular curriculum and providing sufficient opportunities to perform them may alleviate some barriers to adherence. Future research should attempt to confirm results in other school types/levels as well as quantify these behaviors in free-living or unstructured settings.
BACKGROUND: The WHO Multiple Exposures Multiple Effects (MEME) framework identifies community contextual variables as central to the study of childhood health. Here we identify multiple domains of neighborhood context, and key variables describing the dimensions of these domains, for use in the National Children’s Study (NCS) site in Queens. We test whether the neighborhoods selected for NCS recruitment are representative of the whole of Queens County, and whether there is sufficient variability across neighborhoods for meaningful studies of contextual variables.

METHODS: Nine domains (demographic, socioeconomic, households, birth rated, transit, playground/greenspace, safety and social disorder, land use, and pollution sources) and 53 indicator measures of the domains were identified. Geographic information systems were used to create community-level indicators for US Census tracts containing the 18 study neighborhoods in Queens selected for recruitment, using US Census, New York City Vital Statistics, and other sources of community-level information. Mean and inter-quartile range values for each indicator were compared for Tracts in recruitment and non-recruitment neighborhoods in Queens. RESULTS: Across the nine domains, except in a very few instances, the NCS segment-containing tracts (N=43) were not statistically different from those 597 populated tracts in Queens not containing portions of NCS segments; variability in most indicators was comparable in tracts containing and not containing segments. CONCLUSIONS: In a diverse urban setting, the NCS segment selection process succeeded in identifying recruitment areas that are, as a whole, representative of Queens County, for a broad range of community-level variables.
Much attention has been devoted to how playground swing amplitudes are built up by swinger techniques, i.e. body actions. However, very little attention has been given to the requirements that such swinger techniques place on the swinger himself. The purpose of this study was to find out whether different swinger techniques yield significantly different maximum torques, endurance and coordinative skills, and also to identify preferable techniques. We modelled the seated swinger as a rigid dumbbell and compared three different techniques. A series of computer simulations were run with each technique, testing the performance with different body rotational speeds, delayed onset of body rotation and different body mass distributions, as swing amplitudes were brought up towards 90degree. One technique was found to be extremely sensitive to the timing of body actions, limiting swing amplitudes to 50degree and 8degree when body action was delayed by 0.03 and 0.3 s, respectively. Two other more robust techniques reached 90degree even with the largest of these delays, although more time (and endurance) was needed. However, these two methods also differed with respect to maximum torque and endurance, and none was preferable in both these aspects, being dependent on the swinger goals and abilities.
INTRODUCTION: In the presurgical evaluation of children and juvenile patients with refractory focal epilepsy, the main challenge is to localize the point of seizure onset as precisely as possible. We compared results of the conventional electroencephalography-functional magnetic resonance imaging (EEG-fMRI) analysis with those obtained with a newly developed method using voltage maps of average interictal epileptiform discharges (IEDs) recorded during clinical long-term monitoring and with the results of the electric source imaging (ESI).

METHODS: Simultaneous EEG-fMRI was recorded in nine patients (ages 1.5-17.5 years) undergoing presurgical evaluation. The postoperative outcome and resected area were compared with the following: the localizations of blood oxygen-level dependent (BOLD) signal changes associated with IEDs, which were identified by visual inspection changes using SPM5 software (Analysis I); BOLD signal changes related to IED topography, which was characterized using spike-specific voltage maps of average IED recorded outside the MR scanner during clinical long-term monitoring (Analysis II); as well as results of EEG source analysis based on the distributed linear local autoregressive average (LAURA) algorithm using the Cartool software by Denis Brunet (Analysis III).

KEY FINDINGS: All nine patients had postoperative outcome Engel class I-IIb (postoperative time 6-26 months). The analysis I revealed an IED-related area of activation within the resection area in 3 (33%) of 9 patients, analysis II was able to reliably localize the source of epileptic activity in 4 (44%) of 9 patients, and analysis III rendered results concordant with the postoperative resection site in all nine patients. CONCLUSIONS: The localization of seizure onset based on EEG-fMRI may be a useful adjunct in the preoperative evaluation but also has some deficits that impair the reliability of results. In contrast, EEG source analysis is clearly a more credible method for epileptic focus localization in children with refractory epilepsies. It seems likely that the analysis based on IED topography (Analysis II) may increase sensitivity and reliability of EEG-fMRI in some patients. However, the benefit from this innovative method in children is rather limited compared with adults.
BACKGROUND: Variability exists in children's activity patterns due to the association with environmental, social, demographic, and inter-individual factors. This study described accelerometer assessed physical activity patterns of high and low active children during segmented school week days whilst controlling for potential correlates. METHODS: Two hundred and twenty-three children (mean age: 10.7±0.3 yrs, 55.6% girls, 18.9% overweight/obese) from 8 north-west England primary schools wore ActiGraph GT1M accelerometers for 7 consecutive days during autumn of 2009. ActiGraph counts were converted to minutes of moderate (MPA), vigorous (VPA) and moderate-to-vigorous (MVPA) physical activity. Children were classified as high active (HIGH) or low active (LOW) depending on the percentage of week days they accumulated at least 60 minutes of MVPA. Minutes spent in MPA and VPA were calculated for school time and non-school time and for five discrete school day segments (before-school, class time, recess, lunchtime, and after-school). Data were analysed using multi-level modelling. RESULTS: The HIGH group spent significantly longer in MPA and/or VPA before-school, during class time, lunchtime, and after-school (P<.05), independent of child and school level factors. The greatest differences occurred after-school (MPA=5.5 minutes, VPA=3.8 minutes, P<0.001). MPA and VPA were also associated with gender, BMI z-score, number of enrolled children, playground area per student, and temperature, depending on the segment analysed. The additive effect of the segment differences was that the HIGH group accumulated 12.5 minutes per day more MVPA than the LOW group. CONCLUSIONS: HIGH active children achieved significantly more MPA and VPA than LOW active during four of the five segments of the school day when analyses were adjusted for potential correlates. Physical activity promotion strategies targeting low active children during discretionary physical activity segments of the day, and particularly via structured afterschool physical activity programs may be beneficial.

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OBJECTIVE: To determine whether African American children with forearm fractures have decreased bone mineral density and an increased prevalence of vitamin D deficiency (serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D level < 20 ng/mL) compared with fracture-free control patients. METHODS: This case-control study in African American children, aged 5 to 9 years, included case patients with forearm fracture and control patients without fracture. Evaluation included measurement of bone mineral density and serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D level. Univariable and multivariable analyses were used to test for associations between fracture status and 2 measures of bone health (bone mineral density and 25-hydroxyvitamin D level). RESULTS: The final sample included 76 case and 74 control patients. There were no significant differences between case and control patients in age, gender, parental education level, enrollment season, outdoor play time, height, or mean dietary calcium nutrient density. Cases were more likely than control patients to be overweight (49.3% vs 31.4%, P = .03). Compared with control patients, case patients had lower whole body z scores for bone mineral density (0.62 + 0.96 vs 0.98 + 1.09; adjusted odds ratio 0.38 [0.20-0.72]) and were more likely to be vitamin D deficient (47.1% vs 40.8%; adjusted odds ratio 3.46 [1.09-10.94]). CONCLUSIONS: These data support an association of lower bone mineral density and vitamin D deficiency with increased odds of forearm fracture among African American children. Because suboptimal childhood bone
health also negatively impacts adult bone health, interventions to increase bone mineral density and correct vitamin D deficiency are indicated in this population to provide short-term and long-term benefits.

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RATIONALE: There is consensus on the need to address social determinants of tuberculosis (TB) to achieve TB control, but evidence based on interventions is lacking. OBJECTIVES: We reanalyzed data from the sociomedical experiment performed at the Papworth Village Settlement in England, where the impact of stable employment and adequate housing and nutrition on the incidence of TB infection and disease in children living with parents with active TB was documented during 1918-1943. METHODS: Information on 315 children of patients, who lived at Papworth, was abstracted from a published monograph. Overall and age-specific occurrence of TB infection, disease, and deaths among children born in the settlement (village-born cohort) were compared with those of children born outside and admitted later (admitted cohort) to Papworth. MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS: The annual risks of infection in the village-born and admitted cohorts were 20 and 24%, respectively. Of 24 children who developed TB disease, only one was village-born. Among children 5 years of age or less, there was zero incidence of TB in the village-born, compared with five cases (1,217/100,000 person-years) among children born outside Papworth. In the admitted cohort, among children 13 years of age and older, the incidence of TB before admission to Papworth was 5.263/100,000 person-years, whereas it was 341/100,000 person-years while living in Papworth. CONCLUSIONS: At Papworth social interventions including adequate nutrition did not reduce TB transmission but did reduce the incidence of TB disease in children living with parents with active TB. These results are relevant today for prevention of TB in children of patients with active TB, particularly with multidrug-resistant TB in high-burden settings.
INTRODUCTION: Sun exposure is a major risk factor for skin cancer, but without physical activity, children are at risk of childhood obesity. The objective of this study was to explore relationships between parental perceptions of skin cancer threat, sun protection behaviors, physical activity, and body mass index (BMI) in children. METHODS: This is a cross-sectional analysis nested within the Colorado Kids Sun Care Program sun safety intervention trial. In summer 2007, parent telephone interviews provided data on demographics, perceptions of skin cancer threat, sun protection behaviors, and physical activity. Physical examinations provided data on phenotype, freckling, and BMI. Data from 999 Colorado children born in 1998 were included in analysis. We used analysis of variance, Spearman's rho (p) correlation, and multivariable linear regression analysis to evaluate relationships with total amount of outdoor physical activity. RESULTS: After controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, skin color, and sun protection, regression analysis showed that each unit increase in perceived severity of nonmelanoma skin cancer was associated with a 30% increase in hours of outdoor physical activity (P = .005). Hours of outdoor physical activity were not related to perceived severity of melanoma or perceived susceptibility to skin cancer. BMI-for-age was not significantly correlated with perceptions of skin cancer threat, use of sun protection, or level of physical activity. CONCLUSION: The promotion of sun safety is not likely to inhibit physical activity. Skin cancer prevention programs should continue to promote midday sun avoidance and sun protection during outdoor activities.

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OBJECTIVE: Caving is a demanding sport practiced throughout the world. Currently, there are no collective data analyzing injury mechanism or type in these austere environments. This study is a retrospective analysis of caving incidents documented by the National Speleological Society (NSS)-American Caving Accidents (ACA) annual publication. METHODS: This study retrospectively analyzes 877 incident reports collected between 1980 and 2008 by NSS-ACA. For each victim, the month, year, location, age, gender, incident type, injury zone of the body, injury type, the result of the incident, and time intervals for rescue were extracted. RESULTS: A total of 1356 victims were identified; 83% of victims were male, 17% were female. Ages ranged from 2 to 69 years old, with an average of 27 years. The greatest number of events occurred in summer months, peaking in July. The most common incident leading to traumatic injury was a caver fall (74%), also contributing to 30% of caver fatalities. Lower extremities were most commonly injured (29%), followed by the upper extremities and head (21% and 15%, respectively). Fractures comprised 41% of injuries, followed by lacerations (13%), bruise, hematoma, and abrasions (12%), and sprains and strains (7%). CONCLUSIONS: The majority of injuries were not life threatening; however, over the course of 28 years there were 81 documented fatalities. Similar to other studies of wilderness injuries, fractures, soft tissue injuries, and lacerations were prominent in this study. In general, the overall precipitating event leading to injuries is falling, leading to orthopedic trauma. To better prepare cave rescue teams we have attempted to describe the characteristics of caving injuries in the United States. Copyright 2012 Wilderness Medical Society. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
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N2 - Lack of data on daily inhalation rate and activity of children has been an issue in health risk assessment of air pollutants. This study aimed to obtain the daily inhalation rate and intensity and frequency of physical activity in relation to the environment in Japanese preschool children. Children aged four-six years (n= 138) in the suburbs of Tokyo participated in this study, which involved three days' continuous monitoring of physical activity using a tri-axial accelerometer and parent's completion of a time/location diary during daily life. The estimated three-day mean daily inhalation rate (body temperature, pressure, saturated with water vapor) was 9.9 + 1.6 m(3) /day (0.52 + 0.09 m(3) /kg/day). The current daily inhalation rate value of 0.580 m(3) /kg/day proposed for use in health risk assessment in Japan is confirmed to be valid to calculate central value of inhaled dose of air pollutants in five- to six-year-old children. However, the 95th percentile daily inhalation rate of 0.83 m(3) /kg/day based on measurement for five-year-old children is recommended to be used to provide an upper bound estimate of exposure that ensure the protection of all five- to six-year-old children from the health risk of air pollutants. Children spent the majority of their time in sedentary and light level of physical activity (LPA) when indoors, while 85% of their time when outdoors was spent in LPA and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. The results suggest the need to consider variability of minute respiratory ventilation rate according to the environment for more refined short-term health risk assessment. 2012 Society for Risk Analysis
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BACKGROUND: It is important to understand the correlates of physical activity (PA) to influence policy and create environments that promote PA among preschool children. We compared preschoolers' PA in Swedish and US settings and objectively examined differences boys' and girls' indoor and outdoor PA regarding different intensity levels and sedentary behavior. METHODS: Accelerometer determined PA in 50 children with mean age 52 months, (range 40-67) was recorded during preschool time for 5 consecutive weekdays at 4 sites. The children wore an Actigraph GT1M Monitor. RESULTS: Raleigh preschool children, opposite to Malmo preschoolers spent significantly more time indoors than outdoors (P<.001). Significantly more moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity (MVPA) was observed outdoors (P<.001) in both settings. Malmo children accumulated significantly more counts/min indoors (P<.001). The percent of MVPA during outdoor time did not differ between children at Raleigh and Malmo. CONCLUSION: Physical activity counts/minutes was significantly higher outdoors vs. indoors in both Malmo and Raleigh. Malmo preschoolers spent 47% of attendance time outdoors compared with 18% for Raleigh preschoolers which could have influenced the difference in preschool activity between the 2 countries. Time spent in MVPA at preschool was very limited and predominantly adopted outdoors.
Context: Interest has increased in examining the physical activity levels of young people during school recess. Identifying correlates of their recess physical activity behaviors is timely, and would inform school-based physical activity programming and intervention development. The review examined the correlates of children's and adolescent's physical activity during school recess periods. Evidence Acquisition: A systematic search of six electronic databases, reference lists, and personal archives identified 53 studies (47 focused on children) published between January 1990 and April 2011 that met the inclusion criteria. Data were analyzed in 2011. Correlates were categorized using the social-ecological framework. Evidence Synthesis: Forty-four variables were identified across the four levels of the social-ecological framework, although few correlates were studied repeatedly at each level. Positive associations were found of overall facility provision, unfixed equipment, and perceived encouragement with recess physical activity. Results revealed that boys were more active than girls. Conclusions: Providing access to school facilities, providing unfixed equipment, and identifying ways to promote encouragement for physical activity have the potential to inform strategies to increase physical activity levels during recess periods.
OBJECTIVES: To determine the gross motor skills of school-aged children after the Fontan procedure and compare the locomotor and object control skills with normative data. Study design This study followed a cross-sectional design. SETTING: This study was based on hospital outpatient visit, with accelerometry conducted at home. Patients This study included 55 patients, including 22 girls in the age group of 6-10 years, 5.1 years after Fontan. Main outcome measures Test of Gross Motor Development - Version 2, daily activity by accelerometer, medical history review, child and parent perceptions of activity. RESULTS: Being involved in active team sports increased locomotor percentile score by 10.3 points (CI: 4.4, 16.1). Preference for weekend outdoor activities (6.9, CI: 2.0, 11.8), performing at least 30 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily (24.5, CI: 7.3, 41.8), and reporting that parents seldom criticise the child's physical activity (21.8, CI: 8.9, 34.8) were also associated with higher locomotor percentile scores (p < 0.01). Object control percentile scores were higher (p < 0.03) with involvement in formal instruction (5.9, CI: 1.1, 10.6) and being restricted to "activities within comfortable limits" (27.6, CI: 7.7, 47.5). Older chronological age (r = 0.28), a more complicated medical history (r = 0.36), and older age at Fontan (r = 0.28) were associated with greater skill delay (p < 0.04). CONCLUSIONS: Children after Fontan attain basic motor skills at a later age than their peers,
and deficits continue for more complex skills as age increases, suggesting a need for longitudinal monitoring of gross motor skill development through the elementary school years. Future research might investigate whether a gross motor skill rehabilitation programme can provide these children with the motor skills needed to successfully participate in a physically active lifestyle with peers.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Most preschool centers provide two 30-min sessions of gross-motor/outdoor playtime per preschool day. Within this time frame, children accumulate most of their activity within the first 10 min. This paper describes the design and baseline participant characteristics of the Short bouts of Exercise for Preschoolers (STEP) study. The STEP study is a cluster randomized controlled study designed to examine the effects of short bouts of structured physical activity (SBS-PA) implemented within the classroom setting as part of designated gross-motor playtime on during-school physical activity (PA) in preschoolers.

METHODS/DESIGN: Ten preschool centers serving low-income families were randomized into SBS-PA versus unstructured PA (UPA). SBS-PA schools were asked to implement age-appropriate 10 min structured PA routines within the classroom setting, twice daily, followed by 20 min of usual unstructured playtime. UPA intervention consisted of 30 min of supervised unstructured free playtime twice daily. Interventions were implemented during the morning and afternoon designated gross-motor playtime for 30 min/session, five days/week for six months. Outcome measures were between group difference in during-preschool PA
(accelerometers and direct observation) over six-months. Ten preschool centers, representing 34 classrooms and 315 children, enrolled in the study. The average age and BMI percentile for the participants was 4.1 +0.8 years and 69th percentile, respectively. Participants spent 74% and 6% of their preschool day engaged in sedentary and MVPA, respectively. DISCUSSION: Results from the STEP intervention could provide evidence that a PA policy that exposes preschoolers to shorter bouts of structured PA throughout the preschool day could potentially increase preschoolers' PA levels

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N2 - The use of actigraphs, or ambulatory devices that estimate sleep-wake patterns from activity levels, has become common in pediatric research. Actigraphy provides a more objective measure than parent-report, and has gained popularity due to its ability to measure sleep-wake patterns for extended periods of time in the child's natural environment. The purpose of this review is: 1) to provide comprehensive information on the historic and current uses of actigraphy in pediatric sleep research; 2) to review how actigraphy has been validated among pediatric populations; and 3) offer recommendations for methodological areas that should be included in all studies that utilize actigraphy, including the definition and scoring of variables commonly reported. The poor specificity to detect wake after sleep onset was consistently noted across devices and age groups, thus raising concerns about what is an "acceptable" level of specificity for actigraphy. Other notable findings from this review include the lack of standard scoring rules or variable definitions. Suggestions for the use and reporting of actigraphy in pediatric research are provided. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
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BACKGROUND: Reduced time dedicated to physical education and free play in recent decades emphasizes the need to promote opportunities for sport participation in adolescents in order to increase physical activity levels. The purpose of this study was to examine the association of sociodemographic and biological characteristics, behavioural patterns, and school-related and sport-specific variables with time spent participating in sport.

METHODS: A total of 1837 secondary school students (age: 14.6 ± 1.2 years; 50.9% boys) from 19 of 23 schools in the Otago Region (New Zealand) completed an online sport survey and Youth Physical Activity Questionnaire in 2009. Using multilevel modeling, we examined the association of individual-, school- and sport-related variables on sport participation and the amount of time spent in sports.

RESULTS: Higher rates of sport participation were associated with lower neighbourhood deprivation scores (OR (95%CI): 0.75 (0.49-1.14), 0.57 (0.38-0.86), 0.48 (0.28-0.81)), higher quintiles of physical activity (2.89 (2.10-3.96), 2.81 (1.68-4.70), 3.54 (2.24-5.57), 3.97 (1.99-7.95)), highest quintiles of screen time (1.58 (0.94-2.65), 1.99 (1.42-
2.80), 2.17 (1.43-3.30), 1.88 (1.37-2.57)) and boys only school status (2.21 (1.57-3.10)). Greater amount of time spent in sports was associated with male gender (0.56 (0.43-0.74), lower neighbourhood deprivation scores (0.72 (0.59-0.93), 0.78 (0.58-1.04), 0.62 (0.39-1.00)), higher quintiles of physical activity (3.18 (2.29-4.41), 4.25 (2.91-6.20), 8.33 (5.58-12.44), 6.58 (4.07-10.64)), highest quintile of screen time (1.83 (1.31-2.56), greater availability of sports outside school (1.68 (1.22-2.32)), better sport management (2.57 (1.63-4.07)) and provision of sport courts at school (0.57 (0.40-0.81)). Conversely, obesity was associated with less time spent participating in sport (0.50 (0.31-0.80)). CONCLUSION: Results support the use of sport participation as an effective strategy to increase physical activity levels and identify target groups and areas for interventions, program design and policy development. Interventions should focus on improving accessibility to sport programs for all adolescents, providing adequate sport grounds at school, and promoting good sport management practices. Programs and policies encouraging sport participation should address in particular the needs of adolescents living in deprived neighborhoods, those attending coeducational and girls-only schools, and those who are obese.

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T1 - Associations among social capital, parenting for active lifestyles, and youth physical activity in rural families living in upstate New York
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While emerging research supports a positive relationship between social capital and youth physical activity (PA), few studies have examined possible mechanisms explaining this relationship and no studies have focused on rural youth. In this study, we examined parents' support of children's PA as an intermediary factor linking social capital and youth PA in a largely rural cross sectional sample of American children aged 6- to 19-years and their parents/guardians (N=767 families) living in upstate New York. Parents completed a self-administered survey assessing demographic factors, perceived social capital, support for children's PA, and children's PA including time spent outdoors and days per week of sufficient PA. Structural equation modeling was used to test the hypothesis that higher social capital is linked with higher parental support for PA and, in turn, higher PA in children. Analyses were conducted separately for younger (6-12 years) and older (13-19 years) children and controlled for demographic factors (child age, household education, participation in a food assistance program) and perceived neighborhood safety. Anticipated relationships among social capital, parents' activity-related support, and children's PA were identified for older, but not younger children. Findings suggest that parent support for children's PA is one possible mechanism linking social capital and youth PA and the parents of adolescents may rely more heavily on cues from their social environment to shape their approaches to supporting their children's PA than parents of younger children. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
N2 - PURPOSE: To develop a conceptual model representing the impact of musculoskeletal impairments (MSIs) in the lives of children in Malawi. METHOD: A total of 169 children with MSIs (CMSIs), family and other community members participated in 57 interviews, focus groups and observations. An inductive approach to data analysis was used to conceptualise the impact of MSIs in children's day-to-day lives. RESULTS: The main themes that emerged were Indignity, Exclusion, Pain and Hunger. Indignity represents various affronts to children's sense of inherent equal worth as human beings, for example when bullied by peers. Exclusion refers to CMSIs being excluded from three core daily activities: school, play and household chores. Some CMSIs experienced Pain, for example as an outcome of striving to participate. Children with severe mobility impairments were at increased risk of Hunger, having less access to food outside the home and placing a burden of care on the family that could restrict household productivity. Household Poverty was therefore included in the model, as this household impact was inseparable from the impact on CMSIs. CONCLUSION: It is recommended that rehabilitation interventions are planned and evaluated with consideration to their impact on Exclusion, Indignity, Pain, Hunger and Household Poverty using multi-faceted partnerships.
OBJECTIVE: To investigate the longitudinal changes in children's recess and lunchtime physical activity levels and in the contribution of recess and lunchtime to daily physical activity levels over 5 years among 5-6- and 10-12-year olds. METHODS: Data were drawn from two longitudinal studies that were conducted in metropolitan Melbourne, Australia. Boys and girls (n=2782) aged 5-6 years and 10-12 years participated in baseline (T0) measures. Physical activity (n=2490) was measured every 60 s for eight consecutive days using hip-mounted accelerometry. Subsequent measurements were taken at 3-year (T1; n=773) and 5-year (T2; n=634) follow-up. Physical activity intensities were derived using age-adjusted cut-points. Sedentary time was defined as 100 counts/min. Longitudinal data were analysed using three-level (time, child, school) multilevel analyses, stratified by sex and cohort, and adjusted for potential confounding variables. RESULTS: Significant decreases in recess and lunchtime moderate and vigorous physical activity were observed (p<0.001), with larger decreases occurring in the older cohort. Associated increases were observed in sedentary time over time (p<0.01). Although the contribution of recess to daily moderate intensity physical activity increased in the younger cohort over time (p<0.001), significant decreases were observed in the older cohort (p<0.001). CONCLUSION: Physical activity levels during recess and lunchtime decreased in both cohorts over time. Decreases in the contribution of recess and lunchtime to older children's daily physical activity were also observed. Interventions are needed in both primary and secondary schools to promote physical activity levels during recess and lunchtime, particularly during the early years of secondary school.
OBJECTIVE: To determine whether participation in organized outdoor team sports and structured indoor nonschool activity programs in kindergarten and first grade predicted subsequent 4-year change in body mass index (BMI; calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) during the adiposity rebound period of childhood. DESIGN: Longitudinal cohort study. SETTING: Forty-five schools in 13 communities across Southern California. PARTICIPANTS: Largely Hispanic and non-Hispanic white children (N = 4550) with a mean (SD) age at study entry of 6.60 (0.65) years. MAIN EXPOSURES: Parents completed questionnaires assessing physical activity, demographic characteristics, and other relevant covariates at baseline. Data on built and social environmental variables were linked to the neighborhood around children's homes using geographical information systems. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Each child's height and weight were measured annually during 4 years of follow-up. RESULTS: After adjusting for several confounders, BMI increased at a rate 0.05 unit/year slower for children who participated in outdoor organized team sports at least twice per week compared with children who did not. For participation in each additional indoor nonschool structured activity class, lesson, and program, BMI increased at a rate 0.05 unit/year slower, and the attained BMI level at age 10 years was 0.48 units lower. CONCLUSION: Engagement in organized sports and activity programs as early as kindergarten and the first grade may result in smaller increases in BMI during the adiposity rebound period of childhood.

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T1 - 'Trying to make it all come together': structuration and employed mothers' experience of family food provisioning in Canada
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This research examined the aetiology of employed mothers' food choice and food provisioning decisions using a qualitative, grounded theory methodology. Semi-structured interviews using the Food Choice Map were conducted with eleven middle-income employed mothers of elementary school-age children. Results demonstrated that the women exhibited conflicting identities with respect to food choice and provisioning. As 'good mothers' they were the primary food and nutrition caregivers for the family, desiring to provide healthy, homemade foods their families preferred at shared family meals. They also sought to be independent selves, working outside the home, within the context of a busy modern family. Increased food autonomy of children, and lack of time due to working outside the home and children's involvement in extracurricular activities, were significant influences on their food choice and provisioning. This resulted in frequently being unable to live up to their expectations of consistently providing healthy homemade foods and having shared family meals. To cope, the women frequently relied on processed convenience and fast foods despite their acknowledged inferior nutritional status. Using Giddens' structuration theory, the dynamic relationships between the women's food choice and provisioning actions, their identities and larger structures including socio-cultural norms, conditions of work and the industrial food system were explored. The ensuing dietary pattern of the women and their families increases the risk of poor health outcomes, including obesity. These results have implications for public health responses to improve population health by shifting the focus from individual-level maternal influences to structural influences on diet.

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OBJECTIVE: To describe the epidemiology of pedestrian road traffic injury in Lima and to identify associated child-level, family-level, and school travel-related variables.

DESIGN: Case-control study.

SETTING: The Instituto Nacional de Salud del Nino, the largest paediatric hospital in the city.

PARTICIPANTS: Cases were children who presented because of pedestrian road traffic injury. Controls presented with other diagnoses and were matched on age, sex and severity of injury.

RESULTS: Low socioeconomic status, low paternal education, traffic exposure during the trip to school, lack of supervision during outside play, and duration of outside play were all statistically significantly associated with case-control status. In multivariate logistic regression, a model combining the lack of supervision during outside play and the number of the streets crossed walking to school best predicted case-control status (p<0.001).

CONCLUSIONS: These results emphasise that an assessment of children's play behaviours and school locations should be considered and integrated into any plan for an intervention designed to reduce pedestrian road traffic injury. A child-centred approach will ensure that children derive maximum benefit from sorely needed public health interventions.
BACKGROUND: The lifestyle-related behaviors having breakfast, drinking sweet beverages, playing outside and watching TV have been indicated to have an association with childhood overweight, but research among young children (below 6 years old) is limited. The aim of the present study was to assess the associations between these four behaviors and overweight among young children. METHODS: This cross-sectional study used baseline data on 5-year-old children (n = 7505) collected for the study 'Be active, eat right'. Age and sex-specific cut-off points for body mass index of the International Obesity Task Force were used to assess
overweight/obesity. Multivariable logistic regression analyses were applied. RESULTS: For children whom had breakfast <7 days/week and watched TV >2 hours/day, the odds ratio (OR) for having overweight (obesity included) was, respectively, 1.49 (95% confidence interval (CI): 1.13-1.95), and 1.25 (95% CI: 1.03-1.51). There was a positive association between the number of risk behaviors present and the risk for having overweight. For children with 3 or all of the risk behaviors having breakfast <7 days/week, drinking sweet beverages >2 glasses/day, playing outside <1 h/day, watching TV >2 hs/day, the OR for overweight was 1.73 (95% CI: 1.11-2.71) (all models adjusted for children's sex and sociodemographic characteristics). CONCLUSION: Given the positive association between the number of behavioral risk factors and overweight, further studies are needed to evaluate the effectiveness of behavioral counseling of parents of toddlers in preventing childhood overweight. In the meantime we recommend physicians to target all four behaviors for counseling during well-child visits.

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N2 - Interictal spike activity arising from an epileptic focus may cause transient subclinical changes in language function. We retrospectively studied four patients with a seizure focus of the left frontal lobe who underwent
language mapping via electrocorticography. In three patients, we could group language task trials into 'spike' and 'non-spike' trials, based upon occurrence of spikes arising from the seizure onset zone during presentation of question stimuli. In one patient, we demonstrated a reduction in language-related gamma activity (80-100Hz) at one dorsal superior frontal site outside the seizure onset zone; reduction in mean peak amplitude of 58.4% of baseline reference (95% C.I.: 31.6% to 85.1%). This site was located near the seizure onset zone and was associated with the greatest spike rate among sites of similar function. This is the first preliminary study to show an effect of interictal spikes upon language-related gamma activity of the lateral frontal lobe. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
BACKGROUND: Accumulating evidence suggests an increased prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in the Middle East. In this context, we aimed to determine whether the prevalence of vitamin D deficiency is related to degree of physical activity and sun exposure among apparently healthy Saudi children and adolescents, a little studied population.

METHODS: A total of 331 Saudi children aged 6-17 years (153 boys and 178 girls) were included in this cross sectional study. Levels of physical activity and sun exposure were determined using a standard questionnaire. Anthropometry, serum calcium and 25-(OH) vitamin D were analyzed.

RESULTS: All subjects were vitamin D deficient, the majority being moderately deficient (71.6%). Age was the single most significant predictor affecting 25 (OH) Vitamin D levels, explaining 21% of the variance perceived ($p = 1.68 \times 10^{-14}$). Age-matched comparisons revealed that for groups having the same amount of sun exposure, those with moderate or are physically active will have higher levels of vitamin D status, though levels in across groups remained deficient.

CONCLUSION: Vitamin D deficiency is common among Saudi children and adolescents, and is influenced by both sun exposure and physical activity. Promotion of an active outdoor lifestyle among Saudi children in both homes and schools may counteract the vitamin D deficiency epidemic in this vulnerable population. Vitamin D supplementation is suggested in all groups, including those with the highest sun exposure and physical activity.

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T1 - Does the effect of a school recess intervention on physical activity vary by gender or race? Results from the Ready for Recess pilot study
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES: The recess environment in schools has been identified as an integral part of school-based programs to enhance physical activity (PA). The purpose of this study was to report pilot findings on the extent to which the Ready for Recess intervention was associated with a different amount of increase in moderate to vigorous PA (MPVA) during recess and the rest of the school day between girls and boys, and between nonwhites and whites.

METHODS: The Ready for Recess intervention modified the recess environment of schools by providing staff training and recreational equipment. The MPVA levels of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students (n = 93) at 2 schools were measured pre- and post-intervention using ActiGraph accelerometers. Multiple regression models with robust variance were utilized to test for the interaction of intervention with gender and race/ethnicity.

RESULTS: The intervention was associated with an adjusted increase of 4.7 minutes (P < .001) in moderate/vigorous PA during recess. There was no evidence that this effect varied by gender (P = .944) or race (P = .731). The intervention was also associated with an adjusted increase of 29.6 minutes (P < .001) in moderate/vigorous PA during the rest of the school day. While this effect did not vary by gender, there was some evidence (P = .034) that nonwhites benefited more from the intervention than whites.

CONCLUSION: Simple strategies such as staff training and recreational equipment may be an effective way to increase PA in children (despite gender or ethnicity) during recess time as well as during the rest of the school day.

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The purpose of the current study was to determine the obesogenic practices in all-day child-care centers caring for preschool-aged children. This study used a cross-sectional, self-reported survey mailed to centers across Oklahoma (n=314). Frequency of responses and chi(2) were calculated comparing region and star rating. Items where the majority of centers frequently report best practices include: daily fruits served (76%), daily nonfried vegetables served (71%), rarely/never served sugary drinks (92%), rarely/never used food to encourage good behaviors (88%), staff join children at table most of the time (81%), staff rarely eat different foods in view of children (69%), visible self-serve or request availability of water (93%), regular informal communication about healthy eating (86%), opportunities for outdoor play (95%), not withholding activity for punishment (91%), accessible play equipment (59% to 80% for different types of equipment), and minimization of extended sitting time (78%). Practices where centers can improve include increasing variety of vegetables (18%), reducing frequency of high-fat meats served (74% serve more than once per week), increasing high-fiber and whole-grain foods (35% offer daily), serving style of “seconds” (28% help kids determine whether they are still hungry), nonfood holiday celebrations (44% use nonfood treats), having toys and books that encourage healthy eating (27%) and physical activity (25%) in all rooms in the center, a standard nutrition (21%) and physical education (50%) curriculum, and following a written physical activity policy (43%). Practitioners can use these data to develop benchmarks and interventions, as this was the first study to assess statewide obesogenic practices in child care. Copyright 2012 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
Although the benefits of regular physical activity are widely acknowledged, recent findings indicate that a growing number of youth are not as active as they should be. The impact of a sedentary lifestyle during childhood on lifelong pathological processes and associated health care costs have created a need for immediate action to manage, if not prevent, unhealthy behaviors during this vulnerable period of life. The concept of identifying children with exercise deficit disorder early in life and prescribing effective interventions to prevent the cascade of adverse health outcomes later in life is needed to raise public awareness, focus on primary prevention, and impact the collective behaviors of health care providers and public health agencies. School nurses are in a unique position to take advantage of well-child visits as an ideal opportunity to assess physical activity habits and encourage daily participation in play, recess, sports, planned exercise, and physical education.
This study investigated the association between physical activity facilities at childcare (e.g., play equipment) and physical activity of 2- and 3-year olds. Observations of physical activity intensity were performed among 175 children at 9 childcare centers in The Netherlands, using the OSRAC-P. The physical activity facilities were assessed for indoors and outdoors separately, using the EPAO instrument. Regular (single-level) multivariate and multilevel linear regression analyses examined the association of the facilities and child characteristics (age and sex) with children's activity levels. Various physical activity facilities were available in all childcare centers (e.g., balls). Riding toys and a small playing area were associated with lower indoor physical activity levels. Outdoor physical activity levels were positively associated with the availability of portable jumping equipment and the presence of a structured track on the playground. Portable slides, fixed swinging equipment, and sandboxes were negatively associated with outdoor activity levels. In addition, the 3-year old children were more active outdoors than the 2-year olds. In conclusion, not all physical activity facilities at childcare were indeed positively associated with children's activity levels. The current findings provide concrete leads for childcare providers regarding which factors they can improve in the physical environment to facilitate children's physical activity.
BACKGROUND: Epidemiological studies have shown an association between the severity of exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB) and fractional exhaled nitric oxide at the flow of 50 mL/s (FeNO(50)). However, no study has assessed the correlation between alveolar production (C(alv)) and bronchial flux (J(NO)) of nitric oxide (NO) and EIB in asthmatic children. OBJECTIVE: To identify the relationship between severity of EIB and bronchial or alveolar nitric oxide. METHODS: Our group included 36 allergic children with intermittent asthma. The EIB was determined by a standard exercise challenge and the severity was expressed as the maximum change in percentage from the baseline value of lung function (FEV(1)% , FEF(25-75)% ) after exercising. A chemiluminescence analyser at multiple flows was used to calculate FeNO(50), J(NO) and C(alv,) which reflect large airways, J(NO) and alveolar concentration of NO respectively. RESULTS: Sixteen (44.4%) children presented a FEV(1) > 10%, eight (22.2%) had FEV(1) > 15% and nine (25%) children had a FEF(25-75) > 26%. A significant correlation was observed between severity of EIB and FeNO(50) , J(NO) and C(alv,) EIB was significantly more severe in children sensitive to indoor allergens compared with outdoor allergens only (P = 0.014); those children showed also higher levels of C(alv) (P = 0.003) and of J(NO) (P = 0.044).

CONCLUSIONS AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE: Our results suggest that inflammation is present in the central and peripheral airways and that it is associated with the severity of EIB. Clinicaltrials.gov NCT00952835. 2012 Blackwell Publishing Ltd

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Where are youth physically active? A descriptive examination of 45 parks in a southeastern community

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this study was to identify the activity settings used and physical activity (PA) intensity achieved by boys and girls in 45 parks in a southeastern community. METHODS: PA and sedentary behaviors were assessed at all activity settings by gender, race, and PA intensity. Eight activity settings were identified in 45 parks. The System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) instrument was used to assess PA during the summers of 2004 through 2008. RESULTS: More boys (n = 1,668; 58%) were observed at the 45 parks than girls (n = 1,184, 42%). Playgrounds were the most frequently used activity setting by both boys and girls. The vast majority of PA observed on the playgrounds was vigorous PA (n = 584; 41%). Playing fields were the second most frequently used activity setting by male and female youth, and 292 (10.3%) of all boys and girls were observed using this activity setting. However, only 18 of the 45 parks (40%) had a playing field. More males (n = 164; 56%) used the playing fields for PA than girls (n = 128; 44%). Most boys and girls were observed participating in vigorous PA (n = 254; 87%) at this activity setting. Observations of seven of the eight activity settings in the 45 parks indicated a greater frequency and percentage of white youth observed in comparison to minorities. CONCLUSIONS: Identifying the patterns of children and teens in community parks will provide investigators with specific objective data to develop user profiles that can perhaps lead to effective PA interventions in these environmental settings.

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Comparison of measurement of time outdoors and light levels as risk factors for myopia in young Singapore children

Aims: To compare methods to measure time outdoor and light levels, two possible predictors of myopia, in Singapore children. METHODS: Outdoor time from a diary and portable light meter over a 1-week period was compared in 117 Singapore children aged 6-12 years with and without myopia. All children wore a (HOBO Pendant temp/light Part # UA-002-64) light meter for 1 week and the parents filled the 7-day outdoor diary to track the outdoor activity. RESULTS: Mean outdoor time from diary and time with light levels was 5.44 hours per week and 7.91 hours per week, respectively, during school term and school holidays. Time spent with light levels of >1000Lux from the light meter were 7.08h per week and 9.81h per week, respectively, during school term and school holidays. The intraclass correlation coefficients were 0.21 and 0.28 for outdoor time from the diary and light meter (1000Lux cut-off) during the school term and holidays, respectively. The correlation coefficient was 0.34 (95% CI 0.05, 0.58) for a weekday during school holidays, 0.17 (-0.14, 0.45) for a weekday during school term, 0.07 (-0.16, 0.29) for a weekend during school term, and 0.25 (0.02, 0.46) for a weekend during school term. CONCLUSIONS: The agreement between the light meter and 1-week diary was poor to fair. Both instruments measure different parameters, time outdoors and light intensity, and could therefore capture different aspects of risk in future myopia studies.

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BACKGROUND: Childhood acquired brain injury (ABI) often leads to impairment in cognitive functioning, resulting in disabilities in both the home and school environment. Assessing the impact of these cognitive deficits in everyday life using traditional neuropsychological tests has been challenging. This study systematically reviewed ecological measures of cognitive abilities available for children with ABI.

METHOD: Eight databases were searched (until October 2011) for scales: (1) focused on ecological assessment of cognitive functioning; (2) with published data in an ABI population; (3) applicable to children up to 17;11 years of age; and (4) in English. The title and abstract of all papers were reviewed independently by two reviewers.

RESULTS: Database searches yielded a total of 12 504 references, of which 17 scales met the inclusion criteria for the review, focusing on executive functions (n=9), memory (n=3), general cognitive abilities (n=2), visuo-spatial skills (n=2) and attention (n=1). Four tasks used observation of actual performance in a natural environment, five were proxy-reports and six were functional paper and pencil type tasks, performed in an office.

CONCLUSION: Overall, few measures were found; eight were still experimental tasks which did not
provide norms. Executive functions were better represented in ecological assessment, with relatively more standardized scales available.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Physical inactivity has been deemed a significant, contributing factor to childhood overweight and obesity. In recent years, many school systems removed recess and/or physical education from their curriculum due to growing pressure to increase academic scores. With the vast majority of children's time spent in school, alternative strategies to re-introduce physical activity back into schools are necessary. A creative yet underutilized solution to engage children in physical activity may be in before-school programs. The objective of the proposed study is to examine the effect of an unstructured, moderate to vigorous, before-school physical activity program on academic performance, classroom behavior, emotions, and other health related measures. METHODS/DESIGN: Children in 3rd-5th grade will participate in a before-school (7:30-8:15 a.m.), physical activity program for 12 weeks, 3 days a week. Children will be able to choose their preferred activity and asked to sustain physical activity of moderate to vigorous intensity with individual heart rate monitored during each session. DISCUSSION: The proposed study explores an innovative method of engaging and increasing physical activity in children. The results of this study will provide evidence to support the feasibility of an unstructured, moderate to vigorous, before-school physical activity program in children and provide insight regarding the ideal physical activity intensity and duration necessary to achieve a positive increase in academic performance. TRIAL REGISTRATION: ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01505244
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Screen time and physical activity behaviours are associated with health-related quality of life in Australian adolescents

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PURPOSE: To explore the cross-sectional relationships between health-related quality of life (HRQoL) and physical activity (PA) behaviours and screen-based media (SBM) use among a sample of Australian adolescents. METHODS: Data came from baseline measures collected for the It's Your Move! community-based obesity prevention intervention. Questionnaire data on sociodemographics, PA, SBM and HRQoL were collected from 3,040 students (56% boys) aged 11-18 years in grade levels 7-11 in 12 secondary schools. Anthropometric data were measured. RESULTS: The highest level of PA at recess, lunchtime and after school was associated with higher HRQoL scores (boys, by 5.3, 8.1, 6.3 points; girls, by 4.2, 6.1, 8.2 points) compared with not being active during these periods. Exceeding 2 h of SBM use each day was associated with
significantly lower HRQoL scores (boys, by 3.2 points; girls, by 4.0 points). Adolescents who were physically active and low SBM users on school days had higher HRQoL scores (boys, by 6.6 points; girls, by 7.8 points) compared with those who were not physically active every school day and high SBM users on school days.

CONCLUSIONS: Several of the relationships between low PA and high SBM use and HRQoL were comparable to those previously observed between chronic disease conditions and HRQoL, indicating that these behaviours deserve substantial attention.
related QoL. METHODS: Of 2353 children surveyed (median age: 12.7 years), 1216 were resurveyed 5 years later, and 475 were newly recruited into the study (N = 1691). Children completed detailed activity questionnaires. Health-related QoL was assessed by using the Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory (PedsQL).

RESULTS: Cross-sectionally, after multivariable adjustment, adolescents in the highest versus lowest tertile of time spent in outdoor physical activity and television viewing had a higher (P(trend) = .001) and lower (P(trend) = .0003) total PedsQL score, respectively. Adolescents who remained in the highest tertiles compared with those in the lowest tertiles of total physical activity over the 5 years had significantly higher scores in the following areas: total (P(trend) = .04), physical summary (P(trend) = .0001), and social (P(trend) = .02) domains. Conversely, those in the highest versus lowest tertile of screen-viewing time during follow-up reported significantly lower values in the following areas: total score (6.34-unit difference), physical summary (4.86-unit difference), psychosocial summary (7.09-unit difference), and emotional (8.33-unit difference) and school (9.78-unit difference) domains. CONCLUSIONS: Regular physical activity over the long-term was associated with higher perceived health-related QoL among adolescents. Conversely, lower PedsQL scores were observed among those who spent the most time in screen-viewing activities. Improved understanding of these relationships could help in developing interventions to promote general well-being among adolescents.
and December 2008. RESULTS: Most programs reported almost universal access to outdoor play areas and staff who frequently engage in and lead physical activities. About half of the programs reported < 60 minutes of outdoor play time per day for preschoolers. Fewer home-based programs offered a variety of fixed and portable play equipment. Over a third of the programs did not have adequate indoor space for all physical activities. Over two thirds of programs offered juice 3 or 4 times per week or more. CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS: Many child care programs could increase active opportunities (by increasing outdoor time and providing better spaces for indoor physical activity) and decrease juice provision. Copyright 2012 Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

Comparing different accelerometer cut-points for sedentary time in children

Actigraph accelerometers are hypothesized to be valid measurements for assessing children's sedentary time. However, there is considerable variation in accelerometer cut-points used. Therefore, we compared the most common accelerometer sedentary cut-points of children performing sedentary behaviors. Actigraph Actitrainer uniaxial accelerometers were used to measure children's activity intensity (29 children, 5-11 years old) during different activities, namely playing computer games, nonelectronic sedentary games, watching television and playing outdoors. A structured protocol was the criterion for assessing the validity of four common cut-points (100, 300, 800, 1100 counts/minute). The median counts during all sedentary behaviors...
were below the lowest comparison cut-point of 100 cpm. The 75th percentile values for the sedentary behaviors were always below the cut-point of 300 cpm. Our results suggest that the cut-point of <100 cpm is the most appropriate.
BACKGROUND/PURPOSE: We aimed to examine the epidemiological characteristics and injury patterns of pediatric trauma in helicopter emergency medical service (HEMS) caused by sports/outdoor activities in alpine environment. METHODS: This retrospective cohort study analyzed 912 primary HEMS missions for pediatric trauma (0-14 years of age) in Austrian Alps between 1 January 2006 and 30 June 2007. Children were stratified by age into toddlers (3-5 years), children in early (6-9 years), and late school age (10-14 years). RESULTS: The majority of pediatric sports-related trauma in alpine environment was caused by skiing (82.1%; n=749). Pediatric patients were predominately in late school age and boys (72.8%, n=664 and 61.0%, n=556, respectively) and a minority (16.0%, n=146) was severely injured. Overall, fracture (47.0%, n=429), contusion (17.9%, n=163), and traumatic brain injury (17.0%, n=155) were the most common prehospital diagnoses. The most frequent pattern of injury was related to the head/face and spine (36.3%, n=331).

CONCLUSIONS: The knowledge about epidemiological characteristics of HEMS use for injured children in alpine environment may be essential for training requirements of HEMS crews and operational considerations of HEMS providers. The incidence of head and spinal injuries requires support for initiatives to promote helmet wear and appropriate risk behavior amongst skiers and snowboarders.

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T1 - The association between leisure-time physical activities and asthma symptoms among 10- to 12-year-old children: the effect of living environment in the PANACEA study
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KW - Life Style
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KW - Residence Characteristics
KW - Rural Population
OBJECTIVE: This study evaluated the interrelationships of living environment, physical activity, lifestyle/dietary habits, and nutritional status on the prevalence of childhood asthma. METHODS: In a cross-sectional survey 1125 children (529 boys), 10 to 12 years old, were selected from 18 schools located in an urban environment (Athens, n = 700) and from 10 schools located in rural areas (n = 425) in Greece. RESULTS: Children living in Athens had a higher likelihood of "ever had" asthma compared with children living in rural areas (odds ratio (OR) = 1.78, 95% confidence interval (CI) = 1.25-2.54), after adjusting for age and sex. After adjusting for age, sex, body mass index, and adherence to the Mediterranean diet (KIDMED score), leisure-time physical activity was inversely associated with "ever had" asthma. When stratifying by county of residence, a trend toward reduced asthma symptoms among children engaged in outdoor physical activities during their leisure time who reside in rural (but not urban) environment was observed (OR = 0.88, 95% CI = 0.77-1.01).

CONCLUSIONS: The inverse relationship between asthma symptoms and leisure-time physical activity in the rural environment and the lack of an association between asthma symptoms and organized sports-related activities should draw the attention of public healthcare authorities. Their efforts should focus on the planning of a sustainable natural environment, which will promote the physical health of children and reduce the burden of childhood asthma.

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N2 - Social engagement by children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in unstructured school settings generally occurs at very low levels, if at all. Although many interventions improve peer socialization, generalization and maintenance of such gains when interventions are faded are typically low. The present study employed a multiple baseline design across participants to target generalization in the absence of interventionists in elementary school children with ASD at recess. Teaching initiations has been suggested as one method to increase generalization. The results of the present study showed that when initiations were targeted during intervention for social play, the participants demonstrated generalized peer social engagement, increases in unprompted peer-directed initiations, and more positive affect during peer interactions. Results are discussed in terms of theoretical and applied implications of incorporating initiations training into social interventions.

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Dietary intake among children in the United States falls short of national recommendations. Schools can play an important role in improving children's preferences and food consumption patterns. The US Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) aims to improve children's nutrient intake patterns by offering fresh fruits and vegetables as snacks outside the reimbursable meals programs in elementary schools that serve large numbers of low-income children. Using a nationally representative sample of public elementary schools, this cross-sectional study investigated FFVP participation patterns among schools by demographic and school characteristics. Further, the study investigated the association between FFVP participation and availability of fresh fruits, salads, and vegetables at lunch as reported by school administrators and foodservice staff. Data collected via a mail-back survey from 620 public elementary schools participating in the National School Lunch Program during 2009-2010 were analyzed. Almost 70% of the FFVP-participating schools had a majority of students (>50%) eligible for free and reduced-cost meals. Participating in US Department of Agriculture Team Nutrition Program and having a registered dietitian or a nutritionist on staff were significantly associated with FFVP participation. Based on the results from logistic regression analyses schools participating in the FFVP were significantly more likely (odds ratio 2.07; 95% CI 1.12 to 3.53) to serve fresh fruit during lunch meals. Slightly >25% of public elementary schools across the United States participated in the FFVP, and participation was associated with healthier food availability in school lunches. Copyright 2012 Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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OBJECTIVES: To characterize the mumps outbreak, assess the effectiveness of vaccines and discuss prevention and control measures. DESIGN: Observational cross-sectional study of cases by person, place, and time. LOCATION: City Jerez de la Frontera and 8 Primary Care centres. PARTICIPANTS: A total of 116 cases of mumps were reported throughout seven months, with the last case in June 2008. MEASUREMENTS: Main outcomes: age, sex, place of study or work, symptoms start date, clinical description, complications, and genotype of virus isolation, history and vaccination compositions. Calculation of total vaccine effectiveness. Active case finding and contact studies were performed on the families, work places and leisure areas. RESULTS: The mean age of the cases was 16.24 years (SD 10.6). The majority (68.96%) of the cases were children at school and 31.03% arose from family and work areas. Mumps vaccine coverage rates were above 90%. The complete vaccine effectiveness (2 doses); for those under 20 years-old it was: 99.84% (95% CI=99.77 - 99.89), being lower in schools with the highest attack rate, immunised with current vaccine from Jeryl Lynn strain: 71.01% (95% CI=55.85 80.97). Two doses of this strain were used in 13.79% of the cases. Susceptible populations were vaccinated at the start of the outbreak: 11,381 doses used in schools and 93 outside schools. CONCLUSIONS: An outbreak of mumps virus G1 population with high rates of mumps vaccine coverage, with areas with low vaccine effectiveness with current vaccine. Mass vaccination of population has contributed to the resolution of the outbreak. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Espana, S.L. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: Positive participation outcomes are deemed the ultimate goal of health care and specifically of occupational therapy. Knowledge of the typical participation patterns of children in Australia will provide essential information to support our understanding of participation and the goal of maximising children's engagement. AIMS: This study investigated the participation of Grade 6 and Year 8 Victorian students in activities outside school and explored differences between genders and between students in different year levels. Secondarily, we began to establish Australian normative data on the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment and Preferences for Activities of Children. METHODS: This cross sectional survey methods study recruited students from a random selection of public schools. Participation was measured using the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment and Preferences for Activities of Children questionnaires. RESULTS: Participants included 84 (37 female, 47 male) students in Grade 6 (n = 43) and Year 8 (n = 41). Differences between year levels were only evident for participation in Recreational and Active Physical activities. Grade 6 students did more activities, more intensely than Year 8 students, but with no difference in enjoyment. The mean number of Recreational activities done by Grade 6 students was 8.5 (95%CI: 7.9-9.1) compared to Year 8 students 6.9 (95%CI: 6.1-7.7; P = 0.001). Gender differences were evident in the participation patterns within Social, Skill-Based and Self-Improvement activities. CONCLUSION: The findings suggested that gender was a more important influence on participation patterns than a 2-year age gap, with participation patterns being relatively stable between Grade 6 and Year 8. 2012 The Authors Australian Occupational Therapy Journal 2012 Occupational Therapy Australia SN - 1440-1630 AD - School of Occupational Therapy, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia UR - 22690770 ER -
Residential concentrations of formaldehyde have been associated with poor respiratory health in children, where formaldehyde has been measured using stationary monitors inside homes. Although children spend most of their time indoors at home, there are few studies of children's personal exposure to formaldehyde. The aim of this study was to investigate the relationship between personal exposure formaldehyde concentrations, microenvironmental concentrations and time weighted exposure estimates in children. Forty-one primary school children (aged between 9 and 12 years) wore a personal passive sampler over two 24h periods in two seasons and completed 24h daily activity diaries and a questionnaire about lifestyle and behaviour. Samplers were co-located indoors at home, outdoors at centralised locations and indoors at school for the corresponding period. Personal exposure formaldehyde concentrations in this group of children were generally low with a geometric mean concentration of 9.1 ppb (range < detection limit to 27.3 ppb). There were strong correlations between personal exposure concentrations and both domestic indoor (r(s)=.779, p<0.001) and time weighted estimated (r(s)=.802, p<0.001) concentrations. The time weighted model did not improve the estimate of personal exposure compared with stationary indoor concentrations. Indoor air concentration measured with a single stationary monitor was a suitable surrogate for personal exposure. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
A substantial literature examines the social and environmental correlates of walking to school but less addresses walking outside the school commute. Using travel diary data from London, we examined social and environmental correlates of walking: to school; outside the school commute during term time; and during the summer and weekends. Living in a household without a car was associated with all journey types; ‘Asian’ ethnicity was negatively associated with walking for non-school travel; environmental factors were associated with non-school journeys, but not the school commute. Interventions aiming to increase children's active travel need to take account of the range of journeys they make. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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Despite decades of research on social development, the question of whether early interpersonal experiences play an important role in human development is just as controversial today as it was decades ago. In this chapter, we argue that there are at least three reasons why this debate has remained unsettled. First, outside of a few landmark longitudinal studies, relatively few investigations have prospectively charted the long-term correlates of experiences with primary caregivers in the first 3 years of life. Second, most analyses of datasets focused on the legacy of early experience have emphasized two-wave test-retest analyses. We contend that, to distinguish between enduring versus merely transient effects of early experience, it is instead necessary to study the pattern of associations that are observed across multiple assessment occasions. Third, despite decades of stinging critiques by behavior-genetic scholars, not enough attention has been paid in social developmental research to determining whether the robust correlations identified between parental behavior and child outcomes are genetically mediated. In this chapter, we discuss each of these issues, in turn, and review recent conceptual models and empirical data that help to address them.
BACKGROUND: Physical activity (PA) is associated with health and academic benefits among children, but many schools do not meet national recommendations. This study examined school-based PA practices in nationally representative samples of public elementary schools, and geographic variations in those practices.

METHODS: Mail-back surveys were used to gather data from 578 public elementary schools during the 2006-2007 school year and 680 public elementary schools during the 2009-2010 school year. RESULTS: Nationwide, only 1 in 5 schools met the national recommendation of at least 150 minutes of physical education (PE) per week, although PE was more prevalent in the South. Nearly three-fourths of schools nationwide met recommendations for 20 or more minutes of recess daily, and this was more prevalent in the Midwest but less so in the South. Approximately 40% of schools offered sports and approximately 40% offered other opportunities for PA during the school day. The only practice that increased over time was formal classroom instruction on PA. CONCLUSIONS: There has been little change in elementary school-based PA practices nationwide in recent years. With the upcoming renewal of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, policymakers have an important opportunity to promote increased PA in schools.
BACKGROUND: Epidemiologic studies have reported an inverse association between sun exposure and non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL), but these have been almost exclusively conducted in Western populations residing in temperate locations. We evaluated the association between personal outdoor sun exposure and risk of malignant lymphomas in Singapore.

METHODS: A hospital-based case-control study of 541 incident cases of lymphoid neoplasms and 830 controls were recruited during 2004-2008. Participants were interviewed regarding recreational or occupational outdoor activities during childhood and in adulthood. Basic demographics and potential confounders were also collected. Odds ratios (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) were calculated using unconditional logistic regression analysis.

RESULTS: Compared with individuals who did not have regular sun exposure, a lower risk of NHL was observed for those who reported regular exposure on non-school days during childhood [OR, 0.62; 95% CI, 0.46-0.83] and non-working days in adulthood [OR, 0.70; 95% CI, 0.51-0.97]. The protective effect was more evident among women.

CONCLUSION: Our findings support an inverse relationship between intermittent sun exposure and the risk of NHL. These findings are consistent with the growing evidence from various countries, but further studies, especially prospective studies, are needed in Asian populations.
Lead contamination in French children's homes and environment

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KW - Humans
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N2 - Lead in homes is a well-known source of childhood lead exposure, which is still of concern due to the health effects of low lead doses. This study aims to describe lead contamination in the homes of children aged 6 months to 6 years in France (without overseas). Between October 2008 and August 2009, 484 housing units were investigated. Lead in tap water and total and leachable lead levels from floor dust, outdoor soils and paint chips were measured. X-ray fluorescence measurements were carried out on non-metallic and metallic substrates. Nationwide results are provided. The indoor floor dust lead (PbD) geometric mean (GM) was 8.8 mug/m² (0.8 mug/ft²) and 6.8 mug/m² (0.6 mug/ft²) for total and leachable lead respectively; 0.21% of homes had an indoor PbD loading above 430.5 mug/m² (40 mug/ft²). The outdoor play area concentration GM was 33.5 mg/kg and 21.7 mg/kg in total and leachable lead respectively; 1.4% of concentrations were higher than or equal to 400 mg/kg. Outdoor floor PbD GM was 44.4 mug/m² (4.1 mug/ft²) that was approximately 3.2 times higher than the GM of indoor PbD. Lead-based paint (LBP) was present in 25% of dwellings, LBP on only non-metallic substrates was present in 19% of homes and on metallic substrates in 10% of dwellings. The GM of lead concentrations in tap water was below 1 mug/L; 58% of concentrations were lower than or equal to 10 mug/L. The age cut-off for homes with lead would be 1974 for paint and 1993 for indoor floor dust. This study provides, for the first time, a look at the state of lead contamination to which children are exposed in French housing. Moreover, it provides policy makers an estimate of the number of
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N2 - In addition to dietary exposure, children are exposed to metals via ingestion of soils and indoor dust, contaminated by natural or anthropogenic outdoor and indoor sources. The objective of this nationwide study was to assess metal contamination of soils and dust which young French children are exposed to. A sample of 484 children (6 months to 6 years) was constituted in order to obtain representative results for young French children. In each home indoor settled dust was sampled by a wipe in up to five rooms. Outdoor playgrounds were sampled with a soil sample ring (n=315) or with a wipe in case of hard surfaces (n=53). As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Mn, Pb, Sb, Sr, and V were measured because of their potential health concern due to soil and dust ingestion. The samples were digested with hydrochloric acid, and afterwards aqua regia in order to determine both leachable and total metal concentrations and loadings by mass spectrometry with a quadrupole ICP-MS. In indoor settled dust most (total) loadings were below the Limit of Quantification (LOQ), except for Pb and Sr,
whose median loadings were respectively 9 and 10 mug/m2. The 95th percentile of loadings were 2 mug/m2 for As, <0.8 for Cd, 18 for Cr, 49 for Cu, <64 for Mn, 63 for Pb, 2 for Sb, 56 for Sr, and <8 for V. Median/95th percentile of loadings in settled dust on outdoor playgrounds were 2/16, <0.8/1.3, 17/53, 49/330, 99/424, 32/393, 2/13, 86/661 and 10/37 mug/m2 for As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Mn, Pb, Sb, Sr, and V respectively. In outdoor playground soil median/95th percentile of concentrations (mug/g) were 8/26, <0.65/1, 25/52, <26/53, 391/956, 27/254, 0.7/4, 54/295, 23/57 for As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Mn, Pb, Sb, Sr, and V respectively. These results are comparable with those observed in other countries. Because of their representative nature, we can assess children's exposures to these metals via soil and dust and the associated risks in urban and rural environments. Ratios of leachable/total concentrations and loadings, calculated on >LOQ measurements, differed among metals. To a lesser extent, they were also affected by type of matrix, with (except for Cd) a greater leachability of dust (especially indoor) compared to soils. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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National trends indicate that children and adolescents are not achieving sufficient levels of physical activity. Combining global positioning system (GPS) technology with accelerometers has the potential to provide an objective determination in locations where youth engage in physical activity. The aim of this study was to identify the optimal methods for collecting combined accelerometer and GPS data in youth, to best locate where children spend time and are physically active. A convenience sample of 24 mid-school children in Massachusetts was included. Accelerometers and GPS units were used to quantify and locate childhood physical activity over 5 weekdays and 2 weekend days. Accelerometer and GPS data were joined by time and mapped with a geographical information system (GIS) using ArcGIS software. Data were collected in winter, spring, summer in 2009-2010, collecting a total of 26,406 matched datapoints overall. Matched data yield was low (19.1% total), regardless of season (winter, 12.8%; spring, 30.1%; summer, 14.3%). Teacher-provided, precharged equipment yielded the most matched (30.1%; range: 10.1-52.3%) and greatest average days (6.1 days) of data. Across all seasons, children spent most of their time at home. Outdoor use patterns appeared to vary by season, with street use increasing in spring, and park and playground use increasing in summer. Children spent equal amounts of physical activity time at home and walking in the streets. Overall, the various methods for combining GPS and accelerometer data provided similarly low amounts of combined data. No combined GPS and accelerometer data collection method proved superior in every data return category, but use of GIS to map joined accelerometer and GPS data can demarcate childhood physical activity locations.
OBJECTIVE: Identifying factors associated with school functioning of abused children is important in prevention of long-term negative outcomes associated with school failure. The purpose of this study was to examine the degree to which parent emotional expressiveness and children's self-regulation predicted early school behavior of abused children. METHODS: The sample included 92 physically abused children ages 4-7 and one of their parents (95.7% mothers). Parents completed a measure of their own emotional expressiveness, and parents and teachers provided reports of children's self-regulatory skills. Children's school functioning was measured by observations of playground aggression and teacher reports of aggression and classroom behavior. RESULTS: Parents' expression of positive and negative emotions was associated with various aspects of children's self-regulation and functioning in the school setting. Links between self-regulation and children's school adjustment were robust; poor self-regulation was associated with higher aggression and lower cooperation and self-directed behavior in the classroom. There was minimal support for a mediating role of children's self-regulation in links between parent expressiveness and children's behavior. PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS: Findings point to the relevance of parent emotional expressivity and children's self-regulatory processes in understanding physically abused children's functioning at the transition to school. Although further research is needed, findings indicate that increasing parental expression of positive emotion should be a focus in treatment along with reduction in negativity of abusive parents. Further, addressing children's self-regulation could be important in efforts to reduce aggression and enhance children's classroom competence. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
Several changes have occurred in the toilet training (TT) process in recent decades. There has been an increase in the use of daycare as both parents now often work outside the home. Most children attend daycare centers during the period TT usually takes place, and daytime training has shifted from home to daycare. This study is the first to evaluate the way TT is done in daycare centers. A questionnaire was sent to 1,500 daycare centers, of which 429 replied (response rate of 28.6%). The results show that half of the childcare workers base the decision to start TT on readiness signs. The combination of age and readiness signs is used by 44.5%. The majority of the respondents spent more than 1 h per day on TT (81.8%); 79.8% considered that daycare and parents should play an equal role in TT. However, more than a third of the respondents thought that parents pass the responsibility for TT on to daycare and that not enough attention was paid to TT in the home. Most respondents stated that daycare centers had the facilities and means to be able to give the children proper TT (88.5%). Other research indicated that the outcome of TT is not that good overall and that there is room for improvement in the methods used. More research is needed on the role division and on the interaction between daycare and parents and their combined influence on the process and outcome of TT.
Airborne exposure to manganese (Mn) can result in neurologic effects. Stationary air sampling is the traditional technique to assess Mn exposure for communities, yet may not accurately reflect children's personal exposure. The goal of the study was to characterize personal exposure to Mn and PM(2.5) in a cohort of children ages 7-9 years residing near a ferromanganese refinery. A subset of children living in non-smoking households ages 7-9 enrolled in the Marietta Community Actively Researching Exposure Study during March-June 2009 and 2010 were invited to participate. Blood and hair were collected and analyzed for Mn. Participants wore a PM(2.5) sampler (Personal Modular Impactor) for 48 h. TWD was based on time spent at home and school and the distance of each from the refinery. Stationary outdoor air sampling was conducted 8 km from the refinery using a Harvard-type PM(2.5) impactor. The relationship between personal Mn exposure and TWD was examined by multiple regression adjusting for stationary air Mn concentration, wind speed and direction, and precipitation. Complete personal air sampling data were collected on 38 children. TWD ranged from 4.7 km to 28.5 km with a mean distance of 11.1 (4.7 sd) km. Mn concentration in personal air samples ranged from 1.5 ng/m3 to 54.5 ng/m3 (geometric mean, 8.1 ng/m3). TWD was a significant predictor of natural log personal air Mn concentration (lnMn) with an associated decrease of 0.075 lnMn for each km TWD (p<0.05, 95% CI -0.13 to -0.01). Personal Mn exposures were positively associated with stationary air Mn levels and inversely associated with wind speed. A child's location (home and school) relative to the refinery is a significant predictor of personal Mn exposure. Wind speed is also an important contributor to personal Mn exposure. Copyright 2012 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved

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BACKGROUND: Preschoolers spend a substantial portion of their day in childcare; therefore, these centers are an ideal venue to encourage healthy active behaviors. It is important that provinces/territories' childcare legislation encourage physical activity (PA) opportunities. The purpose of this study was to review Canadian provincial/territorial childcare legislation regarding PA participation. Specifically, this review sought to 1) appraise each provincial/territorial childcare regulation for PA requirements, 2) compare such regulations with the NASPE PA guidelines, and 3) appraise these regulations regarding PA infrastructure. METHODS: A review of all provincial/territorial childcare legislation was performed. Each document was reviewed separately by 2 researchers, and the PA regulations were coded and summarized. The specific provincial/territorial PA requirements (eg, type/frequency of activity) were compared with the NASPE guidelines. RESULTS: PA legislation for Canadian childcare facilities varies greatly. Eight of the thirteen provinces/territories provide PA recommendations; however, none provided specific time requirements for daily PA. All provinces/territories did require access to an outdoor play space. CONCLUSION: All Canadian provinces/territories lack specific PA guidelines for childcare facilities. The development, implementation, and enforcement of national PA legislation for childcare facilities may aid in tackling the childhood obesity epidemic and assist childcare staff in supporting and encouraging PA participation.
Environmental characteristics and student physical activity in PE class: findings from two large urban areas of Texas


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BACKGROUND: Physical education (PE) classes provide opportunities for children to be active. This study examined the associations between specific environmental characteristics (teacher characteristics; class size, duration and location; and lesson context) and elementary school-aged children's moderate-to-vigorous activity (MVPA) during PE. METHODS: Environmental characteristics and student activity levels were measured in 211 third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade PE classes in 74 Texas public schools using SOFIT direct observation. RESULTS: Students engaged in less than half their PE class time in MVPA (38%), while approximately 25% of class time was spent in classroom management. Percent time in MVPA was significantly higher in outdoor classes compared with indoors (41.4% vs. 36.1%, P = .037). Larger (P = .044) and longer (P = .001) classes were negatively associated with percentage of MVPA and positively correlated with time spent in management (P < .001). CONCLUSIONS: Findings suggest that children's activity may be influenced by environmental factors such as class size, location, and lesson contexts. These findings hold important policy
Implications for PE class organization and the need for strategies that maximize children's MVPA. Further research is needed to test the causal association of these factors with student MVPA.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To study the function of interleukin-33 (IL-33) in the development of human acute schistosomiasis japonica by determining the serum IL-33 levels in acute schistosomiasis japonica patients.
METHODS: Four patients with acute schistosomiasis japonica were recruited from schistosomiasis endemic lake areas, and 15 controls were recruited outside the schistosomiasis endemic areas. The demographic data and venous blood were collected from all the subjects. The serum IL-33 levels of all the subjects were tested by using enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. All the results were statistically analyzed with Stata 10.0 software.
RESULTS: The serum IL-33 levels of the patients with acute schistosomiasis japonica [517.33 (334.65, 1056.88) pg/ml] were significantly higher than those of the controls [1.66(1.66, 6.35) pg/ml] (Z = -3.207, P =
0.001). The correlation coefficients between serum IL-33 levels and numbers of eosinophils, serum IL-33 levels and duration of infection were both 0.8 (P = 0.2). CONCLUSIONS: The serum IL-33 level is significantly elevated in the patients with acute schistosomiasis japonica, indicating that IL-33 may play a pro-inflammatory role in the acute stage of schistosomiasis japonica and participate in initiating the Th2 type immune responses between 7 and 9 weeks after the infection.

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N2 - PURPOSE: Time spent in "sports/outdoor activity" has shown a negative association with incident myopia during childhood. We investigated the association of incident myopia with time spent outdoors and physical activity separately. METHODS: Participants in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) were assessed by noncycloplegic autorefraction at ages 7, 10, 11, 12, and 15 years, and classified as myopic (<-1 diopters) or as emmetropic/hyperopic (>0.25 diopters) at each visit (N = 4,837-7,747). Physical activity at age 11 years was measured objectively using an accelerometer, worn for 1 week. Time spent outdoors was assessed via a parental questionnaire administered when children were aged 8-9 years. Variables associated with incident myopia were examined using Cox regression. RESULTS: In analyses using all available data, both time spent outdoors and physical activity were associated with incident myopia, with time outdoors having the larger effect. The results were similar for analyses restricted to children classified as either nonmyopic or emmetropic/hyperopic at age 11 years. Thus, for children nonmyopic at age 11, the hazard ratio (95% confidence interval, CI) for incident myopia was 0.66 (0.47-0.93) for a high versus low amount of time spent outdoors, and 0.87 (0.76-0.99) per unit standard deviation above average increase in moderate/vigorous physical activity. CONCLUSION: Time spent outdoors was predictive of incident myopia independently of physical activity level. The greater association observed for time outdoors suggests that the previously reported link between "sports/outdoor activity" and incident myopia is due mainly to its capture of information relating to time outdoors rather than physical activity.

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The urea cycle consists of six consecutive enzymatic reactions that convert waste nitrogen into urea. Deficiencies of any of these enzymes of the cycle result in urea cycle disorders (UCDs), a group of inborn errors of hepatic metabolism that often result in life-threatening hyperammonemia. Argininosuccinate lyase (ASL) catalyzes the fourth reaction in this cycle, resulting in the breakdown of argininosuccinic acid to arginine and fumarate. ASL deficiency (ASLD) is the second most common UCD, with a prevalence of ~1 in 70,000 live births. ASLD can manifest as either a severe neonatal-onset form with hyperammonemia within the first few days after birth or as a late-onset form with episodic hyperammonemia and/or long-term complications that include liver dysfunction, neurocognitive deficits, and hypertension. These long-term complications can occur in the absence of hyperammonemic episodes, implying that ASL has functions outside of its role in ureagenesis and the tissue-specific lack of ASL may be responsible for these manifestations. The biochemical diagnosis of ASLD is typically established with elevation of plasma citrulline together with elevated argininosuccinic acid in the plasma or urine. Molecular genetic testing of ASL and assay of ASL enzyme activity are helpful when the biochemical findings are equivocal. However, there is no correlation between the genotype or enzyme activity and clinical outcome. Treatment of acute metabolic decompensations with hyperammonemia involves discontinuing oral protein intake, supplementing oral intake with intravenous lipids and/or glucose, and use of intravenous arginine and nitrogen-scavenging therapy. Dietary restriction of protein and dietary supplementation with arginine are the mainstays in long-term management. Orthotopic liver transplantation (OLT) is best considered only in patients with recurrent hyperammonemia or metabolic decompensations resistant to conventional medical therapy.
A pilot study was conducted to evaluate the usefulness of salivary cholinesterase and carboxylesterase as biomarkers of exposure to environmental organophosphate pesticides. Ninety samples were obtained from women and 62 samples from their preschool-aged children who live near an agricultural area of the Upper Valley of the Negro River (Patagonia, Argentina) where pesticides are applied 6 months a year. Each participant donated two samples under similar conditions: one in the pre-exposure period and another during the pulverization period. Demographic information, potential confounders, and risk behaviors were registered. Active or passive smoking had no effect on these enzyme activities in either group. During the pulverization period, cholinesterase activity was not detectable in 76% of the children's samples and 23% of the mothers' samples. Comparing samples collected during the pulverization period with respect to the pre-pulverization period, the average mother and child cholinesterase activity decreased by 65.7% (p<0.001) and 85.8% (p<0.001), respectively. Also, mother and child carboxylesterase activity decreased by 27.5% (p<0.001) and 41.9% (p<0.01), respectively. Child carboxylesterase activity in the pulverization period was associated to the habit of eating dust outdoors (p<0.01). The most frequent inhibition levels observed for cholinesterase and carboxylesterase activity were between 70-100% and 0-29%, respectively, in both groups studied. This shows that at the same level of exposure, cholinesterase was more sensitive to inhibition than carboxylesterase. Therefore, carboxylesterase might more properly reflect the degree of environmental organophosphate exposure and may have potential as a novel tool for biomonitoring.
The daily time spent in different environments is an important factor in calculation of personal exposure to air pollutants. Despite this importance, the amount of research done on this topic is rather limited, especially in North Europe where the climate is rather cold. In this study, we gathered detailed information via a standard questionnaire to report the residence time and place of 167 subjects (between 2 and 93 years old) lived in Helsinki during three time periods in winter and spring 2009. Subjects spent 81%-92% of their time indoors and up to ~15% of their time outdoors. The daily time spent in different environments was affected by several factors: ambient temperature, type of day (workday or weekend/holiday), gender, and age. Therefore, the differences occur individually and can be explained by these factors. For example, subjects spent more time at home on weekends than workdays because obviously the majority of our subjects did not have work on weekends. The time spent at kindergarten/school/work increased with age until retirement. Females spent more time at home than males. After all, the activity pattern found in this study is rather similar to those previously reported in Germany and North America. Copyright 2012 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: This study aimed to examine associations between aspects of the neighborhood social environment and body mass index (BMI) in youth both cross-sectionally and prospectively; and whether this association was mediated by physical activity, screen-time and sedentary time. METHODS: Data were collected in 2004 and 2006 in high and low socio-economic areas of Melbourne, Australia. In 2004, 185 children aged 8-9 years (47% boys) and 359 children aged 13-15 years (45% boys) participated. Parents reported their perceptions of aspects of the social environment (i.e. social networks and social trust/cohesion), and physical activity (i.e. time spent outdoors by their children; and their younger children's walking and cycling trips) and screen-time...
(i.e. TV viewing, computer use). The older children self-reported their walking and cycling trips and their screen-time. All children wore an accelerometer to objectively assess outside-school hours moderate- to-vigorous physical activity and sedentary time. BMI was calculated from height and weight measured in 2004 and 2006. Multilevel linear regression analyses were conducted to examine associations between the social environment and BMI. Mediation analyses using the products of coefficient method were conducted to determine whether associations between the social environment and BMI were mediated by the time spent in a range of physical activity and sedentary behaviors. RESULTS: Cross-sectional and prospective regression analyses showed that a more positive social network and higher social trust/cohesion was related to lower BMI among children. There was no evidence that time spent in physical activity or sedentary behaviors mediated this relation, despite significant associations between social networks and screen-time and between screen-time and BMI. CONCLUSIONS: The findings suggest that the neighborhood social environment may be important for preventing overweight and obesity in children. Further research investigating the mechanisms through which the neighborhood social environment exerts its effect on BMI is needed. 2012 Veitch et al; licensee BioMed Central Ltd

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BACKGROUND: Physical activity is an essential element in reducing the prevalence of obesity, but much
is unknown about the intensity and location of physical activity among youth-this is important because
adolescent health behaviors are predictive of behaviors in adults. PURPOSE: This study aims to identify the
locations where youth moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) occurs, and to examine how MVPA
varies according to urbanicity (urban, suburban, rural). METHODS: Participants included adolescent students
(N=380, aged 12-16 years) from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Locations of MVPA were measured using
accelerometers and GPS data loggers for up to 7 days. Specialized software was developed to integrate and
process the data. Frequencies of MVPA by location were determined, and differences in MVPA were assessed
for association with urbanicity. RESULTS: Active commuting accounted for the largest proportion of time in
MVPA among urban and suburban students. Rural students achieved most MVPA at school. Other residential
locations, shopping centers, and green spaces accounted for a majority of the remaining MVPA. Minutes in
MVPA varied significantly overall (196.6 + 163.8, 84.9 + 103.2, 81.7 + 98.2); at school (45.7 + 45.2, 18.6 +
28.0, 29.8 + 39.7); while commuting (110.3 + 107.1, 31.5 + 55.2, 19.5 + 39.7); and at other activity locations
(19.7 + 27.1, 14.8 + 26.8, 12.0 + 22.1) and by urbanicity. CONCLUSIONS: Findings reveal that the journeys
between locations are as important as home and school settings in contributing to greater MVPA in adolescent
youth. The relative importance of context as a contributor to MVPA varies with urbanicity. Combining
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The focus of the PhenX (Phenotypes and eXposures) Toolkit is to provide researchers whose expertise lies outside a particular area with key measures identified by experts for uniform use in large-scale genetic studies and other extensive epidemiologic efforts going forward. The current paper specifically addresses the PhenX Toolkit research domain of physical activity and physical fitness (PA/PF), which are often associated with health outcomes. A Working Group (WG) of content experts completed a 6-month consensus process in which they identified a set of 14 high-priority, low-burden, and scientifically supported measures. During this process, the WG considered self-reported and objective measures that included the latest technology (e.g., accelerometers, pedometers, and heart-rate monitors). They also sought the input of measurement experts and other members of the research community during their deliberations. A majority of the measures include protocols for children (or adolescents), adults, and older adults or are applicable to all ages. Measures from the PA/PF domain and 20 other domains are publicly available and found at the PhenX Toolkit website, www.phenxtoolkit.org. The use of common measures and protocols across large studies enhances the capacity to combine or compare data across studies, benefiting both PA/PF experts and non-experts. Use of these common measures by the research community should increase statistical power and enhance the ability to answer scientific questions that previously might have gone unanswered.

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BACKGROUND: No overarching federal agencies or policies are responsible for ensuring environmental health at schools in the United States, potentially allowing many inequities for low-income and minority communities to persist. This article examines emergent research, policy, and practice-based efforts that may be used to identify and address environmental justice at school. METHODS: A brief literature review was conducted to understand (1) major mental, behavioral, and physical outcomes associated with environmental risk for school-aged children and (2) current research methods for assessing these relationships. Documents prepared by government agencies, school districts, and advocacy groups were also collected and synthesized to improve understanding of the state of planning and policies for maintaining or improving school environments.

RESULTS: Environmental risk can manifest in diverse ways such as mold, poor air quality, poor community design, or contaminated playgrounds. Deeply rooted in national and state structures of school funding and planning, such risks can lead to outcomes including respiratory illness, poor performance in school, and reduced levels of physical activity. With growing attention to these concerns, methods for measuring environmental risks and underlying disparities have advanced tremendously in the last few decades, yet development of innovative research approaches may be necessary to further advance and evaluate appropriate interventions.

CONCLUSIONS: Environmental injustice is generally unacknowledged during decision-making in US school districts. Continued dialogue reflective of translatable science is necessary to support school districts with limited funding in ensuring safe, healthy environments for learning.

T1 - Risk factors for variation in 25-hydroxyvitamin D3 and D2 concentrations and vitamin D deficiency in children
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CONTEXT: Vitamin D status is believed to be best indicated by serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D; consisting of 25(OH)D3 and 25(OH)D2] that are obtained from different sources. Suboptimal vitamin D status is common and associated with adverse health outcomes. OBJECTIVES: The objectives were to report the prevalence and risk factors of vitamin D deficiency and determine associations of characteristics that have been shown to relate to total 25(OH)D with 25(OH)D3 and 25(OH)D2 concentrations. DESIGN AND SETTING: The Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children is a population-based contemporary birth cohort (children born in 1991-1992) from southwest England. PARTICIPANTS AND OUTCOME MEASURES: Seven thousand five hundred sixty children with serum 25(OH)D3 and 25(OH)D2 concentrations measured at the mean age of 9.9 yr participated in the study. RESULTS: Vitamin D deficiency [total 25(OH)D concentration <20 ng/ml] was common (29%). The main risk factors were winter season, less time spent outdoors, low socioeconomic position, nonwhite ethnicity, older age, more advanced puberty stage, and female gender. Although there were some common risk factors for lower 25(OH)D3 and 25(OH)D2 concentrations (age, gender, puberty stage, body mass index, physical activity, household income, maternal education), several characteristics were associated with 25(OH)D3 only (ethnicity, vitamin D intake, time spent outdoors, and UVB protection score) and others with 25(OH)D2 only (protein and carbohydrate intake, parent's social class, and housing tenure). CONCLUSIONS: Vitamin D deficiency was common in this contemporary U.K. cohort. Despite some overlap, there are differences in potential confounding structures for associations of 25(OH)D3 and 25(OH)D2 with health outcomes. These should be accounted for in future studies.
This study investigated adrenocortical activity in response to different challenging and positive affect emotional contexts in child-mother dyads, as function of attachment security (children's secure base behaviors and mothers' attachment representations). Fifty-one children ranging in age from 18 to 26 months and their mothers participated in this study. Secure children showed significant increases in their cortisol levels after fear episodes and significant decreases, after positive affect ones. No significant changes were found for frustration/anger episodes. Insecure children did not show significant differences in cortisol levels in any of the episodes, which suggests that insecure attachment may be related to hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis suppression in response to challenging and positive contexts. Mothers of insecure children showed significantly higher cortisol concentrations in pre- and post-session samples, than mothers of secure children. Mothers’ personal attachment representations influenced their own cortisol responses, as well as their children’s (in a marginal significant way). Copyright 2011 Wiley Periodicals, Inc
OBJECTIVES: Standard metrics for evaluating rapid response systems (RRSs) include cardiac and respiratory arrest rates. These events are rare in children; therefore, years of data are needed to evaluate the impact of RRSs with sufficient statistical power. We aimed to develop a valid, pragmatic measure for evaluating and optimizing RRSs over shorter periods of time. METHODS: We reviewed 724 medical emergency team and 56 code-blue team activations in a children's hospital between February 2010 and February 2011. We defined events resulting in ICU transfer and noninvasive ventilation, intubation, or vasopressor infusion within 12 hours as "critical deterioration." By using in-hospital mortality as the gold standard, we evaluated the test characteristics and validity of this proximate outcome metric compared with a national benchmark for cardiac and respiratory arrest rates, the Child Health Corporation of America Codes Outside the ICU Whole System Measure. RESULTS: Critical deterioration (1.52 per 1000 non-ICU patient-days) was more than eightfold more common than the Child Health Corporation of America measure of cardiac and respiratory arrests (0.18 per 1000 non-ICU patient-days) and was associated with >13-fold increased risk of in-hospital death. The critical deterioration metric demonstrated both criterion and construct validity. CONCLUSIONS: The critical deterioration rate is a valid, pragmatic proximate outcome associated with in-hospital mortality. It has great potential for complementing existing patient safety measures for evaluating RRS performance.
The aim of this study was to analyze longitudinal associations between cardiorespiratory fitness, physical activity and body mass index in a 4-year longitudinal study. 170 students (97 girls and 73 boys) aged at baseline from 11 to 17 years were followed. Students performed 20-m-SR; physical activity patterns and parents' education were evaluated using a standard questionnaire. Body mass index was categorized according to established cut points. In a multilevel analysis using MLwIN, 2 level structures were defined: first for individuals and second for time observations. In a longitudinal 2 level analysis, cardiorespiratory fitness was negatively associated with body mass index for girls and boys, respectively (p<0.05; R²=0.63; 0.62), especially with obesity category (p<0.01; R²=0.58; 0.60). In girls, independent associations were observed between CRF and PA categories regarding participation "almost every day" in organized (p<0.05; R²=0.50) and non-organized sports outside school (p<0.05; R²=0.52) and participation in sports competitions (p<0.05; R²=0.51). In boys, associations were found only with participation in sports competitions (p<0.05; R²=0.50). The results highlight the importance of youth participation in organized activities and competitive sports over time to achieve health-related fitness benefits. Georg Thieme Verlag KG Stuttgart New York
The impact of state laws and district policies on physical education and recess practices in a nationally representative sample of US public elementary schools

OBJECTIVE: To examine the impact of state- and school district-level policies on the prevalence of physical education (PE) and recess in a nationally representative sample of US public elementary schools.

DESIGN: Analyses from annual, nationally representative, cross-sectional surveys of school administrators in the United States. SETTING: Data were collected through surveys conducted between February and June during the 2006-2007 through 2008-2009 school years. State laws and district policies were compiled annually by researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago using established legal research techniques.

PARTICIPANTS: The sample size was 47 states, 690 districts, and 1761 schools. MAIN EXPOSURES: State- and school district-level PE and recess-related laws. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Twenty minutes of daily recess and 150 min/wk of PE. RESULTS: The odds of schools having 150 min/wk of PE increased if they were located in states (odds ratio [OR], 2.8; 95% CI, 1.3-5.7) or school districts (OR, 2.4; 95% CI, 1.3-4.3) having a law or policy requiring 150 min/wk of PE. Schools located in states with laws encouraging daily recess were significantly more likely to have 20 minutes of recess daily (OR, 1.8; 95% CI, 1.2-2.8). District policies were not significantly associated with school-level recess practices. Adequate PE time was inversely associated with
recess and vice versa, suggesting that schools are substituting one form of physical activity for another rather than providing the recommended amount of both recess and PE. CONCLUSION: By mandating PE or recess, policy makers can effectively increase school-based physical activity opportunities for youth.

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N2 - Urban greenspace is hypothesised to be an important location for physical activity in children, but their actual use of the resource to be active is not well known. In this study, global positioning systems (GPS) and accelerometers were used to measure activity within green environments for 902 English children aged 11-12. We summarised activity intensities in different types of greenspace on weekday evenings, weekend days and by season. Around half of outdoor moderate-vigorous activity took place in greenspace at the weekend and use was consistent across seasons. The findings suggest the importance of certain types of greenspace to children's physical activity. Copyright 2012 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
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The effect of stimulant medication use by children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) on the rating of perceived exertion (RPE)-heart rate (HR) relationship was examined. Children with ADHD (n=20; 11.3±1.8 yrs) and children without ADHD (n=25; 11.2±2.1 yrs) were studied. Children with ADHD were examined while on their usual dose of medication on the day of study. HR and RPE, using the OMNI RPE scale, were assessed during a graded exercise to peak voluntary effort. The RPE-HR relationship was determined individually and the intercept and slope responses were compared between groups. The intercept was 132.4±19.5 bpm for children with ADHD and 120.6±15.7 bpm for children without ADHD. The slope was 7.3±1.9 bpm/RPE for the children with ADHD and 8.1±1.6 bpm/RPE for the children without ADHD. For the group with ADHD the intercept and slope values fell outside of the 95% CI observed in the control group.
altered relationship between RPE and HR with stimulant medication use in children with ADHD has practical implications with respect to the use of HR and RPE to monitor exercise intensity

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Recess is an important component of a Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program, providing approximately 1268 and 914 steps for boys and girls, respectively, within a 15-minute time period. The purpose of this study was to determine the contribution of unstructured recess on children's school-day physical activity levels and to examine if recess and school-day physical activity levels varied by BMI, gender, and grade level. METHODS: One-hundred sixty third- to fifth-grade students from 2 elementary schools wore pedometers during 4 recess periods. RESULTS: Recess accounted for 17% to 44% of school-day step counts. There was a significant main effect for grade level, but not for BMI or gender, on the percentage of school-day steps accumulated during recess. CONCLUSIONS: A 15-minute recess makes a valuable contribution to children's school-day physical activity, especially for the least active children. More research is warranted to determine environmental influences on children's recess physical activity
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A comparison of patterns of sun protection during beach holidays and everyday outdoor activities in a population sample of young German children

BACKGROUND: Reducing exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the main effective measure for preventing skin cancer. Educational campaigns targeting sun protection have been focused either on behaviour on the beach during the summer holiday alone, or during everyday outdoor activities of the children. Little is known about the comparison between these different settings. OBJECTIVES: To analyse whether parents apply
similar protective measures to reduce UV exposure for their young children in different outdoor environments. 

METHODS: Families (n = 2619) with children aged 3-6 years (response: 647%) were enrolled in a population-based survey in the German city of Erlangen and its surrounding rural county. Using a self-administered standardized questionnaire parents gave information about demographic and photosensitivity data of their children, their knowledge about risk factors for skin cancer and their typical instructions given to their children when these played outside on a summer day in different outdoor environments. RESULTS: Significant discrepancies regarding the four UV protective measures (clothes, shade, sunhat, sunscreen) for children between an everyday outdoor setting and a holiday setting on the beach were observed. A high level of parental risk factor knowledge was significantly associated with a better protection for children in all four measures only on the beach. Photosensitivity and demographic characteristics had some impact on protective behaviour, too. Measures of sun protection were reduced with children's increasing age. CONCLUSIONS: Skin cancer prevention campaigns should target the encouragement of sun protection for children also in outdoor activities of daily living, not only during a summer holiday on the beach. 2012 The Authors. BJD 2012 British Association of Dermatologists 2012 

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The objective of the present research was to compare the severity of playground-related injuries in backyards of home with those occurring in public settings. This case-control study used emergency-based surveillance data from Canada regarding children, 3-11 years old, who were injured after falling from playground equipment (PGE). Cases were those whose injuries occurred at home (backyards), and controls were those whose injuries occurred in parks, schools or daycare centres. Of the 39,730 subjects selected, 84% happened in public and 16% at home. Children falling from a home PGE had greater odds of severe injuries (OR=1.30; 95% CI 1.23 to 1.37) and fractures (OR=1.47; 95% CI 1.39 to 1.55) than those from public PGE. Children aged 3-5 years falling off slides at home, compared to slides in public settings, had the greatest odds of severe injuries (OR=1.72; 95% CI 1.41 to 2.09) and fractures (OR=2.17; 95% CI 1.79 to 2.64.) When setting up PGE at home, parents should be diligent in using proper landing surfaces, such as those found in public playgrounds.

INTRODUCTION: Unintentional injuries to children in the outdoors have a significant impact on child mortality, development and healthcare costs. This paper presents the findings of a systematic review about the effectiveness of programs that provided information, advice or education about the prevention of unintentional injuries to children under 15 years during outdoor play and leisure. METHODS: A structured search strategy...
was conducted in a range of databases. All report titles and abstracts were screened using pre-defined criteria. Included reports were quality appraised using a modified Graphical Appraisal Tool for Epidemiological studies (GATE) tool. All quality appraisals and data extraction were checked by a second reviewer. If not provided in the original reports, ORs and mean differences were calculated, where sufficient data were available.

RESULTS: Twenty-three studies met the inclusion criteria. There was a paucity of robust study designs. The majority of studies only reported a short-term follow-up of intermediate outcome measures. Only two studies measured injury rates; both reported a reduction, but both studies also had considerable methodological weaknesses. The five studies that measured the use of protective equipment reported mixed results, although there is some evidence that suggests that more extensive educational programs (such as health fairs and media campaigns) increase their use. The 20 studies that measured behaviour, attitude or knowledge outcomes reported highly mixed results. DISCUSSION: Methodological weaknesses of the included studies limit support for a particular course of action. To better inform policy and practice, future research should (1) use robust study designs and (2) not rely on short-term proxy outcome measures.
observation of 218 Physical Education classes, including a total of 272 students (each one of the students was evaluated three times). The study was carried out in the city of Pelotas (Southern Brazil), between August and December 2009. In order to evaluate the intensity of the efforts, accelerometers were used and the following cut-off points were adopted (in counts per minute): sedentary activities (0-100), light activities (101-2,000), moderate (2,001-4,999), vigorous (5,000-7,999), and very vigorous activities (>8000). RESULTS: The mean duration of the classes was 35.6 minutes (SD 6.0). The mean proportion of time spent in moderate to vigorous physical activity was 32.7% (SD 25.2). Boys (44.1%) were involved significantly more in moderate to vigorous physical activity as compared to girls (21.0%; p<0.01). Students who practice physical activities outside the classes participated more in moderate to vigorous physical activity in the Physical Education classes.

CONCLUSIONS: Besides the fact that Physical Education classes have a short duration, students practice moderate to vigorous physical activity during one third of the class, with a poor significant contribution to students' level of physical activity.
physical activity and other cardiovascular risk factors were assessed pre- and post-intervention in 27 children.

RESULTS: Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity during recess increased significantly in intervention school children from 6.9+0.8 to 14.9+0.9min pre- and post-intervention, respectively (adjusted mean change 8.0+1.1; P<0.0001), with no differences by gender or body mass index (BMI). In-school, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity also increased significantly more for intervention compared to control children (adjusted mean change 14+4min vs. 3+3min; P=0.014, respectively). CONCLUSION: There was no significant difference in BMI and cardiovascular risk factors. A structured recess is feasible to implement and can significantly increase moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. 2012 The Authors Pediatric Obesity 2012 International Association for the Study of Obesity

UNLABELLED: To estimate the prevalence and determinants of overweight and obesity among school children and adolescents (7-18 years), a cross-sectional study was conducted in Tianjin City of Northeast China. Five primary and middle schools were selected using a multistage random cluster sampling. Anthropometric
measurements were taken by the research team. Then, standardized questionnaires on socioeconomic status, diet and lifestyle, parental weight and height were sent to the parents to be completed together with their child. Overall, 3,140 students were screened for overweight and associated risk factors. Body mass index classification reference proposed by the Working Group on Obesity in China was used as a screening reference to calculate the prevalence of overweight in these groups. The prevalence of overweight and obesity was found to be 12.5% and 15.7%, respectively. Logistic regression analysis (overweight compared with normal weight) showed that, overweight in children was significantly associated with male gender, parental obesity, parental educational level, mother's history of gestational diabetes, high birth weight, less hours of physical activity per day, urban residence, motorized transportation, and eating food not prepared at home. After adjusting for parental obesity, the odds ratio of overweight children was increased by urban residence (rural as a reference, 2.68, 2.16-3.32), positive gestational diabetes (2.76, 1.37-4.50), and fast-food/restaurant food service (2.03, 1.34-3.07). Children who walked to school and participated in outdoor activities were 54% and 63% less likely to be overweight respectively. CONCLUSIONS: The prevalence of overweight and obesity is high among school children and adolescents in Tianjin. Changes in lifestyle, high socioeconomic status, parental obesity, mother's history of gestational diabetes, and high birth weight are among the highly associated risk factors of overweight. An educational approach about maintaining a healthy weight should be introduced much earlier to high-risk children, parents, and women of childbearing age.
PURPOSE: To explore the experience of pain and discomfort in users of electric-powered indoor/outdoor wheelchairs (EPIOCs) provided by a National Health Service. METHODS: EPIOC users receiving their chair between February and November 2002 (N=74) were invited to participate in a telephone questionnaire/interview and 64 (aged 10-81 years) agreed. Both specific and open-ended questions examined the presence of pain/discomfort, its severity, minimizing and aggravating factors, particularly in relation to the EPIOC and its use. RESULTS: Most EPIOC users described experiences of pain with 17% reporting severe pain. Over half felt their pain was influenced by the wheelchair and few (25%) considered their chair eased their symptoms. The most common strategy for pain relief was taking medication. Other self-help strategies included changing position, exercise and complementary therapies. Respondents emphasized the provision of backrests, armrests, footrests and cushions which might alleviate or exacerbate pain, highlighting the importance of appropriate assessment for this high dependency group. CONCLUSIONS: Users related pain to their underlying medical condition, their wheelchair or a combination of the two. User feedback is essential to ensure that the EPIOC meets health needs with minimal pain. This becomes more important as the health condition of users changes over time.
BACKGROUND AND AIM: In Germany the risk for relative poverty has increased profoundly during the last 15 years, especially among single parent families. As poverty is often associated with bad health we examined the physical and mental health as well as health-related behaviour, housing and environmental conditions in children with lone mothers versus children in couple families. 

STUDY POPULATION AND METHODS: In 3 cross-sectional surveys conducted during 2004-2007 in 3 cities and 3 rural areas in Bavaria data on 19 039 pre-school children (47% female) were collected. Health, behaviour and exposure assessment was based on parental reports. The 18 327 cases with complete information on family status were analysed. 10% of the children grew up with single mothers.

RESULTS: Single mothers evaluated the general state of health of their children more often as moderate to very poor than couple parents (OR [95% CI]: male: 1.37 [1.07-1.77], female 1.77 [1.33-2.35]). Sons with single mothers were more often obese (1.44 [1.09-1.90]). They scored significantly higher in the SDQ total difficulties score (1.94 [1.44-2.62]), on the emotional problem scale (1.91 [1.40-2.59]) as well as on the hyperactivity scale (1.82 [1.35-2.47]) compared to boys from couple families. No difference was found in prosocial behaviour. Girls with single mothers revealed more often conduct problems 1.36 [1.02-1.81] compared to those from couple families. They also showed a significantly higher prevalence of asthma (2.06 [1.29-3.30]). Children living with their single mothers were less often members of sports clubs and the boys were less physical active. No difference was found regarding the consumption of fruits and vegetables. Single mother family was associated with children's environmental tobacco smoke exposure at home (2.03 [1.79-2.29]). Single mothers perceived higher environmental exposures to noise and air pollution, suffered more often from a lack of accessible green spaces in the neighbourhood and reported a higher traffic load on the residential street. 

CONCLUSION: Children with single mothers reveal increased health risks and live under significantly poorer housing and environmental conditions. Further analyses are necessary to identify the mediating factors.
The objective of this study is to describe the key National Health and Safety Standards (NHS) met in early care and education (ECE) programs in Indiana and to establish reliability for the Indiana Health and Safety Checklist. The Indiana Health and Safety Checklist, modified from the California Childcare Health Program's Health and Safety Checklist, includes 87 items and 11 subscales. It was completed in 2 h by trained child care health consultants in 82 ECE programs to assess the number of key NHS met. The 82 ECE programs met the majority of NHS items. Thirteen items were not met in more than 50% of the programs. The items with the lowest compliance were emergency food supplies, children's hand washing, special health care plans, cleaning and sanitizing counters, and impact surfaces under playground equipment. The Indiana Health and Safety Checklist had moderate internal reliability for 6 of the 9 subscales analyzed. ECE programs strive to provide high quality care and the programs met the majority of NHS on the checklist. The Checklist is a reliable instrument that helped identify health and safety gaps and thus, identified the targeted interventions for child care health consultation.
School break times provide a daily opportunity for children to be active; however, research indicates this time is underutilized. Reasons for low children's playground activity levels have primarily focused on physical barriers. This research aimed to contribute to physical environmental findings affecting children's playground physical activity levels by identifying additional variables through the interview process. Thirteen public schools were included in the sample (total 2946 children). Physical activity and environmental data were collected over 3 days. Environmental variables were manually assessed at each of the 13 schools. Observational data were used to determine which three schools were the most and least active. The principal, three teachers and 20 students in Grades 4-6 from these six schools (four lower and two average socioeconomic status) were invited to participate in the interview process. Student interviews involved the paired interview technique. The main themes generated from the school interviews included the effect of non-fixed equipment (including balls), playground markings, playground aesthetics, activity preference, clothing, the amount of break time available for play, teacher playground involvement, gender, bullying, school policies, student confidence in break-time activity and fundamental movement skills. The effect of bullying on playground physical activity levels was concerning.
Outdoor particulate matter (PM(10)) is associated with detrimental health effects. However, individual PM(10) exposure occurs mostly indoors. We therefore compared the toxic effects of classroom, outdoor, and residential PM(10). Indoor and outdoor PM(10) was collected from six schools in Munich during teaching hours and in six homes. Particles were analyzed by scanning electron microscopy and X-ray spectroscopy (EDX). Toxicity was evaluated in human primary keratinocytes, lung epithelial cells and after metabolic activation by several human cytochromes P450. We found that PM(10) concentrations during teaching hours were 5.6-times higher than outdoors (117 + 48 μg/m(3) vs. 21 + 15 μg/m(3), P < 0.001).
Compared to outdoors, indoor PM contained more silicate (36% of particle number), organic (29%, probably originating from human skin), and Ca-carbonate particles (12%, probably originating from paper). Outdoor PM contained more Ca-sulfate particles (38%). Indoor PM at 6 μg/cm(2) (10 μg/ml) caused toxicity in keratinocytes and in cells expressing CYP2B6 and CYP3A4. Toxicity by CYP2B6 was abolished with the reactive oxygen species scavenger N-acetylcysteine. We concluded that outdoor PM(10) and indoor PM(10) from homes were devoid of toxicity. Indoor PM(10) was elevated, chemically different and toxicologically more active than outdoor PM(10). Whether the effects translate into a significant health risk needs to be determined. Until then, we suggest better ventilation as a sensible option. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: Indoor air PM(10) on an equal weight base is toxicologically more active than outdoor PM(10). In addition, indoor PM(10) concentrations are about six times higher than outdoor air. Thus, ventilation of classrooms with outdoor air will improve air quality and is likely to provide a health benefit. It is also easier than cleaning PM(10) from indoor air, which has proven to be tedious.
Older adults perform much like younger adults on language. This similar level of performance, however, may come about through different underlying brain processes. In the present study, we evaluated age-related differences in the brain areas outside the typical language areas among adults using a category decision task. Our results showed that similar activation patterns were found in classical language processing areas across the three age groups although regional lateralization indices in Broca's and Wernicke's areas decreased with age. The greatest differences, however, among the three groups were found primarily in the brain areas not associated with core language functioning including the hippocampus, middle frontal gyrus, ventromedial frontal cortex, medial superior parietal cortex and posterior cingulate cortex. Therefore, the non-classical language areas may exhibit an age-related difference between three age groups while the subjects show a similar activation pattern in the core, primary language processing during a semantic decision task. Copyright © 2012 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
The aim of this systematic review was to critically examine the research that quantifies and describes the daily patterns of time use by parents of children with complex needs. Four electronic databases were searched. A total of 32 studies (30 peer-reviewed journal articles and two theses) met the inclusion criteria. Three key findings emerged from the review: (a) Parents of children with complex needs carry a significant caregiving burden that often does not reduce as the age of the child increases, (b) supervision or ‘vigilance’ is a category of childcare that carries a particular time requirement for these parents and (c) parents of children with complex needs spend (sometimes considerable) time undertaking health care-related tasks outside the ‘normal’ parenting role. The time demands placed on parents caring for a child or children with complex needs at home should be considered when health professionals are negotiating essential and/or additional therapies or treatments to be included in a child's home care regime.

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BACKGROUND: This study consisted of a formative evaluation of an after-school health education program designed for adolescent females, entitled Girls on Track. Evidence-based after-school programs have potential to supplement the traditional school day, encourage social and emotional skill development, improve the quality of student health, and contribute to a healthier school environment. Implementing comprehensive programs outside of the classroom, however, is challenging and gaps exist in the literature regarding implementation fidelity. METHODS: The national program was in a cohort of adolescent females from 11 Girls on Track locations in fall 2008 and 10 locations in spring 2009. Mixed-method analyses evaluated fidelity of lesson implementation, described curricular and programmatic characteristics associated with implementation fidelity, and assessed coach perceptions toward program quality and feasibility. RESULTS: Specific lesson characteristics associated with higher rates of implementation fidelity and favorable coach perceptions toward program feasibility included improved lesson clarity, more time to process health topics, teaching and learning objectives that were well aligned with lesson activities, incorporation of alternative activities for less-motivated participants, and provision of resources on key health topics for coaches. CONCLUSION: Girls on Track is currently being implemented across the United States and Canada, reaching over 5000 adolescent females annually. Identifying and incorporating specific curricular and programmatic characteristics associated with high levels of implementation fidelity can enhance the quality and benefits of after-school programs.
OBJECTIVE: This naturalistic study tests whether children receiving a new (to them) active video game spontaneously engage in more physical activity than those receiving an inactive video game, and whether the effect would be greater among children in unsafe neighborhoods, who might not be allowed to play outside.

METHODS: Participants were children 9 to 12 years of age, with a BMI >50th percentile, but <99th percentile; none of these children a medical condition that would preclude physical activity or playing video games. A randomized clinical trial assigned children to receiving 2 active or 2 inactive video games, the peripherals necessary to run the games, and a Wii console. Physical activity was monitored by using accelerometers for 5 weeks over the course of a 13-week experiment. Neighborhood safety was assessed with a 12 item validated questionnaire. RESULTS: There was no evidence that children receiving the active video games were more active in general, or at anytime, than children receiving the inactive video games. The outcomes were not moderated by parent perceived neighborhood safety, child BMI z score, or other demographic characteristics. CONCLUSIONS: These results provide no reason to believe that simply acquiring an active video game under naturalistic circumstances provides a public health benefit to children.
OBJECT: The goal in this study was to assess the role of longitudinal hippocampal circuits in the generation of interictal and ictal activity in temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE) and to evaluate the effects of multiple hippocampal transections (MHT). METHODS: In 6 patients with TLE, the authors evaluated the synchrony of hippocampal interictal and ictal epileptiform discharges by using a cross-correlation analysis, and the effect of MHT on hippocampal interictal spikes was studied. Five of the 6 patients were studied with depth electrodes, and epilepsy surgery was performed in 4 patients (anterior temporal lobectomy in 1 and MHT in 3). RESULTS: Four hundred eighty-two (95.1%) of 507 hippocampal spikes showed an anterior-to-posterior propagation within the hippocampus, with a fixed peak-to-peak interval. During seizures, a significant increase of synchronization between different hippocampal regions and between the hippocampus and the ipsilateral anterior parahippocampal gyrus was observed in all seizures. No changes in synchronization were noticed during seizures between the hippocampi and the amygdala on either side. The structure leading the epileptic seizures varied over time during a given seizure and also from one seizure to another. Spike analysis during MHT demonstrated that there were two spike populations that reacted differently to this procedure—namely, 1) spikes that showed maximum amplitude at the head of the hippocampus (type H); and 2) spikes that showed the highest amplitude at the hippocampal body (type B). A striking decrease in amplitude and frequency of type B spikes was noticed in all 3 patients after transections at the head or anterior portion of the hippocampal body. Type H spikes were seen in 2 cases and did not change in amplitude and frequency throughout MHT. Type B spikes showed constantly high cross-correlation values in different derivations and a relatively fixed peak-to-peak interval before MHT. This fixed interpeak delay disappeared after the first transection, although high cross-correlation values persisted unchanged. All patients who underwent MHT remained seizure free for more than 2 years. CONCLUSIONS: These data suggest that synchronized discharges involving the complete anterior-posterior axis of the hippocampal/parahippocampal (H/P) formation underlie the spread of epileptiform discharges outside the H/P structures and, therefore, for the generation of epileptic seizures originating in the H/P structures. This conclusion is supported by the following observations. 1) Hippocampal spikes are consistently synchronized in the whole hippocampal structures, with a fixed delay between the different hippocampal areas. 2) One or two transections between the head and body of the hippocampal formation are sufficient to abolish hippocampal spikes that are synchronized along the anterior-posterior axis of the hippocampus. 3) Treatment with MHT leads to seizure freedom in patients with H/P epilepsy.
The effectiveness of a community playground intervention

N2 - This study assessed whether an upgrade of playgrounds in a community was associated with changes in the physical activity of local children. The study used a natural experiment design with a local authority project to upgrade two community playgrounds as the intervention and a matched control community. Children's physical activity was measured by an Actigraph GT1M accelerometer worn for 8 days, enabling up to 6 days of data to be analyzed. A self-administered parent/guardian questionnaire was used to collect additional data, including perceptions of the neighborhood, school-travel modes, days involved in extracurricular activities, ethnicity, caregiver age, caregiver sex, household vehicle access, and household income. At baseline, 184 children (5-10 years old) participated. Of these, 156 completed the 1-year follow-up assessment (20% lost to follow-up). There was statistically significant evidence that change in mean total daily physical activity was associated with an interaction between participant's body mass index (BMI) z-score and her or his community of residence (p=0.006), with the intervention being associated with higher levels of activity for children with lower BMIs but lower levels for children with higher BMIs. Physical activity is not the only focus of local authority playground provision as playgrounds also have benefits for social development and fundamental movement skills. However, making sure that physical activity is always included in the design rationale and that playgrounds are designed to encourage and sustain physical activity could be a useful population health intervention. The effects of such interventions on different subgroups are of importance, especially if the effects differ over levels of BMI.
Ultraviolet (UV) exposure is the major environmental factor involved in the development of skin cancers and occurs mainly during outdoor activities. During summer schools, children receive regular and significant solar ultraviolet erythemal radiation (UVER) while practising outdoor activities. Personal dosimeters (VioSpor) were attached to the shoulders of schoolchildren and used to quantify their exposure to UVER. The study took place in Valencia, Spain, during July 2008, with three age groups (7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 years old) and involved about 15 schoolchildren. The median (25, 75 percentiles) twice-daily UV exposure values for all groups was 5.49 (3.59, 8.00) standard erythemal doses (SEDs), where 1 SED is defined as effective 100 Jm(-2) when weighted with the CIE erythemal response function. Exposure ratio (ER) is defined as the ratio between the personal dose on a selected body site and the corresponding ambient dose received on a horizontal plane during the same exposure period. The median (25, 75 percentiles) ER value for all groups in the study was 5.9% (4.1, 8.7)
INTRODUCTION: Majority of blinding ocular injuries can be prevented. OBJECTIVE: To describe the epidemiology of ocular trauma in children. MATERIAL AND METHODS: A retrospective review of medical records of the patients aged below 16 years who attended the Himalaya Eye Hospital, Pokhara with history of ocular injury. RESULTS: Of 6,829 pediatric patients, 554 (8.1%) had ocular trauma. The ocular trauma was more prevalent (38.1%) in the age group of 5-10 years followed by 10-15 years (16.6%). The boys (62% vs 38%) were more prone to ocular trauma than girls (RR = 1.7 and 95% CI = 1.41 - 2.02). Of 554 ocular injuries, 32 (5.8%) were open globe injuries. Sub-conjunctival hemorrhage was the commonest presenting finding in 96 (17.3%) subjects. Forty-seven (8.5%) of them attended the hospital after 15 days of injury. Home was the most common place for trauma (n =204, 36.8%), followed by playground (n = 140, 25.3%). CONCLUSION: Children between the ages of 5-10 years are most vulnerable to ocular trauma. Home is the commonest place for ocular injury followed by playground. By adopting some common safety factors or by reducing the ocular injury risks factor, ocular trauma can be greatly reduced.
The economics of inpatient on-demand treatment for haemophilia with high-responding inhibitors: a US retrospective data analysis


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Inpatient costs comprise >50% of annual healthcare costs for haemophilia patients with inhibitors but no reports exist on inpatient resource use and costs at a US national level. To quantify inpatient resource use and costs for on-demand treatment of bleeds of US haemophilia patients with inhibitors and compare costs and treatment duration between Factor VIII bypassing agents (BAs). Stays with haemophilia A from 2003-2008 were identified from inpatient billing records. Presence of inhibitors was inferred through use of BA: recombinant activated Factor VII and plasma-derived activated prothrombin complex concentrate. Duration and number of infusions of BA, length of stay, use of opioid-containing analgesics and costs were assessed and compared. Among 1322 stays mean BA treatment duration was 4.6 days with 4.9 infusions, 6.1 nights spent in
hospital, and 58% administered opioid-containing analgesics. In unadjusted analyses there were significant
differences in the above mentioned outcomes by BA use, reflecting underlying differences between the two
patient populations. Average inpatient costs were $82,911. In adjusted analyses, African-American race, greater
disease severity, hospital region outside the southern US and older age (cost model only) were significant
predictors of longer BA treatment duration and higher costs. The economic burden of inpatient on-demand
treatment of haemophilia with inhibitors is substantial and is associated with lengthy stays, high costs and
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BACKGROUND: This study compared two interventions for improving the social skills of high-functioning children with autism spectrum disorders in general education classrooms. One intervention involved a peer-mediated approach (PEER) and the other involved a child-assisted approach (CHILD). METHOD: The two interventions were crossed in a 2 x 2 factorial design yielding control, PEER, CHILD, and both PEER and CHILD conditions. Sixty children participated from 56 classrooms in 30 schools. Interventions involved 12 sessions over 6 weeks, with a 3-month follow-up. Outcome measures included self, peer and teacher reports of social skills and independent weekly observations of children on their school playground over the course of the intervention. RESULTS: Significant improvements were found in social network salience, number of friendship nominations, teacher report of social skills in the classroom, and decreased isolation on the playground for children who received PEER interventions. Changes obtained at the end of the treatment persisted to the 3-month follow-up. CONCLUSIONS: These data suggest that significant improvements can be made in peer social connections for children with autism spectrum disorders in general education classrooms with a brief intervention, and that these gains persist over time.

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Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccine is one of the most commonly administered vaccines worldwide. In countries with high tuberculosis (TB) prevalence, it is generally given shortly after birth. In a number of low TB prevalence countries, BCG is used as a travel vaccine, typically given to children outside the neonatal period prior to visiting regions where TB is common. In this setting, it is recommended that latent TB infection (LTBI) resulting from prior exposure to Mycobacterium tuberculosis is excluded by a tuberculin skin test (TST) before BCG immunisation. This is to avoid the risk of an accelerated local reaction that is more common in individuals who have LTBI. In addition, BCG immunisation in individuals with LTBI is unnecessary, as it does not provide protection against progression to active TB disease. We review and discuss current international guidelines and recommendations on the need to screen children for LTBI prior to BCG immunisation. Guidelines vary significantly regarding age-related cut-offs and additional selection criteria. This variation primarily reflects the lack of evidence on which to base recommendations. We suggest an alternative strategy using a risk assessment questionnaire to identify children who should have a TST before BCG immunisation. This targeted approach will reduce the number of children unnecessarily screened, whilst allowing the identification of those with LTBI, who need further evaluation and treatment. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
N2 - The aim of this narrative review is critically to evaluate educational strategies promoting physical activity that are used in the preschool setting in the context of obesity prevention programmes. Literature search was conducted between April and August 2010 in English and German databases (PubMED, PsychINFO, PSYNDEx, ERIC, FIS Bildung). Outcomes considered were time and intensity of physical activity, motor skills or measures of body composition. A total of 19 studies were included. Ten studies added physical activity lessons into their curriculum, one study provided more time for free play, eight studies focused on the social and play environment. Studies reporting positive outcomes implemented physical activity sessions that lasted at least 30 min d(-1). Several studies showed that children are most active in the first 10-15 min. The existence or installation of playground markings or fixed play equipment had no effect, whereas the presence or addition of portable play equipment was positively correlated with moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. Teacher training may be a key element for successful interventions. To overcome time constraints, a suggested solution is to integrate physical activity into daily routines and other areas of the preschool curriculum. 2012 The Authors. Obesity Reviews 2012 International Association for the Study of Obesity

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KW - Acceleration
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KW - Health Status Indicators
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OBJECTIVE: To determine the relationship between family child care home (FCCH) practices and characteristics, and objectively measured physical activity (PA) among children attending FCCHs. METHODS: FCCH practices and characteristics were assessed in 45 FCCHs in Oregon (USA) in 2010-2011 using the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care Instrument. Within the 45 FCCHs, 136 children between ages 2 and 5 years wore an accelerometer during child care attendance over a one-week period. Time spent in light, moderate, and vigorous PA per hour was calculated using intensity-related cut-points (Pate et al., 2006). RESULTS: FCCH characteristics and practices associated with higher levels of PA (min/h; p<0.05) included provision of sufficient outdoor active play [32.2 (1.0) vs. 28.6 (1.3)], active play using portable play equipment [31.7 (1.0) vs. 29.3 (1.4)], the presence of a variety of fixed play equipment [32.2 (1.0) vs. 28.9 (1.3)], and suitable indoor play space [32.2 (1.0) vs. 28.6 (1.3)], engaging in active play with children [32.1 (1.1) vs. 29.6 (1.2)], and receiving activity-related training [33.1 (1.2) vs. 30.3 (1.1)]. CONCLUSIONS: This is the first study to identify practices and characteristics of FCCHs that influence children's PA. These data should be considered when developing programs and policies to promote PA in FCCHs. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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T1 - Evaluation of infection control advice for patients at risk of chemotherapy-induced neutropenia in 2 pediatric oncology centers: Cape Town, South Africa, and Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK
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English
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KW - Antineoplastic Agents/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Cancer Care Facilities
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Female
Childhood cancers are treated with myelotoxic chemotherapy. Resultant neutropenia can lead to life-threatening infections. There is no consistent guidance on infection control precautions for neutropenic patients who are not yet febrile or infected. Although it is not possible to eradicate infection risk, it is conceivable that the risk could be reduced by effective infection prevention. This study compared infection control measures advised to pediatric and adolescent oncology patients receiving chemotherapy in 2 centers (Cape Town, South Africa, and Newcastle, UK). Prospective, observational, cross-sectional surveys of staff and patients/parents were undertaken using standardized, study-specific questionnaires. Seventy-eight staff and 56 patients/parents participated. Precautions advised in Newcastle were significantly different to Cape Town (all P < .05), except both agreed inpatient isolation was unnecessary. Over 40% of patients/parents felt isolation was important (P < .01). In Cape Town, staff and patients had similar views. In Newcastle, patients/parents had stricter opinions on particular precautions than staff, for example, attending school, playing outside and avoiding busy places (P < .01). Patient/parent responses were similar between centers. Over 90% of staff felt advising patients/parents about hand washing was important. Currently infection prevention advice is inconsistent. Further research is needed to elucidate effective guidance for infection prevention in pediatric neutropenic patients.

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T1 - Global malaria mortality between 1980 and 2010: a systematic analysis
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BACKGROUND: During the past decade, renewed global and national efforts to combat malaria have led to ambitious goals. We aimed to provide an accurate assessment of the levels and time trends in malaria mortality to aid assessment of progress towards these goals and the focusing of future efforts.

METHODS: We systematically collected all available data for malaria mortality for the period 1980-2010, correcting for misclassification bias. We developed a range of predictive models, including ensemble models, to estimate malaria mortality with uncertainty by age, sex, country, and year. We used key predictors of malaria mortality such as Plasmodium falciparum parasite prevalence, first-line antimalarial drug resistance, and vector control. We used out-of-sample predictive validity to select the final model. FINDINGS: Global malaria deaths increased from 995,000 (95% uncertainty interval 711,000-1,412,000) in 1980 to a peak of 1,817,000 (1,430,000-2,366,000) in 2004, decreasing to 1,238,000 (929,000-1,685,000) in 2010. In Africa, malaria deaths increased from 493,000 (290,000-747,000) in 1980 to 1,613,000 (1,243,000-2,145,000) in 2004, decreasing by about 30% to 1,133,000 (848,000-1,591,000) in 2010. Outside of Africa, malaria deaths have steadily decreased from 502,000 (322,000-833,000) in 1980 to 104,000 (45,000-191,000) in 2010. We estimated more deaths in individuals aged 5 years or older than has been estimated in previous studies: 435,000 (307,000-658,000) deaths in Africa and 89,000 (33,000-177,000) deaths outside of Africa in 2010. INTERPRETATION: Our findings show that the malaria mortality burden is larger than previously estimated, especially in adults. There has been a rapid decrease in malaria mortality in Africa because of the scaling up of control activities supported by international donors. Donor support, however, needs to be increased if malaria elimination and eradication and broader health and development goals are to be met. FUNDING: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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T1 - Societal values and policies may curtail preschool children's physical activity in child care centers
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES: Three-fourths of US preschool-age children are in child care centers. Children are primarily sedentary in these settings, and are not meeting recommended levels of physical activity. Our objective was to identify potential barriers to children's physical activity in child care centers.

METHODS: Nine focus groups with 49 child care providers (55% African American) were assembled from 34 centers (inner-city, suburban, Head Start, and Montessori) in Cincinnati, Ohio. Three coders independently analyzed verbatim transcripts for themes. Data analysis and interpretation of findings were verified through triangulation of methods.

RESULTS: We identified 3 main barriers to children's physical activity in child care: (1) injury concerns, (2) financial, and (3) a focus on "academics." Stricter licensing codes intended to reduce children's injuries on playgrounds rendered playgrounds less physically challenging and interesting. In addition, some parents concerned about potential injury, requested staff to restrict playground participation for their children. Small operating margins of most child care centers limited their ability to install abundant playground equipment. Child care providers felt pressure from state mandates and parents to focus on academics at the expense of gross motor play. Because children spend long hours in care and many lack a safe place to play near their home, these barriers may limit children's only opportunity to engage in physical activity.

CONCLUSIONS: Societal priorities for young children--safety and school readiness--may be hindering children's physical development. In designing environments that optimally promote children's health and development, child advocates should think holistically about potential unintended consequences of policies.
The reason for recess. Children who are more physically active may do better in school

Quantification and localization of EEG interictal spike activity in patients with surgically removed epileptogenic foci
OBJECTIVE: To demonstrate if interictal spike activity was localized within the resected area in surgically treated epilepsy patients; and if there is correspondence between the degree of localization and improvement after surgery. METHODS: We analyzed long-term EEGs from 34 patients. Interictal spikes were grouped in clusters and averaged according to morphology and topography. The relative contribution of each cluster to the total number of spikes in each patient was estimated. Dipole and distributed EEG source localization of each cluster was made. The percentage of spike activity localized within the site of resection (SR) during the onset was estimated. The relationship between the percentage of activity within SR and the surgery outcome was assessed. RESULTS: Fourteen patients had 90-100% of spikes within SR, 9 had 50-89%. Most patients with more than 50% of activity localized within SR were seizure free, while the 5 patients who had all activity localized outside SR were not seizure free. CONCLUSIONS: Localization of clusters containing the largest quantity of interictal spikes during onset generally corresponded to the likely location of the epileptogenic cortex. SIGNIFICANCE: Computer-assisted EEG source localization with our methodology can be a useful adjunct for the evaluation of candidates for epilepsy surgery. Copyright 2011 International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology. All rights reserved
The aim of this study was to assess levels of DDT and DDE in two environmental matrices (soil and dust) and to investigate the blood levels of these insecticides in exposed children living in a north Mexican state (Chihuahua) where DDT was sprayed several years ago during (1) health campaigns for the control of malaria and (2) agricultural activities. DDT and DDE were analyzed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. In general, lower levels were found in household outdoor samples. The levels in outdoor samples ranged from 0.001 to 0.788 mg/kg for DDT and from 0.001 to 0.642 mg/kg for DDE. The levels in indoor samples ranged from 0.001 to 15.47 mg/kg for DDT and from 0.001 to 1.063 mg/kg for DDE. Similar results to those found in indoor soil were found in dust, in which the levels ranged from 0.001 to 95.87 mg/kg for DDT and from 0.001 to 0.797 mg/kg for DDE. Moreover, blood levels showed that all of the communities studied had been exposed to DDT and/or DDE, indicating a general past or present exposure to DDT. It is important to note that the quotient DDT/DDE in all matrices was always >1. Whether the people living in our study area are at risk is an issue that deserves further analysis. However, applying precautionary principles, it is important to initiate a risk-reduction program to decrease exposure to DDT and its metabolites in people living in this area.
Exercise in air polluted by traffic emissions may aggravate airway inflammation in children with asthma, particularly those who produce decreased glutathione-S transferase (GST) as a result of GSTM1 gene deletion. OBJECTIVES: This pilot crossover study investigated whether children with asthma experience more airway changes when exercising outdoors near roadways than when exercising indoors. It also examined differences in risk between children with and without GSTM1 deletion. METHOD: Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years were assigned to groups and walked daily for 1 week in each exercise condition. Airway inflammation indicated by exhaled nitric oxide (eNO) and pulmonary functions measured as forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV1) and mid-expiratory flow rate were measured at baseline and at three intervals during the walking program. Independent variables of interest included walking condition (place), time of walking, genotype, and particulate matter (PM) exposure. RESULTS: A linear mixed models approach was used to investigate the contributions of targeted variables to respiratory outcomes. Results indicated that walking location and ambient level of ultrafine particulates during walking influenced function of small airways. Absence of one or both alleles for the GSTM1 gene did not influence airway function acutely. DISCUSSION: Mid-expiratory flow (FEF(25-75)) may be more informative than FEV1 in studies of acute lung function changes in children with asthma. Further study of the effects of varied environmental conditions on lower airway function of children is needed to optimize exercise experiences for urban children with asthma.
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T1 - Associations of birth weight and physical activity with sex steroids in preschool Japanese children
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KW - Birth Weight
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KW - Female
KW - Gonadal Steroid Hormones/ur [Urine]
KW - Humans
KW - Japan
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
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N2 - PURPOSE: We aimed to assess the association of body size at birth or physical activity with sex steroid levels, independent of body mass among young children. METHODS: The cross-sectional study was conducted in 2006. Subjects were 230 boys and 198 girls, aged 3-6 years. Birth weight was based on parents' reports. Questions about physical activity focused on outdoor playtime. Urinary estrone, estradiol, testosterone, and 5-androstene-3beta,17alpha diol (3beta,17alpha-AED) levels were measured by liquid chromatography-electrospray ionization tandem mass spectrometry. Urinary dehydroepiandrosterone level was measured with a radioimmunoassay. RESULTS: After adjustments for age and BMI, girls with lower birth weight had higher testosterone (trend p = 0.038) and 3beta,17alpha-AED (trend p = 0.028). Girls with low birth weight and high birth weight had higher estrone (p = 0.014) and estradiol (p = 0.074) than those who had middle birth weight. Boys who were physically active had lower testosterone (p = 0.028) and 3beta,17alpha-AED (p = 0.003) than those who were not active. Girls who were physically active had lower estrone (p = 0.015). CONCLUSIONS: Sex steroid levels in childhood might be affected by body size at birth or by physical activity during childhood. These effects might differ by sex
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Influence of parental history of hypertension on screen time and physical activity in young offspring

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KW - Hypertension/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
KW - New South Wales
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KW - Sedentary Lifestyle
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OBJECTIVE: Epidemiological data on the relationship between parental hypertension and lifestyle factors among children are limited. We assessed the associations between positive parental history of hypertension with a range of indicators of sedentariness (television viewing, computer and videogame usage) and physical activity (outdoor and indoor activity) among prepubertal children.

METHODS: Six-year-old (1765 of 2238 eligible) students from a random cluster sample of 34 Sydney schools were examined. Parents completed questionnaires about their medical conditions and the child's activities. If the biological mother and/or father had hypertension, then this was classified as positive parental history of hypertension.

RESULTS: Parents of 160 (9.2%) children gave a positive family history of hypertension. After adjusting for age, sex, ethnicity, parental education and employment and exposure to passive smoking, children with, compared with those without, a family history of hypertension were more likely to spend above the median time (hours/day) watching television and playing videogames [odds ratio (OR) 1.41, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.02-1.96; OR 1.52, CI 1.12-2.06, respectively]. The offspring of hypertensive parents were more likely to spend above the median time in total physical activity (OR 1.67, 95% CI 1.23-2.27). Maternal (but not paternal) hypertension was associated with increased time spent watching television (P = 0.03) and in outdoor activity (P = 0.01).

CONCLUSION: Parental hypertension influences the time that prepubertal offspring spend in both active and sedentary pursuits. These findings highlight potential factors that could be addressed in the development of cardiovascular disease-preventive measures starting early in life among the offspring of hypertensive parents.

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T1 - Impact and cost-effectiveness of family Fitness Zones: a natural experiment in urban public parks
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KW - Child
KW - Cost-Benefit Analysis
KW - Environment Design/ec [Economics]
KW - Environment Design/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Family
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Physical Fitness
KW - Population Density
KW - Propensity Score
KW - Recreation
KW - Residence Characteristics
KW - Urban Population
KW - Young Adult
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CY - England
N2 - We evaluated the impact of outdoor exercise equipment (FZ, Fitness Zones) in 12 parks serving diverse populations. We used the System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) to assess use and estimate energy expenditure prior to and twice after FZ installation. Park use increased more in FZ parks than in 10 control parks that did not get equipment, but the difference was not statistically significant. However, self-reports of being a new park user increased more in FZ parks, and estimated energy expenditure in FZ parks was higher at both follow-ups than at baseline. Installing Fitness Zones appears to be cost-effective (10.5 cents/MET increase) and most successful in parks in densely populated areas with limited facilities. Longer-term follow-up measures are needed to determine if the early increases in physical activity associated with the Fitness Zone installations are sustained. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
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Physical activity in child-care centers: do teachers hold the key to the playground?

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KW - Preschool
KW - Faculty
KW - Focus Groups
KW - Humans
KW - Interviews as Topic
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Play and Playthings
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N2 - Many (56%) US children aged 3-5 years are in center-based childcare and are not obtaining recommended levels of physical activity. In order to determine what child-care teachers/providers perceived as benefits and barriers to children's physical activity in child-care centers, we conducted nine focus groups and 13 one-on-one interviews with 49 child-care teachers/providers in Cincinnati, OH. Participants noted physical and socio-emotional benefits of physical activity particular to preschoolers (e.g. gross motor skill development, self-confidence after mastery of new skills and improved mood, attention and napping after exercise) but also noted several barriers including their own personal attitudes (e.g. low self-efficacy) and preferences to avoid the outdoors (e.g. don't like hot/cold weather, getting dirty, chaos of playground). Because individual teachers determine daily schedules and ultimately make the decision whether to take the children outdoors, they serve as gatekeepers to the playground. Participants discussed a spectrum of roles on the playground, from facilitator to chaperone to physical activity inhibitor. These findings suggest that children could have very different gross motor experiences even within the same facility (with presumably the same environment and policies), based on the beliefs, creativity and level of engagement of their teacher

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T1 - An observational study on socio-economic and ethnic differences in indicators of sedentary behavior and physical activity in preschool children
Objective: We studied associations between social disadvantage and indicators of sedentary behavior and physical activity at preschool age. Methods: Data from 4688 children enrolled in a birth cohort in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, between 2002 and 2006 were analyzed. Indicators of sedentary behavior (watching television > 2 h/day and sitting in a buggy > 0.5 h/day) and physical inactivity (playing outside < 3 h/day) were measured by a parent-reported questionnaire at age 3. Adjustments were made for social circumstances and indicators of health behaviors. Logistic regression was used to obtain odds ratios (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI). Results: Children with low-educated mothers (OR: 3.27, 95% CI 2.12-5.05) and non-Dutch children (OR(nonWestern): 2.67, 95% CI 2.04-3.49, OR(Western): 2.09, 95% CI 1.42-3.0) were more likely to watch television for at least 2 h/day. Similar results were seen for sitting in a buggy for at least 0.5h/day. Non-western children were more likely to play outside for less than 3 h/day (OR: 1.95, 95% CI: 1.39-2.73) than native Dutch children, while no differences were seen for other western children or children from mothers with a low educational level. Conclusions: Socio-economic status and ethnicity are already associated with indicators of sedentary lifestyles at preschool age. Copyright 2011. Published by Elsevier Inc.
BACKGROUND: Vigorous-intensity physical activity (VPA) may confer superior health benefits for
counts compared to moderate-intensity physical activity (MPA), but the correlates of MPA and VPA may
differ. The study purpose was to investigate associations between selected enabling, predisposing, and
demographic physical activity correlates, and MPA and VPA during weekdays and at weekends.
METHODS: Data were gathered from 175 children (aged 10 to 11 years). MPA and VPA were assessed
using accelerometers. Correlates were measured at child and school levels. Multilevel analyses identified correlates
that significantly predicted MPA and VPA. RESULTS: Gender significantly predicted weekday MPA (P <
.001), and weekend MPA (P = .022) and VPA (P = .035). Weekday VPA was predicted by gender (P < .001),
indices of multiple deprivation score (P < .003), BMI (P = .018), and school playground area (P = .046).
CONCLUSIONS: Gender was the most significant correlate of MPA and VPA. Children most likely to engage
in weekday VPA were boys with lower deprivation scores and BMI values, with access to larger playground
areas.
BACKGROUND: This study investigates the influence of school playground facilities on children's daily physical activity. METHODS: Participants were 594 school children measured at preschool (age 6 to 7 years) and 3 years later in third grade (518 children age 9 to 10 years) from 18 schools in 2 suburban municipalities in Denmark. Physical activity data were obtained using accelerometers. These were related to the number of permanent play facilities in school grounds and the school playground area (m2). RESULTS: The number of play facilities in the school grounds was positively associated with all measures of children's activity. In preschool every 10 additional play facilities the children had access to was associated with an increase in the average accelerometer counts of 14% ($r = .273, P < .001$) in school time and 6.9% ($r = .195, P < .001$) overall. For the children in third grade, access to 10 additional play facilities was associated with an increase in school time activity level of 26% ($r = .364, P < .001$) and an increase in overall activity level of 9.4% ($r = .211, P < .001$). School playground area did not affect activity levels independently of the number of permanent play facilities.
facilities. CONCLUSION: Increasing the number of play facilities in primary school playgrounds may increase the level of children's daily physical activity

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KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Immunoglobulin G/me [Metabolism]
KW - Infant
KW - Liver/pa [Pathology]
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KW - Young Adult
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N2 - Liver biopsy challenge and clinicopathological correlation Liver biopsy interpretation in inflammatory diseases of the bile ducts or chronic cholangiopathies may be challenging, especially for pathologists working outside referral centres, where there is a limited exposure to relatively uncommon conditions. In view of the importance of sampling errors resulting from the patchy distribution of pathognomonic bile duct injuries and the misleading absence of cholestasis in the early stages, there is a need to recognize surrogate markers and subtle changes, in particular the early periportal deposition of copper and mild biliary interface activity. Such findings may either constitute the first indication of a primarily biliary disorder or be supportive of a clinically suspected diagnosis. Histological changes common to chronic cholangiopathies are reviewed at the variable stages of development that patients may first present to clinicians. As awareness of the protean clinical manifestations is essential for histological interpretation, the major and distinctive anatomoclinical features of primary biliary
cirrhosis and primary and acquired sclerosing cholangitis are revisited, together with so-called overlapping syndromes and less common variants and associations, including more recently documented conditions, such as IgG4-related disease and the rarer multidrug resistance 3 deficiency. The review stresses the importance of evaluating histological changes in conjunction with clinical information. 2011 Blackwell Publishing Limited

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KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Fear/px [Psychology]
KW - Female
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Humans
KW - Interpersonal Relations
KW - Male
KW - Massachusetts
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Ohio
KW - Psychometrics
KW - Reproducibility of Results
KW - Residence Characteristics
KW - Safety
KW - Social Environment
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PURPOSE: To (1) assess the reliability of the newly developed Fears of Stranger Danger (FSD) scale, (2) examine measurement invariance and identify demographic variation in FSD, and (3) examine associations of FSD with physical activity, screen time, and body mass index (BMI) z score. DESIGN: Cross-sectional survey with test-retest. SETTING: Neighborhoods with various socioeconomic characteristics and walkability in San Diego, Boston, and Cincinnati. PARTICIPANTS: Parent-adolescent pairs (n = 171), and parents of children (n = 116). Response rate was 47% for Survey 1, and 69% were retained for Survey 2. METHODS: Data analyses included test-retest reliability and internal consistency for FSD, tests of differential functioning for measurement invariance, t-test for associations between FSD and demographic variables, and partial correlation for associations of FSD with physical activity, screen time, and BMI z score. RESULTS: The FSD scale had moderate to substantial test-retest reliability (intraclass correlation coefficient = .65-.85) and excellent internal consistency (Cronbach alpha = .88-.94). Measurement invariance was established across gender, race/ethnicity, and income. FSD was higher regarding younger children, females, nonwhites, and lower-income youth. FSD was positively associated with restrictive parental rules for playing outside (partial r = .28-.33), and negatively associated with children's outdoor physical activity in the neighborhood (partial r = -.27), but not associated with other measures of physical activity, screen time, or BMI z score. CONCLUSION: The new measure of FSD had good evidence of reliability and measurement invariance, but there were inconsistent associations of FSD with youth physical activity.
PURPOSE: To use Ecological Momentary Assessment with mobile phones to describe where and with whom children's leisure-time physical activity occurs. DESIGN: Repeated assessments across 4 days (Friday-Monday) during nonschool time (20 total). SETTING: Chino, California, and surrounding communities. SUBJECTS: Primarily low to middle income children (N =121; aged 9-13 years; \( \bar{x} = 11.0 \) years, SD =1.2 years; 52% male, 38% Hispanic/Latino). MEASURES: Electronic surveys measured current activity (e.g., active play/sports/exercise, watching TV/movies), social company (e.g., family, friends, alone), physical location (e.g., home, outdoors, school), and other perceived contextual features (e.g., safety, traffic, vegetation, distance from home). Analysis: Multilevel linear and multinomial logistic regression. RESULTS: Most of children's physical activity occurred outdoors (away from home) (42%), followed by at home (indoors) (30%), front/backyard (at home) (8%), someone else's house (8%), at a gym/recreation center (3%), and other locations (9%). Children's physical activity took place most often with multiple categories of people together (e.g., friends and family) (39%), followed by family members only (32%), alone (15%), and with friends only (13%). Age, weight status, income, and racial/ethnic differences in physical activity contexts were observed. CONCLUSIONS: The most frequently reported contexts for children's leisure time physical activity were outdoors and with family members and friends together.
Estimation of aggregate exposure and risk requires detailed information regarding dermal contact and mouthing activity. We analyzed micro-level activity time series (MLATS) of children aged 7-12 years to quantify these contact behaviors and evaluate differences by age and gender. In all, 18 children, aged 7-12 years, were videotaped while playing outdoors. Video footage was transcribed via Virtual Timing Device (VTD) software. We calculated the hand and mouth contact frequency, hourly duration and median duration of contact with 16 object categories. Median mouthing frequencies were 12.6 events/h and 2.6 events/h for hands and non-dietary objects, respectively. Median hourly mouthing duration was 0.4 min/h and 0.1 min/h with hands and objects. Median mouthing contact duration was 1 s and 1.5 s with hands and objects, respectively. The median object contact frequency for both the hands combined was 537.3 events/h with an hourly contact duration of 81.8 min/h and a median contact duration of 3 s. There were no significant differences in the mouthing activity between genders or age groups. Female children had longer and more frequent hand contacts with several surface types. Age was negatively correlated with hand contacts of floor and wood surfaces. Contact frequencies in this study are higher than current regulatory recommendations for this age group.
BACKGROUND: The concept of family quality of life is becoming increasingly important in family support programmes. This concept describes the quality of life of all family members and the family system as a whole, but only the opinion of the parents has been included. The opinion of the siblings has been incorporated in the opinions of the parents, although research has shown that there is discordance between parents’ and siblings’ reports. The principal goal of this study is to investigate how young siblings of children with intellectual disability define their quality of life as a sibling.

METHOD: As we were more concerned with understanding the experience of being a sibling from the siblings’ own frame of reference, we opted for a qualitative research design and more specifically used in-depth, phenomenology-based interviews. Data were sorted by means of a process of continuously comparing the codes according to the principles of grounded theory.

RESULTS: Siblings described the following nine domains as domains of sibling quality of life: joint activities, mutual understanding, private time, acceptance, forbearance, trust in well-being, exchanging experiences, social support and dealing with the outside world.

CONCLUSIONS: This study shows not only that siblings can define their quality of life, but also that this definition of sibling quality of life differs from the family quality of life concept. Therefore, it may be not only a valuable addition to the family quality of life concept but also an appropriate concept to describe siblings’ experience.

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BACKGROUND: Thromboelastometry (ROTEM) might be useful to detect intraoperative coagulation disorders early in major paediatric surgery. This observational trial compares this technique to standard coagulation tests. METHODS: Intraoperative blood sampling was obtained in children undergoing elective major surgery. At each time point, standard coagulation tests [activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT), prothrombin time (PT), and fibrinogen level] and ROTEM analyses (InTEM, ExTEM, and FibTEM) were performed simultaneously by trained hospital laboratory staff. RESULTS: A total of 288 blood samples from 50 subjects were analysed. While there was a poor correlation between PT and aPTT to ExTEM clotting time (CT) and InTEM CT, respectively, a good correlation was detected between PT and aPTT to clot formation time, and a very good correlation between fibrinogen level and FibTEM assay (r=0.882, P<0.001). Notably, 64% of PT and 94% of aPTT measurements were outside the reference range, while impaired CT was observed in 13% and 6.3%, respectively. Standard coagulation test results were available after a median of 53 min [inter-quartile range (IQR): 45-63 min], whereas 10 min values of ROTEM() results were available online after 23 min (IQR: 21-24 min). CONCLUSIONS: PT and aPTT cannot be interchangeably used with ROTEM() CT. Based on the results of ROTEM(), recommended thresholds for PT and aPTT might overestimate the need for coagulation therapy. A good correlation was found between the fibrinogen level and the FibTEM assay. In addition, ROTEM() offered faster turnaround times.
N2 - AIM: Increasing evidence suggests that overweight children are at increased risk of asthma. The association between weight gain and allergy is more complex. The aim was to evaluate the association between overweight or obesity and asthma, allergy, bronchial reactivity or atopic sensitization at school age in children with bronchiolitis in infancy. SUBJECTS AND METHODS: Eighty-one children hospitalized for bronchiolitis at <24 months of age attended control visits at 7.2 and 12.3 years of ages. The visits consisted of medical examinations, weight and height measurements, body mass index (BMI) calculations, skin prick tests and exercise challenge tests. BMI >1.3 SD from age- and gender-specific references meant overweight and BMI >2.0 SD obesity. RESULTS: Current or previous overweight or obesity did not increase the risk of asthma, allergy, bronchial reactivity or atopic sensitization at 7.2 or 12.3 years of age. Previous and current obesity decreased the risk of atopic dermatitis, and current overweight and obesity decreased the risk of sensitization to outdoor allergens at 12.3 years of age. CONCLUSION: Previous or current overweight does not increase asthma or allergy risk but current obesity may decrease allergy risk at school age after bronchiolitis in infancy.

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Whether people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) have a specific deficit when processing biological motion has been a topic of much debate. We used psychophysical methods to determine individual behavioural thresholds in a point-light direction discrimination paradigm for a small but carefully matched groups of adults (N=10 per group) with and without ASDs. These thresholds were used to derive individual stimulus levels in an identical fMRI task, with the purpose of equalising task performance across all participants whilst inside the scanner. The results of this investigation show that despite comparable behavioural performance both inside and outside the scanner, the group with ASDs shows a different pattern of BOLD activation from the TD group in response to the same stimulus levels. Furthermore, connectivity analysis suggests that the main differences between the groups are that the TD group utilise a unitary network with information passing from temporal to parietal regions, whilst the ASD group utilise two distinct networks; one utilising motion sensitive areas and another utilising form selective areas. Furthermore, a temporal-parietal link that is present in the TD group is missing in the ASD group. We tentatively propose that these differences may occur due to early dysfunctional connectivity in the brains of people with ASDs, which to some extent is compensated for by rewiring in high functioning adults. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
INTRODUCTION: Indoor air pollution may play an important role in development and exacerbation of asthma in children. OBJECTIVE: The association between the presence of indoor biological contaminants and respiratory symptoms related to asthma was assessed in preschool children. Materials and methods. This cross-sectional study was undertaken in Bucaramanga, Colombia, and included children <7 years of age living in two urban areas of with different levels of outdoor air pollution. The 678 children were an average of 3.5 years of age. Respiratory symptoms indicative of asthma and indoor air pollutants were assessed by previously validated questionnaires.. Biological samples potentially containing mites and fungi were collected by standardized...
laboratory methods. The log binomial regression model was used for multivariate analysis, using adjusted prevalence ratios (PR). RESULTS: The prevalence of asthmatic respiratory symptoms was 8.0% (95% C.I: 5.6-9.6), without significant differences between the two areas. Binomial model analysis showed that asthma symptoms were associated with mites (PR 1.78; 95% C.I. 1.0-3.0), Acremonium sp (PR 6.24; 95 C.I.: 3.8-10.0) and a history of child pneumonia (PR 4.0; 95% C.I. 2.5-6.4), allergic rhinitis (PR 1.9; 95% C.I.: 1.2-3.1), prematurity (PR 3.4; 95% C.I. 1.8-6.5), parents with asthma (PR 2.6; 95% C.I. 1.4-5.0) and pet ownership (PR 0.4; 95% C.I. 0.2-0.9). CONCLUSIONS: The indoor exposure to biological contaminants (dust mites and fungi), history of prematurity, pneumonia, rhinitis and family history of asthma increased the occurrence of symptoms suggestive of asthma in young children.

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While studies among adults implicate the amygdala and interconnecting brain regions in encoding emotional stimuli, few studies have examined whether developmental changes occur within this emotional-memory network during adolescence. The present study examined whether adolescents and adults differentially engaged the amygdala and hippocampus during successful encoding of emotional pictures, with either positive or negative valence. Eighteen adults and twelve adolescents underwent event-related fMRI while encoding emotional pictures. Approximately 30 min later, outside the scanner, subjects were asked to recall the pictures seen during the scan. Age group differences in brain activity in the amygdala and hippocampus during encoding of the pictures that were later successfully and unsuccessfully recalled were separately compared for the positive and negative pictures. Adolescents, relative to adults, demonstrated enhanced activity in the right amygdala during encoding of positive pictures that were later recalled compared to not recalled. There were no age group differences in amygdala or hippocampal activity during successful encoding of negative pictures. The findings of preferential activity within the adolescent right amygdala during successful encoding of positive pictures may have implications for the increased reward and novelty seeking behavior, as well as elevated rates of psychopathology, observed during this distinct developmental period.
To assess the relationship between impulsiveness and deviant behavior among 103 adolescents, taking into account their sociodemographic characteristics, the Barratt Impulsiveness Scale and a self-assessment measure with regard to disruptive and deviant behaviors which had occurred in the last 90 days were used. The results show that impulsiveness and disruptive behavior in the classroom were related to deviant behavior outside of the classroom. Therefore, age and sex explained the relationship between impulsiveness and behavior. The older adolescents and the girls showed less disruptive behaviors than the younger participants and the boys; both variables showed an interactive effect on disruptive behavior. The age at which sexual activity commenced and the number of sexual partners were also significantly related to impulsiveness and disruptive and deviant behavior. Similarly, impulsiveness was shown to have a significant relationship with disruptive and deviant behavior, and disruptive behavior was shown to have a significant relationship with deviant behavior.

Vernal keratoconjunctivitis (VKC) or Spring Catarrh is recurrent, chronic, allergic conjunctivitis occurring in prepubertal age-group during spring and summer season. Though this is a self-limiting disorder, it often leads to visual impairment due to secondary corneal complications if not treated during active stage of the illness. Apart from this, the illness is known to affect the productivity and quality of life in school going children due to absenteeism and limitations to outdoor activities. Knowing the clinical profile of disease would provide the evidence for developing, treatment protocol in coming years. Therefore a hospital based study was designed to see the profile of VKC. Total of 220 patients were enrolled in this study. Male to female ratio with VKC was found to be 4:1. Clinical presentation showed seasonal variation; 78.2% during the spring and summer season.
Bilateral involvement was seen in 100% cases, out of which 44.5% were limbal type. The best spectacle corrected visual status of better than 6/9 was in 96.4%, while 2.3% had vision less than 6/12. In 9.5% corneal involvement was seen as superficial keratopathy, while others, such as Shield ulcer, pannus, corneal scar, and keratoconus consisted of 8.3%. The disease is predominantly seen in male child with seasonal variation. Visual impairment is mainly due to involvement of cornea.

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KW - Adolescent
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - China/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Pesticides/po [Poisoning]
KW - Poisoning/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Rural Population
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: This study was to investigate the risk factors for pesticide poisoning among rural children in Guigang. METHODS: A 1:4 matched case-control study was conducted. A total of 78 rural children who were hospitalized or visited the out-patient clinic due to pesticide poisoning in Guigang from January to December in 2009 were recruited as cases, and 312 matched controls were recruited during the same time. The children's parents or guardians were surveyed with a questionnaire. The questionnaire including general information and 21 possible risk factors concerned in family structure, guardian status, educational level of parents, average annual family income, family and school health education and dangerous behavior in children. The data were analyzed by conditional logistic regression analysis. RESULTS: Three risk factors and five protective factors were identified significantly associated with pesticide poisoning in rural children. The risk factors included inappropriate deposit of hydrocomion and contaminated working clothes (OR = 3.529, 95%CI: 1.408 - 8.848),
playing outside frequently (OR = 2.846, 95%CI: 1.513 - 5.352), grandparents being children's guardian (OR = 2.187, 95%CI: 1.187 - 4.029). The protective factors included high frequency of guardianship (OR = 0.408, 95%CI: 0.205 - 0.811), knowledge for poisoning prevention (OR = 0.412, 95%CI: 0.224 - 0.758), washing working clothes in time (OR = 0.435, 95%CI: 0.212 - 0.893), taking health educational courses in school (OR = 0.448, 95%CI: 0.232 - 0.867) and teaching children non-access to toxic agents regularly (OR = 0.462, 95%CI: 0.227 - 0.939). CONCLUSION: Childhood pesticide poisoning accidence in countryside of Guigang was caused by multiple factors including children's risk behaviors, family factors, environmental factors and health education.

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T1 - Where they live, how they play: neighborhood greenness and outdoor physical activity among preschoolers
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KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Residence Characteristics
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Emerging empirical evidence suggests exposure to "green" environments may encourage higher levels of physical activity among children. Few studies, however, have explored this
association exclusively in pre-school aged children in the United States. We examined whether residing in neighborhoods with higher levels of greenness was associated with higher levels of outdoor physical activity among preschoolers. In addition, we also explored whether outdoor playing behaviors (e.g., active vs. quiet) were influenced by levels of neighborhood greenness independent of demographic and parental support factors.

RESULTS: Higher levels of neighborhood greenness as measured by the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) was associated with higher levels of outdoor playing time among preschool-aged children in our sample. Specifically, a one unit increase in neighborhood greenness increased a child's outdoor playing time by approximately 3 minutes. A dose-response relationship was observed between increasing levels of parental support for physical activity (e.g., time spent playing with children) and child outdoor physical activity (p < 0.01).

CONCLUSIONS: Consistent with previous studies, neighborhood greenness influences physical activity behavior. However, for preschoolers, parental involvement may be more critical for improving physical activity levels.

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N2 - Latino children spend more time in sedentary activities than other American children, and only ~1 in 5 Latino children in public elementary and middle schools meet all 6 fitness standards in statewide fitness testing. Schools that facilitate physical activity (PA) by maintaining playgrounds and providing physical education classes have children who are more active and less overweight. The aims of the present study were to examine the extent to which several social and physical environmental changes in school settings resulted in observed changes in area characteristics and children’s activity levels during recess. Thirteen elementary schools serving predominantly Mexican American children were randomized into control or activity and nutrition environmental intervention conditions. Playgrounds and activities were restructured in 6 intervention schools to promote more PA. After 1 y, there were no overall statistical differences between treatment groups in PA or sedentary behavior in these settings and results did not differ by gender. Changing the social and physical environments to promote children’s moderate-to-vigorous PA is important to the design of active and healthy recess environments. The present results are not conclusive as to the link between these interventions and actual behavior, but show sufficient promise for further population and setting specific research
activities in children. METHODS: The families are randomized after balancing socioeconomic and environmental factors in the Jyvaskyla region, Finland. Inclusion criteria are: healthy men and women with children 3-8 years old, and having an occupation where they self-reportedly sit more than 50% of their work time and children in all-day day-care in kindergarten or in the first grade in primary school. Exclusion criteria are: body mass index > 35 kg/m2, self-reported chronic, long-term diseases, families with pregnant mother at baseline and children with disorders delaying motor development. From both adults and children accelerometer data is collected five times a year in one week periods. In addition, fasting blood samples for whole blood count and serum metabolomics, and diurnal heart rate variability for 3 days are assessed at baseline, 3, 6, 9, and 12 months follow-up from adults. Quadriceps and hamstring muscle activities providing detailed information on muscle inactivity will be used to realize the maximum potential effect of the intervention. Fundamental motor skills from children and body composition from adults will be measured at baseline, and at 6 and 12 months follow-up. Questionnaires of family-influence-model, health and physical activity, and dietary records are assessed. After the baseline measurements the intervention group will receive tailored counselling targeted to decrease sitting time by focusing on commute and work time. The counselling regarding leisure time is especially targeted to encourage toward family physical activities such as visiting playgrounds and non-built environments, where children can get diversified stimulation for play and practice fundamental of motor skills. The counselling will be reinforced during the first 6 months followed by a 6-month maintenance period.

DISCUSSION: If shown to be effective, this unique family based intervention to improve lifestyle behaviours in both adults and children can provide translational model for community use. This study can also provide knowledge whether the lifestyle changes are transformed into relevant biomarkers and self-reported health.

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KW - Adipose Tissue
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BACKGROUND: Brown adipose tissue (BAT) has thermogenic potential. For its activation, cold exposure is considered a critical factor though other determinants have also been reported. The purpose of this study was to assess the relationship between neoplastic status and BAT activity by 2-deoxy-2-[(18)F]fluoro-D-glucose (18F-FDG) positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) in people living in the tropics, where the influence of outdoor temperature was low.

METHODS: (18)F-FDG PET/CT scans were reviewed and the total metabolic activity (TMA) of identified activated BAT quantified. The distribution and TMA of activated BAT were compared between patients with and without a cancer history. The neoplastic status of patients was scored according to their cancer history and (18)F-FDG PET/CT findings. We evaluated the relationships between the TMA of BAT and neoplastic status along with other factors: age, body mass index, fasting blood sugar, gender, and outdoor temperature.

RESULTS: Thirty of 1740 patients had activated BAT. Those with a cancer history had wider BAT distribution (p = 0.043) and a higher TMA (p = 0.028) than those without. A higher neoplastic status score was associated with a higher average TMA. Multivariate analyses showed that neoplastic status was the only factor significantly associated with the TMA of activated BAT (p = 0.016).

CONCLUSIONS: Neoplastic status is a critical determinant of BAT activity in patients living in the tropics. More active neoplastic status was associated with more vigorous TMA of BAT.

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Despite the availability of effective therapies, uncontrolled asthma remains a common problem. Previous large surveys suggest that exercise-related respiratory symptoms may be a significant element of uncontrolled asthma. The Exercise-Induced Bronchospasm (EIB) Landmark Survey is the first comprehensive, national survey evaluating EIB awareness and impact among the general public, asthma patients, and health care providers. This study was designed to evaluate the prevalence and impact of exercise-related respiratory symptoms in children (aged 4-17 years) with asthma. A national survey was conducted with parents of 516 children diagnosed with asthma or taking medications for asthma in the prior year. The majority of parents reported that their child experienced one or more exercise-related respiratory symptom and almost one-half (47.4%) experienced four or more symptoms. Most commonly reported symptoms were coughing, shortness of breath, and wheezing. Respondents reported that asthma limited their child's ability to participate either "a lot" or "some" in sports (30%), other outdoor activities (26.3%), and normal physical exertion (20.9%). Only 23.1% of children with exercise-related respiratory symptoms were reported to take short-acting beta-agonists such as albuterol "always" or "most of the time" before exercising. Exercise-related respiratory symptoms among pediatric asthma patients are common and substantially limit the ability of children to participate normally and perform optimally in physical activities. Such symptoms may reflect uncontrolled underlying asthma that should be evaluated and treated with appropriate controller medications. Despite the availability of preventative therapy, many children do not use short-acting bronchodilators before exercise as recommended in national guidelines.
In the last decade, awareness of the harmful effects of solar ultraviolet radiation has increased. Modern lifestyles, outdoor occupations, sports and other activities make total sun avoidance impossible. Children spend more time outdoors than adults and there is compelling evidence that childhood is a particularly vulnerable time for the photocarcinogenic effects of the sun. Sun exposure among infants and pre-school age children is largely depend on the discretion of adult care providers. It is important to learn safe habits about sun-safety behaviours during the childhood. Children deserve to live and play in safe environments, and it is the responsibility of every adult to help children stay safe. Protecting children from excessive sun exposure is protection from sunburn today and other forms of sun damages, especially skin cancers, in the future.
BACKGROUND: Sedentary behavior has negative effects on health. School recess playgrounds provide important settings and opportunities for children to engage in physical activity. The aim of this study was to describe the daily physical activity (PA) and physical activity during recess of Primary School children and the relationship with sex and age. METHOD: 783 children (379 boys and 359 girls; age=8.5±1.7 years; range 6 to 11) participated in the study. Daily PA of each child was measured using a validated questionnaire that was completed by the parents of each child, whilst playground recess PA was measured using accelerometry. An ANOVA was used to determine differences by sex in each age group with confidence intervals and effect sizes. Also MANOVA was used to analyse the main and interaction effects of age and sex on variables. The Scheffe post-hoc test was used for comparisons. RESULTS: Boys reported higher daily PA levels than girls across all age groups. The differences was bigger in seven (47.6±6.5 vs 42.6±6.4 MET/day; p<0.001), eight (48.5±8.6 vs 41.9±4.6MET/day; p<0.001) and nine years old (49.8±8.3 vs 44.1±5.9 MET/day; p<0.001). Measured recess PA was higher for boys compared to girls at age nine (28.4±12.0 vs 23.7±11.8 motion counts; p<0.039), ten (28.5±10.8 vs 23.7±10.0 motion counts; p<0.014) and eleven years old (24.6±12.2 vs 20.7±9.3 motion counts; p<0.047). CONCLUSION: Daily PA is higher in boys compared to girls across all age groups (six to eleven years old). On the other hand, recess PA was higher only in boys between nine and eleven years old.

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Children in food-insecure households may be at risk of poor health, developmental or behavioural problems. This study investigated the associations between food insecurity, potential determinants and health and developmental outcomes among children. Data on household food security, socio-demographic characteristics and children's weight, health and behaviour were collected from households with children aged 3-17 years in socioeconomically disadvantaged suburbs by mail survey using proxy-parental reports (185 households). Data were analysed using logistic regression. Approximately one-in-three households (34%) were food insecure. Low household income was associated with an increased risk of food insecurity [odds ratio (OR), 16.20; 95% confidence interval (CI), 3.52-74.74]. Children with a parent born outside of Australia were less likely to experience food insecurity (OR, 0.42; 95% CI, 0.19-0.93). Children in food-insecure households were more likely to miss days from school or activities (OR, 3.52; 95% CI, 1.46-8.54) and were more likely to have borderline or atypical emotional symptoms (OR, 2.44; 95% CI, 1.11-5.38) or behavioural difficulties (OR, 2.35; 95% CI, 1.04-5.33). Food insecurity may be prevalent among socioeconomically disadvantaged households with children. The potential developmental consequences of food insecurity during childhood may result in serious adverse health and social implications.
BACKGROUND: Declining levels of physical fitness in children are linked to an increased risk of developing poor physical and mental health. Physical activity programs for children that involve regular high intensity physical activity, along with muscle and bone strengthening activities, have been identified by the World Health Organisation as a key strategy to reduce the escalating burden of ill health caused by non-communicable diseases. This paper reports the rationale and methods for a school-based intervention designed to improve physical fitness and physical activity levels of Grades 5 and 6 primary school children.

METHODS/DESIGN: Fit-4-Fun is an 8-week multi-component school-based health-related fitness education intervention and will be evaluated using a group randomized controlled trial. Primary schools from the Hunter Region in NSW, Australia, will be invited to participate in the program in 2011 with a target sample size of 128 primary schools children (age 10-13). The Fit-4-Fun program is theoretically grounded and will be implemented applying the Health Promoting Schools framework. Students will participate in weekly curriculum-based health and physical education lessons, daily break-time physical activities during recess and lunch, and will complete an 8-week (3 x per week) home activity program with their parents and/or family members. A battery of six health-related fitness assessments, four days of pedometry-assessed physical activity and a questionnaire, will be administered at baseline, immediate post-intervention (2-months) and at 6-months (from baseline) to determine intervention effects. Details of the methodological aspects of recruitment, inclusion criteria, randomization, intervention program, assessments, process evaluation and statistical analyses are described.

DISCUSSION: The Fit-4-Fun program is an innovative school-based intervention targeting fitness improvements in primary school children. The program will involve a range of evidence-based behaviour change strategies to promote and support physical activity of adequate intensity, duration and type, needed to improve health-related fitness. TRIAL REGISTRATION NO: Australia and New Zealand Clinical Trials Register (ANZCTR): ACTRN12611000976987

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Asthma concerns more than 10% of 10-year-old children. Despite the similarities between adult and childhood asthma, the pediatric population presents some specific characteristics, notably in relation to exacerbations. Asthma in the newborn infant is a specific entity, the definition of which has recently been officially recognized. In exacerbations, the most important trigger factors are respiratory virus infections, the strain having prognostic importance. The indoor and outdoor environments are risk factors, particularly high levels of atmospheric pollution. Nutrients seem to play a prognostic role through vitamin D or food allergy. Measurement of exhaled nitric oxide and examination of induced sputum may help in diagnosis and adjustment of treatment but these tools are not yet effective as predictive factors in asthma exacerbations. Prevention, early management and continued education of children and their families remain the best methods to improve asthma control. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Masson SAS. All rights reserved

Is the environment near home and school associated with physical activity and adiposity of urban preschool children?

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Preventing sedentary behavior and adiposity in childhood has become a public health priority. We examined urban social and built environment characteristics as correlates of physical activity and anthropometry among 428 preschool children from low-income families in New York City. We measured the children's height, weight, skinfold thicknesses, physical activity by accelerometer, and covariates. We geocoded home and Head Start center addresses and estimated the following for an area within 0.5 km of those two locations using a detailed geographic database: neighborhood composition, walkability, crime and traffic safety, and aesthetic characteristics. Generalized estimating equations were used to examine the associations of area characteristics with physical activity or adiposity, adjusted for characteristics of the child, mother, and home. Participants were 2-5 years old, 53% female, 83% Hispanic, and 43% either overweight or obese. Of the walkability indicators, land use mix was associated with physical activity (26 more activity counts/minute per standard deviation increase in mixed land use, p=0.015) and subway stop density was associated with adiposity (1.2 mm smaller sums of skinfold thicknesses sum per standard deviation increase in subway stop density, p=0.001). The pedestrian-auto injury rate, an indicator of traffic safety problems, was associated with physical activity and adiposity (16 fewer activity counts/minute, p=0.033, and 1.0 mm greater skinfold thickness per standard deviation increase in pedestrian-auto injuries, p=0.018). Children living in areas with more street trees were more physically active and those living in areas with more park access had smaller skinfolds. However, many of the tested associations were not statistically significant and some trends were not in the hypothesized direction. Efforts to enhance walkability, safety, and green spaces in the local environment may be relevant to physical activity and adiposity, and therefore to the health of preschool-aged children from low-income families.
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N2 - The objective was to determine patterns and circumstances of childhood falls in a low-income setting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This cross sectional study is based on a household survey conducted in July 2009. A total of 3927 children up to age 18 from 1928 households in 15 sampled wards were surveyed through a structured questionnaire. The current study includes information regarding fall occurrence, socio-demographic and economic factors. Data were analysed using chi-square, t-test and logistic regression. Male children had 42% higher odds of falls compared to females, and rural residents had more than two times higher odds compared to urban residents. Falls occurred three times more among age group 1-4 and two times more among age group 5-9 compared to those between 15 and 18 years. Most falls occurred outdoors (62%) while playing (51%) with boys being over-represented. Females and children aged 1-4 years fell more from stairs whereas most infants fell from furniture. Male gender, younger age groups and rural residence were significant factors for fall injuries. The circumstances in which these falls occur also differ significantly. Intervention efforts should emphasise these patterns
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BACKGROUND: Compliance with occlusion therapy for amblyopia in children is low when their parents have a low level of education, speak Dutch poorly, or originate from another country. We determined how sociocultural and psychological determinants affect compliance. METHODS: Included were amblyopic children between the ages of 3 and 6, living in low socio-economic status (SES) areas. Compliance with occlusion therapy was measured electronically. Their parents completed an oral questionnaire, based on the "Social
Position & Use of Social Services by Migrants and Natives” questionnaire that included demographics and questions on issues like education, employment, religion and social contacts. Parental fluency in Dutch was rated on a five-point scale. Regression analysis was used to describe the relationship between the level of compliance and sociocultural and psychological determinants. RESULTS: Data from 45 children and their parents were analyzed. Mean electronically measured compliance was 56+44 percent. Children whose parents had close contact with their neighbors or who were highly dependent on their family demonstrated low levels of compliance. Children of parents who were members of a club and who had positive conceptualizations of Dutch society showed high levels of compliance. Poor compliance was also associated with low income, depression, and when patching interfered with the child's outdoor activity. Religion was not associated with compliance. CONCLUSIONS: Poor compliance with occlusion therapy seems correlated with indicators of social cohesion. High social cohesion at micro level, i.e., family, neighbors and friends, and low social cohesion on macro level, i.e., Dutch society, are associated with noncompliance. However, such parents tend to speak Dutch poorly, so it is difficult to determine its actual cause.

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AIM: The present study aims to ascertain whether there are seasonal variations in the occurrence of rhegmatogenous retinal detachment at the beginning of the 21st century, compare these results with seasonal variations observed in the literature for the 20th century, and determine whether current general lifestyle changes in terms of the increased use of visual media (TV, PC) and a decrease in outdoor activity influence seasonal patterns of rhegmatogenous retinal detachment. METHOD: A quantitative retrospective analysis of 2605 surgical protocols of retinal detachment repair procedures performed at the eye clinic of the Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, between 1998 and 2008 was carried out. RESULTS: Rhegmatogenous retinal detachment was diagnosed in 1490 cases and, as such, was the most frequently occurring type of retinal detachment during the selected period of time (p=0.001). A seasonal distribution was detected with statistically significant maximum and minimum incidences in July and October, respectively, (p=0.008). These results are consistent with the findings of large studies conducted in the 20th century that observed a maximum in the summer months and a minimum in the winter months. Furthermore, in the period between 2003 and 2008 significantly more rhegmatogenous retinal detachments were observed than from 1998 to 2002 (p=0.001). During school holiday periods 1.43% fewer rhegmatogenous retinal detachments were observed than had been estimated statistically. The increased number of hours of sunlight and increased average monthly temperatures had no significant impact on the occurrence of rhegmatogenous retinal detachment. CONCLUSION: Current changes in lifestyle in terms of the increased use of visual media and a decrease in outdoor activity do not appear to have influenced the seasonal variation in rhegmatogenous retinal detachment. Factors other than light intensity and average temperature that have not yet been evaluated appear to be the cause of these seasonal variations.
The aim of this study was to assess the feasibility, acceptability and potential efficacy of a physical activity program for preschool children. A 20-week, 2-arm parallel cluster randomized controlled pilot trial was conducted. The intervention comprised structured activities for children and professional development for staff. The control group participated in usual care activities, which included designated inside and outside playtime. Primary outcomes were movement skill development and objectively measured physical activity. At follow-up, compared with children in the control group, children in the intervention group showed greater improvements in movement skill proficiency, with this improvement statically significant for overall movement skill development (adjust diff. = 2.08, 95% CI 0.76, 3.40; Cohen's d = 0.47) and significantly greater increases in objectively measured physical activity (counts per minute) during the preschool day (adjust diff. = 110.5, 95% CI 33.6, 187.3; Cohen's d = 0.46). This study demonstrates that a physical activity program implemented by staff within a preschool setting is feasible, acceptable and potentially efficacious.
To better understand and promote youth physical activity (PA) it is important to determine settings and characteristics that promote or influence behavior. This study evaluated the utility of a multi-method approach (accelerometers plus direct observation) to better understand youth PA at recess. A total of 100 third through fifth grade children (52 males and 48 females) wore an Actigraph accelerometer during school recess for five consecutive days in both Fall and Spring. Trained observers coded PA behaviors at the same recess periods using the System for Observing Play and Leisure Activities (SOPLAY). Overall, gender comparisons based on both instruments indicated that boys were more active than girls. MVPA levels were higher during climbing/sliding activities (40-50%) and when the activity setting was supervised and equipped (30%). Both assessments indicated that boys were more active but the contextual data from the SOPLAY indicate that differences may vary according to the environmental context.


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Personal exposures and ambient concentrations of air toxics were characterized in a pollution "hot spot" and an urban reference site, both in Camden, New Jersey. The hot spot was the city's Waterfront South neighborhood; the reference site was a neighborhood, about 1 km to the east, around the intersection of Copewood and Davis streets. Using personal exposure measurements, residential ambient air measurements, statistical analyses, and exposure modeling, we examined the impact of local industrial and mobile pollution sources, particularly diesel trucks, on personal exposures and ambient concentrations in the two neighborhoods. Presented in the report are details of our study design, sample and data collection methods, data- and model-analysis approaches, and results and key findings of the study. In summary, 107 participants were recruited from nonsmoking households, including 54 from Waterfront South and 53 from the Copewood-Davis area. Personal air samples were collected for 24 hr and measured for 32 target compounds—11 volatile organic compounds (VOCs*), four aldehydes, 16 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and particulate matter (PM) with an aerodynamic diameter $\leq 2.5$ microm (PM2.5). Simultaneously with the personal monitoring, ambient concentrations of the target compounds were measured at two fixed monitoring sites, one each in the Waterfront South and Copewood-Davis neighborhoods. To understand the potential impact of local sources of air toxics on personal exposures caused by temporal (weekdays versus weekend days) and seasonal (summer versus winter) variations in source intensities of the air toxics, four measurements were made of each subject, two in summer and two in winter. Within each season, one measurement was made on a weekday and the other on a weekend day. A baseline questionnaire and a time diary with an activity questionnaire were administered to each participant in order to obtain information that could be used to understand personal exposure to specific air toxics measured during each sampling period. Given the number of emission sources of air toxics in Waterfront South, a spatial variation study consisting of three saturation-sampling campaigns was conducted to characterize the spatial distribution of VOCs and aldehydes in the two neighborhoods. Passive samplers were used to collect VOC and aldehyde samples for 24- and 48-hr sampling periods simultaneously at 22 and 16 grid-based sampling sites in Waterfront South and Copewood-Davis, respectively. Results showed that measured ambient concentrations of some target pollutants (mean +/- standard deviation [SD]), such as PM2.5 (31.3 +/- 12.5 microg/m3), toluene (4.24 +/- 5.23 microg/m3), and benzo[a]pyrene (0.36 +/- 0.45 ng/m3), were significantly higher (P < 0.05) in Waterfront South than in Copewood-Davis, where the concentrations of PM2.5, toluene,
and benzo[a]pyrene were 25.3 +/- 11.9 microg/m^3, 2.46 +/- 3.19 microg/m^3, and 0.21 +/- 0.26 ng/m^3, respectively. High concentrations of specific air toxics, such as 60 microg/m^3 for toluene and 159 microg/m^3 for methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE), were also found in areas close to local stationary sources in Waterfront South during the saturation-sampling campaigns. Greater spatial variation in benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (known collectively as BTEX) as well as of MTBE was observed in Waterfront South than in Copewood-Davis during days with low wind speed. These observations indicated the significant impact of local emission sources of these pollutants and possibly of other pollutants emitted by individual source types on air pollution in Waterfront South. (Waterfront South is a known hot spot for these pollutants.) There were no significant differences between Waterfront South and Copewood-Davis in mean concentrations of benzene or MTBE, although some stationary sources of the two compounds have been reported in Waterfront South. Further, a good correlation (R > 0.6) was found between benzene and MTBE in both locations. These results suggest that automobile exhausts were the main contributors to benzene and MTBE air pollution in both neighborhoods. Formaldehyde and acetaldehyde concentrations were found to be high in both neighborhoods. Mean (+/- SD) concentrations of formaldehyde were 20.2 +/- 19.5 microg/m^3 in Waterfront South and 24.8 +/- 20.8 microg/m^3 in Copewood-Davis. A similar trend was observed for the two compounds during the saturation-sampling campaigns. The results indicate that mobile sources (i.e., diesel trucks) had a large impact on formaldehyde and acetaldehyde concentrations in both neighborhoods and that both are aldehyde hot spots. The study also showed that PM2.5, aldehydes, BTEX, and MTBE concentrations in both Waterfront South and Copewood-Davis were higher than ambient background concentrations in New Jersey and than national average concentrations, indicating that both neighborhoods are in fact hot spots for these pollutants. Higher concentrations were observed on weekdays than on weekend days for several compounds, including toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (known collectively as TEX) as well as PAHs and PM2.5. These observations showed the impact on ambient air pollution of higher traffic volumes and more active industrial and commercial operations in the study areas on weekdays. Seasonal variations differed by species. Concentrations of TEX, for example, were found to be higher in winter than in summer in both locations, possibly because of higher emission rates from automobiles and reduced photochemical reactivity in winter. In contrast, concentrations of MTBE were found to be significantly higher in summer than in winter in both locations, possibly because of higher evaporation rates from gasoline in summer. Similarly, concentrations of heavier PAHs, such as benzo[a]pyrene, were found to be higher in winter in both locations, possibly because of higher emission rates from mobile sources, the use of home heating, and the reduced photochemical reactivity of benzo[a]pyrene in winter. In contrast, concentrations of lighter PAHs were found to be higher in summer in both locations, possibly because of volatilization of these compounds from various surfaces in summer. In addition, higher concentrations of formaldehyde were observed in summer than in winter, possibly because of significant contributions from photochemical reactions to formaldehyde air pollution in summer. Personal concentrations of toluene (25.4 +/- 13.5 microg/m^3) and acrolein (1.78 +/- 3.7 microg/m^3) in Waterfront South were found to be higher than those in the Copewood-Davis neighborhood (13.1 +/- 15.3 microg/m^3 for toluene and 1.27 +/- 2.36 microg/m^3 for acrolein). However, personal concentrations for most of the other compounds measured in Waterfront South were found to be similar to or lower than those in Copewood-Davis. (For example, mean +/- SD concentrations were 4.58 +/- 17.3 microg/m^3 for benzene, 4.06 +/- 5.32 microg/m^3 for MTBE, 16.8 +/- 15.5 microg/m^3 for formaldehyde, and 0.40 +/- 0.94 ng/m^3 for benzo[a]pyrene in Waterfront South and 9.19 +/- 34.0 microg/m^3 for benzene, 6.22 +/- 19.0 microg/m^3 for MTBE, 16.0 +/- 16.7 microg/m^3 for formaldehyde, and 0.42 +/- 1.08 ng/m^3 for benzo[a]pyrene in Copewood-Davis.) This was probably because many of the target compounds had both outdoor and indoor sources. The higher personal concentrations of these compounds in Copewood-Davis might have resulted in part from higher exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) of subjects from Copewood-Davis. The Spearman correlation coefficient (R) was found to be high for pollutants with significant outdoor sources. The R's for MTBE and carbon tetrachloride, for example, were > 0.65 in both Waterfront South and Copewood-Davis. The R's were moderate or low (0.3-0.6) for compounds with both outdoor and indoor sources, such as BTEX and formaldehyde. A weaker association (R < 0.5) was found for compounds with significant indoor sources, such as BTEX, formaldehyde, PAHs, and PM2.5. The correlations between personal and ambient concentrations of MTBE and BTEX were found to be stronger in Waterfront South than in Copewood-Davis, reflecting the significant impact of local air pollution sources on personal exposure to these pollutants in Waterfront South. Emission-based ambient concentrations of benzene, toluene, and formaldehyde and contributions of ambient exposure to personal concentrations of these three compounds were modeled using atmospheric dispersion modeling and Individual Based Exposure Modeling (IBEM) software, respectively, which were coupled for analysis in the Modeling Environment for Total Risk (MENTOR) system. The compounds were associated with the three types of dominant sources in the two neighborhoods: industrial sources (toluene), exhaust from gasoline-powered motor vehicles (benzene), and
exhaust from diesel-powered motor vehicles (formaldehyde). Subsequently, both the calculated and measured ambient concentrations of each of the three compounds were separately combined with the time diaries and activity questionnaires completed by the subjects as inputs to IBEM-MENTOR for estimating personal exposures from ambient sources. Modeled ambient concentrations of benzene and toluene were generally in agreement with the measured ambient concentrations within a factor of two, but the values were underestimated at the high-end percentiles. The major local (neighborhood) contributors to ambient benzene concentrations were from mobile sources in the study areas; both mobile and stationary (point and area) sources contributed to the ambient toluene concentrations. This finding can be used as guidance for developing better emission inventories to characterize, through modeling, the ambient concentrations of air toxics in the study areas.

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N2 - Personal dosemeters can play an important role in epidemiological studies and in radiofrequency safety programmes. In this study, a Monte Carlo approach is used in conjunction with the finite difference time domain method to obtain distributions of the electric field strength close to a human body model in simulated realistic environments. The field is a proxy for the response of an ideal body-worn electric field dosemeter. A set of eight
environments were modelled based on the statistics of Rayleigh, Rice and log-normal fading to simulate outdoor and indoor multipath exposures at 450, 900 and 2100 MHz. Results indicate that a dosimeter mounted randomly within 10-50 mm of the adult or child body model (torso region) will on average underestimate the spatially averaged value of the incident electric field strength by a factor of 0.52 to 0.74 over the frequencies of 450, 900 and 2100 MHz. The uncertainty in results, assessed at the 95% confidence level (between the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles) was largest at 2100 MHz and smallest at 450 MHz.
Infection with sorbitol-fermenting Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli O157:H- (sf STEC O157:H-) is rare, but emerging in Europe. The pathogen is typically isolated from paediatric patients with life-threatening haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS). It is unclear whether this observation primarily reflects the pathogen’s virulence or its complex laboratory diagnosis, not routinely conducted in diarrhoeal patients. In summer 2009, four boys living in the same suburb in Germany developed diarrhoea-associated HUS: three were infected by sf STEC O157:H- and one died. We conducted two analytical epidemiological studies, an extensive search for diarrhoeal cases in potentially exposed groups, and an environmental investigation. Outbreak cases were residents of the suburb diagnosed with HUS, sf STEC O157:H- infection, or both between 24 July 2009 and 25 August 2009. Overall, we ascertained eight cases with a median age of 4 years (range: from 8 months to 9 years). Stool screening of 220 persons led to the identification of only four additional cases: two asymptomatic carriers and two diarrhoeal cases. HUS was strongly associated with visiting a local playground in July, particularly on 16th July (odds ratio = 42.7, P = 0.002). No other commonality, including food, was identified, and all environmental samples (n = 24) were negative. In this localized non-foodborne outbreak, the place of likely infection was a local playground. Sf STEC O157:H- infection apparently limits itself rarely to diarrhoeal illness and progresses frequently to HUS. Therefore, detection of and response to this hypervirulent pathogen primarily relies on HUS surveillance.
N2 - PURPOSE: This study examined the psychometric properties of the Chinese version of the Affordance in the Home Environment for Motor Development - Toddler version (AHEMD-Toddler-C) for children developing typically (DT) or having motor delays (MD). METHODS: This was a methodology study. Parent-child dyads with DT (n = 106, mean age of 27.9 months) and with MD (n = 45, 23.6 months) were enrolled. For test-retest reliability, parents completed AHEMD-Toddler-C twice within 2 weeks. For convergent validity, correlations were analysed between AHEMD-Toddler-C and Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment Inventory (HOME), and between AHEMD-Toddler-C and family variables. RESULTS: Test-retest reliabilities for AHEMD were adequate except for Variety of Stimulation (VS) subscale. For convergent validity, the correlation coefficients between AHEMD and HOME were 0.44 (p <0.05). Two subscales of motor toys of AHEMD demonstrated convergent validity with Learning Material subscale of HOME and some family variables in children with MD. Inside Space subscale of AHEMD correlated with family variables. Outside Space (OS) subscale of AHEMD was not significantly correlated with HOME or family variables.

CONCLUSION: AHEMD-Toddler-C is a new measure option to explore the relationships between home environment and motor development in Chinese-speaking countries. Nevertheless, VS and OS subscales should be used cautiously.

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BACKGROUND: An increased prevalence of overweight/obesity among children has led to school district level policies to increase physical activity (PA) among elementary school students. Interventions are needed that increase activity levels without sacrificing time spent in academics. OBJECTIVES: We evaluated a policy implementation intervention for to increase in-school PA in elementary schools in Forsyth County, North Carolina, in a randomized study with a delayed intervention control group. METHODS: The study included third- through fifth-grade classrooms in eight elementary schools. Instant Recess was used to introduce 10-minute PA breaks in classrooms on schedules determined by teachers. Direct observation was used to measure activity levels, other student behaviors, and teacher behaviors related to PA in the classrooms. RESULTS: Twenty-eight visits to schools were made during the spring and fall semesters of 2009. At baseline 11% to 44% of intervention and control schools were engaged in classroom-based PA. PA increased from baseline to spring follow-up in intervention schools and was maintained the following fall. Control schools decreased PA from baseline to spring and increased PA once they began the intervention. Students in classrooms engaged in Instant Recess exhibited statistically significant increases in light (51%) and moderate-intensity (16%) PA and increases in time spent in on-task behavior (11%). Control schools experienced similar benefits after they began implementing Instant Recess. CONCLUSIONS: Instant Recess is useful for increasing PA and improving behavior among elementary school children. Additional research may be needed to understand how to create policies supporting classroom activity breaks and how to assess policy adherence.
Using simultaneous recordings of EEG and functional MRI (EEG-fMRI) in patients with focal epilepsy, recent studies have revealed insufficient sensitivity and a lack of correspondence between epileptic EEG foci and activation patterns in some patients. In this study of children with focal epilepsy, we explore whether sleep-specific activity (sleep spindles, K-complexes and vertex sharp waves) may increase the sensitivity of EEG-fMRI of interictal epileptiform discharges (IED). When considering the sleep-specific activity in a statistical model, it was possible to increase the statistical significance of the activated voxels inside of the expected source of the IED and to reduce the number of activated voxels outside of it. According to this study, it could be worthwhile to include sleep-specific activity into the model by analyzing EEG-fMRI data in epilepsy.
OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the prevalence and factors affecting the detection of active brown adipose tissue (BAT) in children and adolescents using (18)F-fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography.

STUDY DESIGN: A total of 385 positron emission tomography scans performed for various oncologic indications in 172 patients aged 5-21 years were reviewed. BAT activity was detected by visual inspection as present or absent in the neck, thorax, and abdomen based on its well-characterized and typical appearance and then quantified by comparing the (18)F-fluorodeoxyglucose activity in the cervical-supraclavicular depots with that measured in the liver. Clinical indices were recorded. RESULTS: The BAT detection rate was not significantly different between boys and girls (43.3% vs 45.3%). BAT activity was found most often in the cervical-supraclavicular depots. The highest percentage of patients with detectable BAT and the highest BAT/liver activity were in the 13- to 14.99-year age group in both males and females (P = .005). Body mass index percentile correlated inversely with BAT activity (P = .012). BAT activity did not correlate with outdoor temperature or clinical diagnosis. CONCLUSION: Under typical clinical imaging conditions, BAT is detected more frequently in children than in adults. BAT activity increases from childhood into adolescence, when it is detected in almost half of patients, and it correlates inversely with obesity, suggesting that BAT may play a prominent role in pediatric metabolism. Copyright 2011 Mosby, Inc. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND/PURPOSE: To investigate the month and day of the week of injury in common childhood activities using the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System database. METHODS: All emergency department visits 2002-2006 from bicycles/tricycles, scooters, playground equipment, swimming/water activities, skiing/snowboarding, trampolines, and skating were analysed. The NEISS weighted and stratified data set was analysed using SUDAAN software. Weekday and month of injury, gender, race, anatomical location of the injury, geographical location of injury, and disposition were tabulated. Simple variation by month or weekday was analysed using cosinor analysis; combined variation for both month and weekday was analysed by topographical analysis. RESULTS: There were an estimated 4.61 million emergency department visits for injuries from these activities in children in the United States. The average age was 9.5 years; there were 1.65 million girls (35.9%) and 2.97 boys (64.1%). Cosinor analysis demonstrated significant single peaks for month of injury for snow activities (January 27), trampolines (June 10), scooters (June 24), cycling (July 6), and water (July 12) activities. Double cosinor peaks were noted for skating (April 13 and September 12) and playground (April 22 and September 21) activities. Cosinor analyses demonstrated that the peak week days of injury were Monday for trampoline and snow activities, Saturday/Sunday for skating activities, Sunday for cycling, and Wednesday for playground equipment. There was no peak injury day for scooter or water activities. Topographical representation of paediatric injuries demonstrated that injuries from
slides most frequently occurred April-May on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and those on swings April-May all days except Tuesday. Monkeybar injuries were bimodal, with the spring peak on Wednesday-Thursday in April/May and the fall peak Tuesday-Friday in September. Rollerblade injuries occurred Saturday-Sunday from March/April; rollerskates on Saturday-Sunday in January-April, and skateboards Saturday-Monday in August-October and Sundays in April. CONCLUSIONS: These findings can be used to further guide childhood injury prevention programmes/campaigns and especially track improvements after targeted prevention programmes. Public parks and schools should check/correct the status of playground landing surfaces just before the bimodal peaks. Education campaigns reinforcing the need for bicycle helmets could be concentrated immediately before the increase in cycling activity - March on weekends and April/May for weekdays

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: Quantify moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and its correlates in preschool children during outdoor unstructured play periods using direct observation. METHODS: Cross-sectional data consisting of 204 observation periods collected from 51 four- and five-year-old children using the Observation System for Recording Physical Activity in Children - Preschool (OSRAC-P) at a preschool in southern
California, autumn and spring 2009-2010. Gender and BMI classification and OSRAC-P environmental codes were related to observed MVPA in multiple logistic regression models. RESULTS: Less than 21% of intervals were spent in MVPA overall. Boys and normal weight children engaged in higher intensity levels than their respective counterparts. More MVPA was associated with normal weight (OR=2.49-3.25, R(2)=3%), location (grass, playground, looping cycle path; OR=3.21-4.90, R(2)=4-12%), play context (ball/objects, wheel, open space; OR=2.78-8.51, R(2)=9%), and group composition (solitary, one-on-one; OR=1.34-2.08, R(2)=1%).

CONCLUSION: Open spaces located in playgrounds and grass fields, and activity-genic portable equipment, manipulative objects, and riding vehicles are some design and equipment features that appear to foster MVPA. Lowering play space density and engaging children through teacher prompts and teacher-arranged activities may further increase MVPA on playgrounds. Copyright A 2011 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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Medulloblastoma (MB) is the most common malignant pediatric brain tumor and a rare adulthood tumor. Twenty percent to 30% of patients relapses and displays a poor prognosis. The management of recurrent disease represents a medical challenge as salvage therapy with high-dose chemotherapy is disappointing. We report a pilot study of reirradiation and concomitant metronomic temozolomide of MB focal recurrence. Five patients from 10 to 27 years old at time of first diagnosis were treated initially with upfront radiation therapy at full dose. They relapsed focally and progressed under chemotherapy with a time recurrence ranged from 2 to 15 years after initial diagnosis. Patients were then treated with 3-dimensional conformal reirradiation focused on the relapsed disease with a median dose of 28 Gy (1.8 Gy per fraction) and concomitant temozolomide (75 mg/m²/d) alone or as part of a multidrug metronomic regimen. Five complete responses were obtained at the end of metronomic radiochemotherapy. The median follow-up was 28 months. At last follow-up, 3 patients progressed outside radiation field under maintenance chemotherapy, and 1 is free of disease. Only 1 patient relapsed in the reirradiation field. No neurological toxicity was observed. These results indicate a possible radiosensitizing effect of concomitant metronomic temozolomide with radiation therapy. This association could play a role in the management of high-risk MB patient with oligometastasis disease to increase local control.
PURPOSE. To identify environmental barriers and facilitators of children's physical activity and healthy eating in a rural county. DESIGN. Community-based participatory research using mixed methods, primarily qualitative. SETTING. A rural Oregon county. SUBJECTS. Ninety-five adults, 6 high school students, and 41 fifth-grade students. MEASURES. In-depth interviews, focus groups, Photovoice, and structured observations using the Physical Activity Resource Assessment, System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity, Community Food Security Assessment Toolkit, and School Food and Beverage Marketing Assessment Tool. ANALYSIS. Qualitative data were coded by investigators; observational data were analyzed using descriptive statistics. The findings were triangulated to produce a composite of environmental barriers and assets. RESULTS. Limited recreational resources, street-related hazards, fear of strangers, inadequate physical education, and denial of recess hindered physical activity, whereas popularity of youth sports and proximity to natural areas promoted physical activity. Limited availability and high cost of healthy food, busy lifestyles, convenience stores near schools, few healthy meal choices at school, children's being permitted to bring snacks to school, candy used as incentives, and teachers' modeling unhealthy eating habits hindered healthy eating, whereas the agricultural setting and popularity of gardening promoted healthy eating. CONCLUSIONS. This study provides data on a neglected area of research, namely environmental determinants of rural childhood obesity, and points to the need for multifaceted and multilevel environmental change interventions.
N2 - Community needle-stick injuries are important public health problem due to concern of blood-borne pathogen transmission. Purpose of this study was to describe circumstances related to non-occupational needle-stick injuries in Georgia. Data were collected from one outpatient clinic in Tbilisi. Medical records from 2002 to 2007 were reviewed. Blood tests were performed on HBV, HCV and HIV at first visit and 6 months after exposure. 25 (54.4%) study subjects were children playing in street/yard and being accidentally stuck by used needle. Most frequent circumstances related to needle stick among adult individuals were recapping or discarding used needle while taking care of family member needed home injections (12 cases). Eight participants (17.4%) reported accidentally stepping on used needle at sea shore. No infection with HIV and HCV were documented. Only one case of HBV infection occurred in female patient taking care of mother with chronic HBV infection. Study suggests that seroconversion for blood-borne infections after community needle-stick injuries is very low. Family members of patients receiving home injections should be informed about potential risks and advised using infection-control measures. Parents/teachers should be educated about the circumstances related to exposure to used needles among children.
BACKGROUND: The aim of the School site, Play Spot, Active transport, Club fitness and Environment (SPACE) Study was to develop, document, and assess a comprehensive intervention in local school districts that promote everyday physical activity (PA) among 11-15-year-old adolescents. The study is based on a social ecological framework, and is designed to implement organizational and structural changes in the physical environment.

METHODS/DESIGN: The SPACE Study used a cluster randomized controlled study design. Twenty-one eligible schools in the Region of Southern Denmark were matched and randomized in seven pairs according to eight matching variables summarized in an audit tool (crow-fly distance from residence to school for 5-6th graders; area household income; area education level; area ethnicity distribution; school district urbanity; condition and characteristics of school outdoor areas; school health policy; and active transport in the local area). Baseline measurements with accelerometers, questionnaires, diaries, and physical fitness tests were obtained in Spring 2010 in 5-6th grade in 7 intervention and 7 control schools, with follow-up measurements to be taken in Spring 2012 in 7-8th grade. The primary outcome measure is objective average daily physical activity and will be supported by analyses of time spent in moderate to vigorous activity and time spent sedentary. Other secondary outcome measures will be obtained, such as, overweight, physical fitness, active commuting to/from school and physical activity in recess periods.

DISCUSSION: A total of 1348 adolescents in 5-6th grade in the Region of Southern Denmark participated at baseline (n = 14 schools). The response rate was high in all type of measurements (72.6-97.4%). There were no significant differences between intervention and control groups at baseline according to selected background variables and outcome measures: gender (p = .54), age (p = .17), BMI (p = .59), waist circumference (p = .17), physical fitness (p = .93), and physical activity (accelerometer) (p = .09). The randomization and matched pair design produced equivalent groups according to central outcome measures and background variables. The SPACE for physical activity Study will provide new insights on the effectiveness of multicomponent interventions to improve adolescents' physical activity level.

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N2 - PURPOSE: This study aimed to characterize longitudinal age trajectories across 5 yr in the prevalence of free-time and organized physical activity participation among US youth by sex, race, and parental education. METHODS: Study participants were a nationally representative sample of youth, 9-13 yr old in 2002, who participated in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Media Campaign Longitudinal Survey. Baseline data were collected in 2002. Attrition for the next 4 yr resulted in an overall response rate of 23% by 2006 (n = 1623). The survey collected information concerning respondents' frequency of participation in free-time and organized physical activities outside school. Organized activities were defined as activities involving a coach, instructor, or other leader. Orthogonal polynomial contrasts were used to test for linear and quadratic trends in respondents' participation free-time and organized physical activity sessions during the previous 7 d over ages 9-17. Pairwise t-tests were used to determine whether age-specific estimates of participation rates differed significantly by sex, race, and parental education level. RESULTS: Free-time physical activity participation prevalence declined linearly from ages 9 to 17 in both sexes but also demonstrated a quadratic trajectory in boys, peaking at age 13. Organized physical activity demonstrated a quadratic trajectory and declined most notably after age 14 in both sexes. Free-time physical activity participation was lower in girls compared with boys between ages 12 and 16 (difference range = 12-17 percentage points). Both non-white youth and those with less educated parents had lower organized physical activity participation at most ages (difference range = 15-29 percentage points). CONCLUSIONS: Free-time and organized physical activity exhibit different trajectories between ages 9 and 17 and are subject to dissimilar demographic level variation
Number of mutations within CTL-defined epitopes of the hepatitis B Virus (HBV) core region is associated with HBV disease progression
The virologic determinants of progressive liver disease associated with hepatitis B virus (HBV) remain unclear. Previous investigations have associated HBV disease with specific mutations but this association may be confounded by HBV genotype, HLA haplotype of the infected individual or both. The association between non-synonymous mutations located within putative cytotoxic T-lymphocyte directed epitopes (CDE) of the HBV core region and disease states was investigated. Subjects infected with HBV were enrolled from a clinical cohort in Seoul, Korea, and HBV core gene sequences were analyzed for mutational patterns inside and outside of CDE with respect to subject demographics and HBV-related disease states. No specific mutation or pattern of mutations were associated with progressive disease states; however, individuals with cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma had greater numbers of non-synonymous mutations within CDE when compared to those with chronic HBV infection who were HBeAg positive (P=0.007 and 0.026, respectively). In conclusion, this study demonstrates that HBV disease progression is associated with viral escape mutations that are a marker of CTL activity. These data suggest that the number of non-synonymous mutations in the HBV core region may predict HBV disease progression better than any single mutation or pattern of mutations. Copyright 2011 Wiley Periodicals, Inc.
INTRODUCTION: Few studies have examined the correlates of objectively measured amounts of sedentary time and physical activity in young children. We evaluated the demographic, biological, behavioral, social, and environmental correlates of the amount of sedentary time and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) as measured by accelerometry in preschool-aged children. METHODS: We obtained baseline measurements of physical activity by using an Actical accelerometer among 337 preschool-aged children (aged 2-5) of overweight or obese mothers. For children, we defined sedentary time as less than 12 counts per 15 seconds and MVPA as 715 or more counts per 15 seconds. Body mass index of the mother and child (calculated from measured height and weight) and maternal physical activity as measured by accelerometer were included as potential correlates. Mothers self-reported all other potential correlates. We used multivariable linear regression analyses to examine correlates of the amount of sedentary time and MVPA. RESULTS: Children had an average of 6.1 hours per day of sedentary time and 14.9 minutes per day of MVPA. In multivariable analysis, boys (P < .001) had fewer minutes per day of sedentary time, whereas older children (P < .001), boys (P < .001), children in high-income households (> $60,000/y [P = .005]), and children who spent more time outdoors (P = .001) had more MVPA. CONCLUSION: Both modifiable and nonmodifiable factors were correlated with preschool children's amount of MVPA, which can be helpful when designing interventions for this age group. The lack of correlates for sedentary time indicates the need for further investigation into this behavior.

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Toxins and other health threats can cause health problems, whether they are present in the child's own home, other neighborhood homes where the child spends time, or common areas such as playgrounds. We assess the impact of where a child lives on the burden of lead poisoning. Statewide lead screening data was obtained from the Rhode Island Department of Health. Block group level indicators of old housing and poverty were obtained from the US Census. Of the 204,746 study children, 35,416 (17.3%) had a blood lead level > 10 µg/dL. The proportion of study children who were lead poisoned in each block group ranged from 0.0 to 48.6%. The proportion of study children with an elevated blood lead level increased from 8% among children living in block groups in the lowest quintile of poverty to 31% for those in the highest quintile for poverty. Old housing also had an important impact on the risk of lead poisoning. The proportion of children with an elevated blood lead level increased from 7% among children living in block groups in the lowest quintile for pre-1950 housing to 27% for those in the highest quintile for pre-1950 housing. The adjusted odds ratio was 1.64 for the highest quintile of poverty and 1.77 for the highest quintile of pre-1950 housing. The findings of this large, statewide study demonstrate the powerful impact of where children live on the risk of lead poisoning. The findings have important implications for understanding the problem of lead poisoning and for planning primary prevention programs.

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Parents who repartner after divorce must decide how to balance the potentially competing demands of their own desire for adult companionship and romance with the needs of their children for parental attention and affection. In this study, the authors assessed individual differences in divorced custodial mothers' orientation toward repartnering, characterizing it as a continuum, ranging from more child focused to more adult focused. Mothers who are more adult focused tend to be older, more educated, more likely to be employed outside the home, and exiting marriages of longer duration. In addition, using longitudinal data from in-home interviews, mothers who are more adult focused reported having lower rapport with their children, spending less time in joint activities with their children, and their children in turn reported lower rapport with their mothers. Levels of adult-focused orientation are relatively stable over time but increase when mothers become involved or interested in new partners. Using longitudinal diary data over a 2-year period, the authors demonstrated that mothers who are more child focused engage in more active management of emergent relationships in repartnered families and that adult-focused and child-focused mothers respond to different concerns. Whereas all mothers become more active in managing emergent relationships when both partner and child are resisting one another, mothers with greater child focus respond more to concerns of the child, and mothers with greater adult focus respond more to the concerns of the partner. Implications for intervention with divorced families are discussed.

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Direct observation of peer relating is potentially a sensitive and ecologically valid measure of child social functioning, but there has been a lack of standardised methods. The Manchester Inventory for Playground Observation (MIPO) was developed as a practical yet rigorous assessment of this kind for 5-11 year olds. We report on the initial reliability and validity of the MIPO and its ability to distinguish social impairments within different psychopathologies. We observed 144 clinically referred children aged 5;00-11;11 (mean 8.8) years with Externalising (n = 44), Internalising (n = 19), Autism Spectrum Disorders (n = 39) or Specific Language Impairment (n = 42), and 44 class-controls, in naturalistic playground interaction. Observers, blind to clinical diagnosis, completed the MIPO and the teacher checklist from the Social Skills Rating System (SSRS). MIPO items showed high internal consistency (alpha = .924; all 'alpha if item deleted' values>.91), inter-observer reliability (mean (w) = .77) and test-retest stability (over 2 weeks; mean (w) = .58). MIPO totals showed convergence with SSRS (n = 68, r(s) = .78, p<.01) and excellent discrimination between case and control (sensitivity = 0.75 and specificity = 0.88, AUC = .897).
Impaired groups showed distinct profiles of MIPO impairment consistent with theory: Internalising disorders less so. 65.3% of clinical cases were classified accurately for primary diagnosis. The MIPO shows reliability and validity as a measure of children's social functioning relevant in developmental research and as a clinical tool to aid differential diagnosis and intervention planning. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: In the Westernised world, numerous children are overweight and have problems with bullying and mental health. One of the underlying causes for all three is postulated to be a decrease in outdoor free play. The aim of the Sydney Playground Project is to demonstrate the effectiveness of two simple interventions aimed to increase children's physical activity and social skills. METHODS/DESIGN: This study protocol describes the design of a 3-year cluster randomised controlled trial (CRCT), in which schools are the clusters. The study consists of a 13-week intervention and 1 week each of pre- and post-testing. We are recruiting 12 schools (6 control; 6 intervention), with 18 randomly chosen participants aged 5 to 7 years in each school. The two intervention strategies are: (1) Child-based intervention: Unstructured materials with no obvious play value introduced to the playground; and (2) Adult-based intervention: Risk reframing sessions held with parents and teachers with the aim of exploring the benefits of allowing children to engage in activities with uncertain outcomes. The primary outcome of the study, physical activity as measured by accelerometer counts, is assessed at baseline and post-intervention. Additional assessments include social skills and interactions, self-concept, after school time use and anthropometric data. Qualitative data (i.e., transcriptions of audio recordings from the risk reframing sessions and of interviews with selected teacher and parent volunteers) are analysed to understand their perceptions of risk in play. The control schools have recess as usual. In addition to outcome evaluation, regular process evaluation sessions are held to monitor fidelity to the treatment. DISCUSSION: These simple interventions, which could be adopted in every primary school, have the potential of initiating a self-sustaining cycle of prevention for childhood obesity, bullying and mental ill health. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Australian and New Zealand Clinical Trials Registration Number ACTRN12611000089932

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In patients with medically refractory focal epilepsy who are candidates for epilepsy surgery, concordant non-invasive neuroimaging data are useful to guide invasive electroencephalographic recordings or surgical resection. Simultaneous electroencephalography and functional magnetic resonance imaging recordings can reveal regions of haemodynamic fluctuations related to epileptic activity and help localize its generators. However, many of these studies (40-70%) remain inconclusive, principally due to the absence of interictal epileptiform discharges during simultaneous recordings, or lack of haemodynamic changes correlated to interictal epileptiform discharges. We investigated whether the presence of epilepsy-specific voltage maps on scalp electroencephalography correlated with haemodynamic changes and could help localize the epileptic focus. In 23 patients with focal epilepsy, we built epilepsy-specific electroencephalographic voltage maps using averaged interictal epileptiform discharges recorded during long-term clinical monitoring outside the scanner and computed the correlation of this map with the electroencephalographic recordings in the scanner for each time frame. The time course of this correlation coefficient was used as a regressor for functional magnetic resonance imaging analysis to map haemodynamic changes related to these epilepsy-specific maps (topography-related haemodynamic changes). The method was first validated in five patients with significant haemodynamic changes correlated to interictal epileptiform discharges on conventional analysis. We then applied the method to 18 patients who had inconclusive simultaneous electroencephalography and functional magnetic resonance imaging studies due to the absence of interictal epileptiform discharges or absence of significant correlated haemodynamic changes. The concordance of the results with subsequent intracranial electroencephalography and/or resection area in patients who were seizure free after surgery was assessed. In the validation group, haemodynamic changes correlated to voltage maps were similar to those obtained with conventional analysis in 5/5 patients. In 14/18 patients (78%) with previously inconclusive studies, scalp maps related to epileptic activity had haemodynamic correlates even when no interictal epileptiform discharges were detected during simultaneous recordings. Haemodynamic changes correlated to voltage maps were spatially concordant with intracranial electroencephalography or with the resection area. We found better concordance in patients with lateral temporal and extratemporal neocortical epilepsy compared to medial/polar temporal lobe epilepsy, probably due to the fact that electroencephalographic voltage maps specific to lateral temporal and extratemporal epileptic activity are more dissimilar to maps of physiological activity. Our approach significantly increases the yield of simultaneous electroencephalography and functional magnetic resonance imaging to localize the epileptic focus non-invasively, allowing better targeting for surgical resection or implantation of intracranial electrode arrays.
Sam is a 27-month-old boy who you have followed since birth. He lives with his parents in a small resort town approximately 90 miles outside a major city. Both his parents are professionals in their late 30s and have been highly involved in his care since birth. At the 12-month visit, they were concerned about his difficulty regulating. He was not sleeping through the night and had significant difficulty with baths. His physical examination and growth were normal. His eye contact was good, although it was difficult to see him smile. He had 1 or 2 words and was beginning to walk independently. At the 15-month checkup, they continued to be concerned about his poor regulation. He napped sporadically, and he was very difficult to take out on errands as he did not like his car seat. He now had approximately 10 single words, was using his fingers to point, and very clearly waved "bye bye" as soon as you entered the room. At the 18-month checkup, they state that he has not yet learned the word "no." He will follow a 1-step command when he wants to but now has 15 single words without any combinations. He points for his needs and prefers to go barefoot constantly. His physical examination was again normal as was his growth. He is referred for a full hearing evaluation, which is also normal. The family was referred to early intervention, and he began receiving speech and language therapy and occupational therapy for his sensory challenges as well as a play group. At the 24-month checkup, his language continued to consist of single words—now approximately 30. When the parents do not understand what he wants, he will often tantrum and has started banging his head on the floor when frustrated. He has no repetitive behaviors and is starting to demonstrate imaginative play. Bath time has become increasingly challenging because he does not like the sensation of soap and the water temperature must be "just right." You refer the child to a Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician for evaluation and at 28 months he is seen. During his testing visit, he had decreased eye contact and followed his own agenda but improved significantly as testing progressed. As he got more comfortable, he began making good eye contact, social referenced, and exhibited joint attention with his parents and the examiner. He did not meet criteria for an autism spectrum disorder or specifically pervasive developmental disorder—not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS). He was given a diagnosis of mixed receptive and expressive language delay and
disruptive behavior disorder with sensory processing problems. The parents come to you a month after their evaluation visit asking you to give him a "listed diagnosis of PDD-NOS" that could be removed when he turns 3 years so that he may qualify for increased hours of services—up to 15 hours per week—as well as applied behavioral analysis therapy. A behavioral therapist through early intervention has told the family that he would benefit from this increased intervention, specifically applied behavioral analysis but the only way he can receive it is with a "medical diagnosis" on the autism spectrum. What do you do next?

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KW - Local Government
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N2 - BACKGROUND: States and school districts nationwide have enacted policies targeting youth obesity, but many policies lack specific requirements or enforcement language. Geographic disparities in youth obesity could worsen if policies are weaker in areas with higher obesity prevalence. PURPOSE: To determine if state or
district policy strength varies with youth obesity prevalence across Census divisions. METHODS: Policies in five domains related to nutrition and physical activity in schools were obtained from all states and nationally representative samples of 578 and 592 public school districts in the 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 school years, respectively. Policy language strength was rated on a 0-100 scale on both the state and district level. Regression models were used to determine if mean 2006-2007 strength scores, and changes in mean scores from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009, were associated with youth obesity prevalence across Census divisions. Analyses were conducted in 2010. RESULTS: State and district policies governing foods sold outside of school meal programs ("competitive foods") were stronger in 2006-2007 in the two divisions with the highest youth obesity prevalence (East South Central, West South Central). Furthermore, mean competitive food policy strength increased the most from 2006-2007 to 2008-2009 in these divisions. The West South Central had the weakest district physical education policies in 2006-2007, however, and was the only division in which average strength of district school meal policies decreased. CONCLUSIONS: State and districts in Census divisions with the highest youth obesity prevalence are taking steps to restrict competitive foods in schools, but many have not targeted other policy domains as aggressively. Copyright 2011 American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc.

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The purpose of this study was to examine the role of physical education in shaping physical activity patterns. Seventy-one Hispanic and African American elementary students participated in the study. Students attended one 30- and one 60-min physical education class weekly. Pedometer steps were used to estimate physical activity. Data suggest that students did not engage in enough physical activity on a daily basis to incur health benefits. There were significant step differences in 0-, 30-, and 60-min physical education days, with the most steps occurring on 60-min days. Results from the study suggest physical education may be an important source of physical activity for Hispanic and African American students, especially girls, and may influence participation in physical activity outside of class.
activities, fewer playground supervisors, and the 2-day suspensions. Simulations predicted most students would recommend a program maximizing student involvement combining prevention with moderate consequences. The simulated introduction of mandatory uniforms, surveillance cameras, and long suspensions reduced overall support for a comprehensive program, particularly among students involved as bullies or bully-victims. 2011 Wiley Periodicals, Inc

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BACKGROUND: Microsporidia are intracellular parasites responsible for human infections. Recently, there has been an increase in the incidence of microsporidial keratoconjunctivitis (MKC) affecting normal individuals worldwide. AIM: To determine the characteristics of MKC in an Indian cohort. MATERIALS AND METHODS: This is a retrospective, noncomparative, observational case series, involving patients with MKC between June and September 2009. Of the 24 patients identified, microbiological confirmation in direct smear was obtained in 22 cases and selected. Standard microbiological workup was performed in all the cases. We studied the demographics, predisposing conditions, antecedent treatment received before presentation, clinical characteristics, treatment offered, and resolution time with sequel. The management consisted of simple debridement and application of chloramphenicol ointment (1%) two times a day. RESULTS: Mean age of onset was 18.7 years (95% CI, 15.7-21.7; range, 11-36 s years). All patients gave history of prior outdoor activity and exposure to rain water/mud. Antecedent treatment comprised of Acyclovir eye ointment (45.4%) and antibiotic eye drop (27.3%) most commonly. Microsporidia were identified in Gram stain (81.8%), 10% potassium hydroxide mount (72.7%), modified Ziehl-Neelsen staining (36.4%), and Giemsa (18.2%). Majority presented as unilateral superficial keratoconjunctivitis with punctate epithelial keratitis. Mean resolution time was 9 days (95% CI, 7.9-10.2). CONCLUSIONS: MKC can occur in normal patients with exposure to rain and mud, related to outdoor activity often misdiagnosed as viral ocular infections. Strong clinical suspicion with proper microbiological evaluation helps to diagnose this commonly misdiagnosed condition.
OBJECTIVES: To outline the prevalence and disparities of physical activity among school-aged urban minority youth, causal pathways through which low levels of physical activity and fitness adversely affects academic achievement, and proven or promising approaches for schools to increase physical activity and physical fitness among youth. METHODS: Literature review. RESULTS: A large proportion of youth is insufficiently physically active. Estimates of population-wide levels of physical activity indicate that Black and Hispanic youth are less physically active than White youth, with disparities particularly evident for females. The population segments of youth with lowest levels of physical activity and fitness also have least access to school-based physical activity opportunities and resources. Physical activity affects metabolism and all major body systems, exerting powerful positive influences on the brain and spinal cord and, consequently, on emotional stability, physical health, and motivation and ability to learn. The cornerstone of school-based physical activity programs should be a high-quality physical education program based on national standards. Such programs are strongly recommended by the Task Force on Community Preventive Services as a way to increase physical activity and physical fitness among youth. CONCLUSIONS: Physical inactivity is highly and disproportionately prevalent among school-aged urban minority youth, has a negative impact on academic achievement through its effects on cognition, and effective practices are available for schools to address this problem. Increasing students' physical activity and physical fitness can best be achieved through a comprehensive approach that includes physical education, wise use of recess and after-school times, co-curricular physical activity opportunities, and bicycling or walking to and from school. 2011, American School Health Association
All children need to spend some time playing outdoors. In Northern European countries, schools are equipped with outdoor facilities where children can play during breaks between lessons. The Italian school system, oriented to a mnemonic learning approach, has attached a poor importance to the role of playing for kindergarten age children, and Italian kindergartens are not so well equipped for children's active play. Furthermore, Italian teachers and parents worried that while playing outdoors, children might catch a cold or hurt themselves, and discourage active play outside. The equipment of kindergartens' open spaces with wooden games, where children can play in the morning or after school, resulted in children's increased time of playing outdoors. These playgrounds are also used during vacation day time by children to play and in the evenings, for theatrical and animation events. Finally, watching over their children when playing, "forced" parents to talk to each other creating a social network.

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PERISCOPE has been implemented in 1094 children attending kindergartens in Denmark, Italy and Poland. The parents' and children's physical activity habits and attitudes assessed by a questionnaire filled by the parents. Overweight and obesity assessed by Cole's BMI cut-off points. Statistical analysis performed by chi(2) test and the test of proportion. Denmark shows the lowest rate (14.6 %) of overweight, followed by Poland (17.1%), while Italy shows the highest (21.2 %) (p < 0.0001). The Polish families show the highest rate of walking from home to kindergarten and back, followed by the Italians and, lastly, the Danish ones (p < 0.001). Almost all the Danish and Polish children, but only the 50.1 % of the Italians play outside (p < 0.001). During the weekdays, 34.9 % of Polish children, 22.2 % of Italians and 19.8 % of the Danish play outside more than one hour a day (p < 0.0001). During the weekend, 91.1 % of Polish children, 86.7 % of Danish children, but only 54.4 % of Italians play outside more than one hour (p < 0.0001). 53.5 % of Danish children, 31.9 % of Polish children, and 18.2 % of Italian ones practice sport (p < 0.0001). Danish children are the most active, the Polish are in the middle and the Italians are the least active. The difference in infrastructures (safety of walking streets, access to playgrounds/parks, etc.) can play an important role, in addition to cultural and social family characteristics, to the development of overweight.
The aim of this study is to develop and test a method to perform focus groups (FGs) and to elicit the subjective views of preschool-age children on physical activity and perceived kindergarten barriers to practice it. FGs have been held in three different kindergarten classes with 49 children who were 4-5 years old. Children were asked to draw themselves in their preferred way of playing and were asked few questions about their drawings to understand their behaviours and ideas. In class A and B, 67% and 75% of the children, respectively, drew sedentary plays (table and impersonation games). Children referred that the main obstacle to perform active games outside home/kindergarten was the parents' and teachers' perceived risk that they could be hurt or catch a cold. The children would like to have more table games in the kindergarten. 81% of children in class C drew active group games. All these children were well satisfied with their kindergarten environment and did not refer to any adults' fear regarding active play. This class teacher spent a lot of time to develop children's motor abilities through active games and often used the garden to let the children to play freely. The use of drawings to understand children's habits on physical activity has turned out to be a reliable and easy tool in preschool children. The different results obtained in the two children groups show the need to change the beliefs and the behaviours of teachers and parents who seem to be non-architectural "invisible" barriers to be knocked down. This protocol has been developed by ASL Brindisi within the framework of PERISCOPE's objective to develop new methodologies.
This paper presents a novel modular methodology for predicting a lost person's (motion) behavior for autonomous coordinated multirobot wilderness search and rescue. The new concept of isoprobability curves is introduced and developed, which represents a unique mechanism for identifying the target's probable location at any given time within the search area while accounting for influences such as terrain topology, target physiology and psychology, clues found, etc. The isoprobability curves are propagated over time and space. The significant tangible benefit of the proposed target-motion prediction methodology is demonstrated through a comparison to a nonprobabilistic approach, as well as through a simulated realistic wilderness search scenario.
BACKGROUND: The purpose of this study was to determine the effectiveness of Ready for Recess: an elementary school recess intervention targeting staff training (ST) and providing recreational equipment (EQ).

METHODS: Ready for Recess had 4 intervention schools: 1) EQ+ST, 2) EQ, 3) ST, and 4) control. Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) was assessed with accelerometers at the four schools in 257 3rd- to 6th-grade children. Random intercept models for overweight/obese (OWOB) and healthy weight (HW) for boys and girls separately, examined change in percentage of time spent in MVPA during recess across EQ+ST, EQ, and ST compared with the control from baseline to postintervention.

RESULTS: HW boys receiving EQ+ST increased MVPA by 19.4%, OWOB boys receiving ST increased MVPA by 4.5%, OWOB girls receiving EQ-ST increased MVPA by 6.0%, while HW girls receiving EQ decreased MVPA by 13.6% in comparison with the control.

CONCLUSIONS: Ready for Recess represents a possible means to increase MVPA in OWOB girls/boys, populations least likely to meet MVPA recommendations. However, the effect of the intervention was not uniform across all subgroups.
Girls' early pubertal timing has been linked in many studies to behavioral problems such as delinquency and substance use. The theoretical explanations for these links have often involved the girls' peer relationships, but contexts have also been considered important in some explanations. By integrating two theoretical models, the peer-socialization and the contextual-amplification hypotheses, we propose a contextual framework for explaining the link between early pubertal timing and external problem behavior in girls. We hypothesize that early developing girls engage in unhealthy, dangerous, and risky behavior under contextual conditions that promote access to older friends and opposite-sex relationships. Under other conditions it is less likely. We tested this integrated hypothesis in two studies conducted in Sweden. The first was a cross-sectional study with information about school and free-time friends in a community sample (N = 284). Early pubertal timing was linked to having older, more normbreaking friends outside of school, but not in school, thus suggesting that the school context interferes early-developing girls' selection of older peers. The second study involved both a longitudinal (N = 434) and a cross-sectional sample of girls (N = 634), where we examined a leisure setting that is known to attract delinquent youth. Results showed that early pubertal timing was most strongly linked to delinquency for girls who spent time in this context and were heavily involved with boys and peers. In sum, results from both studies supported our predictions that certain contexts would amplify the peer-socialization effect. Overall, we conclude that the integrated peer-socialization/contextual-amplification model satisfactorily explains the link between pubertal timing and external problem behavior.
Street connectivity, defined as how well streets connect to one and other and the density of intersections, is positively associated with active transportation in adults. Our objective was to study the relation between street connectivity and physical activity in youth. Study participants consisted of 8,535 students in grades 6-10 from 180 schools across Canada who completed the 2006 Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) survey. Street connectivity was measured in a 5 km circular buffer around these schools using established geographic information system measures. Physical activity performed outside of school hours was assessed by questionnaire, and multi-level regression analyses were used to estimate associations with street connectivity after controlling for several covariates. Compared to students living in the highest street connectivity quartile, those in the second (relative risk = 1.22, 95% confidence interval = 1.10-1.35), third (1.25, 1.13-1.37), and fourth (1.21, 1.09-1.34) quartiles were more likely to be physically active outside of school. In conclusion, youth in neighbourhoods with the most highly connected streets reported less physical activity outside of school than youth from neighbourhoods with less connected streets. Relationships between street connectivity and physical activity reported in this national study are in the opposite direction to those previously observed for active transportation in adult populations.
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N2 - OBJECTIVES: To explore the clinical and health-related quality of life (HRQoL) outcomes in children/adolescents with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) who required a therapy switch from immediate-release (IR) methylphenidate (MPH) and were initiated on Osmotic Release Oral System (OROS®) MPH. METHODS: Prospective, noninterventional study including patients (aged 6-18 years) with a confirmed diagnosis of ADHD who transitioned from IR MPH to OROS® MPH based on medical needs. Patients were transitioned to OROS® MPH and were followed for 12 weeks. Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder symptoms, functional outcomes, HRQoL, and tolerability were assessed throughout the study. RESULTS: 598 patients entered the intention-to-treat analysis. The mean OROS® MPH starting dose was 29.5 + 12.0 mg/day, increasing slightly to 33.5 + 13.2 mg/day at final visit. Compared with baseline, there were significant (all P < 0.0001) symptomatic, functional, and HRQoL improvements after transitioning from IR MPH to OROS® MPH as assessed by the Conners' Parent Rating Scale (from 29.0 + 10.5 to 19.5 + 11.1), Children's Global Assessment Scale (by 11.0 + 13.3), and Inventory for Assessing Quality of Life (ILC) LQ0-28 scores (parents' rating from 17.2 + 3.9 to 19.4 + 4.0; patients' rating from 18.7 + 4.0 to 20.5 + 3.9). Overall, no significant changes in quality of sleep or appetite were observed. More than 70% of parents and physicians rated the effectiveness of OROS® MPH as at least "good" and were at least "satisfied" with OROS® MPH. The most common treatment-emergent adverse events were insomnia and anorexia. No clinically relevant changes in body weight or vital signs were observed. CONCLUSIONS: In this naturalistic setting, transitioning from IR MPH to OROS® MPH, in patients who showed previously insufficient response and/or poor tolerability, was successful. Patients' and parents' HRQoL as well as burden of disease showed a clinically relevant improvement. OROS® MPH was generally safe and well tolerated
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N2 - PURPOSE: Spread of seizure activity outside the frontal lobe due to cortico-cortical connections can result in alteration in the cortex beyond the frontal lobe in children with intractable frontal lobe epilepsy (FLE). The aim of this study was to identify regions of reduced cortical thickness in children with intractable FLE.
METHODS: High-resolution volumetric T(1)-weighted imaging was performed on 17 children with FLE, who were being evaluated for epilepsy surgery, and 26 age-matched healthy controls. The cortical thickness of 12 patients with left FLE and 5 patients with right FLE was compared to controls. The clusters of cortical thinning were regressed against age of seizure onset, duration of epilepsy, seizure frequency, and number of medications.
KEY FINDINGS: In children with left FLE, cortical thinning was present in the left superior frontal, paracentral, precuneus, cingulate, inferior parietal, supramarginal, postcentral, and superior temporal gyri, as well as in the right superior and middle frontal, medial orbitofrontal, supramarginal, postcentral, banks of superior temporal sulcus, and parahippocampal gyri. In children with right FLE, cortical thinning was present in the right precentral, postcentral, transverse temporal, parahippocampal, lingual, and lateral occipital gyri, as well as in the left superior frontal, inferior parietal, postcentral, superior temporal, posterior cingulate, and lingual gyri. In children with left FLE, following exclusion of one outlier, there was no significant association between age at seizure onset, duration of epilepsy, seizure frequency, and number of medications with clusters of cortical thinning. In children with right FLE, age at seizure onset, duration of epilepsy, frequency of seizures, and number of medications were not associated with clusters of cortical thinning within the right and left hemispheres.
SIGNIFICANCE: Cortical changes were present in the frontal and extrafrontal cortex in children with intractable FLE. These changes may be related to spread of seizure activity, large epileptogenic zones involving both frontal and extrafrontal lobes, and development of secondary epileptogenic zones that over time lead to cortical abnormality. Further studies correlating cortical changes with neurocognitive measures are needed to determine if the cortical changes relate to cognitive function. Wiley Periodicals, Inc. 2011
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BACKGROUND: Some researchers have questioned if activity programs would be more effective if based outside school (e.g., community leagues) rather than within schools. This study compared participation in activity programs based within and outside of school, and estimated the associations between participation and moderate-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) among adolescent girls. METHODS: Within the Trial of Activity for Adolescent Girls, independent samples of 1559 6th-grade girls (age 11 to 12) and 3282 8th-grade girls (age 13 to 14) reported program participation using questionnaires. MVPA was measured using accelerometers. Linear mixed models accounted for school and site clustering. RESULTS: Sixth-grade girls reported 5 times as many programs outside school as within school (4.1 vs. 0.8); daily MVPA was 0.29 minutes higher (1.2% of the mean) for each additional program outside school. Compared with 6th-grade girls, 8th-grade girls participated in 1.3 fewer programs outside school, while programs' association with MVPA was unchanged. Conversely, school programs' association with MVPA was greater in 8th grade. Daily MVPA was 1.33 minutes higher per school program, and participation declined 0.13. CONCLUSION: Programs within and outside schools can both increase activity among adolescent girls. Intervention research should focus on increasing participation in school programs, and increasing movement during programs outside school.
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N2 - In Chile, in 1985 rabies was detected in insectivorous bats. Since then the epidemiological surveillance activities was extended to these species and the epidemiological pattern was characterized as endemic in bats. In this study we analyzed positive rabies cases in the Metropolitan Region between 2000 and 2009. We identified 325 cases of rabies in 11,472 analyzed samples. We determined an increase of positivity cases in bats between the years of the study. Places with the highest number of positives cases were Las Condes, Santiago, Providencia, Puente Alto and Nunoa. In 147 cases we identify the circumstances in which the bat was found: 89 inside, 45 outside the building and 13 in public spaces. In 39 cases there was contact with humans or animals. These results reinforce the relevance of educating the population against the contact with bats and allow health authorities to take early surveillance and control measures
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BACKGROUND: On November 4, 2009, the 250-bed Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH) identified a surge in its census—245 inpatients, well above the average midnight census of 207. In response, SCH activated its pandemic influenza surge plan in an effort to decrease the inpatient census. Within 16 hours, 51 patients (20.4% of total bed capacity) had been discharged, and inpatient census at SCH decreased to 222 patients. METHODS: As part of a quality improvement project, SCH's response to the surge was investigated, with data drawn from interviews, a review of records created in the course of the surge plan implementation, an e-mail survey of attending physicians responsible for patient discharges, and models examining predictors of hospital discharges. FINDINGS: Analysis of three years of hospital data (2007-2009) indicated that the high census on November 4 was an uncommon but not unprecedented occurrence. In addition, there was a clear positive association between an evening's census and the number of discharges during the following 24 hours. SCH discharged essentially the same number of patients on November 4 as on previous high-census days when the surge plan was not activated, suggesting that the surge plan did not succeed in creating excess discharges. CONCLUSIONS:
Increasingly, evidence indicates that care quality depends on the degree to which hospital resources are sufficient to meet demand. Reverse triage, at least as implemented by SCH on November 4, 2009, is unlikely to represent an effective solution to surge outside of a disaster setting because of its requirement for centralized decision making. SCH has incorporated the results of this review into the way that it collects and analyzes data, manages flow, and responds to inpatient surges.
BACKGROUND: Endotoxin exposure has been associated with asthma exacerbations and increased asthma prevalence. However, there is little data regarding personal exposure to endotoxin in children at risk, or the relation of personal endotoxin exposure to residential or ambient airborne endotoxin. The relation between personal endotoxin and personal air pollution exposures is also unknown. METHODS: We characterized personal endotoxin exposures in 45 school children with asthma ages 9-18 years using 376 repeated measurements from a PM2.5 active personal exposure monitor. We also assayed endotoxin in PM2.5 samples collected from ambient regional sites (N = 97 days) and from a subset of 12 indoor and outdoor subject home sites (N = 109 and 111 days, respectively) in Riverside and Whittier, California. Endotoxin was measured using the Limulus Ameobocyte Lysate kinetic chromogenic assay. At the same time, we measured personal, home and ambient exposure to PM2.5 mass, elemental carbon (EC), and organic carbon (OC). To assess exposure relations we used both rank correlations and mixed linear regression models, adjusted for personal temperature and relative humidity. RESULTS: We found small positive correlations of personal endotoxin with personal PM2.5 EC and OC, but not personal PM2.5 mass or stationary site air pollutant measurements. Outdoor home, indoor home and ambient endotoxin were moderately to strongly correlated with each other. However, in mixed models, personal endotoxin was not associated with indoor home or outdoor home endotoxin, but was associated with ambient endotoxin. Dog and cat ownership were significantly associated with increased personal but not indoor endotoxin. CONCLUSIONS: Daily fixed site measurements of endotoxin in the home environment may not predict daily personal exposure, although a larger sample size may be needed to assess this. This conclusion is relevant to short-term exposures involved in the acute exacerbation of asthma.
**OBJECTIVE:** Velo-cardio-facial syndrome (VCFS) is caused by a microdeletion of approximately 40 genes from one copy of chromosome 22. Expression of the syndrome is a variable combination of over 190 phenotypic characteristics. As of yet, little is known about how these phenotypes correlate with one another or whether there are predictable patterns of expression. Two of the most common phenotypic categories, congenital heart disease and cleft palate, have been proposed to have a common genetic relationship to the deleted T-box 1 gene (TBX1). The purpose of this study is to determine if congenital heart disease and cleft palate are correlated in a large cohort of human subjects with VCFS.

**METHODS:** This study is a retrospective chart review including 316 Caucasian non-Hispanic subjects with FISH or CGH microarray confirmed chromosome 22q11.2 deletions. All subjects were evaluated by the interdisciplinary team at the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome International Center at Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY. Each combination of congenital heart disease, cleft palates, and retrognathia was analyzed by Chi square or Fisher exact test.

**RESULTS:** For all categories of congenital heart disease and cleft palate or retrognathia no significant associations were found, with the exception of submucous cleft palate and retrognathia (nominal p=0.0325) and occult submucous cleft palate and retrognathia (nominal p=0.000013). CONCLUSIONS: Congenital heart disease and cleft palate do not appear to be correlated in human subjects with VCFS despite earlier suggestions from animal models. Possible explanations include modification of the effect of TBX1 by genes outside of the 22q11.2 region that may further influence the formation of the palate or heart, or the presence of epigenetic factors that may effect genes within the deleted region, modifying genes elsewhere, or polymorphisms on the
normal copy of chromosome 22. Lastly, it is possible that TBX1 plays a role in palate formation in some species, but not in humans. In VCFS, retrognathia is caused by an obtuse angulation of the skull base. It is unknown if the correlation between retrognathia and cleft palate in VCFS indicates a developmental sequence related to skull morphology, or direct gene effects of both anomalies. Much work remains to be done to fully understand the complex relationships between phenotypic characteristics in VCFS.

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KW - Male
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KW - Retirement/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
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BACKGROUND: The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Workforce on Congenital Heart Surgery undertook a second subspecialty Practice and Manpower Survey (2005, 2010) to obtain contemporary data.

METHODS: Preliminary research suggested a potential target group of 273 congenital heart surgeons, including 258 at 125 US centers and 15 at 8 Canadian centers. The web-based survey was sent to these surgeons, plus all individuals listing pediatric cardiac surgery on CTSNet. RESULTS: Two hundred forty-six responders included 213 active congenital heart surgeons, 16 retired congenital heart surgeons, and 17 surgeons in training. Retirement age was 63.5±7.5 years. Two hundred thirteen active congenital heart surgeon responders represent 78% of the original estimate. Their responses generated the following data: The mean age was 49.2±8.5 (range, 35 to 75 years). American medical school graduates included 159 of 201 respondents (79%). Years of postgraduate training was 9.7±1.7. One hundred ninety-seven (92%) respondents were certified in thoracic surgery by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS). Twenty-eight of 200 (14%) received their congenital heart surgery training outside the United States or Canada. One hundred forty-three of 190 respondents (75%) perform exclusively congenital heart operations; 31 (16%) perform exclusively pediatric heart operations. Of 186 respondents, 54 (29%) perform fewer than 100 major congenital heart operations per year, 78 (42%) perform 100 to 199 procedures, and 54 (29%) perform 200 procedures or more. Active congenital heart surgeons have been in their current positions for 9.3±8.6 years. Eight respondents are in their first year of practice. For 203 respondents, mean anticipated years to retirement is 16.1±7.6. Twenty-eight anticipate retirement within 5 years; 31 in 6 to 10 years. CONCLUSIONS: These data should help facilitate rational plans to meet workforce needs for an expanding patient population. Copyright 2011. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
Although street youth are at increased risk of lifetime pregnancy involvement (LPI), or ever becoming or getting someone pregnant, no reports to date describe the epidemiology of LPI among systematically sampled street youth from multiple cities outside of North America. The purpose of our assessment was to describe the prevalence of and risk factors associated with LPI among street youth from three Ukrainian cities. We used modified time-location sampling to conduct a cross-sectional assessment in Odesa, Kyiv, and Donetsk that included citywide mapping of 91 public venue locations frequented by street youth, random selection of 74 sites, and interviewing all eligible and consenting street youth aged 15-24 years found at sampled sites (n = 929). Characteristics of youth and prevalence of LPI overall and by demographic, social, sexual, and substance use risk factors, were estimated separately for males and females. Adjusted odds ratios (AORs) were calculated with multivariable logistic regression and effect modification by gender was examined. Most (96.6%) eligible youth consented to participate. LPI was reported for 41.7% of females (93/223) and 23.5% of males (166/706). For females, LPI was significantly elevated and highest (>70%) among those initiating sexual activity at <12 years and for those reporting lifetime anal sex and exchanging sex for goods. For males, LPI was significantly elevated and highest (>40%) among those who reported lifetime anal sex and history of a sexually transmitted infection. Overall, risk factors associated with LPI were similar for females and males. Among the total sample (females and males combined), significant independent risk factors with AORs >2.5 included female gender, being aged 20-24 years, having five to six total adverse childhood experiences, initiating sex at age <12 or 13-14 years, lifetime anal sex, most recent sex act unprotected, and lifetime exchange of sex for goods. Among street youth with LPI (n = 259), the most recent LPI event was reported to be unintended by 63.3% and to have ended in abortion by 43.2%. In conclusion, our assessment documented high rates of LPI among Ukrainian street youth who, given the potential for negative outcomes and the challenges of raising a child on the streets, are in need of community-based pregnancy prevention programs and services. Promising preventive strategies are discussed, which are likely applicable to other urban populations of street-based youth as well.

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KW - Chi-Square Distribution
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - China/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Humans
KW - Immunoglobulin E/bl [Blood]
KW - Inhalation Exposure
KW - Intradermal Tests
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Odds Ratio
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Rhinitis
KW - Allergic
KW - Perennial/di [Diagnosis]
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KW - Perennial/im [Immunology]
KW - Seasonal/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Seasonal/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Seasonal/im [Immunology]
KW - Severity of Illness Index
KW - Young Adult
BACKGROUND: The association between sensitizations and severity of allergic diseases is controversial.

OBJECTIVE: This study was to investigate the association between severity of asthma and rhinitis and degree of specific allergic sensitization in allergic patients in China. METHOD: A cross-sectional survey was performed in 6304 patients with asthma and/or rhinitis from 4 regions of China. Patients completed a standardized questionnaire documenting their respiratory and allergic symptoms, their impact on sleep, daily activities, school and work. They also underwent skin prick tests with 13 common aeroallergens. Among the recruited subjects, 2268 provided blood samples for serum measurement of specific IgE (sIgE) against 16 common aeroallergens. RESULTS: Significantly higher percentage of patients with moderate-severe intermittent rhinitis were sensitized to outdoor allergens while percentage of patients sensitized to indoor allergens was increased with increasing severity of asthma. Moderate-severe intermittent rhinitis was associated with the skin wheal size and the level of sIgE to Artemisia vulgaris and Ambrosia artemisifolia (p < 0.001). Moderate-severe asthma was associated with increasing wheal size and sIgE response to Dermatophagoides (D.) pteronyssinus and D. farinae (p < 0.001). Moderate-severe rhinitis and asthma were also associated with increase in number of positive skin prick test and sIgE. CONCLUSIONS: Artemisia vulgaris and Ambrosia artemisifolia sensitizations are associated with the severity of intermittent rhinitis and D. pteronyssinus and D. farinae sensitizations are associated with increasing severity of asthma in China. Increase in number of allergens the patients are sensitized to may also increase the severity of rhinitis and asthma.
Three methodologies to assess As bioaccessibility were evaluated using playground soil collected from 16 playgrounds in Madrid, Spain: two (Simplified Bioaccessibility Extraction Test: SBET, and hydrochloric acid-extraction: HCl) assess gastric-only bioaccessibility and the third (Physiologically Based Extraction Test: PBET) evaluates mouth-gastric-intestinal bioaccessibility. Aqua regia-extractable (pseudo total) As contents, which are routinely employed in risk assessments, were used as the reference to establish the following percentages of bioaccessibility: SBET-63.1; HCl-51.8; PBET-41.6, the highest values associated with the gastric-only extractions. For Madrid playground soils--characterised by a very uniform, weakly alkaline pH, and low Fe oxide and organic matter contents--the statistical analysis of the results indicates that, in contrast with other studies, the highest percentage of As in the samples was bound to carbonates and/or present as calcium arsenate. As opposed to the As bound to Fe oxides, this As is readily released in the gastric environment as the carbonate matrix is decomposed and calcium arsenate is dissolved, but some of it is subsequently sequestered in unavailable forms as the pH is raised to 5.5 to mimic intestinal conditions. The HCl extraction can be used as a simple and reliable (i.e. low residual standard error) proxy for the more expensive, time consuming, and error-prone PBET methodology. The HCl method would essentially halve the estimate of carcinogenic risk for children playing in Madrid playground soils, providing a more representative value of associated risk than the pseudo-total concentrations used at present.
BACKGROUND: School-based interventions are thought to be the most universally applicable and effective way to counteract low physical activity (PA) and fitness although there is controversy about the optimal strategy to intervene. OBJECTIVES: The objective of this review was to summarise recent reviews that aimed to increase PA or fitness in youth and carry out a systematic review of new intervention studies.

METHODS: Relevant systematic reviews and original controlled and randomised controlled school-based trials with a PA or fitness outcome measure, a duration of >12 weeks, a sufficient quality and involvement of a healthy population aged 6-18 years that were published from 2007 to 2010 were included. Results In these reviews, 47-65% of trials were found to be effective. The effect was mostly seen in school-related PA while effects outside school were often not observed or assessed. CONCLUSIONS: The school-based application of multicomponent intervention strategies was the most consistent, promising strategy, while controversy existed regarding the effectiveness of family involvement, focus on healthy populations at increased risk or duration and intensity of the intervention. All 20 trials in the review update showed a positive effect on in-school, out-of-school or overall PA, and 6 of 11 studies showed an increase in fitness. Taking into consideration both assessment quality and public health relevance, multicomponent approaches in children including family components showed the highest level of evidence for increasing overall PA. This review confirms the public health potential of high quality, school-based PA interventions for increasing PA and possibly fitness in healthy youth.
BACKGROUND: School recess provides a daily opportunity for physical activity engagement. The purpose of this study was to examine physical activity levels during recess by gender, ethnicity, and grade, and establish the contribution of recess to daily school physical activity levels. METHODS: Two hundred and ten children (45% boys) from grades 3 to 6 in 4 elementary schools had their physical activity during school quantified using uni-axial accelerometry every 5 seconds for 5 consecutive school days. Data were collected in fall 2009. The proportion of time spent engaged in physical activity during daily school recess was determined using existing age-appropriate cutpoints. The relative contribution of recess to school day physical activity was also determined. RESULTS: Boys were more active than girls during recess. Girls engaged in more sedentary activity than boys. No main effects for ethnicity were observed. Children in grades 3 and 5 were more active than children in grades 4 and 6. Recess contributed 17.9% and 15.5% toward boys' and girls' school day moderate-to-vigorous physical activity, respectively. CONCLUSION: Children engaged in physical activity during recess, though interventions may be needed to increase the intensity of activity in this context. 2011, American School Health Association
BACKGROUND: Physical activity is essential for optimal physical and psychological health but substantial declines in children's activity levels have occurred in New Zealand and internationally. Children's independent mobility (i.e., outdoor play and traveling to destinations unsupervised), an integral component of physical activity in childhood, has also declined radically in recent decades. Safety-conscious parenting practices, car reliance and auto-centric urban design have converged to produce children living increasingly sedentary lives. This research investigates how urban neighborhood environments can support or enable or restrict children's independent mobility, thereby influencing physical activity accumulation and participation in daily life. METHODS/DESIGN: The study is located in six Auckland, New Zealand neighborhoods, diverse in terms of urban design attributes, particularly residential density. Participants comprise 160 children aged 9-11 years and their parents/caregivers. Objective measures (global positioning systems, accelerometers, geographical information systems, observational audits) assessed children's independent mobility and physical activity, neighborhood infrastructure, and streetscape attributes. Parent and child neighborhood perceptions and experiences were assessed using qualitative research methods. DISCUSSION: This study is one of the first internationally to examine the association of specific urban design attributes with child independent mobility. Using robust, appropriate, and best practice objective measures, this study provides robust epidemiological information regarding the relationships between the built environment and health outcomes for this population.
OBJECTIVE: A physician group in a pediatric intensive care unit faced challenges when moving to a larger unit. Challenges included increased time for rounds, nonbillable attending physician hours, poor communication with pediatric intensive care unit staff, and meeting resident physician duty hours and teaching requirements. The purpose of this analysis was to identify waste and opportunities for improvement to improve physician efficiency. DESIGN: Human factor (observational data collection) techniques were used to capture >60 hrs of rounding data. Twelve attending physicians and their rounding teams were shadowed to capture rounds on 130 pediatric intensive care unit patients. Rounding events, times, and patient interactions were recorded. Lean methods and scenario analysis were used to analyze the data and identify opportunities for improvement. Rounding events were categorized to determine value-added and nonvalue-added activities. Value-added activities were subclassified as essential or nonessential to morning rounds. SETTING: Thirty-bed pediatric intensive care unit in a children's hospital with academic affiliation. PATIENTS OR SUBJECTS: Eight attending pediatric intensivists and their physician rounding teams. INTERVENTIONS: Eight attending physician-led rounding teams were observed for 12 rounding events and a total of 130 patient contacts. MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS: Large variation existed in the rounding process. Nonessential activities was highly correlated with physician preference and created a wide range in rounding time per patient. Essential activities showed the least variation and represents a "lean process." Scenario analysis was used to determine the impact of removing waste and reallocating the nonessential activities outside of rounds. Results of the analysis indicated that rounds could be reduced by 42% and that plan of care completion would be timelier (decreased from a mean of 157 to 82 mins). CONCLUSIONS: In a large physician group, essential activities showed the least variation. Practice variation focused on minimizing nonessential activities could have dramatic impacts on standardizing practice. Further study is indicated to determine whether standardizing rounds to focus on essential activities can lead to more effective processes that require fewer resources while improving outcomes for all stakeholders.
OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the prevalence and predictors of vitamin D insufficiency (VDI) in children in Great Britain. DESIGN: A nationally representative cross-sectional study survey of children (1102) aged 4-18 years (999 white, 570 male) living in private households (January 1997-1998). Interventions provided information about dietary habits, physical activity, socio-demographics, and blood sample. Outcome measures were vitamin D insufficiency (<50 nmol/L). RESULTS: Vitamin D levels (mean = 62.1 nmol/L, 95%CI 60.4-63.7) were insufficient in 35%, and decreased with age in both sexes (p<0.001). Young People living between 53-59 degrees latitude had lower levels (compared with 50-53 degrees, p = 0.045). Dietary intake and gender had no effect on vitamin D status. A logistic regression model showed increased risk of VDI in the following: adolescents (14-18 years old), odds ratio (OR) = 3.6 (95%CI 1.8-7.2) compared with younger children (4-8 years); non white children (OR = 37 [95%CI 15-90]); blood levels taken December-May (OR = 6.5 [95%CI 4.3-10.1]); on income support (OR = 2.2 [95%CI 1.3-3.9]); not taking vitamin D supplementation (OR = 3.7 [95%CI 1.4-9.8]); being overweight (OR 1.6 [95%CI 1.0-2.5]); <1/2 hour outdoor exercise/day/week (OR = 1.5 [95%CI 1.0-2.3]); watched >2.5 hours of TV/day/week (OR = 1.6[95%CI 1.0-2.4]). CONCLUSION: We confirm a previously under-recognised risk of VDI in adolescents. The marked higher risk for VDI in non-white children suggests they should be targeted in any preventative strategies. The association of higher risk of VDI among children who exercised less outdoors, watched more TV and were overweight highlights potentially
modifiable risk factors. Clearer guidelines and an increased awareness especially in adolescents are needed, as there are no recommendations for vitamin D supplementation in older children

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KW - Environmental Exposure/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Environmental Exposure/st [Standards]
KW - Facility Design and Construction/ec [Economics]
KW - Guidelines as Topic
KW - Humans
KW - Neoplasms/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Public Facilities/ec [Economics]
KW - Public Facilities
KW - Recycling
KW - Respiratory Rate
Questions have been raised regarding possible exposures when playing sports on synthetic turf fields cushioned with crumb rubber. Rubber is a complex mixture with some components possessing toxic and carcinogenic properties. Exposure is possible via inhalation, given that chemicals emitted from rubber might end up in the breathing zone of players and these players have high ventilation rates. Previous studies provide useful data but are limited with respect to the variety of fields and scenarios evaluated. The State of Connecticut investigated emissions associated with four outdoor and one indoor synthetic turf field under summer conditions. On-field and background locations were sampled using a variety of stationary and personal samplers. More than 20 chemicals of potential concern (COPC) were found to be above background and possibly field-related on both indoor and outdoor fields. These COPC were entered into separate risk assessments (1) for outdoor and indoor fields and (2) for children and adults. Exposure concentrations were prorated for time spent away from the fields and inhalation rates were adjusted for play activity and for children's greater ventilation than adults. Cancer and noncancer risk levels were at or below de minimis levels of concern. The scenario with the highest exposure was children playing on the indoor field. The acute hazard index (HI) for this scenario approached unity, suggesting a potential concern, although there was great uncertainty with this estimate. The main contributor was benzothiazole, a rubber-related semivolatile organic chemical (SVOC) that was 14-fold higher indoors than outdoors. Based upon these findings, outdoor and indoor synthetic turf fields are not associated with elevated adverse health risks. However, it would be prudent for building operators to provide adequate ventilation to prevent a buildup of rubber-related volatile organic chemicals (VOC) and SVOC at indoor fields. The current results are generally consistent with the findings from studies conducted by New York City, New York State, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Norway, which tested different kinds of fields and under a variety of weather conditions.
The safety and immunogenicity of the 10-valent pneumococcal nontypeable Haemophilus influenzae protein D conjugate vaccine (PHiD-CV, Synflorix) were assessed in 240 healthy Chilean children randomized to receive 3 doses of PHiD-CV (PHiD-CV group) or hepatitis A vaccine (HAV control group) at 2-4-6 months of age. All were offered 1 HAV dose at 12 months (outside study). The PHiD-CV group received a second HAV dose at 18-21 months and PHiD-CV booster at 20-23 months. The HAV control group received 2 PHiD-CV catch-up doses at 18-21 and 20-23 months. Adverse events were recorded and pneumococcal antibody responses and opsonophagocytic activity (OPA) were measured. Both PHiD-CV vaccination schedules were well tolerated and immunogenic against the pneumococcal vaccine serotypes and protein D. The reactogenicity of PHiD-CV primary, booster and catch-up doses was in line with previous PHiD-CV studies, although generally higher than with HAV. For each vaccine serotype, the percentage of subjects with antibody concentrations >0.2 g/ml (GSK's 22F-inhibition ELISA) was at least 93.2% following 3 PHiD-CV primary doses and at least 97.4% post-booster; percentages with OPA titers >8 were at least 91.7% post-booster. After 2-dose catch-up, at least 94.3% of children had antibody concentrations >0.2 g/ml against each serotype except 6B (84.3%); at least 95.2% had OPA titers >8 except against serotypes 1, 5 and 6B. In conclusion, the safety profiles of 2 PHiD-CV vaccination schedules (3-dose primary plus booster and 2-dose catch-up) were in line with previous studies and PHiD-CV was immunogenic for all 10 vaccine serotypes and protein D.
Throughout history, outdoor-based play and the connection to nature have been recognized as important contributors to a happy life and healthy development. At times, however, play and nature have been neglected and viewed as frivolous and wasteful. In the early twentieth century, the first play movement took place to get children out of the factories and back outdoors to play. Now, a century later, factors including twenty-four-hour media, stranger danger, and overscheduling of children's time have resulted in a level of play deprivation that is contributing to a host of social, emotional, and physical problems. This article draws on recent research that shows that as many as 40 percent of America's schools have eliminated or significantly reduced recess. Also, children and adolescents are spending an average of fifty-three hours each week in front of screen media, and only 31 percent of mothers report that their children play outside as frequently as they did as children. The deficits in outdoor-based play that arise from these lifestyles have resulted in significant increases in emotional and psychological disorders, decreased capacity to deal with stressors, and decreased physical fitness. This article describes specific organizations and programs that address the problem of play deprivation and reconnection to the outdoors. Copyright 2011 Wiley Periodicals, Inc., A Wiley Company
BACKGROUND: Excessive ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure can cause skin cancers, skin photoageing and cataracts. Children are targeted by sun-protection campaigns because high sun exposure and sunburn in childhood increase the risk of melanoma in adulthood. Little information is available about UV radiation risk and exposure in children who take part in outdoor sports. OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the risk of developing UV radiation-induced skin lesions run by children who practise outdoor sports, and UV radiation exposure and sun-protection measures during a soccer tournament. METHODS: Firstly, we evaluated the relationship between melanocytic naevus - a skin lesion linked with exposure to UV radiation - and outdoor sports in 660 11-year-old children. Secondly, we used the occasion of a 1-day soccer tournament held in the spring to evaluate UV radiation-protective measures used by soccer players and the public. We also evaluated the UV radiation index and cloud cover during the tournament, and calculated the UV radiation dose and minimal erythema dose.
depending on skin phototype. RESULTS: The naevus count and acquired naevus count measured over the 2 years of the study were higher in the 344 children who practised outdoor sports. Sun-protective measures were insufficient for soccer players and the public. CONCLUSIONS: This study shows that outdoor sports increase the risk of developing UV radiation-induced skin lesions in childhood. During a 1-day soccer tournament held in the spring, children and their parents were inadequately protected against the sun. These results suggest that sun-protection campaigns should be aimed at children who practise popular outdoor sports. 2011 The Authors. BJD 2011 British Association of Dermatologists 2011

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KW - Body Mass Index
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KW - Child
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KW - Schools/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Social Isolation
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N2 - School playtime (recess) provides children an opportunity to engage in a range of active and sedentary play behaviors on a daily basis. However, little data have investigated changes in playtime behaviors over time. The aim of this study was to investigate how children's physical activity levels, the size of their social group, play behaviors and social interactions changed over one academic year (Study 1), and during the transition from Year 5 (aged 9-10 years) to Year 6 (aged 10-11 years; Study 2). Primary school children were directly observed during school playtime using the System for Observing Children's Activity and Relationships during Play. Results revealed children engaged in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity for at least half of the intervals observed. Incidents of physical antisocial behavior significantly decreased, while incidents of verbal antisocial behavior and time spent alone increased across Study 1. Incidents of verbal antisocial behavior, time spent alone
and engagement in playground games significantly decreased across Study 2. The data suggest that children are highly physically active during school playtime, and while their play behaviors and activity levels fluctuate, these fluctuations were generally small over one academic year and in the transition between Year 5 and Year 6.

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T1 - Results of the "Active by Choice Today" (ACT) randomized trial for increasing physical activity in low-income and minority adolescents
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KW - Female
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KW - Motivation
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Poverty/px [Psychology]
KW - Social Environment
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JF - Health Psychology
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OBJECTIVE: This study reports the results of the "Active by Choice Today" (ACT) trial for increasing moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in low-income and minority adolescents. DESIGN: The ACT program was a randomized controlled school-based trial testing the efficacy of a motivational plus behavioral skills intervention on increasing MVPA in underserved adolescents. Twenty-four middle schools were matched on school size, percentage minorities, percentage free or reduce lunch, and urban or rural setting before randomization. A total of 1,563 6th grade students (mean age, 11.3 years, 73% African American, 71% free or reduced lunch, 55% female) participated in either a 17-week (over one academic year) intervention or comparison after-school program. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: The primary outcome measure was MVPA based on 7-day accelerometry estimates at 2-weeks postintervention and an intermediate outcome was MVPA at midintervention. RESULTS: At midintervention students in the intervention condition engaged in 4.87 greater minutes of MVPA per day (95% CI: 1.18 to 8.57) than control students. Students in intervention schools engaged in 9.11 min (95% CI: 5.73 to 12.48) more of MVPA per day than those in control schools during the program time periods; indicating a 27 min per week increase in MVPA. No significant effect of the ACT intervention was found outside of school times or for MVPA at 2-weeks postintervention. CONCLUSIONS: Motivational and behavioral skills programs are effective at increasing MVPA in low-income and minority adolescents during program hours, but further research is needed to address home barriers to youth MVPA.

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T1 - Effect of a low-cost, teacher-directed classroom intervention on elementary students' physical activity
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KW - Humans
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KW - Motor Activity
KW - Recreation
KW - Schools
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BACKGROUND: Effective physical activity (PA) interventions are warranted for youth, and schools have been identified as logical locations for such involvement. Experts and professionals in the field promote comprehensive school PA programs, including classroom PA. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of a low-cost, teacher-directed classroom-based intervention on the school PA of elementary children.

METHODS: Nine classroom teachers were provided inexpensive curricula and trained to implement and instruct PA breaks (2 x 30 minute training sessions). The teachers were encouraged to lead 1 activity break per day after the training. One hundred and six elementary students wore pedometers up to 12 days over 3 monitoring periods during the school year (baseline, follow-up, post follow-up) to assess the effectiveness and the sustainability of the intervention. The teachers self-reported the frequency of activity breaks instructed.

RESULTS: The teachers (n = 5) who complied with the recommended 1 activity break per day had students who accrued ~33% more mean school steps/day at follow-up (~1100) and post follow-up (~1350) compared to controls. Teachers (n = 4) in the intervention who did not comply with the 1 activity break per day recommendation had students accrue similar mean school steps/day as controls. CONCLUSION: Inexpensive, teacher-directed classroom-based PA interventions can be effective in improving children's PA levels if teachers implement 1 activity break per school day. We recommend promoting the notion of 1 activity break per day in the classroom as part of a comprehensive school PA program that includes quality physical education, recess, and before/after school programs. 2011, American School Health Association.
PURPOSE: To describe physical activity (PA) intensity across a school day and assess the percentage of girls and boys achieving recommended guidelines. METHODS: The authors measured PA via accelerometry in 380 children (8-11 years) and examined data representing (1) the whole school day, (2) regular class time, (3) recess, (4) lunch and (5) scheduled physical education (PE). Activity was categorised as sedentary (SED), light physical activity (LPA) or moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) using age-specific thresholds. They examined sex differences across PA intensities during each time period and compliance with recommended guidelines. RESULTS: Girls accumulated less MVPA and more SED than boys throughout the school day (MVPA -10.6 min; SED +13.9 min) recess (MVPA -1.6 min; SED +1.7 min) and lunch (MVPA -3.1 min; SED +2.9 min). Girls accumulated less MVPA (-6.2 min), less LPA (-2.5 min) and more SED (+9.4 min) than boys during regular class time. Fewer girls than boys achieved PA guidelines during school (90.9% vs 96.2%), recess (15.7% vs 34.1%) and lunch (16.7% vs 37.4%). During PE, only 1.8% of girls and 2.9% of boys achieved the PA guidelines. Girls and boys accumulated similar amounts of MVPA, LPA and SED. CONCLUSION: The MVPA deficit in girls was due to their sedentary behaviour as opposed to LPA. Physical activity strategies that target girls are essential to overcome this deficit. Only a very small percentage of children met physical activity guidelines during PE. There is a great need for additional training and emphasis on PA during PE. In addition schools should complement PE with PA models that increase PA opportunities across the school day.
The aim of this study was to compare physical activity of preschool girls and boys from the Mazowsze region and their favourite ways of spending free time. The studied population included 131 children aged 3 to 7 years. Parents filled in questionnaires about their children's physical activity and favourite ways of spending free time, as well as about general information on the children and their families. Gender had statistically significant influence on the children's birth weight, attending karate outside the preschool and on riding a bicycle, playing with a ball and playing with a dog as favourite ways of spending free time during sunny weather as well as playing on a computer and playing with dolls as favourite ways of spending free time during rainy weather. Gender had little influence on the studied preschoolers' physical activity. However favourite ways of spending free time turned out to be significantly different according to gender. Physical activity level in both girls and boys was low, similarly to their peers from the previous studies.

Parents perspective on sun protection for young children in Bavaria

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KW - Parents
KW - Self Report
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Sunbathing
KW - Sunburn/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunlight/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Ultraviolet Rays/ae [Adverse Effects]
BACKGROUND: Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the most important modifiable risk factor for skin cancer. Parents are responsible for sun protection of their young children and thus their knowledge and attitudes should be assessed.

METHODS: A survey that included 2619 children aged 3-6 years (response: 64.7%) was performed in Erlangen during 2001/2002. Parents' attitude, knowledge and behavior regarding sun protection were ascertained by using a self-administered questionnaire. Demographic and photosensitivity data of the children were recorded, along with the UV radiation-related outcomes.

RESULTS: Most parents correctly recognized the risk factors of skin cancer, except the intermittent and intensive sun exposure. Nevertheless, most parents also agreed with statements regarding sun- and tanning related beauty and well-being. The overwhelming majority of parents stressed the necessity of sun protection for their children; however, 50% of the children experienced some form of solar radiation injury during the preceding summer. Children eagerly pursued outdoor activities, especially boys compared with girls (P<0.01). A gender difference was also apparent, with boys showing more willingness to wear hats than girls (P<0.01).

CONCLUSION: The relatively high level of knowledge was in contrast to a prevalent attitude of regarding sunlight as enhancing health and well-being. This may hamper UV radiation avoidance strategies. Thus, future campaigns should not only address preventive knowledge but also focus on associated attitudes to effectively modify the behavior.
BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVE: The objective of this study is to compare the growth and physical fitness of normal, stunted and overweight/obese (owt/ob) Oaxaca children 6-13 years. SUBJECTS/METHODS: This study was a cross-sectional, included 688 school children (grades 1-3, 4-6), aged 6-13 years, from an indigenous rural community (n=361) and colonia popular (n=327) in Oaxaca, southern Mexico. Measurements: Anthropometry-weight, height, sitting height, limb circumferences, skinfolds. Derived-body mass index, sitting height/height ratio, leg and step lengths, limb muscle areas, sum of skinfolds. Physical fitness-sit and reach, sit-ups, distance run, grip strength, standing long jump, 35 yard dash. Physical activity-steps to and from school, household chores, sports participation. Analysis: Normal-not stunted, not owt/ob; stunted-not owt/ob; and owt/ob-not stunted were compared with multivariate analysis of covariance controlling for age. Two children were stunted and owt/ob, and were excluded. RESULTS: Age-adjusted means for body size, muscularity, adiposity and grip strength showed a gradient, owt/ob>normal>stunted in both sexes and grade levels (P<0.001). Relative position of stunted and owt/ob children was reversed for strength per unit mass. Stunted and normal children ran a greater distance than owt/ob children (P<0.05). Normal, stunted and owt/ob children did not differ consistently in other fitness items and indicators of activity and inactivity. CONCLUSION: Size, muscularity, fatness and strength differed significantly, owt/ob>normal>stunted, but owt/ob children had less strength per unit mass and poorer endurance. Normal and stunted children did not differ consistently in fitness. Physical activity and television time did not differ among the three groups.
BACKGROUND: Few studies have investigated factors that influence physical activity behavior during the transition from adolescence to adulthood. This study explores the associations of sociodemographic, behavioral, sociocultural, attitudinal and physical factors measured in childhood and adolescence with physical activity behavior during the transition from adolescence to adulthood. METHODS: Childhood and adolescent data (at ages 7-15 years) were collected as part of the 1985 Australian Health and Fitness Survey and subdivided into sociodemographics (socioeconomic status, parental education), behavioral (smoking, alcohol, sports diversity, outside school sports), sociocultural (active father, active mother, any older siblings, any younger siblings, language spoken at home), attitudinal (sports/recreational competency, self-rated health, enjoyment physical education/physical activity, not enjoying school sports) and physical (BMI, time taken to run 1.6 km, long jump) factors. Physical activity between the ages 15 and 29 years was reported retrospectively using the Historical Leisure Activity Questionnaire at follow-up in 2004-2006 by 2,048 participants in the Childhood Determinants of Adult Health Study (CDAH). Australia's physical activity recommendations for children and adults were used to categorize participants as persistently active, variably active or persistently inactive during the transition from adolescence to adulthood. RESULTS: For females, perceived sports competency in childhood and adolescence was significantly associated with being persistently active (RR=1.88, 95% CI=1.39, 2.55). Smoking (RR=0.31 CI=0.12, 0.82) and having younger siblings (RR=0.69 CI=0.52, 0.93) were inversely associated with being persistently active after taking physical and attitudinal factors into account. For males, playing sport outside school (RR=1.47 CI=1.05, 2.08), having active fathers (RR=1.25 CI=1.01, 1.54) and not enjoying school sport (RR=4.07 CI=2.31, 7.17) were associated with being persistently active into adulthood.
Time taken to complete the 1.6 km run was inversely associated with being persistently active into adulthood (RR=0.85 CI=0.78, 0.93) after adjusting for recreational competency. CONCLUSIONS: Perceived sports competency (females) and cardiorespiratory fitness, playing sport outside school and having active fathers (males) in childhood and adolescence were positively associated with being persistently active during the transition from adolescence to adulthood.

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KW - Blood Pressure/ph [Physiology]
KW - Body Mass Index
KW - Body Weight/ph [Physiology]
KW - Child
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KW - Humans
KW - Hypertension
KW - Life Style
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity/ph [Physiology]
KW - Obesity
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SP - 851
EP - 855
JF - Hypertension Research - Clinical & Experimental
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CY - England
N2 - Elevated blood pressure (BP) during childhood and adolescence increases the risk of hypertension in later life. Although physical activity is known to positively moderate BP, data regarding this relationship are limited in prepubertal children. We aimed to assess the association between a range of physical activities (including indoor and outdoor activity) and BP in a large community-based sample of prepubertal schoolchildren. Eligible year-1 schoolchildren (n=1765; mean age 6.7 + 0.4 years) from a random cluster sample of 34 schools in Sydney, Australia, were examined. Parents completed detailed questionnaires about their child's activity. Height and weight were measured, and body mass index (BMI) was calculated. BP was measured using a standard protocol, and elevated BP was defined using published guidelines. Physical activity was classified as low, medium or high (that is, as tertiles). After adjusting for age, sex, ethnicity, height, BMI, parental qualifications and family history of hypertension and/or cardiovascular disease, children in the highest tertile of outdoor and indoor activities had significantly lower diastolic BP (~1.5 mm Hg; P(trend)=0.01) and systolic BP (~1.3 mm Hg; P(trend)=0.03).
Hg; P(trend)=0.03), respectively, compared with those in the lowest tertile (reference). Linearly, time spent in indoor activities (each hour per day) was associated with ~2.4 mm Hg decrease in diastolic BP (P=0.001). Physical activity was independently associated with lower BP in this sample of prepubertal children. The findings emphasize the importance of ensuring regular physical activity programs in primary schools to potentially reduce the risk of elevated BP in childhood and in later life.

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T1 - Effectiveness of a primary school-based intervention to reduce overweight
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KW - Health Promotion
KW - Humans
KW - Linear Models
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Male
KW - Netherlands
KW - Overweight/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Overweight/th [Therapy]
KW - Physical Education and Training
KW - Physical Fitness
KW - School Health Services
KW - Schools
KW - Time Factors
KW - Treatment Outcome
KW - Waist Circumference
KW - Weight Loss
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JF - International Journal of Pediatric Obesity
OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effect of a school-based intervention program to reduce overweight and improve fitness in primary school children. METHODS: A cluster randomized controlled design was used over one school year with schools as unit of randomization. In total 20 schools and 2,622 children aged 6-12 years (grades 3-8) from multi-ethnic, low income inner-city neighbourhoods in Rotterdam, Netherlands, participated. The intervention, named Lekker Fit! (Enjoy being fit!) was a multi-component intervention based on behavioural and ecological models. Main components of the intervention are the implementation of three physical education (PE) sessions a week by a professional PE teacher, additional sport and play activities outside school hours and an educational program. Main primary outcome measures were weight status, body mass index (BMI), waist circumference and fitness (20 m shuttle run). RESULTS: Significant positive intervention effects were found for percentage overweight children (OR 0.53; 95% CI 0.36-0.78), waist circumference (-1.29 cm; 95% CI -2.16 to -0.42 cm) and 20 m shuttle run (0.57 laps; 95% CI 0.13-1.01 laps) among pupils of grades 3-5 (6-9-year olds). The prevalence of overweight in grades 3-5 increased by 4.3% in the control group and by 1.3% in the intervention group. No significant effects were found for BMI or for grades 6-8 (9-12-year olds). CONCLUSIONS: Our results provide evidence for the effectiveness of the multi-component intervention Lekker Fit! among pupils of grades 3-5 and adds to the growing body of evidence that school-based programs with a focus on PA are most effective in reducing childhood obesity. [ISRCTN84383524]
CONTEXT: Few randomized controlled trials (RCTs) of interventions for the treatment of childhood obesity have taken place outside the Western world. AIM: To test whether a good practice intervention for the treatment of childhood obesity would have a greater impact on weight status and other outcomes than a control condition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. METHODS: Assessor-blinded RCT of a treatment intervention in 107 obese 7- to 11-year olds. The intervention was relatively low intensity (8 hours contact over 26 weeks, group based), aiming to change child sedentary behavior, physical activity, and diet using behavior change counselling. Outcomes were measured at baseline and six months after the start of the intervention. Primary outcome was BMI z-score, other outcomes were weight change, health-related quality of life (Peds QL), objectively measured physical activity and sedentary behavior (Actigraph accelerometry over 5 days). RESULTS: The intervention had no significant effect on BMI z score relative to control. Weight gain was reduced significantly in the intervention group compared to the control group (+1.5 kg vs. +3.5 kg, respectively, t-test p < 0.01). Changes in health-related quality of life and objectively measured physical activity and sedentary behavior favored the intervention group. CONCLUSIONS: Treatment was associated with reduced rate of weight gain, and improvements in physical activity and quality of life. More substantial benefits may require longer term and more intensive interventions which aim for more substantive lifestyle changes.
BACKGROUND: The weather may be a driver of seasonal patterns in children's physical activity (PA). A better understanding of the relationships between weather and PA may help increase children's PA. This study aims to examine the association between PA and rainfall in 9-10 year old children, and how it may be modified by school policies. METHODS: 1794 participants in the SPEEDY study in Norfolk, UK recorded PA using ActiGraph accelerometers over up to six days in the summer term of 2007. Multilevel regression models were used to determine the day-by-day association between rainfall and minutes spent sedentary, in moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA), and average counts per minute (cpm) over the whole day (07:00-21:00) and the lunchtime period (12:00-14:00). School policies for break times in bad weather were fitted as interaction terms with rainfall. RESULTS: Relative to days with no rain, children spent 9.4 minutes (95%CI 7.0 to 11.9) fewer in MVPA, were sedentary for 13.6 minutes (8.8 to 18.4) more, and accumulated 85.9 cpm (66.2 to 105.5) fewer over the whole day on the wettest days. Children allowed to play outside in wet weather showed the lowest lunchtime PA levels on the wettest days, undertaking 9.8 minutes (6.2 to 13.5) fewer MVPA, 16.1 minutes (10.3 to 21.9) more sedentary, and accumulating 408.0 cpm (250.9 to 565.1) fewer than those allowed to be active indoors. CONCLUSIONS: Rainfall is negatively associated with PA in primary school children, but providing indoor physical activities in wet weather may help children maintain physical activity levels irrespective of rainfall.
CASE: Quintin is a 7-and-a-half-year-old male who presents to you with his long-term foster parents stating that the school "wants to put him in a special behavior class." You have cared for the child since he went into the foster parents/biological aunt and uncle's care at 14 months of age. Quintin has been healthy and is on no medication; he has no chronic diseases or other medical problems. He has never had physical trauma, but when you first met him at 14 months of age, his aunt and uncle could give no history about his infancy. The aunt's sister who is the biological mother is currently incarcerated for drug trafficking, and his biological father is an unknown. His toddler years were fairly uneventful. The aunt and uncle have 2 children of their own who are currently 12 and 15 years of age - at the time Quintin joined the family they were 5 and 8 years of age and so the initial adjustment was stressful for the family. The aunt worked full time throughout Quintin's toddlerhood and often in childcare he would have difficulty with drop-off. When he began at head start, he was often described as "too busy" and "trouble on the playground," but he was highly verbal and intellectually curious, had many friends, and did well. Kindergarten was fairly uneventful in a full-day program, although he began to be more provocative at home, often getting into his cousins video games and once breaking his cousin's smart phone. He did well academically at the beginning of first grade. He was a solid reader by January of the year, but his activity and oppositionality were increasing. He was suspended 4 times between January and March for "unsafe behavior" including bolting from the playground during recess following the dare of an older student. His aunt and uncle present at primary care at their wits end. They state that at home he is increasingly angry. He responds much better to his uncle but can be very provocative with his aunt stating "I don't have to listen to you because you are not my mother." His aunt expressed concern when she was told by his teacher that "Either he starts medication or he needs to go to a special classroom." Where do you go from there?
Residential insecticide usage and actual application details were collected in a population-based sample of 477 households residing within 22 counties in northern California with at least one child of age < 5 years between January 2006 and August 2008. Structured telephone interviews were conducted collecting information on residential use of insecticides, including outdoor sprays, indoor sprays, indoor foggers, applications by professionals, and pet flea/tick control during the previous year. Interviews also covered post-treatment behaviors, which influence post-application exposure levels. Altogether, 80% of the households applied some type of insecticide in the previous year, with half of this population using two or more application methods. Of the households using insecticides, half reported applying insecticides relatively infrequently (<4 times per year), whereas 11-13% reported high frequency of use (>24 times per year). Application frequency was temperature dependent, with significantly more applications during the warmer months from May through October. Spot treatments appeared to be the most prevalent application pattern for sprays. For one out of three of the indoor applications, children played in the treated rooms on the day of the application, and for 40% of the outdoor applications, pets played in the treated area on the day of the application. These findings describing the intensity of insecticide use and accompanying behaviors in families with young children may inform future insecticide exposure modeling efforts, and ultimately, risk assessments.
Indoor air quality in schools has received particular attention over the past several years. Children are considered as one of the most sensitive groups to atmospheric pollution because their bodies are actively growing and they breathe higher volumes of air relative to their body weights than adults do. They also spend more time in school or group structures (preschools, day nurseries) than in any indoor environments other than the home. The analysis of children's exposure to air pollution at school requires the identification of the main pollutant sources present in these educational institutions. Both a strong contribution of outdoor pollution and a very specific pollution bound to school activities such as the use of paints, markers, glues, and manufactured ink eraser pens, exist. The ventilation in school buildings also plays an important role in air quality. A higher air exchange may improve thermal comfort and air quality. The cause of indoor air pollution is a combinatory...
effect of physical, chemical, and biological factors, and the adequacy of ventilation in the environment. Several pollutants have been reported to exist in classrooms such as bacteria, molds, volatile organic compounds, persistent organic pollutants and microparticles. There is a correlation between the concentrations of the pollutants and onset of health problems in schoolchildren. We observe predominantly respiratory symptoms as well as a prevalence of respiratory diseases such as asthma and allergies. This study shows that poor indoor air quality affects children's health. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Masson SAS. All rights reserved

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KW - Risk Factors
KW - Vitamin D/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - World Health
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JF - Journal of Family Health Care
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N2 - Rickets is a childhood disease that causes a softening of the bones, potentially leading to fractures and deformity. Eighty years ago it was thought to have largely been eradicated from the U.K. However a recent increase in cases of rickets, not just in Britain but around the world, has proven this isn't the case. Today the disease affects children from all types of socio-economic backgrounds, not just the poorer ones, and it is primarily caused by low levels of vitamin D and certain foods. In January 2011 the government's chief medical officer Dame Sally Davies recommended all children aged six months to five should be given vitamin D supplements, particularly during winter months when natural sunshine is limited. The irony is that the advice in recent years for children to wear a high factor sunscreen and remain covered up while playing outdoors are partly felt to be behind the reason for its re-emergence. Parents and health professionals alike were shocked when it was revealed that a school girl living on the Isle of Wight developed rickets precisely because of her mother's vigilance at following sun safety rules. NICE, in their latest report (Jan 2011) stated that: "Exposure to the sun has a number of benefits. For example, it increases people's sense of wellbeing, allows them to
synthesise vitamin D and provides opportunities for physical activity”. A tendency for children to stay indoors and watch TV or play on computer games, rather than play outside when the sun is shining, is arguably also another contributing factor.

INTRODUCTION: Recreational and transportation infrastructure can promote physical activity among children and adolescents. The Play Across Boston community-based research project sought to estimate and compare playground renovation rates across Boston areas before and after a playground quality assessment, to describe changes in playground quality among a subset of parks, and to document features of local transportation infrastructure around parks. METHODS: We used an observational pretest-posttest design to estimate playground renovation rates among 103 city-operated parks. Renovation rates were calculated on the basis of annual city Parks Department capital budgets from fiscal years 1996 through 2007. We used the same design to describe changes between a 2000 to 2001 baseline assessment of playground quality and a 2007 follow-up measured via observation of a subsample of 18 low-scoring parks in disadvantaged areas. We used chi(2) analysis to compare percentages of playgrounds renovated across city areas before and after baseline assessment, logistic regression analysis to calculate odds ratios comparing renovation rates after baseline by city area, and paired t tests to compare playground quality at baseline and follow-up. RESULTS: Overall playground renovation rates before (29%) and after (34%) baseline assessment were similar. Parks scoring low on playground quality at baseline were renovated after baseline at a higher rate than high-scoring playgrounds. After accounting for baseline playground quality, parks in disadvantaged areas were renovated at a rate similar to those in other areas. Playground quality scores improved between baseline (mean, 38.3; 95% confidence interval, 35.3-41.3) and 2007 in a subsample of previously low-scoring parks in disadvantaged areas.
CONCLUSION: The findings of the 2007 follow-up assessment indicate an equitable rate of playground renovation across city areas according to need.

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T1 - Soil intervention as a strategy for lead exposure prevention: the New Orleans lead-safe childcare playground project
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KW - Government Programs
KW - Humans
KW - Lead/an [Analysis]
KW - New Orleans
KW - Play and Playthings
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CY - England
N2 - The feasibility of reducing children's exposure to lead (Pb) polluted soil in New Orleans is tested. Childcare centers (median = 48 children) are often located in former residences. The extent of soil Pb was determined by selecting centers in both the core and outlying areas. The initial 558 mg/kg median soil Pb (range 14-3692 mg/kg) decreased to median 4.1 mg/kg (range 2.2-26.1 mg/kg) after intervention with geotextile covered by 15 cm of river alluvium. Pb loading decreased from a median of 4887 mug/m(2) (454 mug/ft(2))
range 603-56650 mug/m(2) (56-526 mug/ft(2)) to a median of 398 mug/m(2) (37 mug/ft(2)) range 86-980 mug/m(2) (8-91 mug/ft(2)). Multi-Response Permutation Procedures indicate similar (P-values = 0.160-0.231) soil Pb at childcare centers compared to soil Pb of nearby residential communities. At ~$100 per child, soil Pb and surface loading were reduced within hours, advancing an upstream intervention conceptualization about Pb exposure prevention. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

BACKGROUND: Previous work has suggested that the number of permanent play facilities in school playgrounds and school-based policies on physical activity can influence physical activity in children. However, few comparable studies have used objective measures of physical activity or have had little adjustment for multiple confounders. METHODS: Physical activity was measured by accelerometry over 5 recess periods and 3 full school days in 441 children from 16 primary schools in Dunedin, New Zealand. The number of permanent play facilities (swing, fort, slide, obstacle course, climbing wall etc) in each school playground was counted on three occasions by three researchers following a standardized protocol. Information on school policies pertaining to physical activity and participation in organized sport was collected by questionnaire. RESULTS: Measurement of school playgrounds proved to be reliable (ICC 0.89) and consistent over time. Boys were significantly more active than girls (P < 0.001), but little time overall was spent in moderate-vigorous physical activity (MVPA). Boys engaged in MVPA for 32 (SD 17) minutes each day of which 17 (10) took place at school compared with 23 (14) and 11 (7) minutes respectively in girls. Each additional 10-unit increase in play...
facilities was associated with 3.2% (95% CI 0.0-6.4%) more total activity and 8.3% (0.8-16.3%) more MVPA during recess. By contrast, school policy score was not associated with physical activity in children.

CONCLUSION: The number of permanent play facilities in school playgrounds is associated with higher physical activity in children, whereas no relationship was observed for school policies relating to physical activity. Increasing the number of permanent play facilities may offer a cost-effective long-term approach to increasing activity levels in children.

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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Environment Design
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic
KW - Residence Characteristics
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 911
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JF - Health & Place
JA - Health Place
VL - 17
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N2 - We examined frequency of use of 11 physical activity (PA) locations among 539 San Diego children (45.0% males, 41.2% Latinos; mean + SD age: 6.6 + 0.7 years) and explored associations between location use, PA and potential correlates. Parents reported child's use (visits/week) of 11 locations. Child PA was assessed by accelerometry (subsample n = 178). The most frequently used locations (mean + SD times/week) were homes (3.2 + 2.3) and parks/playground (1.6 + 1.3). Children used 4.0 + 2.0 locations in a typical week, and made a total of 12.5 + 6.8 visits/week to all locations. Latinos used fewer locations regularly (3.6 + 2.1 vs. 4.3 + 1.9 locations; p < 0.001) and had fewer visits to all locations (11.4 + 7.4 vs. 13.2 + 6.4 visits/week; p = 0.003) than non-Latinos. Accelerometry-assessed vigorous PA (VPA) was positively associated with the number of locations regularly used (s = 0.04, p = 0.03) and total visits to all locations among Latinos (s = 0.09, p = 0.005). Parental PA support was positively associated with locations used (s = 0.64, p < 0.001) and visits to all locations among Latinos (s = 0.09, p = 0.005).
Children using a greater variety of locations did more VPA. Latinos making more total visits to all locations had higher VPA. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

OBJECTIVE: The study's objective was to describe the measurement of on-task behavior and review the research on the effects of short physical activity breaks on attention-to-task in elementary school students, with a particular focus on a promising approach to improving on-task behavior with short bouts of physical activity in the classroom setting. METHODS: Procedures to directly observe attention-to-task were detailed. Published studies that measured attention-to-task in elementary school students following physical activity breaks were reviewed. RESULTS: Direct measurement of attention-to-task is intensive and demanding on observers. Previous research on attention-to-task following physical activity breaks is sparse. The limited evidence suggests a small to moderate improvement on attention-to-task following physical activity breaks (Effect Sizes typically ranged from 0.13 to 0.60). Teachers can be trained in a relatively short time to effectively lead classroom-based physical activities. Students who participated in classroom-based physical activities that incorporate academic concepts demonstrated significantly better improvements (+8.3%) in attention-to-task than control group participants (-3.1%). CONCLUSIONS: Attention-to-task is a variable that directly relates to concerns of classroom teachers. The limited available research has demonstrated moderate to good evidence that physical activity during the school day improves attention-to-task in elementary school students. Because of the positive effects of physical activity on attention-to-task, it is recommended that elementary school teachers consider implementing physical activity sessions throughout the school day in the form of recess and classroom-based physical activities. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
T1 - Pattern of injuries among children and adolescents in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: a household survey
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Female
KW - Foodborne Diseases/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Saudi Arabia/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Sex Distribution
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/et [Etiology]
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SP - 179
EP - 184
JF - Journal of Tropical Pediatrics
JA - J Trop Pediatr
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IS - 3
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N2 - OBJECTIVES: To determine the incidence and pattern of injuries among children and adolescents <18 years old in Riyadh city and to identify associated factors. MATERIAL AND METHODS: A cross sectional household survey included children and adolescents <18 years. A two-stage cluster sample was used to recruit the participants from thirty clusters each consisted of 23 households. A questionnaire was used for data collection by interview. RESULTS: The study included 1650 children and adolescents. Of them, 22.2% reported having had injuries in the previous 12 months. The most common injuries were falls (40.4%), Road Traffic Accidents (RTA) (15%), food intoxication (8.8%). Males were more affected by injuries than females (26% vs. 18%). Males living near playgrounds or public gardens, playing in the street are independent risk factors for occurrence of both falls and RTA injuries. RECOMMENDATIONS: school safety education and environmental modification should be applied in Riyadh.
Adapting an established measure of supervision for beach settings: is the parent supervision attributes profile questionnaire reliable?

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KW - Preschool
KW - Health Knowledge
KW - Attitudes
KW - Practice
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Parents
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Reproducibility of Results
KW - Safety/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
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The Parent Supervision Attributes Profile Questionnaire (PSAPQ), developed to measure aspects of caregiver supervision and protectiveness and previously applied within playgrounds and in the home, was modified for implementation in a beach setting. To assess the test-retest reliability of the PSAPQ beach modification (PSAPQ-BEACH), 20 caregivers completed the PSAPQ-BEACH twice, over a mean interval of 18 days (range 10-24). The test-retest reliability and internal consistency of the PSAPQ-BEACH scores were compared to those of the PSAPQ. All scores on the PSAPQ-BEACH were higher than the PSAPQ, providing evidence that the questionnaire remains reliable after its adaptation to beach settings.
Childhood obesity is a complex disease that is influenced by both genetic and environmental factors. The authors' aim was to determine whether sedentary behavior and physical activity modulate the association between single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and obesity risk in Chinese children. A population-based study was carried out in 2,848 children (6-18 years of age) in Beijing, China, in 2004. It included 1,229 obese
cases and 1,619 normal-weight controls. Lifestyle information was collected through the use of a validated questionnaire, and 6 SNPs were genotyped. The association between the 6 SNPs and obesity risk was modulated by sedentary behavior and physical activity. A higher risk of obesity was observed in children who carried the high-risk alleles of the 6 SNPs and engaged in sedentary behavior >2 hours/day outside of school or participated in low or moderate physical activity. Most notably, the association between 5 SNPs (Fas apoptotic inhibitory molecule 2 rs7138803, Niemann-Pick disease, type C1 rs1805081, fat mass- and obesity-associated gene rs6499640, melanocortin 4 receptor gene rs17782313, and brain-derived neurotrophic factor rs6265) and obesity risk was only observed in children who had moderate-to-low physical activity levels or engaged in sedentary behavior, regardless of which risk alleles they carried. The results indicated that encouraging less sedentary behavior and higher levels of physical activity could alleviate the influence of risk alleles on genetic predisposition to childhood obesity, thereby serving as a promising prevention strategy.
matched, with a follow-up of one school year. The research population will consist of 6-12 year old primary school children. The intervention program will be aimed at improving physical activity levels and will consist of a multi-component alteration of the schools’ playground. In addition, playground usage will be increased through altered time management of recess times, as well as a modification of the Physical Education content. DISCUSSION: The effects of the intervention on physical activity levels during recess (primary outcome measure), overall daily physical activity and changes in physical fitness (secondary outcome measures) will be assessed. Results of this study could possibly lead to changes in the current playground system of primary schools and provide structured health promotion for future public health. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Netherlands Trial Register (NTR): NTR2386

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T1 - Is the neighbourhood environment associated with sedentary behaviour outside of school hours among children?
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KW - Environment
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KW - Leisure Activities/px [Psychology]
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KW - Parents/px [Psychology]
KW - Perception
KW - Residence Characteristics
KW - Sedentary Lifestyle
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Little is known about neighbourhood environments and children's sedentary behaviour outside school hours. PURPOSE: This study aims to examine the associations between public open spaces (POS), parent perceptions of the neighbourhood and children's sedentary behaviours. METHODS: Parents reported their child’s television viewing and computer/electronic game time and their perceptions of the physical and social neighbourhood. Children’s sedentary time was objectively assessed. The closest POS was audited.
RESULTS: Cross-sectionally, living near a POS with a water feature and greater parental satisfaction with POS quality were negatively associated with computer/e-games; greater POS area was negatively associated with TV viewing. Longitudinally, living in a cul-de-sac and greater satisfaction with POS quality were negatively associated with computer/e-games and TV viewing, respectively. A walking path in the POS was positively associated with computer/e-games. CONCLUSION: Neighbourhood features appear to positively and negatively influence children's sedentary behaviours, highlighting the complexity of urban planning on behaviour. Further age- and context-specific studies are required.

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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cost of Illness
KW - Equipment Safety
KW - Female
KW - Fractures
KW - Bone/ec [Economics]
KW - Bone/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Bone/px [Psychology]
KW - Humans
KW - Leg Injuries/ec [Economics]
KW - Leg Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Leg Injuries/px [Psychology]
KW - Male
KW - Play and Playthings/in [Injuries]
KW - Prospective Studies
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KW - Sex Distribution
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VL - 42
PURPOSE: To study the cost of sustaining a fracture of the extremity caused by playground equipment. These costs include financial, psychological, clinical and others like loss of school days. METHOD: This is a prospective study of 226 children seen at the Paediatric Orthopaedic Department for a 1-year period starting June 2005. Once confirmed to have a playground related fracture by the Orthopaedic specialist, three sets of data are collected. First is the clinical data. Second is the playground related data. This is done on site independently by another investigator. Third is the radiological data, which is assessed independently by an Orthopaedic surgeon to ensure consistency. RESULTS: Out of the 226 children seen, two-thirds were boys. The average age was 7.5 years. 35.8% were forearm fractures and 28.8% were supracondylar fractures with the rest being mostly fractures in the upper limb. 64.2% were treated with immobilisation only whilst 24.2% required closed manipulation and reduction. 1.2% required admission for treatment of their fractures. The average period of cast immobilisation was 34 days. The average number of consults, including that at the emergency department, was 4 with an average length of follow up of 67.2 days. Based on the above, in our institution, the average cost for outpatient treatment would be about S$680.00 (US$485.71) (US$1.00 = S$1.40; 1/1/2010) per injury. The inpatient cost for non-surgical treatment cost would be S$1000.00 and for surgical stabilisation the average cost would be S$3300.00 (US$2357.14). CONCLUSION: Playgrounds are meant for children to play safely. Yet, there appears to be a significant number of injuries sustained. Whilst these fractures are relatively minor, requiring outpatient treatment, there are costs. Besides the financial costs, there are hidden psychological costs of loss of school days and inability to participate in sports. Finally, as with any injury, there can be long-term complications which present further clinical costs. SIGNIFICANCE: Most studies on playground injuries tend to concentrate on the equipment and very superficially cover the clinical aspects, less so the costs. This paper looks at the clinical aspects in greater depth and emphasises that there are significant costs, beyond financial, when a child sustains a playground injury. The next thing to do is to examine what playground factors significantly contribute to these injuries and remedy them when planning the construction of playgrounds.

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T1 - Features and amenities of school playgrounds: a direct observation study of utilization and physical activity levels outside of school time
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KW - Child Behavior
KW - Equipment Safety
KW - Facility Design and Construction
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities
BACKGROUND: A significant amount of research has examined whether park or playground availability is associated with physical activity. However, little research has examined whether specific features or amenities of parks or playgrounds, such as the number of unique types of playground equipment or the safety of the equipment is associated with utilization of the facility or physical activity levels while at the facility. There are no studies that use direct observation and a detailed park assessment to examine these associations. METHODS: Twenty urban schoolyards in the Midwest, ten of which were renovated, were included in this study. Using a detailed environmental assessment tool (i.e., Environmental Assessment of Public Recreation Spaces), information on a variety of playground attributes was collected. Using direct observation (i.e., System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity in Youth), the number of adults, girls and boys attending each schoolyard and their physical activity levels were recorded. Each schoolyard was observed ten times for 90 minutes each time outside of school hours. Clustered multivariable negative binomial regressions and linear regressions were completed to examine the association between playground attributes and utilization of the schoolyard and the proportion active on the playground, respectively. Effect modification by renovation status was also examined. RESULTS: At renovated schoolyards, the total number of play features was significantly associated with greater utilization in adults and girls; overall cleanliness was significantly associated with less utilization in girls and boys; and coverage/shade for resting features was significantly associated with greater utilization in adults and boys. At unrenovated schoolyards, overall safety was significantly associated with greater utilization in boys. No playground attribute was associated with the proportion active on the playground after adjusting for all other significant playground attributes. CONCLUSIONS: Having a large quantity of play features and shade at renovated playgrounds were positively associated with utilization of the facilities outside of school time. Additional research should explore what features and amenities are associated with increased physical activity levels of children and adults who utilize the facilities. 2011 Colabianchi et al; licensee BioMed Central Ltd

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BACKGROUND: Children in poor and minority neighborhoods often lack adequate environmental support for healthy physical development and community interventions designed to improve physical activity resources serve as an important approach to addressing obesity. In Denver, the Learning Landscapes (LL) program has constructed over 98 culturally-tailored schoolyard play spaces at elementary schools with the goal to encourage utilization of play spaces and physical activity. In spite of enthusiasm about such projects to improve urban environments, little work has evaluated their impact or success in achieving their stated objectives. This study evaluates the impacts of LL construction and recency of renovation on schoolyard utilization and the physical activity rates of children, both during and outside of school, using an observational study design. METHODS: This study employs a quantitative method for evaluating levels of physical activity of individuals and associated environmental characteristics in play and leisure environments. Schools were selected on the basis of their participation in the LL program, the recency of schoolyard renovation, the size of the school, and the social and demographic characteristics of the school population. Activity in the schoolyards was measured using the System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity (SOPLAY), a validated quantitative method for evaluating levels of physical activity of individuals in play and leisure environments. Trained observers collected measurements before school, during school recess, after school, and on weekends. Overall utilization (the total number of children observed on the grounds) and the rate of activity (the percentage of children observed who were physically active) were analyzed. Observations were compared using t-tests and the data were stratified by gender for further analysis. In order to assess the impacts of LL renovation, recently-constructed LL schoolyards were compared to LL schoolyards with older construction, as well as un-renovated schoolyards. RESULTS: Overall utilization was significantly higher at LL schools than at un-renovated schools for most observation periods. Notably, LL renovation had no impact on girl's utilization on the weekends, although differences were observed for all other periods. There were no differences in rates of activity for any comparison. With the exception of the number of boys observed, there was no statistically significant difference in activity when recently-constructed LL schools are compared to LL schools with older construction dates and there was no difference observed in comparisons of older LL with unrenovated sites. CONCLUSIONS: While we observed greater utilization and physical activity in schools with LL, the impact of specific features of LL renovation is not clear. However, schoolyard renovation and programs to encourage schoolyard use before and after school may offer a means to encourage greater physical activity among children, and girls in particular. Additional study of schoolyard renovation may shed light on the specific reasons for these findings or suggest effective policies to improve the physical activity resources of poor and minority neighborhoods. 2011 Anthamatten et al; licensee BioMed Central Ltd

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A cluster randomised school-based lifestyle intervention programme for the prevention of childhood obesity and related early cardiovascular disease (JuvenTUM 3)


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Background: Childhood obesity is not only associated with adult obesity but also with increased risk of adult onset of type 2 diabetes and subsequent coronary heart disease. The potential effects of school-based health intervention programmes on cardiovascular risk and surrogate markers are unclear, as only few studies have attempted to investigate a complete risk profile including a detailed laboratory analysis or micro- and macrovascular function. In this study a comprehensive school-based randomized intervention programme will be investigated in 10-14-year old children addressing the influence of lifestyle intervention on inactivity, cardiometabolic risk factors and early signs of vascular disease.

Methods/Design: 15 secondary schools in Southern Germany are randomly assigned to intervention or control schools. Children in the fifth grade (10-11 years) will be observed over four years. The study combines a school-based with a home-based approach, aiming at children, teachers and parents. The main components are weekly lifestyle-lessons for children, taught by regular classroom teachers to increase physical activity in- and outside of school, to improve eating patterns at school and at home, to reduce media consumption and to amplify well-being. In 4-6 annual meetings, teachers receive information about health-related topics with worksheets for children and supporting equipment, accounting for school-specific needs and strategies. Parents’ trainings are provided on a regular basis.
examinations are performed at the beginning and at the end of every school year. Anthropometry includes measurements of BMI, waist and upper arm circumferences, skinfold thickness as well as peripheral blood pressure. Blood sampling includes lipid parameters, insulin, glucose, hsCRP, adiponectin, and IL-6 as well as testosterone and estrogen to determine maturation status. Vascular function is non-invasively assessed by measuring arterial stiffness in large arteries using a sphygmograph and by analysing arteriolar and venular diameters in the retinal microcirculation using a non-myriatric vessel analyser. A questionnaire is filled out to determine daily physical activity, motivational factors, dietary habits, quality of life (KINDL-R) and socio-economic data. Physical fitness is assessed by a six-item test battery. DISCUSSION: Our study aims to provide a feasible long-term intervention strategy to re-establish childhood health and to prevent obesity-related cardiovascular dysfunction in children. TRIAL REGISTRATION: NCT00988754

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KW - Lip/in [Injuries]
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AIM: The aims were to identify the predominant causes and types of orofacial injury in young children attending clinics at a University Dental School in Dunedin, New Zealand. MATERIAL AND METHODS: A retrospective analysis of data from the records of all children aged 0-10 years who had been seen for orofacial trauma in 1999 and 2000 was undertaken. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS: Three hundred traumatic incidents in 288 children were analysed; 86.6% had causes noted. In very young children, most injuries were because of falls, while collisions, falling and sports were responsible for more injuries in school-aged children. Playground equipment and ride-on vehicles played a role particularly in the older children. There were no incidents of trauma as a result of road traffic accidents. Ten injuries were caused by animals, mainly dogs. Location was recorded for two-thirds of accidents: the predominant place was at home, followed by school. No seasonal variation was apparent. There were 228 non-dental injuries, of which the majority were to the lips. The predominant dental injuries in both dentitions were concussions and subluxations with a significantly higher occurrence of both in the primary dentition (P<0.001). Upper central incisors were most often involved. The age distribution for boys and girls was similar. In conclusion, the causes and types of orofacial trauma in this group of young New Zealand school children attending a university dental school were similar to other studies, except for the high proportion of concussions recorded in both dentitions. While the injuries were well described, not all records noted the cause or location. This has resulted in changes to the standard recording form to provide consistency in data capture. Information from this study will also be used to support child injury prevention strategies in New Zealand. 2011 John Wiley & Sons A/S
INTRODUCTION: From an epidemiological point of view, the plague is still being considered of great importance, because of its high epidemic potential. Despite the absence of cases of human plague in Brazil, its etiologic agent, the bacteria *Yersinia pestis*, is still deep rooted in its natural environment. The occurrence of positive serology for plague in domestic carnivores in plague areas in Bahia in the past few years implies the need for a more rigorous evaluation in order to verify whether the bacillus of the plague is still active in these areas. METHODS: In this study, the presence of infection caused by *Y. pestis* was analyzed by seroprevalence tests on humans, dogs and rodents and by the detection of the bacteria in rodents and fleas. A structured questionnaire was used to analyze the association between environmental, socioeconomic and biological factors and seroprevalence in humans. RESULTS: Of the 630 serum samples examined (88 from humans, 480 from dogs and 62 from rodents), all were nonreactive for plague and bacteriological analyses performed on 14 rodents and 2 flea lots showed no signs of the bacteria. CONCLUSIONS: These results cannot confirm the eradication of the disease in the entire State, since the cyclic nature of the plague indicates that it can go silent for long periods and then resurge, affecting large numbers of people. Thus, maintenance of active, permanent surveillance is required for early detection and the development of adequate control measures.
OBJECTIVE: To describe the participation patterns of children and youth with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and to compare these patterns with typically-developing peers. METHODS: One hundred and thirty-five children with ABI completed the Children Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE) to measure their participation diversity and intensity in outside-of-school activities (i.e. recreational, physical, social, self-improvement and skill-based activities). Results were compared to 354 typically-developing peers. ANOVA analyses were performed while controlling for age and gender. RESULTS: Similar to typically-developing children, individuals with ABI proportionally participated mostly in social and recreational activities and were less likely to engage in skill-based activities. However, level of intensity and diversity within each activity type was different between the two groups. Children with ABI participated in fewer activities and were less frequently involved in all the CAPE's activity types except for intensity in social activities. These differences, characterized by small-to-medium effect sizes, were not dependent on the child's age and gender.

CONCLUSIONS: Participation of children with ABI is restricted in comparison to their typically-developing peers even in a sample where minor injury is predominant. Future studies might address additional factors that potentially affect participation, e.g. child's preferences and family function.

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Wide variability in physical activity environments and weather-related outdoor play policies in child care centers within a single county of Ohio

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OBJECTIVES: To examine the variability of physical activity environments and outdoor play policies in child care centers and to determine whether this variability is associated with the demographic characteristics of the child care centers surveyed. DESIGN: Early Learning Environments Physical Activity and Nutrition Telephone Survey. SETTING: Child care centers in Hamilton County (greater Cincinnati area), Ohio, during the period from 2008 to 2009. PARTICIPANTS: Directors of all 185 licensed full-time child care centers in Hamilton County. OUTCOME MEASURES: Descriptive measures of playground and indoor physical activity environments and weather-related outdoor play policies. RESULTS: Of 185 eligible child care centers, 162 (88%) responded to our survey. Of the 162 centers that responded, 151 (93%) reported an on-site playground, but slightly more than half reported that their playgrounds were large, that they were at least one-third covered in shade, or that they had a variety of portable play equipment. Only half reported having a dedicated indoor gross motor room where children could be active during inclement weather. Only 32 centers (20%) allowed children to go outside in temperatures below 32 degrees F (0 degrees C), and 70 centers (43%) reported allowing children outdoors during light rain. A higher percentage of children receiving tuition assistance was associated with lower quality physical activity facilities and stricter weather-related practices. National accreditation was associated with more physical activity-promoting practices. CONCLUSION: We found considerable variability in the indoor and outdoor physical activity environments offered by child care centers within a single county of Ohio. Depending on the outdoor play policy and options for indoor physical activity of a child care center, children's opportunities for physical activity can be curtailed as a result of subfreezing temperatures or light rain. Policy changes and education of parents and teachers may be needed to ensure that children have ample opportunity for daily physical activity.

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Correlates of park-based physical activity among children in diverse communities: results from an observational study in two cities

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N2 - PURPOSE: This study examined correlates of park-based physical activity (PA) among children in neighborhood parks. DESIGN: Direct observation was used to assess PA among children. SETTING: Public parks in Tampa, Florida (n=10), and Chicago, Illinois (n=18), from low income and high income and racially/ethnically diverse communities. Subjects. Children (n=3410), coded as anyone who appeared to be 10 years or younger, observed at parks in Tampa and Chicago. MEASURES: Physical activity was measured by a modified version of the System for Observing Play and Leisure Among Youth (SOPLAY). ANALYSIS: Descriptive statistics and multilevel regression models were used in data analysis. RESULTS: At the activity observation level, children's PA was positively related to temperature and unstructured activities in Tampa and Chicago parks. Among park activity area predictors, type of activity area was significantly related to PA. In Tampa, more PA was observed on courts, and less PA was observed in shelter areas compared with open space areas. In Chicago, less PA was observed on courts and fields compared with open space areas. Neighborhood income was associated with lower PA in Tampa parks. Neighborhood race/ethnicity was not a significant predictor of children's PA in either city. CONCLUSIONS: Children's PA was linked to modifiable social and environmental features within parks. Strategies to increase PA among children in parks should promote courts, playgrounds, informal activities, and free play. Copyright 2011 by American Journal of Health Promotion, Inc
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BACKGROUND: Creating an optimal environment at recess may be necessary to maximize physical activity (PA) participation in youth. The purpose of this study was to determine the initial effectiveness of an elementary school recess intervention on the amount of moderate PA (MPA) and vigorous PA (VPA) during recess and the school day. METHODS: This school-based intervention included staff training, activity zones, and playground equipment. The PA levels of third, fourth, and fifth grade students (n = 93) at two schools were measured at baseline and post-intervention using ActiGraph accelerometers. Paired t tests were used to compare percentage of time spent during recess in MPA and VPA. Multiple regressions were utilized to model the effect of intervention, age, sex, race, body mass index, and school on minutes spent in MPA and VPA. RESULTS: The multiple regression results demonstrated increases of 2.5 minutes of MPA (p < .001) and 2.2 minutes of VPA (p < .001) at recess and an increase of 18.7 minutes of MPA (p < .001) and 4.7 minutes of VPA (p < .001).
during the school day. These represent respective increases of 51.2% and 112.2% in the adjusted means of MPA and VPA during recess and respective increases of 92.2% and 71.6% in the adjusted mean of MPA and VPA during school day. CONCLUSION: Staff training, recreational equipment, and playground markings are inexpensive, simple ways to increase PA during recess so that children can accumulate minutes of PA to meet the recommended guidelines of 60 minutes per day. 2011, American School Health Association
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KW - Medical Records
KW - Middle Aged
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KW - Prevalence
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Leishmaniasis is one of the most neglected tropical diseases and epidemic outbreaks often occur worldwide. This paper reports some epidemiological features of the disease in Tigray, northern Ethiopia, with the aim of studying the disease distribution and the environmental factors that may have influenced it. Medical records from patients with Leishmania attending the Italian Dermatological Centre of Mekele in the period 2005-2008 were retrospectively reviewed. Age and gender distribution, clinical types, occupation, co-morbidity, urban/rural origin, altitude and rainfall were investigated. The result was 471 patients affected and the prevalent clinical form was cutaneous leishmaniasis (86%). Five main risk areas were identified in the Tigray highlands and only isolated cases were reported at altitudes below 1700m. The variables related to a higher risk of catching leishmaniasis were male gender, age over 14, poor education, outdoor activities and living at high altitudes. Climatic and environmental changes occurring in this region and land degradation are discussed as factors influencing leishmaniasis distribution. Further research including field missions and geomapping is needed to quantify the actual disease burden in the region. Copyright 2011 Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Published by Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
Cascade impactors were deployed to sample the particulate matter. Two fractions of coarse particulate matter (PM(10-2.5) and PM(2.5-1.0)) were characterized by gravimetry, energy dispersive X-ray spectrometry and scanning electron microscopy. Two indicators of human activity, the number of exercising children and the number of physical education hours, were also recorded. Lower mass concentrations of coarse particulate matter were recorded outdoors (average PM(10-2.5) 4.1-7.4 mg m(-3) and PM(2.5-1.0) 2.0-3.3 mg m(-3)) than indoors (average PM(10-2.5) 13.6-26.7 mg m(-3) and PM(2.5-1.0) 3.7-7.4 mg m(-3)). The indoor concentrations of coarse aerosol were elevated during days with scheduled physical education with an average indoor-outdoor (I/O) ratio of 2.5-16.3 for the PM(10-2.5) and 1.4-4.8 for the PM(2.5-1.0) values. Under extreme conditions, the I/O ratios reached 180 (PM(10-2.5)) and 19.1 (PM(2.5-1.0)). The multiple regression analysis based on the number of students and outdoor coarse PM as independent variables showed that the main predictor of the indoor coarse PM concentrations is the number of students in the gym. The effect of outdoor coarse PM was weak and inconsistent. The regression models for the three schools explained 60-70% of the particular dataset variability. X-ray spectrometry revealed 6 main groups of minerals contributing to resuspended indoor dust. The most abundant particles were those of crustal origin composed of Si, Al, O and Ca. Scanning electron microscopy showed that, in addition to numerous inorganic particles, various types of fibers and particularly skin scales make up the main part of the resuspended dust in the gyms. In conclusion, school gyms were found to be indoor microenvironments with high concentrations of coarse particulate matter, which can contribute to increased short-term inhalation exposure of exercising children.
This letter describes a novel approach to the assessment of spatial cognition in children. In particular, we present a wireless instrumented toy embedding magneto-inertial sensors for orientation tracking, specifically developed to assess the ability to insert objects into holes. To be used in naturalistic environments (e.g., day cares), we also describe an in-field calibration procedure based on a sequence of manual rotations, not relying on accurate motions or sophisticated equipment. The final accuracy of the proposed system, after the mentioned calibration procedure, is derived by direct comparison with a gold-standard motion tracking device. In particular, both systems are subjected to a sequence of ten single-axis rotations (approximately 90 degree, back and forth), about three different axes. The rms of the angular error between the two measurements (gold-standard versus proposed systems) was evaluated for each trial. In particular, the average rms error is under 2 degree. This study indicates that a technological approach to ecological assessment of spatial cognition in infants is indeed feasible. As a consequence, prevention through screening of large number of infants is at reach.

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KW - Cochlear Nucleus/ph [Physiology]
KW - Cochlear Nucleus/su [Surgery]
KW - Electrodes
KW - Implanted
KW - Evoked Potentials
KW - Auditory
KW - Brain Stem
KW - Female
KW - Hearing Loss
OBJECTIVES: The Nucleus auditory brain stem implant (ABI) has been used in the hearing rehabilitation of totally deaf individuals for whom a cochlear implant is not an option such as in the case of neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2). Intraoperative electrically evoked auditory brain stem responses (EABRs) are recorded to assist in the placement of the electrode array over the dorsal and ventral cochlear nuclei in the lateral recess of the IVth ventricle of the brain stem. This study had four objectives: (1) to characterize EABRs evoked by stimulation with an ABI in adolescents and adults with NF2, (2) to evaluate how the EABR morphology relates to auditory sensations elicited from stimulation by an ABI, (3) to establish whether there is evidence of morphology changes in the EABR with site of stimulation by the ABI, and (4) to investigate how the threshold of the EABR relates to behavioral threshold and comfortably loud sensations measured at initial device activation.

DESIGN: Intraoperative EABRs were recorded from 34 subjects with ABIs: 19 male and 15 female, mean age 27 yrs (range 12 to 52 yrs). ABI stimulation was applied at seven different sites using either wide bipolar stimulation across the array or in subsections of the array from medial to lateral and inferior to superior. The EABRs were analyzed with respect to morphology, peak latency, and changes in these characteristics with the site of stimulation. In a subset of eight subjects, additional narrow bipolar sites were stimulated to compare the intraoperative EABR threshold levels with the behavioral threshold (T) and comfortably loud (C) levels of stimulation required at initial device activation.

RESULTS: EABRs were elicited from 91% of subjects. Morphology varied from one to four vertex-positive peaks with mean latencies of 0.76, 1.53, 2.51, and 3.64 msecs, respectively. The presence of an EABR from stimulation by electrodes across the whole array had a high predictive value for the presence of auditory electrodes at initial device activation. When examining subsections of the array, the absence of an EABR was a poor predictor for the absence of auditory electrodes. The morphology of the EABRs varied with site of stimulation in 16 cases, but there was no consistent pattern of change with stimulation site. There was a trend for more auditory electrodes to be present in stimulation sites that evoked EABRs with a higher number of peaks in the waveform. The EABR threshold was closer to the behavioral C level than the T level, but there was no overall correlation between the intraoperative EABR threshold level and the behavioral T and C levels.

CONCLUSIONS: The presence of an intraoperative EABR corresponded well to the presence of auditory electrodes. The absence of an EABR from stimulating subsections of the array was not, however, a good indicator for the absence of auditory electrodes and the EABR from such stimulation would not be of assistance in identifying the nonauditory sections of the array to exclude in behavioral fitting of the device. The morphology of the EABR did not relate to site of stimulation. More peaks in the EABR was associated with a greater number of electrodes with auditory sensations, suggesting that correct positioning of the ABI activated more auditory subsystems within the cochlear nucleus. The intraoperative EABR thresholds did not correlate with the behavioral T and C levels and could not be used to assist in device fitting.
OBJECTIVE: School children use information and communication technology (ICT) on a regular basis for a variety of purposes. The purpose of this study was to document how school children spend their time and the different types of ICT they use. METHODS: Nine Australian primary school children were observed in their school and away-from-school environments during one school day to record their ICT usage, comparing self-report exposures with direct observations. Self-reported discomfort scores were obtained throughout the day. RESULTS: Paper-based ICT (Old ICT) was mostly used for productive occupations at school, while electronic-based ICT (New ICT) was mostly used during leisure in away-from-school locations. Tasks involving no ICT (Non-ICT) accounted for the largest proportion of time in both locations during self-care, leisure and instrumental occupations. End-of-day self-reported time performing different occupations was consistent with data from independent observations. Self reported time using Old ICT and New ICT was marginally over-estimated, and time spent using Non-ICT was marginally under-estimated. CONCLUSION: The children in this study used a variety of ICT in the performance of daily occupations in their natural environments. New ICT use was primarily for leisure, but time spent was less than reported in other studies. Discomfort reports among the participants were low. Participants' self-reports of occupations performed and ICT use was reliable and could be useful as an exposure assessment metric.
INTRODUCTION: It has been noticed many times that schools are buildings with high levels of particulate matter concentrations. Several authors documented that concentrations of particulate matter in indoor school microenvironments exceed limits recommended by WHO namely when school buildings are situated near major roads with high traffic densities. In addition, exercise under conditions of high particulate concentrations may increase the adverse health effects, as the total particle deposition increases in proportion to minute ventilation, and the deposition fraction nearly doubles from rest to intense exercise.

SITE AND METHODS: Mass concentrations of size-segregated aerosol were measured simultaneously in an elementary school gym and an adjacent outdoor site in the central part of Prague by two pairs of collocated aerosol monitors—a fast responding photometer DusTrak and a five stage cascade impactor. To encompass seasonal and annual differences, 89 days of measurements were performed during ten campaigns between 2005 and 2009.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION: The average (all campaigns) outdoor concentration of PM(2.5) (28.3 μg m(-3)) measured by the cascade impactors was higher than the indoor value (22.3 μg m(-3)) and the corresponding average from the nearest fixed site monitor (23.6 μg m(-3)). Indoor and outdoor PM(2.5) concentrations exceeded the WHO recommended 24-h limit in 42% and 49% of the days measured, respectively. The correlation coefficient (r) between corresponding outdoor and indoor aerosol sizes increased with decreasing aerodynamic diameter of the collected particles (r=0.32-0.87), suggesting a higher infiltration rate of fine and quasi-ultrafine particles. Principal component analysis revealed five factors explaining more than 82% of the data variability. The first two factors reflected a close association between outdoor and indoor fine and quasi-ultrafine particles confirming the hypothesis of high infiltration rate of particles from outdoors. The third factor indicated that human activity is the main source of indoor emission of coarse particles. The fourth factor involved only outdoor variables showing the resuspension of coarse ambient aerosol on dry and
warm days without its seeming effect on the indoor coarse PM levels. Having in mind that high concentrations of both fine and coarse aerosol were frequently observed in the studied space, our results suggest that indoor exercise in polluted urbanized areas may increase the overall exposure and thus represent a potential health risk to young individuals during physical education at schools.
OBJECTIVE: It is not clear whether physical activity and sedentary behavior affect retinal microvascular caliber. We investigated associations among physical activity (outdoor and indoor sporting activities), sedentary behaviors (including screen time, television [TV] viewing, and computer and videogame usage), and retinal microvascular caliber in schoolchildren. METHODS AND RESULTS: Six-year-old students (1765/2238) from a random cluster sample of 34 Sydney schools were examined. Parents completed questionnaires about physical and sedentary activities. Retinal images were taken, and retinal vessel caliber was quantified. After adjusting for age, sex, ethnicity, eye color, axial length, body mass index, birth weight, and mean arterial blood pressure, children who spent more time in outdoor sporting activities (in the highest tertile of activity) had 2.2 mum (95% CI 0.65 to 3.71) wider mean retinal arteriolar caliber than those in the lowest tertile (Ptrend=0.004). Increasing quartiles of time spent watching TV were associated with narrower mean retinal arteriolar caliber 2.3 mum (95% CI 0.73 to 3.92), Ptrend=0.003. CONCLUSIONS: These data suggest that physical activity could have a beneficial influence, whereas screen time has a potential adverse influence on retinal microvascular structure. The magnitude of arteriolar narrowing associated with each hour daily of TV viewing is similar to that associated with a 10-mm Hg increase in systolic blood pressure in children.

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T1 - Mothers' reports of play dates and observation of school playground behavior of children having high-functioning autism spectrum disorders
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BACKGROUND: Children with high-functioning autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are generally included with typically developing peers at school. They have difficulties interacting with peers on the school playground. Previous literature suggests that having play dates in the home may be related to better peer acceptance at school. METHODS: This study examines the relationship between mother-reported play date frequency and amount of conflict, and peer interaction observed on the school playground for a sample of 27 boys and 4 girls meeting structured interview and observation criteria for ASD. Measures of intellectual functioning, adaptive behavior, and social skills were included in a stepwise regression analysis to account for their impact on relationships between maternal play date reports, general peer acceptance at school (as rated by the child’s teacher) and observations of school playground behavior. RESULTS: Results revealed that children with autism spectrum disorders who had more play dates in their home tended to spend a greater amount of time engaged in behaviors such as mutual offering of objects, conversing and other turn-taking activities with peers on the school playground. They also received more positive responses to their overtures from peers. These relationships remained highly significant even after accounting for other demographic, general social, and cognitive variables. CONCLUSIONS: The present results suggest that play date frequency is strongly related to school playground behavior. Owing to the design of this study, future research must assess whether play dates in the home promote better peer relationships on the playground or the reverse. In either case, the assessment of play dates, as well as observation of spontaneous unsupervised social interactions, are important outcome measures to consider in social skills interventions for children with high-functioning ASD. 2010 The Authors. Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry 2010 Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health

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BACKGROUND: Hypoactivation of the inferior frontal gyrus during the perception of facial expressions has been interpreted as evidence for a deficit of the mirror neuron system in children with autism. We examined whether this dysfunction persists in adulthood, and how brain activity in the mirror neuron system relates to social functioning outside the laboratory. METHODS: Twenty-one adult males with autism spectrum disorders and 21 typically developing subjects matched for age, sex, and IQ were scanned in three conditions: observing short movies showing facial expressions, performing a facial movement, and experiencing a disgusting taste. Symptom severity and level of social adjustment were measured with the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule and the Social Functioning Scale. RESULTS: Inferior frontal gyrus activity during the observation of facial expressions increased with age in subjects with autism, but not in control subjects. The age-related increase in activity was associated with changes in gaze behavior and improvements in social functioning. These age-related neurocognitive improvements were not found in a group of individuals with schizophrenia, who had comparable levels of social functioning. CONCLUSIONS: The results of this cross-sectional study suggest that mirror neuron system activity augments with age in autism and that this is accompanied by changes in gaze behavior and improved social functioning. It is the first demonstration of an age-related neurocognitive improvement in autism. Increased motor simulation may contribute to the amelioration in social functioning documented in adolescence and adulthood. This finding should encourage the development of new therapeutic interventions directed at emotion simulation. Copyright 2011 Society of Biological Psychiatry. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: Unintentional Childhood Injuries pose a major public health challenge in Africa and Uganda. Previous estimates of the problem may have underestimated the childhood problem. We set to determine unintentional childhood injury pattern, odds, and outcomes at the National Paediatric Emergency unit in Kampala city using surveillance data. METHODS: Incident proportions, odds and proportional rates were calculated and used to determine unintentional injury patterns across childhood (1-12 years). RESULTS: A total of 556 cases recorded between January and May 2008 were analyzed: majority had been transported to hospital by mothers using mini-buses, private cars, and motorcycles. Median distance from injury location to hospital was 5 km. Homes, roads, and schools were leading injury locations. Males constituted 60% of the cases. Play and daily living activities were commonest injury time activities. Falls, burns and traffic accounted for 70.5% of unintentional childhood injuries. Burns, open wounds, fractures were commonest injury types. Motorcycles, buses and passenger-cars caused most crashes. Play grounds, furniture, stairs and trees were commonest source of falls. Most burn injuries were caused by liquids, fires and hot objects. 43.8% of cases were admitted. 30% were discharged without disability; 10%, were disabled; 1%, died. Injury odds and proportional incidence rates varied with age, place and cause. Poisoning and drowning were rare. Local pediatric injury priorities should include home, road and school safety. CONCLUSIONS: Unintentional injuries are common causes of hospital visit by children under 13 years especially boys. Homes, roads and educational facilities are commonest unintentional injury sites. Significant age and gender differences exist in intentional injury causation, characteristics and outcomes. In its current form, our surveillance system seems inefficient in capturing poisoning and drowning. The local prevention priorities could include home, road and school safety; especially dissemination and uptake of proven interventions. Burns should be focus of domestic injury prevention among under-fives. Commercial passenger motorcycles require better regulation and control.
INTRODUCTION: Active Families is a program developed to increase outdoor play and decrease television viewing among preschool-aged children enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Our objective was to assess its feasibility and efficacy. METHODS: We implemented Active Families in a large WIC clinic in New York State for 1 year. To this end, we incorporated into WIC nutrition counseling sessions a community resource guide with maps showing recreational venues. Outcome measures were children's television viewing and time playing outdoors and parents' behaviors (television viewing, physical activity), self-efficacy to influence children's behaviors, and parenting practices specific to television viewing. We used a nonpaired pretest and posttest design to evaluate the intervention, drawing on comparison data from 3 matched WIC agencies. RESULTS: Compared with the children at
baseline, the children at follow-up were more likely to watch television less than 2 hours per day and play outdoors for at least 60 minutes per day. Additionally, parents reported higher self-efficacy to limit children’s television viewing and were more likely to meet physical activity recommendations and watch television less than 2 hours per day. CONCLUSION: Results suggest that it is feasible to foster increased outdoor play and reduced television viewing among WIC-enrolled children by incorporating a community resource guide into WIC nutrition counseling sessions. Future research should test the intervention with a stronger evaluation design in multiple settings, with more diverse WIC populations, and by using more objective outcome measures of child behaviors.
N2 - PROBLEM/CONDITION: Cyclosporiasis is an enteric disease caused by the parasite Cyclospora cayetanensis. Cyclosporiasis is reported most commonly in tropical and subtropical regions. In the United States, outbreaks of cyclosporiasis associated with various types of imported fresh produce have been documented and described since the mid-1990s. No molecular tools are available for linking C. cayetanensis cases. National data regarding laboratory-confirmed sporadic cases (i.e., cases not linked to documented outbreaks) have not been summarized previously. REPORTING PERIOD: This summary includes laboratory-confirmed sporadic cases that occurred during 1997-2008 and were reported to CDC by 2009. DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM: In January 1999, cyclosporiasis became a nationally notifiable disease, and, as of 2008, it was a reportable condition in 37 states, New York City (NYC), and the District of Columbia. For 1997-2008, CDC was notified of laboratory-confirmed cases via two active surveillance systems (the Cyclospora Sentinel Surveillance Network and the Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network), two passive systems (the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System and the Public Health Laboratory Information System), and informal mechanisms (e.g., electronic mail). RESULTS: CDC was notified of 1,110 laboratory-confirmed sporadic cases of cyclosporiasis that occurred during 1997-2008. The overall population-adjusted incidence rates ranged from a low of 0.01 cases per 100,000 persons in 1997 to a high of 0.07 in 2002. Of the 1,110 cases, 849 (76.5%) were reported by seven states: 498 (44.9%) occurred in residents of Florida (228 cases), NYC (200 cases), and elsewhere in New York state (70 cases); and >50 cases were reported by each of five other states (Connecticut, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania). Overall, the case-patients' median age was 44 years (range: 3 months-96 years); 50.5% were female, 47.2% were male, and the sex was unknown for 2.3%. A total of 372 case-patients (33.5%) had a documented history of international travel during the 2-week period before symptom onset or diagnosis, 398 (35.9%) reported no international travel, and 340 (30.6%) had an unknown travel history. Some details about the travel were available for 317 (85.2%) of the case-patients with a known history of international travel; 142 (44.8%) had traveled to Mexico (60 persons), Guatemala (44 persons), or Peru (38 persons). Among the 398 case-patients classified as having domestically acquired cases, 124 persons (31.2%) lived in Florida, and 64 persons (16.1%) lived either in NYC (49 persons) or elsewhere in New York state (15 persons). The majority (278 [69.8%]) of onset or diagnosis dates for domestically acquired cases occurred during April-August. INTERPRETATION: Approximately one third of cases occurred in persons with a known history of international travel who might have become infected while traveling outside the continental United States. Domestically acquired cases were concentrated in time (spring and summer) and place (eastern and southeastern states): some of these cases probably were outbreak associated but were not linked to other cases, in part because of a lack of molecular tools. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION: Surveillance for cases of cyclosporiasis and research to develop molecular methods for linking seemingly sporadic cases should remain U.S. public health priorities, in part to facilitate identification and investigation of outbreaks and to increase understanding of the biology of Cyclospora and the epidemiology of cyclosporiasis. Unidentified, uninvestigated cases and outbreaks represent missed opportunities to identify vehicles of infection, modes of contamination, and preventive measures. Travelers to known areas of endemicity should be advised that food and water precautions for Cyclospora are similar to those for other enteric pathogens, except that this parasite is unlikely to be killed by routine chemical disinfection or sanitizing methods. The diagnosis of cyclosporiasis should be considered for persons with persistent or remitting-relapsing diarrheal illness, and testing for Cyclospora should be requested explicitly.

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Expert review of neurotherapeutics
OBJECTIVE: To explore the clinical outcomes of children/adolescents with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) who required a therapy switch from atomoxetine to OROS() methylphenidate (MPH).

METHODS: This prospective, noninterventional study involved patients aged 6-18 years with a confirmed diagnosis of ADHD who experienced insufficient clinical response and/or poor tolerability during atomoxetine treatment. Patients were transitioned to OROS MPH and followed for 12 weeks. ADHD symptoms, functional outcomes, health-related quality of life (HRQoL) and tolerability were assessed throughout the study.

RESULTS: 42 patients (intention-to-treat) transitioned from atomoxetine 43.2 plus 14.7 mg onto OROS MPH 33.0 plus 17.7 mg (mean daily starting dose), increasing to 38.6 plus 17.6 mg at the final visit. Median treatment duration was 85 days (range: 3-155). Compared with baseline, symptoms, functional outcome and HRQoL improved after transitioning to OROS MPH as assessed by the Conners’ Parent Rating Scale (mean change from baseline: -10.1 + 11.6; p < 0.0001), Children’s Global Assessment Scale (8.7 + 16.2; p = 0.0015) and ILC-LQO-28 scores (parents’ rating from 14.9 + 3.6 [baseline] to 17.5 + 4.8 [study end]; p = 0.0002; patients’ rating from 16.9 + 3.9 [baseline] to 19.3 + 4.4 [study end]; p = 0.0003). Social interactions and late afternoon tasks (playing with other children, household chores, school homework and behavior towards visitors/at visits) improved (p < 0.001). Approximately 62% expressed satisfaction (‘very good’ or ‘good’) with OROS MPH therapy compared with prior atomoxetine with respect to symptom control in the late afternoon. The most common treatment-emergent adverse events after switching were involuntary muscle contractions (tics; 16.7%), insomnia (14.3%), abdominal pain (9.5%) and headache (9.5%). No clinically relevant changes in body weight or vital signs were observed. CONCLUSION: In this naturalistic setting, transitioning from atomoxetine to OROS MPH was associated with improved ADHD symptoms and impacted positively on patients’ and parents’ HRQoL and disease burden in ADHD children who demonstrated an insufficient response and/or poor tolerability to atomoxetine.
Obesity prevention in the family day care setting: impact of the Romp & Chomp intervention on opportunities for children's physical activity and healthy eating

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BACKGROUND: The Romp & Chomp intervention reduced the prevalence of overweight/obesity in preschool children in Geelong, Victoria, Australia through an intervention promoting healthy eating and active play in early childhood settings. This study aims to determine if the intervention successfully created more health promoting family day care (FDC) environments. METHODS: The evaluation had a cross-sectional, quasi-experimental design with the intervention FDC service in Geelong and a comparison sample from 17 FDC services across Victoria. A 45-item questionnaire capturing nutrition- and physical activity-related aspects of the policy, socio-cultural and physical environments of the FDC service was completed by FDC care providers (in 2008) in the intervention (n= 28) and comparison (n= 223) samples. RESULTS: Select results showed intervention children spent less time in screen-based activities (P= 0.03), organized active play (P < 0.001) and free inside play (P= 0.03) than comparison children. There were more rules related to healthy eating (P < 0.001), more care provider practices that supported children's positive meal experiences (P < 0.001), fewer unhealthy food items allowed (P= 0.05), higher odds of staff being trained in nutrition (P= 0.04) and physical activity (P < 0.001), lower odds of having set minimum times for outside (P < 0.001) and organized (P= 0.01) active play, and of rewarding children with food (P < 0.001). CONCLUSIONS: Romp & Chomp improved the FDC service to one that discourages sedentary behaviours and promotes opportunities for children to eat nutritious foods. Ongoing investment to increase children's physical activity within the setting and improving the capacity and health literacy of care providers is required to extend and sustain the improvements. 2011 Blackwell Publishing Ltd

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KW - Male
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BACKGROUND: The prevalence of overweight among young children is increasing at an alarming rate. Global efforts to address the issue can benefit from understanding how young children's experiences across multiple contexts shape their perspectives of healthy weight. METHODS: This qualitative study examines the substance and sources of young American children's knowledge related to healthy eating, physical activity and media practices. Role play and semi-structured interviews were conducted in child-care settings with 81 children aged 3-5 who represented diverse socio-economic statuses and ethnic backgrounds. RESULTS: Children demonstrated better understanding of the benefits of healthy eating compared with physical activity. Snacks and beverages consumed outside mealt ime were less likely to be healthy even among the 40% of children who demonstrated an understanding of healthy nutrition. The majority of children's leisure activity selections involved media and minimally active pursuits. Three quarters of the children were unable to articulate reasons for healthy choices or identify the sources of their health understandings. The media was listed as source of health information more frequently than adults. CONCLUSION: Obesity prevention efforts targeting young children need to use consistent messaging across all contexts in which children develop in order to increase their understanding that physical activity and eating choices support health. Efforts need to counter inaccurate information and address the rationale for health practices. Key gaps in young children's understanding include: the importance of drinking water, that snacks are part of nutritional intake and the benefits of engaging in physical activities. 2011 Blackwell Publishing Ltd

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T1 - The influence of ICT on the activity patterns of children with physical disabilities outside school
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KW - Educational Technology
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Interpersonal Relations
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
AIM: To investigate the outside school activity patterns of children with physical disabilities, and specifically their information and communication technology (ICT) usage compared with that of non-disabled children. In addition, the aim was to investigate the children's opinions on computer use and the associations between their use of the Internet and their interaction with peers. METHODS: Questionnaire on activities outside school, answered by 215 children and youths with physical disabilities, mean age 12 years 10 months, attending mainstream schools. For group comparisons with non-disabled children, data from the survey 'Kids and Media' were used. RESULTS: In the analysis, two sets of activity patterns were identified, depending on whether the child was disabled or not and on the gender of the child. A higher proportion of children with physical disabilities were engaged in ICT activities, while non-disabled children tended to be engaged in a broader range of activities outside school. The activity pattern was more uniform for boys and girls with disabilities than for their non-disabled peers. Use of the Internet was positively associated with peer interaction. CONCLUSION: Outside school, the activity patterns of children and youths with physical disabilities seem to be characterized by a focus on ICT activities, which enable children to compensate for their impairment because it suits all. In addition, digital skills developed outside school engage children with physical disabilities, giving them increased access to society and for educational purposes. 2010 Blackwell Publishing Ltd
The purpose of this study was to estimate and compare gross motor ability of children aged 7 to 10 years, all from Roma minority families (Romas, Roma immigrants) and families of indigenous Greeks. The sample consisted of 180 children (60 natives, 60 Romas, 60 Roma immigrants) studying in Greek public primary schools. The Test of Gross Motor Development scores showed that the group of indigenous Greek children had significantly higher performance in terms of locomotion skills, handling skills, and general motor ability compared to the groups of Roma and Roma immigrant children. No statistically significant differences were observed between the two other groups. These findings might be attributed to less participation of minority children in organized physical activities in and outside school, as well as to the reduced parental encouragement for attending related activities.

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KW - Seasons
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KW - Time Factors
KW - Young Adult
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BACKGROUND: An important factor in determining our exposure to sunlight, and the consequent impact on skin health and vitamin D status, is the time we spend outdoors. OBJECTIVES: To determine estimates of the typical times per day spent outdoors during weekdays, weekends and holidays during a summer season. METHODS: A number of published studies giving data on the time per day spent outdoors by people were reviewed and a meta-analysis performed. From these data summary estimates of the average time per day outdoors were extracted. RESULTS: Time spent per day outdoors during weekdays and weekends is positively skewed, with a normal distribution of times outdoors during holidays. The median times per day outdoors during weekdays and weekends gave pooled estimates of 104 and 164 h, respectively. Corresponding values for the pooled estimates of mean times outdoors during these two periods were 143 and 238 h. The mean time per day outdoors during holiday exposure is 5-6 h. CONCLUSIONS: Summer-long distribution of times spent outdoors on a daily basis exhibits a highly skewed nature that highlights the difference between our adventitious and recreational exposure. Over the course of a summer season, when people are outside, they spend on average of 1-2 h per day outdoors.
PURPOSE: To investigate visual activities before and after the onset of juvenile myopia. METHODS: The subjects were 731 incident myopes (-0.75 D or more myopia on cycloplegic autorefraction in both meridians) and 587 emmetropes (between -0.25 and +1.00 D) in the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Ethnicity and Refractive Error (CLEERE) Study. Parents supplied visual activity data annually. Data from myopic children 5 years before through 5 years after myopia onset were compared to data from age-, sex-, and ethnicity-matched models of children who remained emmetropic. RESULTS: Hours per week spent reading or using a computer/playing video games did not differ between the groups before myopia onset; however, hours per week for both activities were significantly greater in myopes than in emmetropes at onset and in 4 of the 5 years after onset by 0.7 to 1.6 hours per week. Hours per week spent in outdoor/sports activities were significantly fewer for children who became myopic 3 years before onset through 4 years after onset by 1.1 to 1.8 hours per week. Studying and TV watching were not significantly different before myopia onset. CONCLUSIONS: Before myopia onset, near work activities of future myopic children did not differ from those of emmetropes. Those who became myopic had fewer outdoor/sports activity hours than the emmetropes before, at, and after myopia onset. Myopia onset may influence children's near work behavior, but the lack of difference before onset argues against a major causative role for near work. Less outdoor/sports activity before myopia onset may exert a stronger influence on development than near work.
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N2 - The Windsor, Ontario Exposure Assessment Study evaluated the contribution of ambient air pollutants to personal and indoor exposures of adults and asthmatic children living in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. In addition, the role of personal, indoor, and outdoor air pollution exposures upon asthmatic children's respiratory health was assessed. Several active and passive sampling methods were applied, or adapted, for personal, indoor, and outdoor residential monitoring of nitrogen dioxide, volatile organic compounds, particulate matter (PM; PM-2.5 pm [PM2.5] and \( < \) or \( \leq \)10 microm [PM10] in aerodynamic diameter), elemental carbon, ultrafine particles, ozone, air exchange rates, allergens in settled dust, and particulate-associated metals. Participants completed five consecutive days of monitoring during the winter and summer of 2005 and 2006. During 2006, in addition to undertaking the air pollution measurements, asthmatic children completed respiratory health measurements (including peak flow meter tests and exhaled breath condensate) and tracked respiratory symptoms in a diary. Extensive quality assurance and quality control steps were implemented, including the collocation of instruments at the National Air Pollution Surveillance site operated by Environment Canada and at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality site in Allen Park, Detroit, MI. During field sampling, duplicate and blank samples were also completed and these data are reported. In total, 50 adults and 51 asthmatic children were recruited to participate, resulting in 922 participant days of data. When comparing the methods used in the study with standard reference methods, field blanks were low and bias was acceptable, with most methods being within 20% of reference methods. Duplicates were typically within less than 10% of each other, indicating that
study results can be used with confidence. This paper covers study design, recruitment, methodology, time activity diary, surveys, and quality assurance and control results for the different methods used
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N2 - BACKGROUND: The need to understand where and how much physical activity (PA) children accumulate has become important in assisting the development, implementation, and evaluation of PA interventions. The purpose of this study was to describe the daily PA patterns of children during the segmented school-week. METHODS: 829 children participated by wearing pedometers (Yamax-Digiwalker SW-200) for 5 consecutive days. Students recorded their steps at arrival/departure from school, Physical Education (PE), recess, and lunchtime. RESULTS: Boys took significantly more steps/day than girls during most PA opportunities; recess, t(440)=8.80, P<.01; lunch, t(811)=14.57, P<.01; outside of school, t(763)=5.34, P<.01; school, t(811)=10.61, P<.01; and total day, t(782)=7.69, P<.01. Boys and girls accumulated a similar number of steps t(711) .69, P=.09 during PE. For boys, lunchtime represented the largest single source of PA (13.4%) at school, followed by PE (12.7%) and recess (9.5%). For girls, PE was the largest (14.3%), followed by lunchtime (11.7%) and recess (8.3%). CONCLUSION: An understanding of the contributions of the in-school segments can serve as baseline measures for practitioners and researchers to use in school-based PA interventions
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BACKGROUND: Physical activity at school can support obesity prevention among youth. This paper assesses the role of existing school physical activity programs for a national cohort from first grade to fifth grade. METHODS: We analyzed a cohort from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey-Kindergarten Cohort which included 8246 children in 970 schools across the country. Growth curve models estimate the effect of physical education (PE) and recess on individual child body mass trajectories controlling for child and school characteristics. Hierarchical models allow for unobserved school and child effects. RESULTS: Among first graders, 7.0% met the National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) recommended time for PE and 70.7% met the recommended time for recess in the previous week. Boys experienced a greater increase in body mass than girls. Meeting the NASPE recommended time for recess was associated with a 0.74 unit decrease in BMI (body mass index) percentile for children overall. Meeting the NASPE recommendation for physical education was associated with a 1.56 unit decrease in BMI percentile among boys but not girls. CONCLUSIONS: We find evidence that meeting the national recommendations for PE and recess is effective in mitigating body mass increase among children.
What is the meaning and nature of active play for today's children in the UK?

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KW - Sex Factors
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Preventing the decline in physical activity which occurs around 10-11 years of age is a public health priority. Physically active play can make unique contributions to children's development which cannot be obtained from more structured forms of physical activity. Encouraging active play in children's leisure time has potential to increase physical activity levels while promoting optimal child development. Aspired wisdom states that contemporary British children no longer play outdoors, but systematic evidence for this is lacking. We need to build a more informed picture of contemporary children's play before we consider interventions to increase it. METHODS: Eleven focus groups were conducted with 77, 10-11 year old children from four primary schools in Bristol, UK. Focus groups examined: 1) children's perceptions of 'play'; 2) how much of their play is active play; and 3) contexts of children's active play. All focus groups were audio-taped and transcribed verbatim. Data were analysed using a thematic approach. RESULTS: Children's perceptions of play were broad and included both physically active and sedentary behaviours. Children reported that they frequently engaged in active play and valued both the physical and social benefits it provided. Whereas boys frequently reported having a 'kick about' or riding bikes as their preferred forms of active play, girls were less likely to report a specific activity. Additionally, boys reported greater independent mobility in their active play compared to girls. Finally, boys were more likely to report playing with neighbourhood friends but girls more frequently reported playing with family members. CONCLUSIONS: Promoting active play in children's leisure time may increase the physical activity of children, but interventions may need to be tailored according to gender
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Analysis of nonsexual injuries of the male genitals in children and adolescents

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AIM: This study analysed nonsexual male genital injuries in boys with regards to aetiology, age, management and outcome. METHODS: Patients were identified from the hospital database (between 1999 and 2009) were analysed retrospectively. RESULTS: Seventy-four patients (2-17 years) were identified which included 24 toddlers and small children (2-5 years), 36 school age children (6-12 years) and 14 adolescents (13-17 years). Traumas were related to falls (n=14), kicks (n=11), sport (n=10), toilet seats (n=9), motor vehicles (n=8), bicycle (n=4), outdoor activities (n=4) and others causes (n=14). The leading cause of injuries in (i) toddler and small children was related to toilet seat (n=7) and falls (n=7), (ii) school age children to sport (n=8), kicks (n=7) and falls (n=6), and (iii) adolescents to motorcycle accidents (n=5). There were 45 scrotal and 29 penile injuries ranging from lacerations to contusions. Sixty-eight patients required hospital stay (0.5-36 days, =2.4 days). Follow-up examinations were uneventful, except for one minor wound infection. CONCLUSION: Nonsexual traumas to the male external genitalia occur mostly in 6- to 12-year-old boys, with sport accidents, kicks and falls being the major causes. Scrotal and penile lacerations and testicular contusions are the most common injuries. Complications after injuries to the male genitals in children are rare.
Japanese encephalitis (JE) in persons who have traveled or lived overseas is diagnosed infrequently in the United States, with only four cases identified from 1992 (when a JE vaccine was first licensed in the United States) to 2008. This report describes the only cases diagnosed in the United States and reported to CDC since then. The first was a fatal case in a U.S. child who had visited relatives in the Philippines. The other occurred in a refugee who became ill while traveling from Thailand to the United States and whose diagnosis was complicated by concurrent neurocysticercosis. JE should be considered in the differential diagnosis for any patient with an acute neurologic infection who recently has been in a JE-endemic country. Travelers to JE-endemic countries should be advised of the risk for JE and the importance of personal protective measures to
prevent mosquito bites. JE vaccine should be considered for travelers who might be at greater risk based on the season, location, and duration of their visit and their planned activities.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: Previous Florida evaluations of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning have been disaster focused. The majority of prevention messages and risk-factor identification efforts have revolved around hurricane season (June-November). We evaluated the prevalence, risk factors, and causes of CO poisoning within Florida throughout the year to produce a more complete presentation of the burden of CO poisoning.

METHODS: We obtained data from death certificates, hospital discharge records, and emergency department
records. We limited our analysis to unintentional poisonings, calculating rates for age, gender, race, and ethnicity, and reviewing poisoning chronology, location, and exposure situation. RESULTS: From 1999 to 2007, 493 people were hospitalized, and 230 individuals died as a result of non-fire-related CO poisoning. From 2005 to 2007, 781 people visited emergency departments for non-fire-related CO poisoning. Rates of severe poisoning resulting in hospitalization or death were highest among the elderly (0.56 visits and 0.63 deaths per 100,000 Floridians). Acute poisoning rates were highest among people 25-34 years of age (2.48 visits per 100,000 Floridians). Poisonings were primarily due to motor vehicle exhaust (21%-69%) and generator exposure (12%-33%), and the majority (50%-70%) occurred within the home. A large number of poisonings (25%-29%) occurred during the winter months, outside of hurricane season. CONCLUSION: The findings of this study indicate a need for additional prevention strategies in conjunction with current activities to more effectively reduce the number of CO poisonings in Florida. Prevention activities should be conducted year-round, and additional strategies should include public awareness of the hazards of motor vehicle exhaust.

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Driver distraction represents a well-documented and growing contribution to the road safety problem. This study used a naturalistic, observational approach to examine if children in vehicles are a significant source of driving distraction. Families with children aged between 1 and 8 years drove an instrumented "study vehicle" on their regular trips for 3 weeks. A discrete video recording system in the vehicle provided images of the driver and front seat passenger, the rear seat child passengers and the traffic ahead. The video-recordings inside and outside the vehicle were analysed to identify potential distracting activities, where 'distraction' was broadly defined as any activity that distracted the driver or competed for their attention while driving. In addition, all potentially distracting activities that involved the driver looking away from the forward roadway for more than 2s while the vehicle was in motion were also coded. Video-recordings were analysed for 92 driving journeys undertaken by 12 families including 25 children and 19 drivers. The mean journey duration was approximately 16 min (range: 2 min-3h 34 min). Most journeys were undertaken during the day (89%), with the mother driving (65%) and without a front seat passenger (64%). Driving journeys were predominantly undertaken in urban areas (97%), on suburban roads/streets (94%), and under low complexity traffic conditions (91%). Most journeys involved some source of potential driver distraction (98%), with drivers distracted for 18% of the driving journey. The most frequent types of distracting activities that drivers engaged in included: touching their head or their face (35%), interacting with child passengers in the rear seat (12%), and engaging with the front seat passenger (9%). Almost three-quarters of these potentially distracting activities were engaged in by the driver while the study vehicle was in motion (72%) and 14% of all potentially distracting activities involved the driver's eyes off the roadway for greater than 2s while the vehicle was in motion, thereby potentially doubling their crash risk. The most frequent child-related activities that drivers engaged in included: turning to look at the rear seated occupants or viewing the children using the rear-view mirror (76.4%), engaging in conversation with their children (16%), assisting their children (e.g., passing food and drink [7%]) and playing with their children (1%). Drivers spent significantly longer periods of time engaged in non-child occupant-related activities compared with child occupant-related activities and were significantly more likely to have their eyes off the forward roadway for greater than 2s while engaged in non-child occupant-related activities (14%) compared to child occupant-related activities (10%). The results suggest that drivers need to be educated about the potential crash and injury risks associated with both child occupant-related and non-child occupant-related activities while driving their vehicle. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
OBJECTIVES: During a multicentre study on juvenile idiopathic arthritis, wide variations were observed in bone shape, signal intensity and volume of joint fluid as shown by MRI which in part appeared to be unrelated to disease activity. A study was undertaken to examine these features in a cohort of healthy children.

METHODS: 88 children of mean age 9.8 years (range 5-15) underwent MRI imaging (T1-weighted Spin Echo and Spectral Selection Attenuated Inversion Recovery (SPAIR)) of the left wrist. The number of bony depressions, distribution and amount of joint fluid and the presence of bone marrow changes were assessed.

RESULTS: Bony depressions were present in all children, increasing with age from a mean of 4.0 in children aged 4-6 years to 9.2 in those aged 12-15 years (p<0.001). 45 of 84 children (53.6%) had a high signal on SPAIR with a corresponding low signal on T1 in at least one bone. No associations were seen between bone marrow change (present or not) and sex (p=0.827) or sports club membership (p=0.616). All children had visible joint fluid in at least one of the joints assessed. No associations were seen between the presence of joint fluid and age group, except for the radius/scaphoid and capitate-scaphoid joints and a recess lateral to the hamate. CONCLUSIONS: It is important to be aware of the high prevalence of bony depressions, signal changes suggestive of bone marrow oedema and the volume of joint fluid seen in normal children. Such findings must be interpreted with care in children with suspected disease such as juvenile arthritis.
Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) causes the 3 major forms of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma; squamous cell carcinoma; and cutaneous malignant melanoma. Public awareness of the risk is not optimal, overall compliance with sun protection is inconsistent, and melanoma rates continue to rise. The risk of skin cancer increases when people overexpose themselves to sun and intentionally expose themselves to artificial sources of UVR. Yet, people continue to sunburn, and teenagers and adults alike remain frequent visitors to tanning parlors. Pediatricians should provide advice about UVR exposure during health-supervision visits and at other relevant times. Advice includes avoiding sunburning, wearing clothing and hats, timing activities (when possible) before or after periods of peak sun exposure, wearing protective sunglasses, and applying and reapplying sunscreen. Advice should be framed in the context of promoting outdoor physical activity. Adolescents should be strongly discouraged from visiting tanning parlors. Sun exposure and vitamin D status are intertwined. Cutaneous vitamin D production requires sunlight exposure, and many factors, such as skin pigmentation, season, and time of day, complicate efficiency of cutaneous vitamin D production that results from sun exposure. Adequate vitamin D is needed for bone health. Accumulating information suggests a beneficial influence of vitamin D on many health conditions. Although vitamin D is available through the diet, supplements, and incidental sun exposure, many children have low vitamin D concentrations. Ensuring vitamin D adequacy while promoting sun-protection strategies will require renewed attention to children's use of dietary and supplemental vitamin D.

Parenthood and factors that influence outdoor recreational physical activity from a gender perspective

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BACKGROUND: A physically active life promotes both physical and mental health, increasing well-being and quality of life. Physical activity (PA) performed outdoors has been found to be particularly good for promoting well-being. However, participation in PA can change during the course of a lifetime. Parenthood has been found to be a life event associated with decreased PA, especially among women, although studies in the field are sparse. The aim of this study was to investigate participation in outdoor recreational PA, and factors influencing participation among parents-to-be, with and without previous children, from a gender perspective.

METHODS: This study included baseline data from parents-to-be, 224 women and 208 men, from the municipality of Karlskrona in south-east Sweden. Data collection was carried out during 2008-2009. We measured the self-reported amount of outdoor recreational PA undertaken during the last year and analysed the probability of participating in this PA using 25 variables covering individual and socioeconomic factors.

RESULTS: Seventy-six per cent of the women and 65% of the men had participated in outdoor recreational PA, varying from several times per month to every day, over a 12-month period prior to one month before pregnancy. Participation in PA indoors and owning a dog or a horse emerged as the most important factors associated with the probability of participation in outdoor recreational PA. Men were affected by a greater number of factors than women, for example men who had a family situation that permitted outdoor recreational PA participated in activities to a greater extent than men without such a family situation. The physical aspect, i.e. improved physical condition, staying power and vigour, also played a significant role with regard to participation among men. CONCLUSIONS: Becoming a parent is a life-changing event that affects participation in PA. By offering family-oriented PA choices that involve both parents and children, midwives and health promoters can encourage parents to be active and to support each other. The promotion of outdoor recreational PA, which also has restorative effects on well-being, needs to focus on activities which are attractive and affordable for the majority of both women and men.

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Although research consistently demonstrates a link between residential context and physical activity for adults and adolescents, less is known about young children's physical activity. Using data from the U.S. Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (N=1822, 51% male), we explored whether outdoor play and television watching were associated with children's body mass indexes (BMIs) at age five using OLS regression models, controlling for a wide array of potential confounders, including maternal BMI. We also tested whether subjective and objective neighborhood measures - socioeconomic status (from U.S. Census tract data), type of dwelling, perceived collective efficacy, and interviewer-assessed physical disorder of the immediate environment outside the home - were associated with children's activities, using negative binomial regression models. Overall, 19% of the sample were overweight (between the 85th and 95th percentiles), and 16% were obese (> 95th percentile). Hours of outdoor play were negatively associated with BMI, and hours of television were positively associated with BMI. Moreover, a ratio of outdoor play to television time was a significant predictor of BMI. Higher maternal perceptions of neighborhood collective efficacy were associated with more hours of outdoor play, fewer hours of television viewing, and more trips to a park or playground. In addition, we found that neighborhood physical disorder was associated with both more outdoor play and more television watching. Finally, contrary to expectations, we found that children living in public housing had significantly more hours of outdoor play and watched more television, than other children. We hypothesize that poorer children may have more unstructured time, which they fill with television time but also with outdoor play time; and that children in public housing may be likely to have access to play areas on the grounds of their housing facilities. Copyright 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
This paper examined associations between various aspects of home and school environments and child body mass index (BMI) in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study - Kindergarten cohort, a panel dataset of US children collected from 1998 to 2004. Using three-level growth curve modeling with a sample of approximately 11,400 children, it assessed whether these aspects were related to initial BMI and to the rate of growth of BMI over the period from kindergarten to fifth grade, independent of a large number of controls. A number of home and school factors were associated with initial BMI and the growth of BMI. Greater hours of sleep by children, more lunches eaten at school, and the adequacy of their school cafeterias and the adequacy of their school gymnasiums were all significantly associated with lower initial levels of BMI. More breakfasts typically eaten per week with their families and greater minutes of recess (free time for activity at school) were each associated with decreases in the rate of BMI growth over time, while more television watched, greater average hours of weekly maternal employment, more school lunches and school breakfasts eaten, and the adequacy of children's gymnasiums were associated with faster rates of BMI growth over the study period. The study adds to the existing literature on environmental influences on child BMI by illustrating the utility and necessity of examining multiple influences within a single analytic framework. Further research and policy efforts should continue to acknowledge the multi-etiological manner by which the environment can affect rates of child obesity. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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OBJECTIVES: The prevalence of childhood and adolescent obesity has increased during the past decades. A high body mass index (BMI) is associated with a low vitamin D status. The purpose of this study was to determine the prevalence of vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency in Norwegian children and adolescents with excess body weight. METHODS: Vitamin D status and seasonal variations of 25(OH)D and 1,25(OH)(2)D were analyzed in 102 children and adolescents (70 girls and 32 boys), 8-19 yr of age, with overweight and obesity. RESULTS: Overall, 50% of the children and adolescents included in the study had a low vitamin D status (25(OH)D <75 nmol/L) and 19% had vitamin D deficiency (25(OH)D <50 nmol/L). This was most prevalent in adolescents. Only 42% of teenagers had 25(OH)D levels >75 nmol/L vs. 72% of preteens. Both 25(OH)D and 1,25(OH)(2)D showed seasonal variations. A peak in serum 25(OH)D concentrations was observed during the summer while the lowest values were seen during the spring. In contrast, serum 1,25(OH)(2)D had a peak during the spring and the lowest concentrations during the winter. CONCLUSIONS: The prevalence of vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency is higher in obese and overweight adolescents than in overweight children. This might be related to low outdoor activities and low vitamin D intake in teenagers. Seasonal variations of both the vitamin D metabolites were observed. 2010 John Wiley & Sons A/S
Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH) is a rare (about 3-5 cases per million children aged 0-14 years), non-malignant disease characterized by proliferation and accumulation of clonal dendritic cells, extreme clinical heterogeneity, and an unpredictable course. Three large-scale, international, prospective therapeutic studies (LCH-I to III) for multisystem LCH (MS-LCH) have been conducted by the Histiocyte Society since 1991. The cumulative lessons from these studies are summarized in this review. Patients with MS-LCH represent a heterogeneous group with respect to disease severity and outcome, therefore treatment stratification and risk-tailored treatment are mandatory. The risk for mortality can be predicted based on involvement of 'risk organs' (e.g. hematopoietic system, liver, and/or spleen) at diagnosis and on response to initial therapy (assessed after 6-12 weeks of treatment). Thus, patients without involvement of risk organs (low-risk group) are not at risk for mortality but need systemic therapy in order to control the disease activity and avoid reactivations and permanent consequences. Patients with risk organ involvement (risk group) are at risk for mortality, and lack of therapy response defines a subgroup with a particularly dismal prognosis (high-risk group). Those patients in the risk group who respond to therapy and survive are at risk for reactivations and permanent consequences. The LCH-I study compared the efficacy of vinblastine and etoposide, and concluded that they are equivalent single-agent treatments for children with MS-LCH. However, the results of this trial were inferior with respect to response rate at week 6, disease reactivation rate, and sequelae, when compared with historical trials using more intensive regimens. The combination of prednisolone and vinblastine was established as a standard first-line treatment through the LCH-II and LCH-III studies. The regimen consists of one to two 6-week courses (continuous oral corticosteroids 40mg/m2/day for 4 weeks, tapered over 2 weeks plus weekly vinblastine intravenous push) of initial therapy, followed by a continuation phase (three weekly pulses of oral prednisolone 40mg/m2/day for 5 days plus a vinblastine injection). The addition of a third drug to the standard combination (etoposide in LCH-II and methotrexate in LCH-III) failed to significantly improve survival in the risk group. The remaining mortality in the risk group is about 20%, and up to 40% in the high-risk group. Concerning low-risk MS-LCH, comparison of results of the LCH-II study with historical data suggested that the remaining reactivation rate of about 50% (and possibly permanent consequences) could be reduced by prolongation of the total treatment duration. To study this hypothesis, in the low-risk group of the LCH-III study standard maintenance therapy was randomly given for a total treatment duration of 6 and 12 months. Unpublished preliminary data from this recently closed trial suggested that prolongation of the treatment duration may significantly improve reactivation-free survival. In summary, several studies have shown that systemic therapy is indicated for all patients with MS-LCH. A standard two-drug regimen consisting of an initial 'intensive' phase
for 6-12 weeks, followed by a less intensive 'maintenance phase' for a total treatment duration of at least 12 months is recommended for patients treated outside of clinical trials. Non-responders, particularly those with progressive disease in risk organs, are eligible for experimental salvage approaches. Remaining questions will be addressed in the upcoming LCH-IV trial, which is in the process of intensive preparation.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: This study used real-time electronic surveys delivered through mobile phones, known as Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA), to determine whether level and experience of leisure-time physical activity differ across children's physical and social contexts. METHODS: Children (N = 121; ages 9 to 13 years; 52% male, 32% Hispanic/Latino) participated in 4 days (Fri.-Mon.) of EMA during nonschool time. Electronic surveys (20 total) assessed primary activity (eg, active play/sports/exercise), physical location (eg, home, outdoors), social context (eg, friends, alone), current mood (positive and negative affect), and enjoyment. Responses were time-matched to the number of steps and minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA; measured by accelerometer) in the 30 minutes before each survey. RESULTS: Mean steps and MVPA were greater outdoors than at home or at someone else's house (all P < .05). Steps were greater with multiple categories of company (eg, friends and family together) than with family members only or alone (all P < .05). Enjoyment was greater outdoors than at home or someone else's house (all P < .05). Negative affect was greater when alone and with family only than friends only (all P < .05). CONCLUSION: Results describing the value of outdoor and social settings could inform context-specific interventions in this age group.

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This article aims to provide a structured review of how to create settings and environments that prevent the development of childhood overweight and obesity. It also describes which institutions and levels are responsible for environmental (global) approaches in obesity prevention and which evidence exists in terms of process and outcomes of different preventive measures. Environmental approaches in disease prevention deal with social and technical-material conditions of daily living, as those conditions significantly influence health behavior. Strategies that focus on the obesogenic environment are considered increasingly important in the prevention of obesity in children and adolescents. They can be applied at different levels (e.g., schools, communities). These interventions should aim to improve the availability of healthy foods and physical activity facilities, e.g., by provision of healthy meals and foods in schools, restaurants, and stores and by price reductions of healthy foods. Physical activity can be supported by creating attractive green spaces and playgrounds in schools and cities, improving sidewalk networks and a supportive pedestrian environment, and implementing walk-to-school projects. On a national level, policies and legislation can support changes in the social and situational environments, e.g., relating to catering in schools or TV advertisement. The practice of environmental approaches is complex, because many stakeholders from different sectors have to be involved. This may account for the observation that environmental approaches are currently underrepresented in obesity prevention.
BACKGROUND, AIMS, AND SCOPE: Preschool indoor air quality (IAQ) is believed to be different from elementary school or higher school IAQ and preschool is the first place for social activity. Younger children are more susceptible than higher-grade children and spend more time indoors. The purpose of this study was to compare the indoor air quality by investigating the concentrations of airborne particulates and gaseous materials at preschools in urban and rural locations in Korea.

METHODS: We investigated the concentrations of airborne particulates and gaseous materials in 71 classrooms at 17 Korean preschools. For comparison, outdoor air was sampled simultaneously with indoor air samples. Airborne concentrations of total suspended particulates, respirable particulates, lead, asbestos, total volatile organic compounds and components, formaldehyde, and CO(2) were measured with National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and/or Environmental Protection Agency analytical methods.

RESULTS: The concentration profiles of the investigated pollutants in indoor and urban settings were higher than those in outdoor and rural areas, respectively. The ratios of indoor/outdoor concentrations (I/O) of particulates and gaseous pollutants were characterized in urban and rural areas.
rural preschools. Total dust concentration was highest in urban indoor settings followed by urban outdoor, rural indoor, and rural outdoor locations with an I/O ratio of 1.37 in urban and 1.35 in rural areas. Although I/O ratios of lead were close to 1, lead concentrations were much higher in urban than in rural areas. The I/O ratio of total VOCs was 2.29 in urban and 2.52 in rural areas, with the highest level in urban indoor settings. The I/O ratio of formaldehyde concentrations was higher in rural than in urban areas because the outdoor rural level was much lower than the urban concentration. Since an I/O ratio higher than 1 implies the presence of indoor sources, we concluded that there are many indoor sources in preschools. CONCLUSIONS: We confirmed that pollutants in indoor and urban settings were higher than those in outdoor and rural areas, respectively. Preschool children are expected to spend more time inside preschool facilities and therefore to be more exposed to pollutants. As far as we know, preschool IAQ is different from elementary school or higher school IAQ. Also, they are more vulnerable than higher-grade children. We found that the indoor and urban concentration profiles of the studied pollutants in preschools were higher than those in outdoor and rural areas. We believe that our findings may be useful for understanding the potential health effects of exposure and intervention studies in preschools.
Evaluating the impact of different social networks on the spread of respiratory diseases has been limited by a lack of detailed data on transmission outside the household setting as well as appropriate statistical methods. Here, from data collected during a H1N1 pandemic (pdm) influenza outbreak that started in an elementary school and spread in a semirural community in Pennsylvania, we quantify how transmission of influenza is affected by social networks. We set up a transmission model for which parameters are estimated from the data via Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling. Sitting next to a case or being the playmate of a case did not significantly increase the risk of infection; but the structuring of the school into classes and grades strongly affected spread. There was evidence that boys were more likely to transmit influenza to other boys than to girls (and vice versa), which mimicked the observed assortative mixing among playmates. We also investigated the presence of abnormally high transmission occurring on specific days of the outbreak. Late closure of the school (i.e., when 27% of students already had symptoms) had no significant impact on spread. School-aged individuals (6-18 y) facilitated the introduction and spread of influenza in households, but only about one in five cases aged >18 y was infected by a school-aged household member. This analysis shows the extent to which clearly defined social networks affect influenza transmission, revealing strong between-place interactions with back-and-forth waves of transmission between the school, the community, and the household.
BACKGROUND: Children with complex heart defects are sedentary, with activity level unrelated to exercise capacity. We sought to identify factors associated with physical activity level for children who have the Fontan procedure.

METHODS: We used a cross-sectional study, 64 children (25 female, 5-11 years) after Fontan. Measurements were weekly minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity, cardiac status, resting/exercise cardiopulmonary capacity, gross motor skill, health-related endurance/strength/body composition, and parent/child activity perceptions.

RESULTS: Participants performed 361 + 137 minutes per week of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. Increased activity related to antithrombotic medication use (86 min/wk), lower resting heart rate (3 min/wk), higher weekday outdoor time (0.7 minutes per outside minute), lower family income (13 minutes per $10,000), and higher parent rating of child's activity relative to peers (36 min/wk). Factors related to decreased activity were winter season (-84 min/wk), history of arrhythmia (-96 min/wk), and greater child confidence in own ability to be active (-113 min/wk).

CONCLUSIONS: Physical activity after the Fontan procedure is primarily associated with factors unrelated to cardiac status. Interventions that impact these modifiable factors would be expected to enable these children to achieve the recommended activity levels associated with optimal health. Copyright 2011 Mosby, Inc. All rights reserved
Sex differences in human social behaviors and abilities have long been a question of public and scientific interest. Females are usually assumed to be more socially oriented and skillful than males. However, despite an extensive literature, the very existence of sex differences remains a matter of discussion while some studies found no sex differences whereas others reported differences that were either congruent or not with gender stereotypes. Moreover, the magnitude, consistency and stability across time of the differences remain an open question, especially during childhood. As play provides an excellent window into children's social development, we investigated whether and how sex differences change in social play across early childhood. Following a cross-sectional design, 164 children aged from 2 to 6 years old, divided into four age groups, were observed during outdoor free play at nursery school. We showed that sex differences are not stable over time evidencing a developmental gap between girls and boys. Social and structured forms of play emerge systematically earlier in girls than in boys leading to subsequent sex differences in favor of girls at some ages, successively in associative play at 3-4 years, cooperative play at 4-5 years, and social interactions with peers at 5-6 years. Preschool boys also display more solitary play than preschool girls, especially when young. Nevertheless, while boys catch up and girls move on towards more complex play, sex differences in social play patterns are reversed in favor of boys at the following ages, such as in associative play at 4-5 years and cooperative play at 5-6 years. This developmental perspective contributes to resolve apparent discrepancies between single-snapshot studies. A better understanding of the dynamics of sex differences in typical social development should also provide insights into atypical social developments which exhibit sex differences in prevalence, such as autism.

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AIM: Perceived barriers were the single most powerful predictors of a change in health behaviours and the most consistent negative correlate of children's actual physical activity (PA). The purpose of this study was to compare the perceived barriers of physical activity in 714 adolescent girls defined by physical activity levels.

METHODS: The final sample consisted of 714 adolescent, student girls. The age of these students ranged from 12 to 15 years, with a mean age of 13.5 ± 0.7 years. Perceived physical activity and perceived barriers to physical activity were measured using the Physical Self-Description Questionnaire and a Scale of Barriers that includes 17 units of barriers divided into two categories: intrapersonal barriers and environmental/contextual barriers. RESULTS: In our study, girls with a low activity level perceived a greater number of barriers than those with a high activity level, more specifically three intrapersonal barriers and two environmental/contextual barriers. Girls with a low activity level reported greater barriers to physical activity than high-active girls for these barriers: don't like physical activity (F=23.405, p=0.001), not good at physical activity and sports (F=24.160, p=0.001), I'm too lazy to do physical activity (F=8.415, P=0.001), it is not safe to do physical activity outdoors (F=11.39, P<0.001) and there is no one to do physical activity with (F=15.22, P<0.001).

CONCLUSION: This study shows the need to learn and effectively use time management strategies that emphasize prioritising and better scheduling of physical activities.
Concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including formaldehyde, in classrooms, kindergartens, and outdoor playgrounds of three primary schools were measured in spring, winter, and fall terms in Izmir, Turkey. A health-risk assessment was conducted for odor detection, sensory irritation, chronic toxic effects, and cancer. Active sampling was applied for VOCs and formaldehyde on Tenax TA and DNPH tubes, respectively. VOCs were analyzed in a thermal desorption-GC-MS system. Formaldehyde analysis was performed using an HPLC instrument. Benzene, toluene, and formaldehyde were the most abundant compounds with 95th percentile indoor air concentrations of 29, 87, and 106 mug/m(3), respectively. Naphthalene and xylenes followed them with an order of magnitude lower concentrations. Two isomers of dichlorobenzene (1,3 and 1,4) were the other notable compounds. The concentrations were utilized to classify the indoor air pollutants with respect to potential health effects. In addition, carcinogenic and chronic toxic risks were estimated using Monte-Carlo simulation. Formaldehyde appears to be the most concerning pollutant with high chronic toxic and carcinogenic risk levels according to the health assessment followed by naphthalene, benzene, and toluene due to their chronic effects. Copyright 2010 Elsevier GmbH. All rights reserved
OBJECTIVES: To describe acute injury characteristics in children and youth soccer players and to identify the characteristics of patients who required hospital admission. METHODS: The analysis of the study was based on the Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program. A total of 32,149 patients (aged 5-19 years) with soccer-related injuries presenting to 16 participating hospital emergency departments from 1994 to 2004 were included in the analysis. RESULTS: Males had the highest proportion of injuries (62%). The leading injuries were sprains/strains (38%), followed by fractures/dislocations (31%) and superficial injuries (23%). A total of 896 cases (3%) required hospital admission. Based on logistic regression analysis, being a male, playing unorganized soccer, having multiple body injuries, playing soccer outside school premises, and...
playing during the summer/fall increased the likelihood of hospital admission. Moreover, having a head/face/neck injury (Odds ratio [OR], 1.3; 95% confidence interval [95% CI], 1.1-1.7) and trunk injury (OR, 1.7; 95% CI, 1.2-2.4) as compared with an upper extremity injury and having injuries from contact with structures/surfaces (OR, 3.1; 95% CI, 2.2-4.3) and with other players (OR, 2.5; 95% CI, 1.8-3.5) as compared with ball contact had the highest odds of hospital admission. CONCLUSIONS: Soccer accounted for a significant proportion of injuries presented to Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program emergency departments during 1994-2004. Further studies investigating potential interventional programs and techniques among this population are highly warranted

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T1 - [Sun protection questionnaire in Buenos Aires adolescent athletes]. [Spanish]
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Argentina
KW - Athletes
KW - Attitude to Health
KW - Child
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Sunburn/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunscreening Agents
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JF - Archivos Argentinos de Pediatria
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CY - Argentina
N2 - INTRODUCTION: Excessive sun exposure is the major environmental factor in the development of skin cancer. Adolescents who play outdoor sports are highly exposed to ultraviolet rays, which will result in cumulative photodamage with a higher risk of developing skin cancer in adulthood. OBJECTIVES: 1) To evaluate sun protection habits in Buenos Aires adolescent athletes. 2) To identify the characteristics of those adolescents who have developed sunburns. PATIENTS AND METHODS: An observational descriptive cross-sectional study was carried out using a voluntary anonymous written and self-reported survey addressed to adolescent athletes aged 11 to 18 years, who participated in a competitive sporting activity. RESULTS: The study included 554 adolescents. The 26% reported to have taken sunscreen to the competition. The 5.2% reported to have used it on a routine basis during training, and the 6.1% while doing sports. The 45% of the
adolescents referred that sun protection factor rating was not relevant to them. Males most frequently inclined to believe that a good suntan was synonymous of health and women believed that suntan was synonymous of beauty. Most adolescents (73%) had developed at least one sunburn in the previous summer. CONCLUSIONS: In this study, a low compliance with the use of sunscreen was observed in adolescent athletes, despite the high rates of sunburns they had had recently. Nowadays, sun protection campaigns addressed to this age group are urgently needed.

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T1 - Obese adolescents are less active than their normal-weight peers, but wherein lies the difference?
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Anthropometry
KW - Australia
KW - Body Mass Index
KW - Child
KW - Energy Metabolism
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Monitoring
KW - Physiologic/is [Instrumentation]
KW - Physiologic/mt [Methods]
KW - Motor Activity/ph [Physiology]
KW - Obesity/me [Metabolism]
KW - Obesity/th [Therapy]
KW - Sports/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
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CY - United States
N2 - BACKGROUND: Obese adolescents achieve less moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) than normal-weight adolescents, but the nature and extent of the deficit is unclear. This study aimed to describe differences in MVPA across weight status categories by domain of activity (sport, play, and active transport) and specific activity-sets (e.g. team sports, playground games, and chores) using minutes of activity, estimated intensity, and estimated energy expenditure as metrics of MVPA. METHOD: Anthropometric, use-of-time, and pedometer data were collected on a random sample of 2,200 Australian children aged 9-16 years. Minutes of activity, intensity metabolic equivalents of tasks (METs), and energy expenditure (MET.min) within each
domain were estimated using an energy cost compendium. RESULTS: Obese adolescents reported 174 MET.min/d lower MVPA energy expenditure than normal-weight peers (p < .0001), more than accounting for the entire difference in total daily energy expenditure (154 MET.min/d). Of this difference, 121 MET.min/d was associated with lower sports participation (p < .0001) and 45 MET.min/d with less free play (p = .03). There were no differences in minutes of active transport or in reported activity intensity across weight status categories in sport, free play, or active transport. The differences in MVPA participation between obese and normal-weight adolescents were largely because of different levels of participation in team sports, cycling, partner sports (boys), and dancing (girls). CONCLUSION: More than two-thirds of the difference in energy expenditure between obese and normal-weight Australian adolescents was because of lower participation in sport. Strategies for engaging obese adolescents in sport may help to redress deficits in energy expenditure. Copyright 2011 Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Male
KW - Myopia/et [Etiology]
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Refraction
KW - Ocular
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - Zhongguo Dangdai Erke Zazhi
JA - Zhongguo Dang.Dai.Er Ke Za Zhi
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CY - China

N2 - OBJECTIVE: To study the influence of near-work and outdoor activities on myopia progression in school children. METHODS: Eighty 7-11-year-old school children with myopia were randomly assigned into an intervention group (n=41) and a control group (n=39). The children in the intervention group did near- and middle-vision activities less than 30 hrs per week and more outdoor activities than 14-15 hrs per week. Myopia progression was observed regularly over 2 years after which ophthalmologists administered questionnaires regarding near-vision work (reading, writing and using computer), middle-vision work (watching TV and extracurricular learning activities), outdoor activities, using nature light, wearing glasses, etc. RESULTS: The annual mean myopia progression (0.38 + 0.15 D) in the intervention group was significantly lower than that in the control group (0.52 + 0.19 D; P<0.01). The children in the two groups spent similar amounts of time in near-
vision activities, but the children in the intervention group spent less time in middle-vision activities (P<0.01) and more outdoor activities (13.7 ± 2.4 vs 6.2 ± 1.6 hrs/wk; P<0.01). When considering all children in the study, there were 4 factors that significantly correlated with less myopia progression: more outdoor activities, more time spent wearing glasses, more time spent in natural light and less time using a computer. When analyzing the intervention group separately, more outdoor activity was inversely correlated with myopia progression (t=-2.510, P<0.05). Separate analysis of the control group indicated that more time wearing glasses was correlated with less myopia progression (t=-3.115, P<0.05). CONCLUSIONS: Myopia progression in school children may be slowed by more outdoor activities, more time spent in natural light and more time wearing corrective glasses.

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T1 - Effect of cesium radioisotope on humoral immune status in Ukrainian children with clinical symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome related to Chernobyl disaster
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KW - B-Lymphocytes/me [Metabolism]
KW - Cesium Radioisotopes/to [Toxicity]
KW - Chernobyl Nuclear Accident
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay
KW - Humans
KW - Immunity
KW - Humoral/re [Radiation Effects]
KW - Immunoglobulin A/bl [Blood]
KW - Immunoglobulin G/bl [Blood]
KW - Immunoglobulin M/bl [Blood]
KW - Irritable Bowel Syndrome/et [Etiology]
KW - Irritable Bowel Syndrome/im [Immunology]
KW - Linear Models
KW - T-Lymphocytes/me [Metabolism]
KW - Ukraine/ep [Epidemiology]

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N2 - UNLABELLED: The aim of this study is to determine humoral immune status in Ukrainian children with clinical symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome 23 years after the Chernobyl disaster. Method and material: The
test population consisted of 95 participants: 75 rural patients aged 4-18, who lived in a contaminated area exposed to natural environmental radiation (falling under three groups) and 20 healthy urban participants from Kiev aged 5-15 as a control group. Internal radiation activity has been measured by gamma-ray spectrometry. B-lymphocytes population was analyzed with monoclonal antibody against antigen CD22(+). Serum immunoglobulins were evaluated by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) method. p < 0.05 was considered significant. Result: The percentage of CD22(+) in study groups is increased significantly in comparison to control group at p < 0.05. Reduced serum immunoglobulins levels have developed in the majority of the participants. CONCLUSION: Humoral immune status of study groups with clinical symptom of irritable bowel syndrome residing in a contaminated area has changed.

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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Bone Density/ge [Genetics]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Female
KW - Genotype
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Male
KW - Polymorphism
KW - Genetic/ge [Genetics]
KW - Restriction Fragment Length/ge [Genetics]
KW - Receptors
KW - Calcitriol/ge [Genetics]
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JF - Journal of Bone & Mineral Metabolism
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N2 - This study aims to investigate the four vitamin D receptor (VDR) gene single nucleotide polymorphisms and their possible relationship with bone mineral density (BMD) in Chinese 0-6-year-old Han children. Two hundred four 0-6-year-old Han children without metabolic bone disease were randomly recruited in Shanghai, China. The BMD of the middle tibia was measured by an ultrasonic bone density instrument. VDR genotypes were determined by polymerase chain reaction restriction fragment length polymorphism using endonuclease
ApaI, BsmI, TaqI and FokI. The alleles of a, T, b and F and the genotypes of aa, TT, bb and Ff were predominant. The frequency alleles of a, T, b and F were, respectively, 70.6, 95.8, 95.3 and 57.6%. When the influences of confounders such as serum 25(OH)D, serum zinc and outdoor activities on BMD were removed, the genotypes of BsmI and FokI were found apparently to be related to BMD. The BMD of the Bb carrier was much lower than that of the bb carrier (22.00 + 27.84 and 43.14 + 31.98, P < 0.05). The BMD of the ff carrier was lower than that of the Ff or FF carrier (26.97 + 34.22 and 37.95 + 29.70 and 53.52 + 30.35, P < 0.001), while the genotypes of ApaI and TaqI have no relation with BMD in 0-6-year-old Han children. These findings show that the Bb and ff genotypes of the VDR BsmI and FokI variants are significantly associated with a decreased BMD in Chinese Han children aged 0-6 years, while the VDR ApaI and TaqI polymorphisms are not significantly associated with it.

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T1 - Wideband energy reflectance findings in presence of normal tympanogram in children with Down's syndrome
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Acoustic Impedance Tests
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Causality
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Down Syndrome/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Down Syndrome/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Ear Canal/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Incidence
KW - Male
KW - Otitis Media/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Otitis Media/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Otoscopy/mt [Methods]
KW - Reference Values
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Sensitivity and Specificity
KW - Tympanic Membrane/pp [Physiopathology]
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JA - Int J Pediatr Otorhinolaryngol
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CY - Ireland
OBJECTIVES: The prevalence of middle ear disorders in children with Down syndrome is higher than normal children due to the associated craniofacial abnormalities. The goal of this study is to evaluate middle ear function using wideband energy reflectance at ambient pressure in 14 young children with Down syndrome and matched control group (21/2-5 years old; N=19 ears per group) who each have a normal 226Hz tympanogram.

METHODS: All children underwent otoscopic examination, hearing screening using play audiometry (500-4000Hz), and middle ear testing using 226Hz tympanometry and wideband energy reflectance. The chirp signals for the wideband energy reflectance were presented to the child’s ear at 65dB SPL stimulus level and the recording was done over 220-8000Hz range. The measured energy reflectance represents the ratio of the sound energy reflected from the tympanic membrane to the incident sound energy transmitted to the middle ear at a specific frequency. Paired Samples t-test was computed for the mean, 95th, 75th, 25th, and 5th percentile data of each frequency of the two groups. RESULTS: Despite the presence of normal tympanometric findings in both groups, results revealed abnormal wideband energy reflectance findings in 63% of the children with Down syndrome compared to the normal wideband energy reflectance findings in the control group. The mean energy reflectance ratio of the Down syndrome group was abnormally lower than that of the control at 5700-8000Hz (p<0.0005). The 5th and 95th percentile ratios of the Down syndrome group fell outside the 5th and 95th percentile of the control group (p<0.0005). CONCLUSIONS: Abnormally low energy reflectance ratios above 4000Hz in the presence of normal tympanograms in the Down syndrome group may suggest associated congenital middle ear anomalies in children with DS. The present findings suggest that wideband energy reflectance has the potential to be of more practical value in children with DS than tympanometry. Further research with a larger number of Down syndrome children will illuminate the potential of wideband energy reflectance in diagnosing middle ear disorders in children with Down syndrome. Copyright A 2010 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved

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T1 - Barriers to and facilitators of healthful eating and physical activity in low-income schools
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - Child Nutrition Sciences/ed [Education]
KW - Preschool
KW - Communication Barriers
KW - Consumer Participation
KW - Exercise/ph [Physiology]
KW - Exercise/px [Psychology]
KW - Female
KW - Health Education/mt [Methods]
KW - Health Education/og [Organization & Administration]
KW - Health Promotion/mt [Methods]
KW - Health Promotion/og [Organization & Administration]
KW - Humans
OBJECTIVE: To identify barriers to and facilitators of healthful eating and physical activity in low-income schools as perceived by school-affiliated staff. METHODS: Perceptions of barriers and facilitators were measured in low-income schools through two online surveys (Kindergarten-8th grade and high school). Sixty-nine (Kindergarten-8th grade) and 22 (high school) responses were analyzed using descriptive statistics and frequency distributions. RESULTS: Respondents felt students received too little nutrition education, physical activity, and physical education. Time within the school day and lack of funds were barriers. Family programs were highest rated for increasing nutrition education yet reported as implemented the least. CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS: Schools are a logical place to promote healthful eating and physical activity; however, time within the school day and lack of funds are major barriers for low-income schools. Health professionals can respect these barriers by holding programs outside of classroom time and finding ways to involve families (eg, during school events). Copyright 2011 Society for Nutrition Education. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
Potential health risks may result from environmental exposure to ultrafine particles (UFP), i.e., those smaller than 0.1 μm in diameter. One important exposure setting that has received relatively little attention is school classrooms. We made time-resolved, continuous measurements of particle number (PN) concentrations for 2-4 school days per site (18 days total) inside and outside of six classrooms in northern California during normal occupancy and use. Additional time-resolved information was gathered on ventilation conditions, occupancy, and classroom activity. Across the six classrooms, average indoor PN concentrations when students were present were 5200-16,500/cm(3) (overall average 10,800/cm(3)); corresponding outdoor concentrations were 9000-26,000/cm(3) (overall average 18,100/cm(3)). Average indoor levels were higher when classrooms were occupied than when they were unoccupied because of higher outdoor concentrations and higher ventilation rates during occupancy. In these classrooms, PN exposures appear to be primarily attributable to outdoor sources. Indoor emission sources (candle use, cooking on an electric griddle, use of a heater, use of terpene-containing cleaning products) were seen to affect indoor PN concentrations only in a few instances. The daily-integrated exposure of students in these six classrooms averaged 52,000/cm(3) h/day for the 18 days monitored. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: This study provides data and insight concerning the UFP exposure levels children may encounter within classrooms and the factors that most significantly affect these levels in an urban area in northern California. This information can serve as a basis to guide further study of children's UFP exposure and the potential associated health risks.

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T1 - Cerebral reorganization as a function of linguistic recovery in children: An fMRI study
A1 - Elkana,O.
A1 - Frost,R.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Age of Onset
KW - Brain Damage
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KW - Child
KW - Dominance
KW - Cerebral/ph [Physiology]
KW - Female
KW - Functional Laterality/ph [Physiology]
Characterizing and mapping the relationship between neuronal reorganization and functional recovery are essential to the understanding of cerebral plasticity and the dynamic processes which occur following brain damage. The neuronal mechanisms underlying linguistic recovery following left hemisphere (LH) lesions are still unknown. Using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), we investigated whether the extent of brain lateralization of linguistic functioning in specific regions of interest (ROIs) is correlated with the level of linguistic performance following recovery from acquired childhood aphasia. The study focused on a rare group of children in whom lesions occurred after normal language acquisition, but prior to complete maturation of the brain. During fMRI scanning, rhyming, comprehension and verb generation activation tasks were monitored. The imaging data were evaluated with reference to linguistic performance measured behaviorally during imaging, as well as outside the scanner. Compared with normal controls, we found greater right hemisphere (RH) lateralization in patients. However, correlations with linguistic performance showed that increased proficiency in linguistic tasks was associated with greater lateralization to the LH. These results were replicated in a longitudinal case study of a patient scanned twice, 3 years apart. Additional improvement in linguistic performance of the patient was accompanied by increasing lateralization to the LH in the anterior language region. This, however, was the result of a decreased involvement of the RH. These findings suggest that recovery is a dynamic, ongoing process, which may last for years after onset. The role of each hemisphere in the recovery process may continuously change within the chronic stage. Copyright 2009 Elsevier Srl. All rights reserved.

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T1 - N170 asymmetry as an index of inferior occipital dysfunction in patients with symptomatic occipital lobe epilepsy
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OBJECTIVE: Localizing epileptic foci in posterior brain epilepsy remains a difficult exercise in surgery for epilepsy evaluation. Neither clinical manifestations, neurological, EEG nor neuropsychological evaluations provide strong information about the area of onset, and fast spread of paroxysms often produces mixed features of occipital, temporal and parietal symptoms. We investigated the usefulness of the N170 event-related potential to map epileptic activity in these patients.

METHODS: A group of seven patients with symptomatic posterior cortex epilepsy were submitted to a high-resolution EEG (78 electrodes), with recordings of interictal spikes and face-evoked N170. Generators of spikes and N170 were localized by source analysis. Range of normal N170 asymmetry was determined in 30 healthy volunteers.

RESULTS: In 3 out of 7 patients the N170 interhemispheric asymmetry was outside control values. Those were the patients whose spike sources were nearest (within 3cm) to the fusiform gyrus, while foci further away did not affect the N170 ratio.

CONCLUSIONS: N170 event-related potential provides useful information about focal cortical dysfunction produced by epileptic foci located in the close neighborhood of the fusiform gyrus, but are unaffected by foci further away.

SIGNIFICANCE: The N170 evoked by faces can improve the epileptic foci localization in posterior brain epilepsy. Copyright 2010 International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology. Published by Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved

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The 'dark' side of sedation: 12 years of office-based pediatric deep sedation for electroretinography in the dark


OBJECTIVES: Analyze pediatric ERG data for adverse events, interventions, and outcomes of propofol sedations performed in near-complete darkness. AIM: To demonstrate that deep sedation with propofol for ERG can be performed efficiently and safely in children in near-total darkness. BACKGROUND: Full-field electroretinography (ERG) is a valuable tool for the diagnosis of vision loss in children. The ERG measures the electrical activity of the retina. In children, ERG quality significantly improves with deep sedation by allowing easier eye electrode placement and decreasing motion artifacts. As this procedure must be performed in
darkness, administering sedation imposes unique challenges. METHODS AND MATERIALS: ERGs are performed outside of the operating room in our hospital's electrophysiology suite. IVs are placed, and patients are allowed to adapt to complete darkness. An anesthesiologist then administers propofol sedation in the dark with the aid of a red-filter light source and monitor light shields. Data were collected on 379 patients (411 ERGs) performed from 1996 to 2008. These records were reviewed and analyzed for demographic, medical, and anesthetic data. RESULTS: Propofol sedation resulted in an ERG completion rate of 99.5%. During sedation, 8.5% (35) of patients experienced minor respiratory complications such as airway obstruction that resulted in an oxygen saturation <90%. A total of 9.7% (40) of patients required minor airway interventions such as a chin lift. CONCLUSIONS: We demonstrated that pediatric sedation is a safe, efficient, and a cost-effective method for measuring ERGs in a challenging environment. The incidence of minor complications is low and appears similar to other studies of propofol sedation. 2010 Blackwell Publishing Ltd
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
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KW - Aged
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KW - Athletic Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Athletic Injuries/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Emergency Service
KW - Hospital/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Heat Stress Disorders/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Heat Stress Disorders/et [Etiology]
KW - Heat Stress Disorders/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Linear Models
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Risk
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KW - Young Adult
BACKGROUND: Exertional heat-related injuries are a risk to all physically active individuals in warm or hot environments. Unlike classic heat-related injury, exertional heat-related injuries do not require extreme ambient temperatures to cause injury. Still, exertional heat-related injuries, including heat cramps, heat syncope, heat exhaustion, heat stress, and heat stroke, can result in injuries causing a range of outcomes from minimal discomfort to death. PURPOSE: The purpose of this paper was to describe the epidemiology of exertional heat-related injuries treated in U.S. emergency departments. METHODS: A retrospective analysis was conducted using data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for all ages from 1997 through 2006. Data provided by the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System were used to calculate national estimates of exertional heat-related injuries. Trends of exertional heat-related injuries over time were analyzed using linear regression. RESULTS: Nationally, an estimated 54,983 (95% CI=39995, 69970) patients were treated in U.S. emergency departments for exertional heat-related injuries from 1997 to 2006. The number of exertional heat-related injuries increased significantly from 3192 in 1997 to 7452 in 2006 (p=0.002), representing a 133.5% increase. The overall exertional heat-related injury rate per 100,000 U.S. population more than doubled from 1.2 in 1997 to 2.5 in 2006 (p=0.005). Patients aged <19 years accounted for the largest proportion of exertional heat-related injuries (47.6%). The majority of exertional heat-related injuries were associated with performing a sport or exercising (75.5%) and yard work (11.0%). The majority of patients (90.4%) were treated and released from the emergency department. Patients aged <19 years sustained a larger proportion of sports and recreation exertional heat-related injuries, whereas patients aged 40-59 years and >60 years sustained a larger proportion of exertional heat-related injuries from yard work. CONCLUSIONS: This study confirms that although there is a risk of exertional heat-related injury among all physically active individuals, sports pose a specific risk for people of all ages especially among children and adolescents playing football. Many "everyday" activities such as yard work and home maintenance also pose risks of exertional heat-related injury, particularly to those aged >40 years. Further research on risk factors of exertional heat-related injuries during home maintenance and yard work as well as appropriate prevention practices is needed. Copyright 2011 American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
The Children’s Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe was adopted at the 4th Ministry Conference on Environment (the World Health Organization, 2004). It is focused on children health care against hazards originating from the human environment. In its conclusion, the need is expressed for the development of national plans in the field of Environmental and Children Health for European region by 2007. Mutual activities would be obligatory for each country and their realization should be the responsibility of Ministers of Health Care and Environmental Health. In our country, a draft version of this document was recently adopted, where the following priority regional goals are proposed: safe drinking water and adequate sanitation, injury prevention and adequate physical activity, clean indoor and outdoor air, the human environment without chemicals. Every segment has been explained in details through activities, expected results, indicators, sources of verification and the main participants in the project implementation. The end of the action plan period is proposed to be the year 2019. It is also followed by a defined set of indicators: exposure, activities and health status. The analyses of particular activities or data to be used have pointed to some drawbacks of this draft version, which can be overcome by respecting expert opinions.
BACKGROUND: Spasticity is a disorder of muscular function causing muscular tightness or spasm which occurs when there is damage to the central nervous system whether it is of spinal cord or brain origin. This insult could be either pathological or traumatic. METHOD: Thirty-three patients had intrathecal Baclofen pumps implanted for severe spasticity. These patients either did not respond to or tolerated oral medications.

RESULTS: All patients showed significant improvement in their spasms following the procedure. Improvement was noted not only in spasticity, but also in pain, management of sleep disturbance, activities of daily living, indoor and outdoor mobility and behavior. CONCLUSION: The number of complications was acceptable, and generally were not life-threatening. Infection was the significant complication in two patients and this led to explantation of their pumps. Patient satisfaction was very high and was related to improvement in the quality of life for the patients.

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T1 - Acute skin sun damage in children and its consequences in adults. [Review]
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KW - Acute Disease
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KW - Child
KW - Chronic Disease
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KW - Melanoma/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Skin Aging/pa [Pathology]
Children spend more time outdoors than adults and there is compelling evidence that childhood is a particularly vulnerable time for the photocarcinogenic effects of the sun. The negative effects of solar radiation are accumulated during the entire lifetime; however 80% of total lifetime sun exposure is taking place before the age of 18 years. Child skin is more sensitive than adult skin because natural defense mechanisms are not fully developed. A short exposure to midday sun will result in sunburns. Epidemiologic studies show a higher incidence of malignant melanoma in persons with a history of sunburns during childhood and adolescence. Sun exposure among infants and pre-school children is largely dependent on the discretion of adult care providers. Sun protective habits of mothers may predict the level of sun exposure in children. It is very important to transfer the knowledge and positive habits of proper sun protection to children. The purpose of sun-safety behavior is not to avoid outdoor activities, but rather to protect the skin from detrimental sun effects. Proper sun protection of children includes protection from excessive sun exposure, sunburns and other forms of skin damage caused by sun, which may lead to the future development of skin cancers. This paper reviews acute skin reactivity to sun in childhood and adolescence that causes damage in skin structure and function and produces undesirable chronic changes in adults.
In this study, we used the trans-contextual model of motivation (TCM) to examine the effect of Sport Education (SE) on students' participation in a voluntary lunch recess sport club. A total of 192 participants (ages 9-14 years) completed measures of the TCM constructs before and after a 12-week SE intervention period. Participants had the opportunity to participate in weekly, voluntary lunch recess sport club sessions during the intervention period. SE elicited a moderate increase in autonomous motives in physical education. The TCM accounted for a significant proportion of the explained variance in lunch recess sport club intention and participation. Autonomy-supportive curricular models, such as SE, may have the potential to facilitate transfer of motivation and participation in physical activity from a physical education to an extracurricular context.
BACKGROUND: The prevalence of overweight and obesity and their associated factors among schoolchildren in Manipur has not been studied. METHODS: We did a cross-sectional study among 3356 schoolchildren of classes VIII to XII in Imphal West district, Manipur between September 2005 and August 2006. The characteristics of the respondents and related variables such as parental build, watching television, eating habits, playing of video/computer games and outdoor games, dietary pattern and knowledge of obesity were assessed using a questionnaire. Height, weight, waist circumference, hip circumference, fat percentage, fat mass and fat-free mass were measured. Body mass index (BMI) and waist-hip ratio for each student were calculated. RESULTS: The BMI of the sampled students was lower than the corresponding WHO and International Obesity Task Force standards. Using the WHO standard, the prevalence of overweight was 4.2% and of obesity 0.8%. Using multivariate logistic regression, mother being reported to be obese (OR 1.9, 95% CI 1.4-2.6), watching television for > 2 hours a day (OR 2.052, 95% CI 1.191-3.536), higher family income (OR 5.844, 95% CI 2.135-15.99), not eating other type of vegetables in the past 1 week (OR 2.338, 95% CI 1.04-5.24) and waist-hip ratio (OR 7.737, 95% CI 4.429-13.51) were found to be independent predictors of a higher BMI. Mother’s literacy below class X (OR 0.6, 95% CI 0.378-0.997) and eating between major meals (OR 0.447, 95% CI 0.293-0.681) were significant predictors of a lower BMI. CONCLUSION: The prevalence of overweight and obesity among schoolchildren in the Imphal West district of Manipur is low. The possible reasons for this include a more traditional low-fat diet, less exposure to sedentary past-times and a greater time spent playing outdoors.

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T1 - Energy expenditure and perceived effort during brisk walking and running in 8- to 10-year-old children
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A1 - Stretch,D.
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KW - Child
KW - Energy Metabolism
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Running/ph [Physiology]
There are no previous reports of energy expenditure and perceived effort during brisk-walking and running at speeds self-selected by young children. Fifty four participants (age 8-11 years old) performed 1500 m of brisk-walking and running in a marked school playground, and were given simple instructions to either 'walk quickly' or to 'jog'. During the running the children achieved higher mean speeds and a greater total energy expenditure (p < .001). However, there was no difference in the perceived effort between the two activities (p > .05). These findings suggest that under certain conditions children find it just as easy to run as they do to walk briskly, even though the speed and energy expenditure is significantly higher.
In China, the health risk from overexposure to particles is becoming an important public health concern. To investigate daily exposure characteristics to PM2.5 with high ambient concentration in urban area, a personal exposure study was conducted for school children, and office workers in Beijing, China. For all participants (N = 114), the mean personal 24-hr exposure concentration was 102.5, 14.7, 0.093, 0.528, 0.934, 0.174 and 0.703 microg/m³ for PM2.5, black carbon, Mn, Al, Ca, Pb, and Fe. Children's exposure concentrations of PM2.5 were 4-5 times higher than those in related studies. The ambient concentration of PM2.5 (128.5 microg/m³) was significantly higher than the personal exposure concentration (P < 0.05), and exceed the reference concentration (25 microg/m³) of WHO air quality guideline. Good correlation relationships and significant differences were identified between ambient concentration and personal exposure concentration. The relationships indicate that the ambient concentration is the main factor influencing personal exposure concentration, but is not a good indicator of personal exposure concentration. Outdoor activities (commute mode, exposure to heating, workday or weekend travel) influenced personal exposure concentrations significantly, but the magnitude of the influence from indoor activities (exposure to cooking) was masked by the high ambient concentrations.

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T1 - "Sun Safe Kids," implementing a low cost, school-based public policy to protect Hawaii's children from skin cancer risks
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KW - Child
KW - Hawaii
KW - Health Education/og [Organization & Administration]
KW - Humans
KW - Public Policy
KW - School Health Services/og [Organization & Administration]
KW - Skin Neoplasms/et [Etiology]
KW - Skin Neoplasms/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunlight/ae [Adverse Effects]
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IS - 11
CY - United States
N2 - The rates of melanomas and skin cancers are increasing in the United States. Children attending elementary schools are in the most danger of acquiring these diseases later in life, and elementary school children in Hawaii have the greatest risk of all children in the United States. The parents and educators of Hawaii’s elementary school age children are unaware of the potential risks for cancer that young children experience every day at school. Effective sun protection policies have been implemented in other jurisdictions,
including Australia, that have similar risks for over-exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation in children. These proven policy models can inform sun protection practices in Hawaii. A simple policy whereby public elementary schools require that children wear ordinary long sleeves shirts and hats during the school's outdoor activities will protect Hawaii's children from overexposure to sunlight's ultraviolet radiation. Establishment of a state law codifying the implementation of this simple, yet scientifically proven strategy into the policies of Hawaii's public elementary schools can significantly reduce the incidence and deaths from melanoma and skin cancer in the state. Hawaii Medical Journal Copyright 2010

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T1 - [Association between socioeconomic status and physical activities in Chinese children]. [Chinese]
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KW - Exercise
KW - Family
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Social Class
KW - Sports
KW - Students/px [Psychology]
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VL - 31
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CY - China
N2 - OBJECTIVE: To study the daily physical activity patterns of pupils in Beijing, and to identify the association between the socioeconomic status (SES) and physical activities. METHODS: 1502 pupils were recruited from 2 - 5 grades of eight primary schools in Beijing. Information on physical activity, sedentary activity, and transportation styles inside and outside schools were collected using a "7-day physical activity questionnaire". RESULTS: Gymnastics, running, playing games, walking in queues etc. were the most common activities at school, with the proportion as 94.13%, 85.55%, 77.26%, and 71.32% respectively. Physical labor, playing games, running and walking were the common activities outside schools, with the proportion as 72.14%, 69.70%, 65.05%, and 64.64% respectively. However, pupils seldom participated in the ball games. Significant differences between SES groups were observed on the patterns of both physical and sedentary activities. Compared to low-SES pupils, high-SES pupils more frequently participated in dancing, walking
upstairs or downstairs, swimming, skating, but less frequently (P < 0.05) in walking, rope skipping, kicking shuttlecock or rubber band skipping. CONCLUSION: Data from our study showed that both the quantity and the distribution of different activities did not meet the need of the Chinese children. Physical activity in association with SES was also demonstrated

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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Anesthetics
KW - Inhalation [Adverse Effects]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Conscious Sedation [Adverse Effects]
KW - Conscious Sedation [Methods]
KW - Conscious Sedation
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Nitrous Oxide [Adverse Effects]
KW - Pediatrics [Methods]
KW - Seizures [Chemically Induced]
KW - Seizures [Diagnosis]
KW - Seizures [Epidemiology]
KW - Time Factors
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JF - Journal of Child Neurology
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CY - United States
N2 - Nitrous oxide is an inhaled agent commonly used by dental staff to provide anxiolysis and analgesia for dental procedures and by anesthesia personnel as an adjunct to more potent general anesthetic gases. More recently, nitrous oxide has been used to provide sedation/analgnesia for a variety of medical procedures in children outside of the operating room, including lumbar puncture, laceration repair, fracture reduction, and urologic imaging. We report 3 cases of clinical seizure activity associated with nitrous oxide administration for pediatric procedural sedation. Although temporally related, no causality is established. Review of the medical and dental literature confirm the rarity of these events
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Identifying what pediatric residents are taught about children and youth with special health care needs and the medical home

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KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - Disabled Children
KW - Humans
KW - Internship and Residency
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OBJECTIVE: To describe what and how pediatric residents in Massachusetts are taught about children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and the medical home. PARTICIPANTS AND METHODS: Faculty members and residents at Massachusetts' 5 pediatric residency programs were interviewed to identify current curricula and teaching methods related to care of CYSHCN. In addition, residents were surveyed to quantify these concepts. RESULTS: Thirty-one faculty members and 25 residents were interviewed. Most exposure to CYSHCN was reported to occur in inpatient settings. However, most formal teaching about CYSHCN was described as occurring in the ambulatory setting. Promising educational strategies included home and community visits, inclusion of CYSHCN in resident continuity panels, and simulation and role-playing. Overall, the programs had little training emphasis on the lives and needs of CYSHCN and their families outside the hospital setting. Twenty (80%) of the residents interviewed completed the written survey instrument. They noted a high degree of comfort in caring for CYSHCN in various settings and involving families in decision-making about their child's care but expressed less comfort in identifying community resources and collaborating with community agencies and schools. CONCLUSIONS: Programs offer a variety of successful educational and clinical experiences related to the medical home and CYSHCN. The results of our study indicate that residents and faculty members believe that residents would benefit from more formal training opportunities to learn directly from families and community representatives about caring for CYSHCN.
OBJECTIVES: In 2007, a localized outbreak of tularemia occurred among visitors to a lodge on the western side of Utah Lake, Utah. We assessed risk factors for disease and attempted to identify undiagnosed clinically compatible illnesses. METHODS: We conducted a retrospective cohort study by recruiting all people who had visited the lodge on the western side of Utah Lake from June 3 to July 28, 2007. A self-administered questionnaire was distributed to a sub-cohort of people who were part of an organized group that had at least one tularemia patient. Questions assessed risk and protective factors and disease symptoms. RESULTS: During the outbreak period, 14 cases of tularemia were reported from five of Utah's 12 health districts. The weekly attack rate ranged from 0 to 2.1/100 lodge visitors from June 3 to July 28. Illness onset dates ranged from June 15 to July 8. The median delay between onset of symptoms and laboratory test for tularemia was 14 days (range: 7-34 days). Cohort study respondents who reported deer-fly bites while at the lodge (adjusted risk ratio [ARR] = 7.2, 95% confidence interval [CI] 2.4, 22.0) and who reported having worn a hat (ARR = 5.6, 95% CI 1.3, 24.6)
were more likely to become ill. CONCLUSIONS: This was Utah's second documented deer-fly-associated human tularemia outbreak. People participating in outdoor activities in endemic areas should be aware of disease risks and take precautions. Educational campaigns can aid in earlier disease recognition, reporting, and, consequently, outbreak detection.

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T1 - The bone and mineral disorder of children undergoing chronic peritoneal dialysis
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A1 - Chua,A.
A1 - Valles,P.G.
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A1 - Bakkaloglu,S.A.
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A1 - Lopez,L.
A1 - Ozaltin,F.
A1 - Printza,N.
A1 - Hari,P.
A1 - Klaus,G.
A1 - Bak,M.
A1 - Vogel,A.
A1 - Ariceta,G.
A1 - Yap,H.K.
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Calcium/bl [Blood]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Europe/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Female
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Humans
KW - Hyperphosphatemia/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Hyperphosphatemia/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Hyperphosphatemia/et [Etiology]
The mineral and bone disorder of chronic kidney disease remains a challenging complication in pediatric end-stage renal disease. Here, we assessed symptoms, risk factors and management of this disorder in 890 children and adolescents from 24 countries reported to the International Pediatric Peritoneal Dialysis Network Registry. Signs of this disease were most common in North American patients. The prevalence of hyperphosphatemia increased with age from 6% in young infants to 81% in adolescents. Serum parathyroid hormone (PTH) was outside the guideline targets in the majority of patients and associated with low calcium, high phosphorus, acidosis, dialysis vintage and female gender. Serum calcium was associated with dialytic calcium exposure, serum phosphorus with low residual renal function and pubertal status. PTH levels were highest in Latin America and lowest in Europe. Vitamin D and its active analogs were most frequently administered in Europe; calcium-free phosphate binders and cinacalcet in North America. Clinical and radiological symptoms markedly increased when PTH exceeded 300 pg/ml, the risk of hypercalcemia increased with levels below 100 pg/ml, and time-averaged PTH concentrations above 500 pg/ml were associated with impaired longitudinal growth. Hence, the symptoms and management of the mineral and bone disorder of chronic kidney disease in children on peritoneal dialysis showed substantial regional variation. Our findings support a PTH target range of 100-300 pg/ml in the pediatric age group.
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KW - Psychological
KW - Adolescent
KW - Age Factors
KW - Child
KW - Family
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Indonesia
KW - Male
KW - Politics
KW - Psychotherapy
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Social Support
KW - Stress Disorders
KW - Post-Traumatic/px [Psychology]
KW - Post-Traumatic/th [Therapy]
KW - Treatment Outcome
KW - Violence/px [Psychology]
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: The authors examined moderators and mediators of a school-based psychosocial intervention for children affected by political violence, according to an ecological resilience theoretical framework. METHOD: The authors examined data from a cluster randomized trial, involving children aged 8-13 in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia (treatment condition n = 182, waitlist control condition n = 221). Mediators (hope, coping, peer/emotional/play social support) and moderators (gender, age, family connectedness, household size, other forms of social support, exposure to political violence, and displacement) of treatment outcome on posttraumatic stress symptoms and function impairment were examined in parallel process latent growth curve models. RESULTS: Compared with the waitlist group, those receiving treatment showed maintained hope, increased positive coping, maintained peer social support, and increased play social support. Of these putative mediators, only play social support was found to mediate treatment effects, such that increases in play social support were associated with smaller reductions in posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms. Furthermore, the authors identified a number of moderators: Girls showed larger treatment benefits on PTSD symptoms; girls, children in smaller households, and children receiving social support from adults outside the household showed larger treatment benefits on function impairment. CONCLUSIONS: Findings provide limited evidence for an ecological resilience theoretical framework. On the basis of these findings, the authors recommend a stronger separation between universal prevention (e.g., resilience promotion through play) and selective/indicated prevention (e.g., interventions aimed at decreasing posttraumatic stress symptoms). Play-based interventions should be careful to exclude children with psychological distress. In addition, treatment effects may be augmented by selecting girls and socially vulnerable children. (c) 2010 APA, all rights reserved
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OBJECTIVE: Swimming is one of the most widely practiced sports in Spain among people of all ages and physical conditions. This activity is also a source of exposure to disinfection by-products (DBP), which are potentially toxic. The DBP concentration in swimming pool water is not regulated and is poorly known. The aim of this study was to describe trihalomethane concentrations in swimming pool water in the municipalities of four cohorts of the INMA project.

METHODS: In July 2009, trihalomethanes were analyzed in water from 27 swimming pools in Asturias, Granada, Valencia and Sabadell. RESULTS: The mean total trihalomethane concentration was 42.7 μg/L (standard deviation [SD]=19.1) in indoor pools and 151.2 μg/L (SD=80.7) in outdoor pools. In all pools, the most abundant trihalomethane was always chloroform. The lowest levels were found in Granada. CONCLUSION: Trihalomethane concentrations in swimming pool water were highly variable. Outdoor swimming pools showed the highest levels, which were usually above the legal limit for drinking water. Copyright 2010 SESPAS. Published by Elsevier Espana. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: Poor dietary habits and decreased outdoor activity has led to an epidemic of obese children and vitamin D deficiency. The lack of vitamin D alters bone development and mineralization by diminishing physiological levels of calcium and phosphorus. Given vitamin D's role in bone and growth plate mineralization and regulation, we hypothesized that vitamin D deficiency would lead to higher rates of fractures, slipped capital femoral epiphysis (SCFE), and Blount disease in obese youth. METHODS: A retrospective review was performed at the obesity clinic using the obesity database (890 patients). Data obtained included body mass index (BMI), vitamin D levels (25-vitamin D), history of fractures, Blount disease, and/or SCFE. The chart review identified 2 populations of obese patients, those with vitamin D deficiency, <16 ng/mL...
(198 patients) and those not vitamin D deficient >16 ng/mL (692 patients). Fisher exact, chi2, and 2-sample t tests along with logistic regression were used for statistical analysis. A P value <0.05 was considered statistically significant. RESULTS: Blount disease was found to have a statistically significant (P<0.05) positive association with patient's sex, BMI, and vitamin D level. Specifically, males were 8.16 times more likely than females to be observed with Blount disease (P=0.01). Patients with very low vitamin D levels were 7.33 times more likely to have Blount disease than patients with higher levels (P=0.002). Each whole number increase in BMI increases the likelihood of Blount disease by 3% (P=0.01). There was no association between increased number of fractures or SCFE with vitamin D deficiency in these obese patients. CONCLUSION: As our findings indicate, BMI and vitamin D levels have a strong association with Blount disease, which may be especially important among males. Ours is the first study to show a relationship between vitamin D deficiency and Blount disease, but further prospective studies are needed with larger numbers to confirm this independent association of vitamin D deficiency with Blount disease. LEVEL OF EVIDENCE: Level III retrospective study SN - 1539-2570
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T1 - Treatment of children with chronic hepatitis B virus infection in the United States: patient selection and therapeutic options
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A1 - Haber,B.A.
A1 - Karpen,S.J.
A1 - Murray,K.F.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adenine/aa [Analogs & Derivatives]
KW - Adenine/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Alanine Transaminase/bl [Blood]
KW - Antiviral Agents/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - DNA
KW - Viral
KW - Hepatitis B Surface Antigens/bl [Blood]
KW - Hepatitis B virus/ge [Genetics]
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Chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection in children presents a therapeutic challenge for the practitioner. Decisions regarding selection of patients who may benefit from treatment, appropriate timing of treatment, and the choice of antiviral therapy are complex and are compounded by the limited number of drugs that have been studied in children. An expert panel of nationally recognized pediatric liver specialists was convened by the Hepatitis B Foundation on August 11, 2009, to consider clinical practice relative to the therapeutic options available for children. A detailed account of these discussions is provided, and the opinions expressed are based on consensus of the experts, as well as on published evidence when available. The panel concludes that, at this time, there is no established benefit of treatment of children in the immune tolerant phase, and there is a very high risk of development of drug resistance. In addition, there is no indication for treatment of children in the inactive carrier state. For children in the immune active or reactivation phases, liver histology can help guide treatment decisions, and family history of liver disease, especially hepatocellular carcinoma, may argue for early treatment in some cases. Outside of clinical trials, interferon is the agent of choice in most cases. Nucleos(t)ide analogues are secondary therapies, and children who receive these agents require careful monitoring for development of resistance. There are a few situations when treatment is indicated regardless of HBV DNA or alanine aminotransferase levels. There is still much to be elucidated about the appropriate use of HBV therapy in children. Until more clinical data and therapeutic options are available, a conservative approach is warranted.
BACKGROUND: Children with poor motor ability have been found to engage less in physical activities than other children, and a lack of physical activity has been linked to problems such as obesity, lowered bone mineral density and cardiovascular risk factors. Furthermore, if children are confident with their fine and gross motor skills, they are more likely to engage in physical activities such as sports, crafts, dancing and other physical activity programs outside of the school curriculum which are important activities for psychosocial development. The primary objective of this project is to comprehensively evaluate a whole of class physical activity program called Animal Fun designed for Pre-Primary children. This program was designed to improve the child’s movement skills, both fine and gross, and their perceptions of their movement ability, promote appropriate social skills and improve social-emotional development. METHODS: The proposed randomized and controlled trial uses a multivariate nested cohort design to examine the physical (motor coordination) and psychosocial (self perceptions, anxiety, social competence) outcomes of the program. The Animal Fun program is a teacher delivered universal program incorporating animal actions to facilitate motor skill and social skill acquisition and practice. Pre-intervention scores on motor and psychosocial variables for six control schools and six intervention schools will be compared with post-intervention scores (end of Pre-Primary year) and scores taken 12 months later after the children’s transition to primary school Year 1. 520 children aged 4.5 to 6 years will be recruited and it is anticipated that 360 children will be retained to the 1 year follow-up. There will be equal numbers of boys and girls. DISCUSSION: If this program is found to improve the child’s movement skills, both fine and gross, and their perceptions of their movement ability, this will assist in the child’s transition into the first year of school. As a result of these changes, it is anticipated that children will have greater enjoyment participating in physical activities which will further promote long term physical and mental health. TRIAL REGISTRATION: This trial is registered in the Australian and New Zealand Clinical trials Registry (ACTRN12609000869279)
BACKGROUND: Active living integrates physical activity into one's daily routine. Current understanding of active living among children and their families living in rural communities is limited. A community perspective is critical to understand the contextual factors that influence children's physical activity in rural areas. PURPOSE: The purpose of this study was to identify the perceived environmental factors that support or hinder physical activity among rural children to develop testable hypotheses to inform future interventions for reducing unhealthy weight gain and preventing chronic diseases associated with physical inactivity. METHODS: PhotoVOICE was used to explore active living opportunities and barriers for children living in four low-income, rural U.S. communities. In 2007, parents (n=99) and elementary school staff (n=17) received disposable cameras to document their perspective. Using their photographs and narratives, participants developed emergent themes during a facilitated group discussion. In 2008, study authors used the Analysis Grid for Environments Linked to Obesity (ANGELO) framework to categorize the themes. RESULTS: Microenvironment themes include physical (e.g., natural features, topography); sociocultural (e.g., isolation); policy (e.g., time for school recess); and economic (e.g., funding for physical activity programs). Macroenvironmental themes related to the built and natural environments and transportation infrastructure. CONCLUSIONS: This study identified rural environment elements that community members perceived as influencing children's physical activity patterns. Certain aspects were unique to rural areas, whereas other urban and suburban factors may be generalizable to rural settings. PhotoVOICE was a useful participatory research method to gain insight into perceived factors affecting rural children's physical activity behaviors. Copyright 2010 American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
PURPOSE: In this study, we investigated how socioeconomic factors contributed to airborne PM(10) concentrations in living rooms and children's bedrooms in 50 homes in Korea from July to September 2008. METHODS: PM(10) was measured with the personal environmental monitor, and both a questionnaire and time activity diary were used to acquire data on socioeconomic factors and various human activities (i.e., cooking, cleaning, and smoking). Analysis of variance and general linear model were used to identify the effects of socioeconomic and behavioral factors on PM(10) concentrations. RESULTS: Mean PM(10) concentrations in living rooms and children's rooms were 45.3 + 33.3 µg/m³ and 45.9 + 21.0 µg/m³, respectively, whereas outdoor PM(10) concentrations were 50.0 + 19.8 µg/m³. Significant relationships were found between concentrations in children's rooms and living rooms, and also between indoor and outdoor concentrations.
PM(10) concentrations in children's rooms varied significantly by region, parental education, floor of residence, and average monthly household expenses. Concentrations in living rooms varied significantly by the number of children. This implies that lower socioeconomic status can contribute to higher indoor PM(10) concentrations. Indoor PM(10) concentrations in households with cleaning, cooking, and smoking were higher than in homes without these activities. General linear model showed that the effects of socioeconomic factors on PM(10) concentrations were significant in the following order: region (the increment in estimate beta = 24.16), parental education (beta = -18.84), type of housing (beta = -16.97; p < 0.01), and number of children (beta = 19.12; p < 0.05). CONCLUSIONS: We found that indoor PM(10) concentrations were affected by socioeconomic factors rather than human behavioral activities. In determining the environmental policy for indoor air quality, it is important to consider various socioeconomic factors of subjects.
This paper is a study of the determinants of the anthropometric status of preschool children in Mozambique. Using the 2003 Demographic and Health Survey, we provide insights into two main explanatory factors: the mother’s schooling and the mother’s nutrition knowledge. Rather than treating the mother’s schooling as a black box, we analyze its interaction with the mother’s nutrition knowledge and household wealth in order to elucidate the mechanisms underlying their ultimate effect on child height. The estimates obtained through instrumental variable regression show that the direct effect of the mother’s schooling is large but that the rate at which it increases declines as her educational level rises. Primary education seems to be a key to enhance the mothers’ general knowledge, which then improves the allocation of resources in regard to children’s well-being and the care for the child. A higher educational level attained by the mother is likely to play only a minimal and indirect role in her child’s nutrition, by expanding her economic opportunities. This is because more educated mothers have also more qualified and time-consuming jobs, which reduces the time spent for childcare. Mothers with higher levels of nutrition knowledge, acquired primarily outside of school, are able to choose a more diversified diet for their children and, broadly speaking, to utilize food more effectively. Based on a second technique, the instrumental variable quantile regression, we are able to draw a double conclusion: that mothers’ nutrition knowledge contributes to height increases among extremely deprived children, and that mothers’ formal education and household wealth are slightly more important for relatively well-off children.

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BACKGROUND: Knowledge of the epidemiology of children's fractures is essential to develop preventive strategies. The aim of this study was to analyze the individual/lifestyle determinants of fractures across pediatric age groups. METHODS: A cross-sectional study was performed in the first six months of 2008 through questionnaire on a sample of children from an outpatient clinic for pediatric fractures. Differences in gender, anatomic site, circumstances and location of fracture occurrence, behavioural lifestyle, and calcium intake were investigated among three different age classes (pre-school children, school children, and adolescents). RESULTS: The sample consisted of 382 subjects (2-14 years of age) sustaining a fracture after low or moderate trauma. Males were at a higher risk of fractures than females; greater than two-thirds of injuries occurred after low-energy trauma and the upper limb was more frequently involved. With increasing age, the male/female ratio and time spent in sports participation increased (p < 0.001), while calcium intake and time spent in sedentary behaviors decreased (p < 0.001 and < 0.003, respectively). Gender discordance existed in pre-school children with respect to the anatomic location, and in school children and adolescents with respect to the dynamics. In the adolescent group, males were more physically active and also more sedentary than females. Fractures most frequently occurred in homes (41.6%), followed by playgrounds and footpaths (26.2%), sports facilities (18.3%), and educational facilities (13.9%), with gender differences existing only in adolescence. Twenty-three percent of the subjects sustained one or more fractures in the past. The percentage of recurrent fractures increased with age (p = 0.001), with a similar trend in both genders. CONCLUSIONS: Gender differences were shown in the prevalence of injuries, characteristics, and circumstances across ages. These differences may be explained by the related changes in behaviors, together with attending different places. Individual and lifestyle factors can in part explain the variability in the occurrence of fractures and can also address targeted preventive strategies.
Outdoor recreational fires are a frequent occurrence during the summer months and can be associated with burns resulting in significant morbidity. Both pediatric and adult populations can be affected, and their mechanism of injury is often different. Understanding these mechanisms is important when designing prevention programs. It is the goal of this study to review our experience with outdoor recreational fires. All patients who presented to Spectrum Health Blodgett Regional Burn Unit for burns secondary to an outdoor recreational fire over an 8-year period were reviewed. Demographic data, mechanism of injury, body area involved, TBSA burned, treatments undertaken, and subsequent complications were recorded. Pediatric patients (aged 16 years and younger) were analyzed independently, and risk factors were determined. A total of 329 patients suffered burns secondary to outdoor recreational fires over the length of the study. More than 35% required inpatient treatment, with an average length of stay of 4.8 days. Hands were the most frequently affected body part, with the mean TBSA involved being 3.5%. Ninety-four patients (28.6%) required split-thickness skin grafting. The most common mechanism of injury in both adult and pediatric populations was falling into an ongoing fire. Wound infection was the most common complication. Alcohol intoxication was associated with a higher burn severity and complication rate. Pediatric patients represented 39.8% of the sample. Burns secondary to outdoor recreational fires are associated with significant morbidity. Adult prevention programs should target awareness with respect to alcohol consumption and campfires secondary to the morbidity associated with these injuries. Pediatric patients are particularly susceptible, and parents should remain diligent about campfire safety and be educated about the inherent dangers of both active and extinguished fires.
Using two major data sets from the Texas Youth Fitness Study, ordinary least squares regression, and hierarchical linear modeling, we examined the impact of key correlates in school physical education programs and policies on students fitness status and cross-grade differences. While a number of factors, such as teachers training/updates, recess time, available physical activity space, a school wellness policy, and fitness testing before administration, were confirmed, these correlates can explain only limited variance. Other aspects, such as socioeconomic status and community confounding factors, were recognized and illustrated. Future studies should include more factors such as these in data collection and analysis.

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This study aims at analyzing, from the epidemiological point of view, occurrences of falls among children under the age of 15 who live in Londrina, Parana, and were treated at emergency departments, hospitalized or passed away due to such event in 2001. Data were obtained from registries of general hospitals and from the Mortality Information Nucleus. 2,991 children victims of falls were analyzed, representing an incidence rate of 25.3 per 1000 children. Non-fatal hospitalization rate was 3.9%; one death occurred in an emergency department. The risk of suffering falls was higher among boys, except with children aged less than one year.

Most frequently injured by falls were the groups of one year old (coefficient of 46.0 per 1000 children) and of two years old (coefficient of 38.4 per 1000 children). The most affected body region was head/neck (55.2%) and superficial traumatism was the most frequent kind of injury (46.4%). Falls occurred mainly from bed/cradle, furniture/couch, tricycle/skates, staircase/degrees, playground equipment, wall/gate/roof/balcony, hammock, tree and stroller. Findings show a high falls incidence among children and adolescents and contribute to increasing epidemiological knowledge of such events and so grounding the planning of preventive and control measures.

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**T1** - The crucial role of recess in schools

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BACKGROUND: Recess is at the heart of a vigorous debate over the role of schools in promoting optimal child development and well-being. Reallocation of time to accentuate academic concerns is a growing trend and has put recess at risk. Conversely, pressure to increase activity in school has come from efforts to combat childhood obesity. The purpose of this review was to examine the value of recess as an integral component of the school day.

METHODS: A comprehensive review of recess-specific literature was conducted, beginning with a Google Scholar search, to cull definitions, position statements, and policy recommendations from national/international associations and organizations. A multi-database search followed. Additional articles were selected from reference lists. RESULTS: The search yielded a range of articles, from those focused on specific aspects of recess to those that examined multiple factors, including how to structure and conduct recess. Several themes emerged supporting recess as beneficial for children's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical functioning. Optimal recess was well-supervised and safe. Crucial components were well-maintained playground equipment and well-trained supervisors.

CONCLUSION: Recess serves a critical role in school as a necessary break from the rigors of academic challenges. Recess is a complement to, not a replacement for, physical education. Both promote activity and a healthy lifestyle; however, recess—particularly unstructured recess and free play—provides a unique contribution to a child's creative, social, and emotional development. From the perspective of children's health and well-being, recess time should be considered a child's personal time and should not be withheld for academic or punitive reasons. 2010, American School Health Association SN - 1746-1561

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T1 - The global pediatric antiretroviral market: analyses of product availability and utilization reveal challenges for development of pediatric formulations and HIV/AIDS treatment in children
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BACKGROUND: Important advances in the development and production of quality-certified pediatric antiretroviral (ARV) formulations have recently been made despite significant market disincentives for manufacturers. This progress resulted from lobbying and innovative interventions from HIV/AIDS activists, civil society organizations, and international organizations. Research on uptake and dispersion of these improved products across countries and international organizations has not been conducted but is needed to inform next steps towards improving child health. METHODS: We used information from the World Health Organization Prequalification Programme and the United States Food and Drug Administration to describe trends in quality-certification of pediatric formulations and used 7,989 donor-funded, pediatric ARV purchase transactions from 2002-2009 to measure uptake and dispersion of new pediatric ARV formulations across countries and programs. Prices for new pediatric ARV formulations were compared to alternative dosage forms. RESULTS: Fewer ARV options exist for HIV/AIDS treatment in children than adults. Before 2005, most pediatric ARVs were produced by innovator companies in single-component solid and liquid forms. Five 2-in-1 and four 3-in-1 generic pediatric fixed-dose combinations (FDCs) in solid and dispersible forms have been quality-certified since 2005. Most (67%) of these were produced by one quality-certified manufacturer. Uptake of new pediatric FDCs outside of UNITAID is low. UNITAID accounted for 97-100% of 2008-2009 market volume. In total, 33 and 34 countries reported solid or dispersible FDC purchases in 2008 and 2009, respectively, but most purchases were made through UNITAID. Only three Global Fund country recipients reported purchase of these FDCs in 2008. Prices for pediatric FDCs were considerably lower than liquids but typically higher than half of an adult FDC. CONCLUSION: Pediatric ARV markets are more fragile than adult markets. Ensuring a long-term supply of quality, well-adapted ARVs for children requires ongoing monitoring and improved understanding of global pediatric markets, including country-based research to explain and address low uptake of new, improved formulations. Continued innovation in pediatric ARV development may be threatened by outdated procurement practices failing to connect clinicians making prescribing decisions, supply chain staff dealing with logistics, donors, international organizations, and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Perceptions of global demand must be better informed by accurate estimates of actual country-level demand.

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Craniofacial growth disturbance is related to temporomandibular joint abnormality in patients with juvenile idiopathic arthritis, but normal facial profile was also found at the 27-year follow-up.


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KW - Prevalence
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KW - Severity of Illness Index
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OBJECTIVES: To assess the long-term outcome of craniofacial morphology related to disease variables and temporomandibular joint (TMJ) involvement as demonstrated with computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in adult patients with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA).

METHODS: Sixty of 103 patients participated in a re-examination on average 27 years after baseline. Craniofacial morphology, with emphasis on size and position of the mandible, was assessed in lateral cephalographic images and related to disease variables and TMJ involvement by CT and MRI. Definitions of craniofacial growth disturbances were based on measurements outside 2 SD from the mean of healthy adult controls.

RESULTS: Sagittal craniofacial growth disturbances were found in 57% and micrognathia in 27% of the 60 patients. Of those with JIA TMJ involvement, 70% had some form of growth disturbance. Micrognathia occurred only in patients with bilateral TMJ involvement. The bilateral TMJ group had significantly different craniofacial morphology than healthy controls and patients without TMJ involvement. Growth disturbances and TMJ involvement were present in all subtypes of JIA, except for one subtype comprising one patient. Patients with growth disturbances had more severe disease than patients with normal craniofacial growth, regarding both present and previous disease activity. Unexpectedly, half of the patients without craniofacial growth disturbances also had TMJ involvement, many from before the age of 12.

CONCLUSIONS: Craniofacial growth disturbances were found to be frequent in adult JIA patients, especially in those with bilateral TMJ involvement. However, growth disturbances did not always follow TMJ involvement, not even when affected early.
BACKGROUND: Laparoscopic surgery for acute appendicitis has been proposed to have advantages over conventional surgery. OBJECTIVES: To compare the diagnostic and therapeutic effects of laparoscopic and conventional 'open' surgery. SEARCH STRATEGY: We searched the Cochrane Library, MEDLINE, EMBASE, LILACS, CNKI, SciSearch, study registries, and the congress proceedings of endoscopic surgical societies. SELECTION CRITERIA: We included randomized clinical trials comparing laparoscopic (LA) versus open appendectomy (OA) in adults or children. Studies comparing immediate OA versus diagnostic laparoscopy (followed by LA or OA if necessary) were separately identified. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: Two reviewers independently assessed trial quality. Missing information or data was requested from the authors. We used odds ratios (OR), relative risks (RR), and 95% confidence intervals (CI) for analysis. MAIN RESULTS: We included 67 studies, of which 56 compared LA (with or without diagnostic laparoscopy) vs. OA in adults. Wound infections were less likely after LA than after OA (OR 0.43; CI 0.34 to 0.54), but the incidence of intraabdominal abscesses was increased (OR 1.87; CI 1.19 to 2.93). The duration of surgery was 10 minutes (CI 6 to 15) longer for LA. Pain on day 1 after surgery was reduced after LA by 8 mm (CI 5 to 11 mm) on a 100 mm visual analogue scale. Hospital stay was shortened by 1.1 day (CI 0.7 to 1.5). Return to normal activity, work, and sport occurred earlier after LA than after OA. While the operation costs of LA were significantly higher, the costs outside hospital were reduced. Seven studies on children were included, but the results do not seem to be much different when compared to adults. Diagnostic laparoscopy reduced the risk of a negative appendectomy, but this effect was stronger in fertile women (RR 0.20; CI 0.11 to 0.34) as compared to unselected adults (RR 0.37; CI 0.13 to 1.01). AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS: In those clinical settings where surgical expertise and equipment are available and affordable, diagnostic laparoscopy and LA (either in combination or separately) seem to have various advantages over OA. Some of the clinical effects of LA, however, are small and of limited clinical relevance. In spite of the mediocre quality of the available research data, we would generally recommend to use laparoscopy and LA in patients with suspected appendicitis unless laparoscopy itself is contraindicated or not feasible. Especially young female, obese, and employed patients seem to benefit from LA.
Using a non-equivalent control group design, this report evaluated a previously studied behavioural intervention, the Stamp-in-Safety programme, which is designed to reduce the injury risk for young children on playgrounds at childcare centres by increasing the quality of adult supervision and rewarding children for safe play. In an urban, commercial childcare centre, 71 children aged 3-5 years and 15 teachers participated. Primary outcome measures were teacher verbalisations (warnings, explanations, redirects), teacher location (core, outskirt, or fringe of playground), child risk-taking behaviours (using equipment appropriately) and the number of injuries on the playground. Analyses revealed that the intervention had a modest positive effect in promoting safer teacher and child playground behaviours. This study reaffirms previous results that the Stamp-in-Safety programme is an effective method to decrease the risk of playground injuries at childcare centres.
Adequate vitamin D intake and its status as well outdoor physical activity are important not only for normal bone development and Ca-P metabolism, but for optimal function of many organs and tissues throughout the body. Due to documented changes in dietary habits and physical activity level, both observed in growing children and adults, the prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency is continuously increasing. National Consultants and experts in this field established the Polish recommendations for prophylactic vitamin D supplementation in infants, toddlers, children and adolescents as well as in adults, including pregnant and lactating women based on current literature review. Taking into consideration pleiotropic vitamin D action and safety aspects serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25-OHD) level of 20-60 ng/ml (50-750 nmol/l) in children and 30-80 ng/ml (75-200 nmol/l) in adults is considered as optimal. Sunlight exposure inducing vitamin D production in the skin is main endogen source of vitamin D in the body but sunscreens may reduce skin synthesis by 90%. In Poland, skin synthesis is effective only from April to September so other sources of vitamin D such as diet and supplements play an important role. All newborns should be supplemented with 400 IU/d of vitamin D beginning from the first few
days of life and continue during infancy. In formula fed infants vitamin D intake from the diet should be taken into account. In preterm infants higher total vitamin D intake (400-800 IU/day) is recommended till 40 weeks post conception. Total vitamin D intake in children and adolescents required from all sources (diet and/or supplements) should be 400 IU/d between October and March and throughout the whole year in case of inadequate vitamin D skin synthesis during the summer months. In overweight/obese children supplementation with higher dosage of vitamin D up to 800-1000 IU/d should be considered. Adults require 800-1000 IU/d of vitamin D. In pregnant and lactating women such supplementation is recommended in case of inadequate intake from diet and/or skin synthesis supplementation. Monitoring of serum 25-OHD level to define optimal dosage should be considered.
Reference Centre for Bacterial Meningitis (Krajowy Osrodek Referencyjny ds. Diagnostyki Bakteryjnych Zakazen Osrodkowego Ukladu Nerwowego, KOROUN) started the BINet programme, which is a network monitoring invasive bacterial infections acquired outside the hospital. The programme aims to improve the diagnostic and thus therapeutic standards, in community acquired invasive bacterial infections in Poland. The BINet programme is based on the cooperation of clinicians, epidemiologists, microbiologists, and is headed by a team of the National Reference Centre for Bacterial Meningitis. The BINet programme enables quick and appropriate microbiological diagnosis of infections which is the basis of rational therapy and plays a key role in dealing with the infected patient. In addition, accurate epidemiological data allow to take quick and effective preventive measures at local and national level.

N2 - ADHD is a neural developmental disorder expressed in various life settings. Yet, previous studies have focused mainly on children's function in school and academic achievement. The purpose of the present study was, therefore, to examine participation patterns in outside formal school activities among boys with ADHD compared to typical boys. Participants included 25 boys aged 8-11 years with ADHD and 25 age-matched typical boys. All participants completed the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE). Several aspects of participation were examined: diversity, intensity, enjoyment, place, and partners in 49 extra curricular activities. The findings indicate that boys with ADHD reported significant lower intensity rates of participation in most activity domains. Furthermore, boys with ADHD also reported higher diversity scores and lower enjoyment in 'formal' activities. Yet, no significant differences were found with regard to activity place and partners. These findings enhance the importance of providing therapy that refers to after school activities.
Accordingly, CAPE can be useful for assessing boys with ADHD and planning appropriate intervention programs. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

INTRODUCTION: Due to the importance of acetylcholinesterase inhibiting chemicals as pesticides in developing countries, the Instituto Nacional de Salud in Colombia designed the organophosphate and carbamate epidemiological surveillance program for the period 2002-2005. OBJECTIVE: The acetylcholinesterase activity was determined in study participants with a history of organophosphate and carbamate exposure and the most commonly used pesticides were identified in each study area. MATERIALS AND METHODS: The information was compiled from reports sent to the Instituto Nacional de Salud organophosphate and carbamate epidemiological surveillance program from each of 11 provinces in Colombia. The analytical determination of the biomarker was performed by acetylcholinesterase activity determined with the Lovibond field equipment.
RESULTS: A total of 28,303 people were designated as having risk of exposure to pesticides. Most were men (81.4%). Abnormal determinations averaged 9.3% (9.9% in men and 7.0% in women). The 18-25 year old age group showed the highest prevalence of abnormal results (12.3%), followed by the group of 0-5 year olds (10.7%). The highest prevalence of abnormal acetylcholinesterase activity was in farm workers (27.0%), followed by general outdoor activities (26.1%). In the province of Meta, 80% of participants showed abnormal values of enzyme activity. The most commonly used pesticides were organophosphates (39.7%) and carbamates (16.6%). CONCLUSION: The increase in the prevalence of abnormal values of acetylcholinesterase activity and the risk of exposure to pesticides in children necessitates a lowering of use and commercialization of high risk pesticides, and a need for developing safer methods for pest management.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Endotoxins are found in indoor dust generated by human activity and pets, in soil, and adsorbed onto the surfaces of ambient combustion particles. Endotoxin concentrations have been associated with respiratory symptoms and the risk of atopy and asthma in children. OBJECTIVE: We characterized the temporal and spatial variability of ambient endotoxin in Fresno/Clovis, California, located in California's Central Valley, to identify correlates and potential predictors of ambient endotoxin concentrations in a cohort of children with asthma [Fresno Asthmatic Children's Environment Study (FACES)]. METHODS: Between May 2001 and October 2004, daily ambient endotoxin and air pollutants were collected at the central ambient
monitoring site of the California Air Resources Board in Fresno and, for shorter time periods, at 10 schools and indoors and outdoors at 84 residences in the community. Analyses were restricted to May-October, the dry months during which endotoxin concentrations are highest. RESULTS: Daily endotoxin concentration patterns were determined mainly by meteorologic factors, particularly the degree of air stagnation. Overall concentrations were lowest in areas distant from agricultural activities. Highest concentrations were found in areas immediately downwind from agricultural/pasture land. Among three other measured air pollutants [fine particulate matter, elemental carbon (a marker of traffic in Fresno), and coarse particulate matter (PMc)], PMc was the only pollutant correlated with endotoxin. Endotoxin, however, was the most spatially variable. CONCLUSIONS: Our data support the need to evaluate the spatial/temporal variability of endotoxin concentrations, rather than relying on a few measurements made at one location, in studies of exposure and and respiratory health effects, particularly in children with asthma and other chronic respiratory diseases

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PURPOSE: China is urbanizing rapidly, and the prevalence of myopia is high. This study was conducted to identify the reasons for observed differences in the prevalence of myopia among urban versus rural Chinese children. METHODS: All children with uncorrected acuity of 6/12 or worse and a 50% random sample of children with vision better than 6/12 at all secondary schools in mixed rural-urban Liangying Township, Guangdong, underwent cycloplegic refraction, and provided data on age, gender, parental education, weekly near work and time outdoors, and urban development level of respondents' neighborhoods (12-item questionnaire). Population density of 32 villages and urban zones in Liangying was calculated from census figures (mean population density, 217 persons/km²; range, 94-957; mean for Guangdong, 486). RESULTS: Among 5844 eligible children, 4612 (78.9%) had parental consent and completed examinations; 2957 were refracted per protocol, and 2480 (83.9%) of these had questionnaire data. Those with completed examinations were more likely to be girls (P < 0.001), and questionnaire respondents were more myopic (P = 0.02), but otherwise did not differ significantly from nonrespondents. In multivariate models, older age (P < 0.001), more near work (P = 0.02), and higher population density (P = 0.003), but not development index, parental education, or time outdoors were significantly associated with more myopic refractive error. CONCLUSIONS: Higher population density appears to be associated with myopia risk, independent of academic activity, time spent outdoors, familial educational level, or economic development, factors that have been thought to explain higher myopia prevalence among urban children. Mechanisms for this apparent association should be sought.
The aim was to identify the prevalence and risk factors of myopia among elementary school students in a rural area of Taiwan. METHODS: A cross-sectional study was conducted. Elementary school students aged 7-12 years were recruited from the two schools located on Chimei Island. Data were obtained by means of a parent questionnaire and ocular evaluations that included axial length and cycloplegic autorefraction. RESULTS: One hundred and forty five students were recruited for this study. Myopia prevalence was 31%. In univariate analysis, myopia was significantly associated with school year, myopic parent, and watching television (TV) (P < .0001, =0.007 and =0.029, respectively). Multiple logistic regression analysis revealed that myopia was significantly associated with school year and myopic parent. However, the effect of watching TV was not statistically significant (P=0.059). Outdoor activity showed significance and was inversely associated with myopia (Odds Ratio [OR]=0.3, 95% Confidence Interval [CI]=0.1-0.9, P=0.025). CONCLUSION: This study suggests that outdoor activities might be an important protecting factor for myopia in rural school children.
BACKGROUND: Young children are not participating in recommended levels of physical activity and exhibit high levels of sedentary behaviour. Childcare services provide access to large numbers of young children for prolonged periods, yet there is limited experimental evidence regarding the effectiveness of physical activity interventions implemented in this setting. The aim of this study is to assess the effectiveness and acceptability of a multi-component physical activity intervention, delivered by childcare service staff, in increasing the physical activity levels of children attending long day care services.

METHODS/DESIGN: The study will employ a cluster randomised controlled trial design. Three hundred children aged between 3-5 years from twenty randomly selected long day care services in the Hunter Region of New South Wales, Australia will be invited to participate in the trial. Ten of the 20 long day care services will be randomly allocated to deliver the intervention with the remaining ten services allocated to a wait list control group. The physical activity intervention will consist of a number of strategies including: delivering structured fundamental movement skill activities, increasing physical activity opportunities, increasing staff role modelling, providing children with a physical activity promoting indoor and outdoor environment and limiting children’s small screen recreation and sedentary behaviours. Intervention effectiveness will be measured via child physical activity levels during attendance at long day care. The study also seeks to determine the acceptability and extent of implementation of the intervention by services and their staff participating in the study.

DISCUSSION: The trial will address current gaps in the research evidence base and contribute to the design and delivery of future interventions promoting physical activity for young children in long day care settings.

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BACKGROUND: To examine whether the previously observed excess risk of male germ cell cancer in a cohort of car-manufacturing workers can be attributed to occupational activities inside and/or outside the car industry. METHODS: A nested case-control study among workers in six plants included 205 cases of germ cell cancer and 1,105 controls, individually matched by year of birth (+2 years). Job periods of the individual occupational histories were coded based on the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) and the industrial classification of economic activities (NACE). Odds ratios (ORs) and corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CI) for ever-never and cumulative employment were calculated by conditional multivariate logistic regression adjusted for cryptorchidism. RESULTS: Significantly increased risks were observed for machinery fitters and assemblers (A) (OR=1.8, 95% CI 1.25-2.53) and "workers not elsewhere classified" (OR=2.10, 95% CI 1.27-3.54), but no trend was observed for employment duration in either occupational group. Stratification of job group A by metal-cutting and non-cutting jobs yielded ORs of 1.87 (95% CI 1.31-2.67) and of 1.24 (95% CI 0.68-2.28), respectively. Among "plumbers, welders, sheet & structural metal workers" (adjusted OR 1.4, 95% CI 0.99-1.95) only "structural metal preparers and erectors" showed a substantially increased risk (OR=2.30; 95% CI 1.27-4.27). CONCLUSIONS: Our results do not fully explain the increased incidence of germ cell cancer in the cohort, but support previous findings showing increased risks among metal workers. These risks were most strongly pronounced in metal-cutting activities.
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: Obesity and overweight have become a worldwide epidemic, and there is an urgent need to examine childhood obesity and overweight across countries using a standardized international standard. In the present study we have investigated the prevalence of obesity and overweight and their association with socioeconomic status (SES) and the risk factors like diet, physical activity like exercise, sports, sleeping habit in afternoon, eating habits like junk food, chocolate, eating outside at weekend, family history of diabetes and obesity. MATERIAL AND METHODS: The study was carried out in 5664 school children of 12-18 years of age and having different SES. The obesity and overweight were considered using an updated body mass index reference. SES and life style factors were determined using pre-tested questionnaire. RESULTS: Age-adjusted prevalence of overweight was found to be 14.3% among boys and 9.2% among girls where as the prevalence of obesity was 2.9% in boys and 1.5% in girls. The prevalence of overweight among children was higher in middle SES as compared to high SES group in both boys and girls whereas the prevalence of obesity was higher in high SES group as compared to middle SES group. The prevalence of obesity as well as overweight in low SES group was the lowest as compared to other group. Eating habit like junk food, chocolate, eating outside at weekend and physical activity like exercise, sports, sleeping habit in afternoon having remarkable effect on prevalence on overweight and obesity among middle to high SES group. Family history of diabetes and obesity were also found to be positively associated. CONCLUSION: Our data suggest that the prevalence of overweight and obesity varies remarkably with different socioeconomic development levels.
BACKGROUND: Little is known about children's leisure-time physical activity (PA) at school and how it is associated with contextual variables. The purpose of this study was to objectively assess children's voluntary PA during 3 daily periods and examine modifiable contextual factors. METHODS: We conducted SOPLAY (System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity in Youth) observations before school, during recess, and at lunchtime in 137 targeted activity areas in 13 elementary schools over 18 months. During observations, each child was coded as Sedentary, Walking, or Vigorous, and simultaneous entries were made for area characteristics (accessibility, usability, presence of supervision, loose equipment, and organized activities). Logistic regression analysis was used to test associations between PA and area characteristics. RESULTS:
Assessors made 2349 area visits and observed 36,995 children. Boys had more moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA; 66.2 vs 60.0%, p < .001) and more vigorous PA (29.8 vs 24.6%; p < .001) than girls. Areas were typically accessible and usable, but provided organized activities infrequently (16.5%). Odds of engaging in MVPA were greater during lunch and recess than before school and in areas with play equipment (p < .05).

CONCLUSIONS: Children accrued a substantial amount of voluntary PA during leisure time at school. Their PA would likely be increased if school playground equipment was more readily available and if supervisors were taught to provide active games and promote PA rather than suppress it. 2010, American School Health Association
(U.S., n=10,359) and a linked geographic information system, we calculated percent greenspace coverage and distance to the nearest neighborhood and major parks. Using sex-stratified multivariable logistic regression, we modeled reported participation in wheel-based activities, active sports, exercise, and > 5 MVPA bouts/week as a function of each outdoor space variable, controlling for individual- and neighborhood-level sociodemographics. RESULTS: Availability of major or neighborhood parks was associated with higher participation in active sports and, in females, wheel-based activity and reporting > 5 MVPA bouts/week [OR (95% CI): up to 1.71 (1.29, 2.27)]. Greater greenspace coverage was associated with reporting > 5 MVPA bouts/week in males and females [OR (95% CI): up to 1.62 (1.10, 2.39) for 10.1 to 20% versus < 10% greenspace] and exercise participation in females [OR (95% CI): up to 1.73 (1.21, 2.49)]. CONCLUSIONS: Provision of outdoor spaces may promote different types of physical activities, with potentially greater benefits in female adolescents, who have particularly low physical activity levels. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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Recent theories of developmental dyslexia explain reading deficits in terms of deficient phonological awareness, attention, visual and auditory processing, or automaticity. Since dyslexia has a neurobiological basis, the question arises how the reader's proficiency in these cognitive variables affects the brain regions involved in visual word recognition. This question was addressed in two fMRI experiments with 19 normally reading children (Experiment 1) and 19 children with dyslexia (Experiment 2). First, reading-specific brain activation was assessed by contrasting the BOLD signal for reading aloud words vs. overtly naming pictures of real objects. Next, ANCOVAs with brain activation during reading the individuals' scores for all five cognitive variables assessed outside the scanner as covariates were performed. Whereas the normal readers' brain activation during reading showed co-variation effects predominantly in the right hemisphere, the reverse pattern was observed for the dyslexics. In particular, middle frontal gyrus, inferior parietal cortex, and precuneus showed contralateral effects for controls as compared to dyslexics. In line with earlier findings in the literature, these data hint at a global change in hemispheric asymmetry during cognitive processing in dyslexic readers, which, in turn, might affect reading proficiency. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to describe the amount of traumatic brain injuries among children in the western part of Sweden. METHODS: Based on a randomized controlled study, a retrospective analysis was conducted of data for children of 257 children 7-12 years of age. The journals were collected from 1997-2000. RESULTS: The results showed that the most common causes were play and sports and that the accidents occurred in the school environment in the afternoon, whilst the least amount of accidents took place in the home. Nearly half of all the children were admitted to the hospital. Most accidents occurred in March and the least number of accidents occurred during the summer months. CONCLUSION: Prevention strategies are needed, especially for play and sport activities in recreation centres and playgrounds. These places are a high risk in causing a TBI for children after a day at school.

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OBJECTIVE: To determine whether relationships between physical activity and physical activity injuries are modified by BMI status in youth. METHOD: Data were obtained from the 2006 Canadian Health Behaviour...
in School-Aged Children survey; a representative study of 7,714 grade 6-10 youth. A sub-sample of 1,814 were re-administered the survey in 2007. Analyses considered relationships among the major variables in theory-driven cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses. RESULT: Among normal weight youth, cross-sectional analyses indicated that those who reported high levels of physical activity outside of school experienced 2.28 (95% confidence interval 1.95-2.68) the relative odds for physical activity injury in comparison to those with low levels of physical activity outside of school. Analogous odds ratios for overweight and obese youth were 1.89 (1.31-2.72) and 3.72 (1.89-7.33), respectively. BMI status was not an effect modifier of the relationship between physical activity and physical activity injury. Similar observations were made in the confirmatory longitudinal analyses. CONCLUSION: Concerns surrounding the design of physical activity programmes include side-effects such as injury risk. This study provides some re-assurance that physical activity participation relates to injury in a consistent manner across BMI groups. Copyright 2010 S. Karger AG, Basel AD - Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada UR - 20823685 ER -

The impact of the US EPA-required phase-outs starting in 2000-2001 of residential uses of the organophosphate (OP) pesticides chlorpyrifos (CPF) and diazinon (DZN) on preschool children's pesticide exposures was investigated over 2003-2005, in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area of North Carolina. Data were collected from 50 homes, each with a child initially of age 3 years (OCh) and a younger child (YCh). Environmental samples (indoor and outdoor air, dust, soil) and child-specific samples (hand surface residue, urine, diet) were collected annually over 24-h periods at each home. Child time-activity diaries and household pesticide use information were also collected. Analytes included CPF and DZN; pentachlorophenol (PCP); 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D); the CPF metabolite 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol (TCP); and the DZN metabolite 2-isopropyl-6-methyl-4-pyrimidinol (IMP). Exposures (ng/day) through the inhalation, dietary ingestion, and indirect ingestion were calculated. Aggregate potential doses in ng/kg body weight per day (ng/kg/day) were obtained by summing the potential doses through the three routes of exposure. Geometric mean aggregate potential doses decreased from 2003 to 2005 for both OCh and YCh, with the exception of 2,4-D. Child-specific longitudinal modeling indicated significant declines across time of the potential doses of CPF, DZN, and PCP for both children; declines of IMP for both children, significant only for OCh; a decline of TCP for OCh but an increase of TCP for YCh; and no significant change of 2,4-D for either child. Age-adjusted modeling indicated significant effects of the child's age for all except CPF, and of time for all except PCP and 2,4-D. Within-home variability was small compared with that between homes; variability was smallest for 2,4-D, both within and between homes. The aggregate potential doses of CPF and DZN were well below published reference dose values. These findings show the success of the US EPA restrictions in reducing young children's pesticide exposures.
OBJECTIVE: Vitamin D insufficiency is prevalent in various populations worldwide but with scarce data on physically active individuals. Vitamin D is important to athletes, affecting bone mass, immunity, and physical performance. This study evaluated the prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency and deficiency among young athletes and dancers. DESIGN: Cross-sectional study. SETTING: Sport medicine clinic. PATIENTS: Data on 98 athletes and dancers (age, 14.7 +/- 3.0 years; range, 10-30 years; 53% men), who had undergone screening medical evaluations, were extracted from medical records. INDEPENDENT VARIABLE: Serum 25(OH)D concentrations. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Serum 25(OH)D concentrations, age, sex, sport discipline, month of blood test, and serum ferritin. Vitamin D insufficiency was defined as serum 25(OH)D concentration <30 ng/mL. RESULTS: Mean serum 25(OH)D concentration was 25.3 +/- 8.3 ng/mL. Seventy-three percent of participants were vitamin D insufficient. Prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency was higher among dancers (94%), basketball players (94%), and Tae Kwon Do fighters (67%) and among athletes from indoor versus outdoor sports (80% vs 48%; P = 0.002). 25(OH)D levels adjusted for age and sex correlated with serum ferritin and season. CONCLUSIONS: In this study, conducted among young athletes and dancers from various disciplines in a sunny country, a high prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency was identified. A higher rate of vitamin D insufficiency was found among participants who practice indoors, during the winter months, and in the presence of iron depletion. Given the importance of vitamin D to athletes for several reasons, we suggest that athletes and dancers be screened for vitamin D insufficiency and treated as needed.

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BACKGROUND: In allergic individuals, onset of symptoms is related to atmospheric pollen grain counts and aeroallergen concentrations. However, this relationship is not always clear. OBJECTIVES: To analyze the correlation between grass pollen grain and aeroallergen concentrations in Ciudad Real, Spain, during the year 2004 and establish their association with symptoms in patients with allergic asthma, rhinitis, or both.

METHODS: Two different samplers were used to assess allergen exposure: a Burkard spore trap to collect pollen grains and a high-volume air sampler to collect airborne particles. Individual filters were extracted daily in phosphate-buffered serum and analyzed by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay based on serum containing high titers of specific immunoglobulin (Ig) E to grasses. The study population comprised 27 grass-allergic patients whose symptoms and medication were recorded daily.

RESULTS: Grass pollens were detected between April 28 and July 18. There was a positive correlation between pollen grain counts and symptoms ($r = 0.62; P > .001$). Grass aeroallergens were detected not only during the grass pollination period, but also before and after this period. There was also a very significant correlation between aeroallergen levels and symptoms ($r = 0.76; P < .0001$). The threshold level for grass pollen was 35 grains/m3.

CONCLUSIONS: Grass-related allergenic activity is present throughout the year, demonstrating the existence of aeroallergens outside the pollen season.
Symptoms in allergic patients may be related to airborne particle concentrations. This fact should be taken into account in the clinical follow-up and management of allergic patients.

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This study aimed to describe the location and intensity of free-living physical activity in New Zealand adolescents during weekdays and weekend days using Global Positioning Systems (GPS), accelerometry, and Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Participants (n = 79) aged 12-17 years (M = 14.5, SD 1.6) recruited from two large metropolitan high schools each wore a GPS watch and an accelerometer for four consecutive days. GPS and accelerometer data were integrated with GIS software to map the main locations of each participant's episodes of moderate-vigorous physical activity. On average participants performed 74 (SD 36) minutes of moderate and 7.5 (SD 8) minutes of vigorous activity per day, which on weekdays was most likely to occur within a 1 km radius of their school or 150 meters of their home environment. On weekends physical activity patterns were more disparate and took place outside of the home environment. Example maps were generated to display the location of moderate to vigorous activity for weekdays and weekends.

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INTRODUCTION: Physical activity is a very important element in treatment of children with type 1 diabetes. However, it is difficult to find suitable exercises for the children due to their specific needs and psychophysiological condition. The aim of this study was to examine the effects of agility as a physical activity used to improve parameters of metabolic control in children with type 1 diabetes. Additionally, we hope that this form of recreation could induce a more health-oriented behavior in children.

MATERIAL AND METHODS: The experimental group consisted of seven girls aged 8-10 years, the patients of the Clinic of Pediatrics, Endocrinology, Diabetology, Metabolic Disorders and Cardiology of the Developmental Age in Szczecin. The children were qualified for the study after the prior assessment of their metabolic control under the conditions of the one-day hospital stay program. The physical condition of the patients was controlled with a 6-minute walk test and the test of perceived exertion (Borg scale). All the patients were treated using a personal insulin pump and the basal-bolus therapy. The applied research method used the scheme of physical exercise performed 3 times a week, 45 min each, reaching the intensity of 75% of the maximum heart rate under effort performed by a given patient. Before the exercises and directly after their completion, sugar level was measured in the blood of the patients (Accu-chek Active). During the exercises, the heart rate was measured with a pulsometer Bauer PM 80. The exercises included outdoor games and agility sessions. Especially the latter received a positive response and high involvement. This form includes a dog going through an obstacle course,
with a child as a guide. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS: After three months of the exercise scheme, the analysis of the collected results showed a statistically significant (p <0.05) decrease in the insulin doses (bolus) during morning hours (7-8 am), and in the evening at 9 pm and 10.30 pm, with an unchanged basal. No such decrease was observed in the control group. This study showed that an interesting physical activity resulted in a more eager and systematic effort among examined diabetic children. Its proper organization in time may help in the metabolic control in children with type 1 diabetes.
BACKGROUND: The aim of the study was to describe the late effects in a cohort of patients in long-term remission (> 5 years from end of treatment) diagnosed and treated for nephroblastoma at the single paediatric centre during 1980-2001. PATIENTS AND METHODS: 151 patients were examined for renal function, lipid profile, sonography, echocardiography, exercise capacity and postural status. Age at diagnosis was 3.7 +/- 2.7 years, median 3.1, range 0.01-17.2 years. The cohort included 55% of women. Age in the study 19.4 +/- 5.8, median 19.6 years, range 7.8-36 years. Anthracyclines (ATC) were administered to 25.9% of the cohort. Abdominal radiotherapy (RTA) was required in 34.2%. RESULTS: Creatinine clearance was on average 1.56 +/- 0.56 ml/s/1.73m², (median 1.49 ml/s/1.73m²). Proteinuria was 0.18 +/- 0.30 g/24 h/m², median 0.13 mg/24 h/m². Three patients had proteinuria above 1 g/24 h with a normal glomerular filtration rate and s-albumin. Hypertension was treated in 8.6% of patients (6% by pharmacotherapy). Increased diastolic blood pressure (DBP) and systolic blood pressure (SBP) was found in adolescents: DBP > 90 Torr was found in 10.2% of patients and SBP > 135 Torr in 8.3%, all of them above the age of 15 years. ECHO did not reveal any pathology even in patients treated by ATC. Plasma cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides were outside the recommended range in two or more parameters in 28.9% of the cohort. Lipoprotein Lp(a) > 500 mg.l(-1) (more than 200% higher than the upper limit) was found in 15.2%. Low peak oxygen consumption (VO2peak) was found in 40% of the cohort. Scoliosis (Sc) was anamnestically found in 46%. Prevalence of Sc according to the age of treatment has a similar trend as the reduced use of the RTA. Pulmonary function test showed a moderate increase in the functional residual capacity (the average Z-score of 1.35). VO2 peak correlates positively with the inspiratory capacity (p < 0.05). CONCLUSION: Based on the found pathologies and known risks, a schedule of late effect prevention and monitoring of patients in long-term NFB remission was established. It should include clinical examination, kidney function and blood pressure monitoring, sonographic and echocardiography examination, long-term physiotherapeutic care and prevention of cardiovascular diseases.
BACKGROUND: Worldwide, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death and the leading cause of cardiovascular failure for children [1-3]. The number of near-drownings, where the incident is survived for at least 24 hours, is assumed to be four times as high [5]. In the years 1994 until 2008 there were 44 cases of drowning treated at the children's department of the University of Leipzig. This number shows that even in a medical centre drowning incidents are only occasional incidents. Therefore it is important to know the sequelae and handlings to be able to react in case of an emergency.

PATIENTS: A total of 44 children suffering a drowning accident within the last 48 hours who were treated during the period of 01.01.1994 through 30.06.2008 at the Children's Centre at the University of Leipzig.

METHODS: A retrospective analysis using a structured questionnaire was done. Social demographic data, accident progress, clinical results and progress as well as outcome of the cases were investigated.

RESULTS: During the analysed period in the median three children were treated each year after drowning incidents. Clustering in the summer and winter months and on the weekends was recognizable. The median age was 3.33 years and the group of high risk were children aged 1-3 years, especially boys. Sixty percent of the children came from stable social backgrounds. Half of the children suffered from drowning in created swimming pools or ponds, the rest in natural waters, public pools and sources of water in the household. The median submersion lasted 2 minutes. Correlation of submersions below 1 minute with a good, and submersions above 10 minutes with a negative outcome was shown. A Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) of 3 points (n = 15) and pupils without light reaction (n = 14) were associated with a lethal outcome or residual neurological deficits. Looking at the laboratory values, correlation between severe acidotic pH-values with a very low base excess, high blood sugar as well as high lactate values and a poor outcome is revealed. Six patients died within the first 24 hours, 6 more over the course suffering organ failure or brain death. Five children retained neurological damages. Twenty-seven children could be released from the clinic healthily. The median submersion lasted 2 minutes. Correlation of submersions below 1 minute with a good, and submersions above 10 minutes with a negative outcome was shown. A Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) of 3 points (n = 15) and pupils without light reaction (n = 14) were associated with a lethal outcome or residual neurological deficits. Looking at the laboratory values, correlation between severe acidotic pH-values with a very low base excess, high blood sugar as well as high lactate values and a poor outcome is revealed. Six patients died within the first 24 hours, 6 more over the course suffering organ failure or brain death. Five children retained neurological damages. Twenty-seven children could be released from the clinic healthily. CONCLUSION: The risk of suffering a drowning incident is highest for boys aged 1-3 years, playing in the yard by themselves. Prognosis is depending on multiple factors and especially the circumstances of the accident. High influence is seen in the time of submersion and the need for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Clinics and laboratory values at the time of hospital admittance may hint to the outcome. Basic life support at the scene of the accident has the highest impact on the outcome. Training of parents and supervisors in prevention and first aid after drowning incidents can avoid accidents.
Duchenne/Becker muscular dystrophy (DBMD) is a disorder of progressive muscle weakness that causes an increasing need for assistance with activities of daily living. Our objective was to assess the psychosocial health and contributing factors among female caregivers in families with DBMD. We conducted a survey of adult women among families with DBMD in the United States (US) from June 2006 through January 2007, collecting data related to the care recipient, perception of caregiving demands, personal factors, and sociologic factors. Life satisfaction, stress, and distress were assessed as outcomes. Existing validated instruments were used when available. We received responses from 1238 women who were caring for someone with DBMD, 24.2% of whom were caring for two or more people with DBMD. Caregivers were more likely to be married/cohabitating than women in the general US population, and a high level of resiliency was reported by 89.3% of caregivers. However, the rate of serious psychological distress was significantly higher among caregivers than among the general population. Likewise, 46.4% reported a high level of stress, and only 61.7% reported that they were satisfied with their life. A high level of caregiving demands based on the Zarit Burden Interview (ZBI) was reported by 50.4% of caregivers. The post-ambulatory phase of DBMD was associated with decreased social support and increased ZBI scores. In multivariate logistic regression modelling, life
satisfaction was dependent on high social support, high resiliency, high income, and form of DBMD. Distress and high stress were predicted by low resiliency, low social support, and low income. Employment outside of the home was also a predictor of high stress. Interventions focused on resiliency and social support are likely to improve the quality of life of DBMD caregivers, and perhaps caregivers of children with other disabilities or special health care needs as well.
AIM: We investigated relationships between hand function and genotype and aspects of phenotype in Rett syndrome. METHOD: Video assessment in naturalistic settings was supplemented by parent-reported data in a cross-sectional study of 144 females with a mean age of 14 years 10 months (SD 7 y 10 mo; range 2 y-31 y 10 mo), 110 of whom had a mutation of the methyl CpG binding protein 2 (MECP2) gene. Ordinal logistic regression was used to assess relationships between hand function and MECP2 mutation, age, a modified Kerr score, Functional Independence Measure for Children (WeeFIM), ambulation level, and frequency of hand stereotypies. RESULTS: Approximately two-thirds of participants demonstrated purposeful hand function, ranging from simple grasping skills to picking up and manipulating small objects. In participants with a confirmed MECP2 mutation, those with the p.R168X mutation had the poorest hand function on multivariate analysis with C-terminal deletion as the baseline (odds ratio [OR] 0.19; 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.04-0.95), whereas those with the p.R133C or p.R294X mutation had better hand function. Participants aged 19 years or older had lower hand function than those aged less than 8 years (OR 0.36; 95% CI 0.14-0.92). Factors that were associated with better hand function were lower Kerr scores for a 1-point increase in score (OR 0.77; 95% CI 0.69-0.86), higher WeeFIM scores for a 1-point increase in score (OR 1.08; 95% CI 1.04-1.12), and greater ambulation than those completely dependent on carers for mobility (OR 22.64; 95% CI 7.02-73.08). The results for participants with a confirmed pathogenic mutation were similar to results obtained when participants without a mutation were also included. INTERPRETATION: Our novel assessment of hand function in Rett syndrome correlated well with known profiles of common MECP2 mutations and overall clinical severity. This promising assessment could measure clinical responses to therapy.
N2 - Benzene, toluene, m/p-xylene and o-xylene (BTX) are toxic volatile organic compounds and ubiquitous air pollutants. Smoking and consumer products are indoor sources of BTX, whereas traffic and industrial activities are primary sources contributing to outdoor levels of BTX. The aim of this study was to characterize exposure of children to BTX by personal air sampling using diffusive samplers and by analysis of end-exhaled air. For this study, 101 children of 10-11 years of age were recruited from four primary schools in Southern Turkey during the warm season (May 2008). Two schools were situated in a residential area near primary and secondary iron and steel works (Payas) and two schools were located in a non-industrialized city (Iskenderun). The children and their parents were visited at home for an interview and to identify possible sources of BTX in the residence. Median concentrations of benzene determined by diffusive samplers were higher in Payas (4.1 microg/m$^3$) than in Iskenderun (2.7 microg/m$^3$, p<0.001). For toluene, no differences were observed, whereas for xylene isomers air concentrations tended to be lower for children living in Payas. The median end-exhaled air concentrations were 8.2, 29, 3.8, and 5.7 pmol/L for benzene, toluene, m/p-xylene and o-xylene, respectively (Payas), and 6.9, 25, 4.9, and 6.0 pmol/L, respectively (Iskenderun). Concentrations of toluene in end-exhaled air were 50% higher in children living with household members who smoked indoors (p<0.05) and benzene in end-exhaled air was more than 3-fold higher for those children who were exposed to tobacco smoke inside a vehicle (p<0.001). End-exhaled concentrations of benzene were also higher in children living in a residence with an attached garage (p<0.05). These exposure modifying factors were not identified when using the results obtained with diffusive samplers. Copyright 2010 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved
Soil ingestion is an important pathway for exposure to metals for children. The objectives of this study were to: (1) Assess urban soil contamination by selected metals (As, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, and Zn) in 24 sites (127 soil samples) in Istanbul, Turkey, (2) Investigate relationships between soil contamination and site properties (type of site, equipment type, soil properties), (3) Characterize the risk for critically contaminated sites by taking oral metal bioaccessibility and two soil ingestion scenarios into account. Average metal concentrations were similar in the 17 playgrounds, 4 parks and 3 picnic areas sampled. Five out of 24 sites (all equipped with treated wood structures) had systematically higher contamination than background for As, Cu, Cr or Zn, and measured concentrations generally exceeded Turkish regulatory values. High Cu concentrations in these sites were attributed to the leaching from wood treated with Cu-containing preservatives other than chromated copper arsenate (CCA). Risk characterization for these sites showed that hazard index was below one in both involuntary soil ingestion and soil pica behaviour scenarios for all metals. However, probabilistic carcinogenic risk for As uptake exceeded 1x10(-6) in both scenarios. A sensitivity analysis showed that soil ingestion rate was the most important parameter affecting risk estimation. Risk from As uptake for children from soils of parks, playgrounds and picnic areas may be serious, especially if soil pica behaviour is present. 2010 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.
Late childhood and early adolescence represent a critical transition in the developmental and academic trajectory of youth, a time in which there is an upsurge in academic disengagement and psychopathology. PAR projects that can promote youth's sense of meaningful engagement in school and a sense of efficacy and mattering can be particularly powerful given the challenges of this developmental stage. In the present study, we draw on data from our own collaborative implementation of PAR projects in secondary schools to consider two central questions: (1) How do features of middle school settings and the developmental characteristics of the youth promote or inhibit the processes, outcomes, and sustainability of the PAR endeavor? and (2) How can the broad principles and concepts of PAR be effectively translated into specific intervention activities in schools, both within and outside of the classroom? In particular, we discuss a participatory research project conducted with 6th and 7th graders at an urban middle school as a means of highlighting the opportunities, constraints, and lessons learned in our efforts to contribute to the high-quality implementation and evaluation of PAR in diverse urban public schools.
This playground study conceptualizes recess as a time and space that belongs to students; their inclusion in this evaluation is a notable difference from other recess/playground research. The goal was to help elementary school students make the changes they felt were needed on their playground. After conducting structured observations and student and recess aide focus groups, a report was presented to all stakeholders, and recess changes were made. We seek to show how the process of being inclusive during the evaluation was not only valuable for determining problem definition and potential interventions, but was also necessary to determine the best methods for solutions, move toward second-order change, and to create a space to facilitate children's participation and empowerment.
BACKGROUND: Particulate matter with diameter less than 10 micrometers (PM10) that originates from anthropogenic activities and natural sources may settle in the bronchi and cause adverse effects possibly via oxidative stress in susceptible individuals, such as asthmatic children. This study aimed to investigate the effect of outdoor PM10 concentrations on childhood asthma admissions (CAA) in Athens, Greece. METHODS: Daily counts of CAA from the three Children's Hospitals within the greater Athens' area were obtained from the hospital records during a four-year period (2001-2004, n = 3602 children). Mean daily PM10 concentrations recorded by the air pollution-monitoring network of the greater Athens area were also collected. The relationship between CAA and PM10 concentrations was investigated using the Generalized Linear Models with Poisson distribution and logistic analysis. RESULTS: There was a statistically significant (95% CL) relationship between CAA and mean daily PM10 concentrations on the day of exposure (+3.8% for 10 microg/m3 increase in PM10 concentrations), while a 1-day lag (+3.4% for 10 microg/m3 increase in PM10 concentrations) and a 4-day lag (+4.3% for 10 microg/m3 increase in PM10 concentrations) were observed for older asthmatic children (5-14 year-old). High mean daily PM10 concentration (the highest 10%; >65.69 microg/m3) doubled the risk of asthma exacerbations even in younger asthmatic children (0-4 year-old). CONCLUSIONS: Our results provide evidence of the adverse effect of PM10 on the rates of pediatric asthma exacerbations and hospital admissions. A four-day lag effect between PM10 peak exposure and asthma admissions was also observed in the older age group.
INTRODUCTION: People are influenced by the neighborhood in which they live. The neighborhood may be particularly important for children's wellbeing because of the constraints it imposes on their patterns of daily activities. Furthermore, the neighborhood is a central context for social development, being a place where children form networks and learn social skills and values. The aim of this study was to describe how social capital in the neighborhood is perceived by children living in rural areas, and to reveal what this adds to their sense of wellbeing. METHODS: The study had a descriptive research design with a qualitative approach. Seven single-sex focus group interviews were conducted with children in 6th grade (aged 11-12 years). Data were analyzed using deductive content analysis. RESULTS: The children perceived a lack of social capital due to environmental and social constraints in their everyday lives. However, their wellbeing was enhanced by strong cohesion in the neighborhood. In addition, settings such as the school, the natural environment, and sporting associations were highly valued and emerged as crucial factors for enhancing the children's wellbeing. The spatial isolation that characterizes rural areas created a special context of social network structures, cohesion and trust, but was also a breeding ground for exclusion and social control. The stories revealed paradoxical feelings of living in a good and safe area that simultaneously felt isolated and restricted. CONCLUSIONS: From a rural perspective, this study reveals the complexity of the children's perceptions of their social environment, and the ways in which these perceptions have both positive and negative effects on wellbeing. The results highlight how important it is for health professionals in rural areas to consider the complex influence of bonding social capital on children's wellbeing, and to be aware that it can promote exclusion as well as cohesion.
PURPOSE: Power mobility training for young children and infants appears feasible under controlled conditions. Dynamic, natural environments provide the ultimate test of training. The purpose of this case study was to determine whether it was feasible for Will, a 3-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, to use a power mobility device (UD2) in his preschool classroom and to quantify his classroom mobility and socialization. METHODS: Will, 2 peers (typically developing), and 2 teachers were filmed daily in class during a baseline phase without UD2, followed by a mobility phase with UD2. We coded socialization and mobility measures from video recordings. RESULTS: Will was more mobile and interactive when driving UD2 than during the baseline phase; however, he remained notably less mobile and interactive than his peers. CONCLUSIONS: The use and assessment of power mobility in a preschool classroom appear feasible. Issues important to maximizing children's use of power mobility for classroom participation are discussed.
BACKGROUND: The increased prevalence in recent childhood obesity rates raises concern about youth health and the role that lack of physical activity plays in this trend. A focus on how children today choose to spend their discretionary time is one approach that may yield ideas for how to reduce childhood obesity. The purpose of the present study was to examine whether 3 separate recess activities of the week (RAWs) would make a difference in children's discretionary time physical activity levels.

METHODS: Children (N = 65; 30 boys, 35 girls; 32 first and second graders; 33 third and fourth graders; 45 healthy body mass index [BMI], 20 overweight BMI) at 1 Midwest elementary school wore pedometers for each 15-minute morning recess period for 4 weeks. Following 1 no RAW (#1), a new RAW was introduced each subsequent week: #2, circuit course; #3, obstacle course; and #4, Frisbees.

RESULTS: Repeated measures factorial analysis of variance results revealed that children were significantly more active during the no RAW and circuit course week than the Frisbee week. Males were significantly more physically active than females during the obstacle course week. Older children were significantly more active during the Frisbee week than younger children. Healthy BMI children were significantly more physically active during the circuit course week than children in the overweight/obese BMI category.

CONCLUSIONS: Results imply that it is important for schools to consider demographic factors in the creation of recess opportunities to increase physical activity.
BACKGROUND: Obesity is a serious and growing health problem in American Indian (AI) children. Our study, the Wisconsin Nutrition and Growth Study, aimed to understand the prevalence and contributing factors to pediatric obesity in Wisconsin tribes and provide the foundation for intervention design. OBJECTIVE: This article focuses on associations among age, gender, and 3 measures of weight status with proxy-reported physical activity and TV/screen time in 3 to 8 year-old AI children. DESIGN/METHODS: In a cross-sectional design, 581 AI children (49.1% female, aged 3-8 years) participated in health screenings that included height, weight, waist circumference, percent body fat, and a caregiver survey on demographics and health, with questions on physical activity and TV/screen time. RESULTS: Forty-five percent of children were overweight or obese. Boys were significantly more obese and had higher levels of body fat than girls. There were no differences in weight category across age groups. Boys participated in significantly more weekly sports than girls and sports participation was somewhat higher in younger children. Body mass index and waist circumference were not significantly correlated with TV/screen time or with the 3 activity measures (sports participation, outdoor play time, or physical education classes). Hours of outdoor play significantly predicted child body fat percentage controlling for maternal body mass index and child age and gender. CONCLUSIONS: Young AI children in Wisconsin have high rates of overweight/obesity starting at a very early age, and outdoor play may play a significant role in mediating body fat. There is a need to develop obesity-prevention interventions at early ages.
Permanent play facilities in school playgrounds as a determinant of children's activity

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To investigate whether the number of permanent playground facilities in schools influences objectively measured physical activity. Physical activity was measured using Actical accelerometers over 2 to 5 days in 417 children (5-12 years) from 7 schools. The number of permanent play facilities likely to encourage physical activity in individuals or groups of children (e.g., adventure playgrounds, swings, trees, playground markings, courts, sandpits) were counted on 2 occasions in each school. The surface area of each playground (m²) was also measured. The number of permanent play facilities in schools ranged from 14 to 35 and was positively associated with all measures of activity. For each additional play facility, average accelerometry counts were 3.8% (P < .001) higher at school and 2.7% (P < .001) higher overall. Each additional play facility was also associated with 2.3% (P = .001) or 4 minutes more moderate/vigorous activity during school hours and 3.4% (P < .001) more (9 minutes) over the course of the day. School playground area did not affect activity independent of the number of permanent play facilities. Findings were consistent across age and sex groups. Increasing the number of permanent play facilities at schools may offer a cost-effective and sustainable option for increasing physical activity in young children.

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BACKGROUND: The safety of neighborhoods and availability of parks and facilities may influence adolescent physical activity independently or interactively. METHODS: 9114 Canadians in grades 6 to 10 completed the 2006 Health Behavior in School-Aged Children Survey. The outcome of interest was students’ self-reported participation in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity outside of school. A composite scale based on questions measuring student perceptions of safety was used to capture individual perceptions of safety. In addition, schools were grouped into quintiles based on the mean of the perceived safety scale, used as a proxy for peer perceptions. The number of parks and recreational facilities within 5 km of schools was abstracted from a geographical information system. RESULTS: Moderate gradients in physical activity were observed according to individual and group perceptions of safety. Boys and girls with the highest perceptions of safety were 1.31 (95% CI: 1.17-1.45) and 1.45 (1.26-1.65) times more likely to be physically active, respectively, than those with the lowest perceptions. Compared with those who perceived the neighborhood as least safe, elementary students in higher quintiles were 1.31, 1.39, 1.37, and 1.56 times more likely to be physically active (P(trend) = 0.012). Increased numbers of recreational features were not related to physical activity irrespective of neighborhood safety. CONCLUSIONS: Individual and group perceptions of neighborhood safety were modestly associated with adolescents’ physical activity.
A study on Aspergillus species in houses of asthmatic patients from Sari City, Iran and a brief review of the health effects of exposure to indoor Aspergillus 

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To study the distribution of Aspergillus spp. in outdoor and indoor air of asthmatic patients' houses, as well as a review on the health effects of exposure to indoor Aspergillus. Open plates containing malt extract agar media were used to isolate fungi from the indoor (n = 360) and outdoor (n = 180) air of 90 asthmatic patients' houses living in Sari City, Iran. Plates were incubated at room temperature for 7-14 days. Cultured Aspergillus spp. were identified by standard mycological techniques. All culture plates grew fungi, a testament to the ubiquitous nature of fungal exposure. Cladosporium spp. (29.2%), Aspergillus spp. (19.0%), and Penicillium spp. (18.3%) were most common inside the houses while Cladosporium spp. (44.5%), Aspergillus spp. (12.4%), and Alternaria spp. (11.1%) were most common outside the houses. Aspergillus flavus (30.1%) and A. fumigatus (23.1%) are the most commonly isolated species in indoor air. Aspergillus flavus (44.5%) and A. fumigatus (42.6%) were the most prevalent Aspergillus spp. outside. The most colony numbers of Aspergillus were isolated from kitchens (30.4%) and the least from bedrooms (21.1%). Aspergillus flavus was the most prevalent species in all sampled rooms except in the kitchen where A. fumigatus was the most common. Aspergillus flavus is the most prevalent species among the Aspergillus spp. in the indoor and outdoor air of asthmatic patients' houses in Sari City, Iran.
of a warm climate area. In these areas, A. flavus can be a major source of allergen in the air. Therefore, minimizing indoor fungal exposure could play an important role in reducing allergic symptoms in susceptible persons.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To investigate the use and content of web-based peer support in children coping with parental cancer. METHODS: In children aged above 12 years, 158 forum discussions on the Dutch website www.kankerspoken.nl in a time-period of 3 months were investigated. Age, gender, number of discussions, participation and main activities on the website were quantitatively assessed. Contents of the discussions were qualitatively analyzed. RESULTS: In total, 129 children and 8 adults participated on the website with an average age of 15.3 years. The majority was female (80%). On average, a child was on-line for 3 days and participated in 4 to 5 forum discussions. Main activities on the website were sharing personal experience,
providing encouragement/support, providing and seeking information or advice and seeking contact outside of
the website. Qualitative content analysis revealed that children regularly faced emotional problems and
experienced a lack of understanding and communication in their direct environment. CONCLUSIONS: In
dealing with parental cancer, children experience a variety of difficulties. This study offers a window into the
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N2 - For generations the study of vocal development and its role in language has been conducted laboriously,
with human transcribers and analysts coding and taking measurements from small recorded samples. Our
research illustrates a method to obtain measures of early speech development through automated analysis of massive quantities of day-long audio recordings collected naturally in children's homes. A primary goal is to provide insights into the development of infant control over infrastructural characteristics of speech through large-scale statistical analysis of strategically selected acoustic parameters. In pursuit of this goal we have discovered that the first automated approach we implemented is not only able to track children's development on acoustic parameters known to play key roles in speech, but also is able to differentiate vocalizations from typically developing children and children with autism or language delay. The method is totally automated, with no human intervention, allowing efficient sampling and analysis at unprecedented scales. The work shows the potential to fundamentally enhance research in vocal development and to add a fully objective measure to the battery used to detect speech-related disorders in early childhood. Thus, automated analysis should soon be able to contribute to screening and diagnosis procedures for early disorders, and more generally, the findings suggest fundamental methods for the study of language in natural environments.

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N2 - The purpose of this study was to explore changes in activation of the cortical network that serves auditory sentence comprehension in children in response to increasing demands of complex sentences. A further goal is

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to study how individual differences in children's receptive language abilities are associated with such changes in cortical responses. Fourteen children, 10-16 years old, participated in an event-related functional magnetic resonance imaging experiment using a cross modal sentence-picture verification paradigm. We manipulated sentence difficulty and length in a 2x2 factorial design. Task-related activation covered large regions of the left and right superior temporal cortex, inferior parietal lobe, precuneous, cingulate, middle frontal gyrus and precentral gyrus. Sentence difficulty, independent of length, led to increased activation in the left temporal-parietal junction and right superior temporal gyrus. Changes in activation in frontal regions positively correlated with age-standardized receptive vocabulary scores and negatively correlated with reaction time on a receptive grammar test outside the scanner. Thus, individual differences in language skills were associated with changes in the network in response to changing task demands. These preliminary findings in a small sample of typically developing children suggest that the investigation of individual differences may prove useful in elucidating the underlying neural mechanisms of language disorders in children. 2009 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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BACKGROUND: Obesity and osteoporosis have origins in childhood, and both are affected by dietary intake and physical activity. However, there is little information on what constitutes a diet that simultaneously promotes low fat mass and high bone mass accrual early in life. OBJECTIVE: Our objective was to identify dietary patterns related to fat and bone mass in children during the age period of 3.8–7.8 y. DESIGN: A total of 325 children contributed data from 13 visits over 4 separate study years (age ranges: 3.8–4.8, >4.8–5.8, >5.8–6.8, and >6.8–7.8 y). We performed reduced-rank regression to identify dietary patterns related to fat mass and bone mass measured by dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry for each study year. Covariables included race, sex, height, weight, energy intake, calcium intake, physical activity measured by accelerometry, and time spent viewing television and playing outdoors. RESULTS: A dietary pattern characterized by a high intake of dark-green and deep-yellow vegetables was related to low fat mass and high bone mass; high processed-meat intake was related to high bone mass; and high fried-food intake was related to high fat mass. Dietary pattern scores remained related to fat mass and bone mass after all covariables were controlled for (P < 0.001–0.03). CONCLUSION: Beginning at preschool age, diets rich in dark-green and deep-yellow vegetables and low in fried foods may lead to healthy fat and bone mass accrual in young children.
OBJECTIVE: To quantify the volume and intensity of children's physical activity after school in greenspace and elsewhere. METHODS: Data were collected between 2006 and 2008 from 1,307 children aged 10-11 in Bristol, UK. Accelerometers and Global Positioning System receivers measured activity and location every 10 s (epoch) after school for four days. Data were mapped in a Geographic Information System with a greenspace dataset. Activity volume (accelerometer counts per minute), time in moderate-vigorous physical activity (MVPA), and the odds of an epoch being MVPA (using logistic regression) were compared for greenspace, non-greenspace and indoors. RESULTS: 13% of monitored time was spent outdoors (2% in greenspace), during which time 30% of activity volume and 35% of MVPA was accumulated. 7% of boys' activity volume and 9% of MVPA were in greenspace with girls slightly lower (5% and 6% respectively). The odds of an epoch being MVPA in greenspace relative to outdoor non-greenspace was 1.37 (95% CI 1.22-1.53) for boys and 1.08 (95% CI 0.95-1.22) for girls. CONCLUSION: Most activity occurring outdoors is not in greenspace and non-green urban environments are therefore very important for children's activity. However, when boys are in greenspace, activity is more likely to be of higher intensity. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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KW - Alkanes/an [Analysis]
KW - Benzene/an [Analysis]
KW - Child
KW - Cities
KW - Environmental Monitoring
KW - Humans
KW - Industry
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Schools
KW - Urban Population
KW - Volatile Organic Compounds/to [Toxicity]
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Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which play an important part indoors and outdoors, comprise differing compound groups such as n-alkanes, cycloalkanes, aromatic and chlorinated hydrocarbons and terpenes. In the current study, samples were analyzed from indoor (schools and houses, n = 92) and outdoor (n = 33) air in urban, industrial, semirural and residential areas from the region of La Plata (Argentina) to consider VOC exposure in different types of environments. VOCs were sampled for 1 month during winter for 3 years, with passive 3M monitors. Samples were extracted with CS(2) and analyzed by GC/MS detectors. The results show significant differences in concentration and distribution between indoor and outdoor samples, depending on the study area. Most VOCs predominantly originated indoors in urban, semirural and residential areas, whereas an important outdoor influence in the industrial area was observed. In all areas alkanes and aromatic compounds dominated, even though a different chemical distribution was seen. Traffic burden was determined as the major source of outdoor VOC with a benzene/toluene ratio close to 0.5. Indoors, C9-C11 alkanes, toluene and xylenes dominated, caused by human activities. In contrast, in the industrial area higher concentrations of hexane, heptane and benzene occurred outdoors and affected the indoor air significantly. The lifetime cancer risk (LCR) associated to the benzene exposure was calculated for children from the different study areas. For all groups the study showed a LCR value greater than 1 x 10(-6) related to the benzene exposure indoors as well outdoors. A value two magnitudes higher was detected indoors in the industrial area, what demonstrates the high risk for children living in this area of La Plata.
BACKGROUND AND AIMS: The hepatopulmonary syndrome (HPS) is a triad of advanced chronic liver disease (CLD), arterial hypoxemia and intrapulmonary arteriovenous shunting in the absence of a primary cardiopulmonary disease. HPS has been more frequently reported in adults than in children with no data on its prevalence in children with CLD. The aim of this study was to detect the prevalence of the HPS in a cohort of children with CLD because of chronic hepatitis B and/or C virus infection, schistosomiasis as well as inborn metabolic errors. We also aimed to evaluate the role of Technetium labeled macroaggregated albumin (Tc--MAA) perfusion lung scan versus contrast enhanced echocardiography (CEE) with intravenous injection of agitated saline in the diagnosis and quantification of intrapulmonary shunts and their relationship to important clinical and laboratory findings. METHODS: Forty Egyptian children (22 males) were investigated. Their ages ranged from 5 to 12 years (with a mean of 9.5 years). Twenty individuals proved to have cirrhosis. RESULTS: Blood gas determination revealed more significant arterial hypoxemia in cirrhotics than noncirrhotics both under room air and after breathing 100% oxygen for 15 mins. CEE showed comparable cardiac measurements in cirrhotic and noncirrhotic patients, and diagnosed intrapulmonary shunts in three hypoxemic cirrhotic patients; whereas Tc--MAA perfusion lung scan diagnosed shunts in seven patients (five of them cirrhotic). The presence of shunts was significantly correlated with the duration of CLD, clinical findings, presence of cirrhosis and porto-systemic collaterals. We calculated for each patient a shunt index (SI) by the formula: (activity outside thorax/activity outside plus inside thorax) 100; and an SI value of 0.278 was found to be a cutoff value for shunt detection. All patients with SI above this value had shunting associated with hypoxemia and all patients with SI below this value had no hypoxemia (specificity 100%). CONCLUSION: Arterial hypoxemia and intrapulmonary shunts were diagnosed in 17.5% of this cohort of children with cirrhotic or noncirrhotic CLD representing the classic HPS. Tc--MAA perfusion lung scan was more sensitive than CEE in detection of intrapulmonary shunts. SI cutoff value of 0.278 was found to be highly specific for shunt detection and we recommend its validation in further studies.
Physical activity (PA) could be protective against hypertension, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease and cardiovascular disease. This quantitative study assessed the association between a PA intervention and three anthropometric parameters (weight, body mass index, body fat) and four physiological parameters (cholesterol level, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, heart rate) among secondary school pupils (N = 160) in Egypt through the school term. The pupils were randomised to an intervention group (80 pupils) and controls (80 pupils). Measurements were obtained for all pupils twice: at baseline; and then again after three months. The PA intervention programme comprised an ‘afterschool’ one hour of moderate exercise three times a week for three months. Both the controls and the intervention pupils attended the ‘normal’ exercise schedule provided by the school; in addition, the intervention group attended afterschool PA programme from about 2-3 o’clock in the afternoon. At baseline, employing pupil’s BMI, 27.5% and 28.8% of the intervention and control pupils respectively were classified as overweight. After three months, the percentage of overweight decreased to 12.5% in the intervention pupils, while it increased to 37.3% in the controls. At the end of the three months period, there were significant improvements across most anthropometric and physiological parameters of the intervention pupils when compared with the control children. The correlation coefficient of the improvements for the boys and the girls was 0.97, indicating clearly that the intervention was having nearly the same beneficial effect for boys and girls. A moderate PA programme for a modest period of 3 months could be effective in maintaining or enhancing pupil’s anthropometric and physiological parameters in comparison to the controls where there was deterioration in both parameters. Policy makers and secondary schools in Egypt might need to pay more attention to PA programmes conducted on school days, in order to motivate pupils to attend such programmes. There is also an urgent need to look at current PA systems within schools in Egypt in order to assess PA outside school times.
The relationship between physical activity and socioeconomic status (SES) is evident in the adult population, but is much discussed with regard to adolescents. The main objective of this review was, therefore, to clarify whether there is a relationship between physical activity and SES in adolescents. Computerized searches were conducted in the databases PubMed, ISI Web of knowledge and SPORT-Discus to identify all relevant articles up to July 2009. Other review articles, descriptive or theoretical articles and articles where the adolescents in the samples were outside the age group of 13-18 years were excluded. Sixty-two articles were included in the end. The main results support the hypothesis that there is an association between SES and physical activity among adolescents, and that adolescents with higher SES are more physically active than those with lower SES. The findings are, however, far from uniform. Forty-two percent of the included studies report no or an opposite relation. There is also an inconsistent use of measures for both variables that complicates explanations and interpretations of the findings. This fortifies the claim that there is no single explanation for a possible difference in physical activity between different socioeconomic groups.
OBJECTIVE: Severe injuries and fatalities can occur from an alligator attack. Encounters with alligators appear to be increasing in the United States. This review provides information from alligator attacks reported in the United States as well as infections that may occur after an alligator bite. METHODS: Telephone interviews were conducted with state wildlife offices in all Southern states in order to collect information on the number of alligator bites, nuisance calls, and the estimated alligator population of each state. Detailed information from alligator attacks in Florida is presented, including basic demographic information on the victims and description of the types of injuries and the activity of the victim at the time of injury. Additional information regarding the size and behavior of the alligator involved in the attack is also provided in many cases. RESULTS: There have been 567 reports of adverse encounters with alligators with 24 deaths reported in the United States from 1928 to January 1, 2009. In addition, thousands of nuisance calls are made yearly and the number of nuisance calls as well as the alligator population is increasing in many states. CONCLUSIONS: Injuries from encounters with alligators may range from minor scratches and punctures to amputations and death. The larger the alligator, the more likely that serious injury will occur. As the human population encroaches on the habitat of the alligator, attacks and nuisance complaints will continue to occur. A uniform reporting system among states should be developed to obtain more complete information on alligator encounters. Guidelines have been developed by many state wildlife officials to reduce adverse encounters with alligators. Copyright (c) 2010 Wilderness Medical Society. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
OBJECTIVES: To ascertain the outcome of pre-Antiretroviral therapy (ART) and ART patients defaulting from care in rural Malawi and investigate reasons for defaulting. METHODS: Patients defaulting from HIV care in Chiradzulu between July 2004 and September 2007 were traced at last known home address. Deaths and moves were recorded, and patients found alive were interviewed. Defaulting was defined as missed last appointment by more than 1 month among patients of unknown vital status. RESULTS: A total of 1637 individuals were traced (54%–88% of eligible), 981 pre-ART and 656 ART patients. Of 694 pre-ART patients found, 49% had died (51% of adults and 38% of children), a median of 47 days after defaulting, and 14% had moved away. Of 451 ART patients found, 54% had died (54% of adults and 50% of children), a median of 52 days after defaulting,
and 20% had moved away. Overall, 221 patients were interviewed (90% of those found alive), 42% had worked outside the district in the previous year; 49% of pre-ART and 19% of ART patients had not disclosed their HIV status to other household members. Main reasons for defaulting were stigma (43%), care dissatisfaction (34%), improved health (28%) and for ART discontinuation, poor understanding of disease or treatment (56%) and drug side effects (42%). CONCLUSION: This study in a rural African HIV programme reveals the dynamics related to health service access and use, and it provides information to correct programme mortality estimates for adults and children

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KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Music
KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
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N2 - INTRODUCTION: Limited data exist on the standard of care provided for children at mass gatherings and special events (MGSE). Some studies provide valuable insight into the proportion of pediatric patients that can be expected at various types of MGSEs, but an accurate breakdown of the range of pediatric conditions treated at major events has yet to be produced. Such data are essential for the preparation of MGSEs so that the health and safety of children at such events can be adequately safeguarded. The aim of this study is to examine the care requirements for children at a large, outdoor music festival in the United Kingdom. METHODS: A retrospective review of all patient report forms (PRFs) from a large, outdoor music festival held in Leeds (UK) in 2003. Data were extracted from the PRFs using a standardized proforma and analyzed using an Excel computer program. RESULTS: Pediatric cases contributed approximately 15% to the overall workload at the event. Children presented with a range of conditions that varied from those seen in the adult population. Children were more likely than adults to present for medical attention following crush injuries (OR = 2.536; 95% CI = 1.537-4.187); after a collapse/syncopal episode (OR = 2.687; 95% CI = 1.442-5.007); or complaining of nausea (OR = 3.484, 95% CI = 2.089-5.813). Alcohol/drugs were less likely to be involved in the precipitating cause for medical attention in children compared to adults (OR = 0.477; 95% CI = 0.250-0.912). No critical care incidents involving children were encountered during the event. CONCLUSIONS: Mass gatherings and special events in the UK, such as outdoor music festivals, can involve a large number of children who access medical care for a
different range of conditions compared to adults. The care of children at large, outdoor music events should not be overlooked. Event planning in the UK should include measures to ensure that appropriately trained and equipped medical teams are used at music festivals to safeguard the welfare of children who may attend. Further research into this exciting area is required.

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T1 - Affects of ionizing radiation on T-cell population lymphocyte: a risk factor of irritable bowel syndrome
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KW - Antigens
KW - CD3/im [Immunology]
KW - CD4-CD8 Ratio
KW - CD4-Positive T-Lymphocytes/re [Radiation Effects]
KW - CD8-Positive T-Lymphocytes/re [Radiation Effects]
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Cesium Radioisotopes/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Chernobyl Nuclear Accident
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Dose-Response Relationship
KW - Radiation
KW - Humans
KW - Immunity
KW - Cellular/re [Radiation Effects]
KW - Irritable Bowel Syndrome/et [Etiology]
KW - Lymphocyte Count
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N2 - Irritable bowel syndrome is observed mostly in Ukrainian children and may be related to adverse health effects as a result of the Chernobyl disaster. The aim of this study was to determine status of T-cell population lymphocytes in children with clinical symptom of irritable bowel syndrome. The test population consisted of 95 participants: 75 rural patients aged 4 to 18 who lived in a contaminated area exposed to natural environmental radiation with clinical symptom of irritable bowel syndrome (categorized in three groups) and 20 healthy urban participants from Kiev aged 5 to 15 as control group. Internal radiation activity has been measured by gamma-
ray spectrometry. Peripheral blood leukocytes were analyzed for T-lymphocytes subset such as T-lymphocytes (CD3(+)), T-helper (CD4(+)) and T-cytotoxic (CD8(+)) and then CD4/CD8 ratio was calculated. Percentage of CD3(+) and CD4(+) in all study groups decreased significantly in comparison to control group (p < 0.001). Percentage of CD8(+) increased significantly in all study groups in comparison to control group (p < 0.05). The CD4/CD8 ratio decreased significantly all study groups in comparison to control group (p < 0.001). Cellular immune status of study groups that are residing in a contaminated area has changed. Our data have demonstrated that this change may be related to a higher incidence of children with irritable bowel syndrome.
MVPA, respectively. The RPAR was correlated against Yamax (r = .35), Biotrainer (r = .40 and 0.54) and ActiGraph (r = .42) to assess total PA during recess. The RPAR was also correlated against ActiGraph (r = .54) to assess time spent in MVPA during recess. Mean difference between the RPAR and ActiGraph to assess time spent in MVPA during recess was no significant (2.15 +/- 3.67 min, p = .313). The RPAR showed an adequate reliability and a reasonable validity for assessing PA during the school recess in youth.

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KW - Antiretroviral Therapy
KW - Highly Active
KW - Benzoxazines/pk [Pharmacokinetics]
KW - Benzoxazines/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Chromatography
KW - Liquid
KW - Female
KW - HIV Infections/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - HIV Infections/vi [Virology]
KW - HIV-1/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Plasma/ch [Chemistry]
KW - South Africa
KW - Tandem Mass Spectrometry
KW - Time Factors
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The aim of this study was to quantify the plasma efavirenz concentrations over 6 months in black HIV-1-infected South African children (3-14 years), from resource-limited households, attending an outpatient clinic. The children were antiretroviral treatment (ART) naive and received efavirenz in combination with two nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors according to South African national guidelines. Two blood samples were taken between 12 and 20 h after the last efavirenz dose at 1 (n = 58), 3 (n = 54), and 6 (n = 54) months post-ART initiation. A total of 328 efavirenz mid-dose plasma samples from 58 patients was determined with a validated liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry method. Viral suppression (<25 copies/ml) was achieved in 95% of the children after 6 months on ART. The median (range) plasma concentration at time points 1 and 2 were 2.06 (0.10-11.14) and 1.80 (0.14-10.70) microg/ml with respective mean (+/-SD) blood sampling times of 15.24 (2.03) and 16.91 (2.03) h post-evening dose. Efavirenz plasma samples within the therapeutic range of 1-4 microg/ml accounted for 58%; 17% were <1 microg/ml and 25% were >4 microg/ml over the 6 months. Efavirenz levels persistently >4 microg/ml were recorded for 13 (23%) children and 3 (5%) children had persistent efavirenz levels <1 microg/ml. Possible reasons for efavirenz plasma levels outside the accepted therapeutic range include genetic variation in drug metabolism, incorrect dosing, drug-drug interactions, and nonadherence. However, these need to be further explored and the importance of sequential plasma levels has been highlighted in this study.

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KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - Ancylostomatoidea
KW - Animals
KW - Bayes Theorem
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cluster Analysis
KW - Female
KW - Genetic Predisposition to Disease
KW - Geography
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There are remarkably few contemporary, population-based studies of intestinal nematode infection for sub-Saharan Africa. This paper presents a comprehensive epidemiological analysis of hookworm infection intensity in a rural Ugandan community. Demographic, kinship, socioeconomic and environmental data were collected for 1,803 individuals aged six months to 85 years in 341 households in a cross-sectional community survey. Hookworm infection was assessed by faecal egg count. Spatial variation in the intensity of infection was assessed using a Bayesian negative binomial spatial regression model and the proportion of variation explained by host additive genetics (heritability) and common domestic environment was estimated using genetic variance component analysis. Overall, the prevalence of hookworm was 39.3%, with the majority of infections (87.7%) of light intensity (≤1000 eggs per gram faeces). Intensity was higher among older individuals and was associated with treatment history with anthelmintics, walking barefoot outside the home, living in a household with a mud floor and education level of the household head. Infection intensity also exhibited significant household and spatial clustering: the range of spatial correlation was estimated to be 82 m and was reduced by a half over a distance of 19 m. Heritability of hookworm egg count was 11.2%, whilst the percentage of variance explained by unidentified domestic effects was 17.8%. In conclusion, we suggest that host genetic relatedness is not a major determinant of infection intensity in this community, with exposure-related factors playing a greater role.
PURPOSE: No groups have yet succeeded in identifying the need for re-repair of residual shunt after surgical repair of ventricular septal defect (VSD) based on quantitative evaluation of the ratio of the pulmonary blood flow to the systemic blood flow (Qp/Qs) by transesophageal echocardiography (TEE). Hence, we studied the accuracy of Qp/Qs as estimated by intraoperative TEE.

METHODS: Twenty-six patients undergoing VSD closure were studied. After separation from the cardiopulmonary bypass, the presence and severity of residual leakage was evaluated by color Doppler image, and the Qp/Qs (TEE-derived Qp/Qs) was calculated by measuring the vessel diameter and the velocity-time integral of the flow profiles in the main pulmonary artery and left ventricular outflow tract. Transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) was performed at pre-discharge and at 6-12 months after the correction to confirm the presence and severity of residual leakage. RESULTS: TEE detected only minor leakage, with no indication for re-repair, in 8 of the 26 patients. Nevertheless, TEE-derived Qp/Qs varied from 0.57 to 2.07 and were incorrect in 17 patients (65.4%). This meant that when TEE-derived Qp/Qs was outside the acceptable range, the patient was judged not to be in need of re-repair. TTE at pre-discharge confirmed trivial leakage in 3 patients in whom TEE had also identified similar leakages. These leakages were not observed at the follow-up TTE. CONCLUSION: TEE-derived Qp/Qs lacks the accuracy required to play a crucial role in quantitatively measuring the severity of residual shunt, while two-dimensional TEE can reliably detect residual leakage after VSD closure and lead to optimal judgment on the need for re-repair.
Participating in after-school programs (ASPs) has become a common experience for children. This special issue provides a perspective on the current status of research on ASPs. This introductory article overviews the historical and current context of ASPs and then describes a developmental ecological model to guide research in this area. The model offers a framework from which to organize and synthesize the research presented in this issue. Key principles include a holistic view of development that recognizes interrelations between multiple domains of youth adjustment, attention to multiple, relevant factors within and outside of youth that affect development, examining the dynamic interplay between persons, program features, and other contexts over time, and understanding the active role of youth in affecting their own development. These principles are examined in relation to five main areas: youth characteristics, social ecologies, program features, participation, and short- and long-term outcomes. Recommendations for future research are discussed.
BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVES: Studies suggest that excessive sun exposure in childhood contributes to the development of skin cancer later in life. METHODS: This study explores 4th grade student assessment of their sun protection behaviors. This study used baseline data collected in the Fall of 2006 for the Sun Protection for Florida's Children (SPF) project. In brief, the SPF project is a group randomized trial to test the effectiveness of a school based intervention promoting sun protection in general, and hat use in particular, in Hillsborough County Schools, Florida. The data reported in this study were collected at baseline before any intervention activities was initiated. RESULTS: The self-reported use of various methods of sun protection was low. Only a small percentage of students wore long sleeves or a hat with a brim before leaving for school. In addition, few students wore a hat with a wide brim when outside but not at school. Students spent an average of 59.1 minutes per week outdoors while attending school and 35.5 minutes during peak sun exposure. CONCLUSION: Sun exposure at school poses a significant risk to student health and more needs to be carried out to promote the use of a wide-brimmed hat and limiting student sun exposure.

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PROBLEM/CONDITION: Giardiasis is a nationally notifiable gastrointestinal illness caused by the protozoan parasite Giardia intestinalis. REPORTING PERIOD: 2006-2008. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION: State, commonwealth, territorial, and two metropolitan health departments voluntarily report cases of giardiasis through CDC's National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System. RESULTS: During 2006--2008, the total number of reported cases of giardiasis increased slightly from 19,239 for 2006 to 19,794 for 2007 and decreased slightly to 19,140 for 2008. During this period, 49 jurisdictions reported giardiasis cases; giardiasis is a reportable condition in 45 states (not reportable in Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas). A greater number of case reports were received for children aged 1-9 years and for adults aged 35-44 years compared with other age groups. Incidence of giardiasis was highest in northern states. Peak onset of illness occurred annually during early summer through early fall. Interpretation: Transmission of giardiasis occurs throughout the United States, with more frequent diagnosis or reporting occurring in northern states. However, state incidence figures should be compared with caution because individual state surveillance systems have varying capabilities to detect cases. The seasonal peak in age-specific case reports coincides with the summer recreational water season and likely reflects increased outdoor activities and exposures such as camping and use of communal swimming venues (e.g., lakes, rivers, swimming pools, and water parks) by young children. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION: Local and state health departments can use giardiasis surveillance data to better understand the epidemiologic characteristics and the disease burden of giardiasis in the United States, design efforts to prevent the spread of disease, and establish research priorities.
BACKGROUND: Childhood overweight is a major public health concern. Whereas various studies have documented higher prevalence rates in rural areas compared to urban areas, little is known about what is causing these differences. We sought to identify the factors underlying the overweight differentials by examining physical activity and nutrition behaviours as well as neighbourhood characteristics of urban areas, towns and rural areas across Alberta.

METHODS: In 2008, we surveyed 3,421 grade five students and their parents from 148 randomly selected schools. Students completed the Harvard Food Frequency Questionnaire, questions on physical activities, and had their height and weight measured. Parents completed questions on socioeconomic background, child’s lifestyle, and neighbourhood perception. We applied multilevel regression methods to quantify the geographic differentials in physical activity, nutrition and neighbourhood facilities.

RESULTS: The prevalence of overweight was 28.5% among Albertan grade five students, with 6.7% being obese. Among students attending schools in towns and rural areas, the prevalence of overweight (obesity) was 29.8% (7.9%) and 30.6% (8.0%), respectively. Compared with students attending urban schools, those attending schools in towns and rural areas reported more physical activity despite perceiving less access to playgrounds/parks and recreational programs (p < 0.01). These latter students further reported poorer diets and purchasing more energy-dense foods and snacks at their schools (p < 0.01).

CONCLUSION: Our findings confirmed the existence of geographic differentials in overweight and its underlying causes. The study urges more promotion of healthy eating and active living, particularly in towns and rural areas to reduce geographic inequalities in health.

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OBJECTIVE: To study the importance of parents' perception of neighbourhood environment for health behaviours such as screen time, physical activity, and active transport in a Canadian context. METHODS: As part of the REAL Kids Alberta project, 3,421 grade five students from 148 randomly selected schools in Alberta and their parents were surveyed in the spring of 2008. Physical activity was assessed by self-report using an adapted version of the Physical Activity Questionnaire for Older Children (PAQ-C). Screen time and active transport (walking and biking) was assessed by parent proxy reports. Parents were also surveyed on their perception of their neighbourhoods. These responses were reduced to three components (satisfaction/services, safety, sidewalks/parks) through principal component analysis. Subsequent multilevel logistic regression analyses were conducted to quantify the associations of these principal neighbourhood components with screen time, physical activity, and active transport. RESULTS: Children residing in neighbourhoods with good satisfaction/services and sidewalks/parks were significantly more likely to engage in 2 hours or less of screen time and to be physically active. Children in neighbourhoods with good sidewalks/parks were also more likely to engage in active transport to and from school. However, perceived neighbourhood safety had little impact on activity. CONCLUSION: The findings suggest physical activity and active transport may be increased and sedentary behaviours reduced through 1) increasing access to parks, playgrounds, and play spaces, 2) increasing access to sports and recreation programs, and 3) provision of sidewalks such that children and youth can walk or bike to school.
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N2 - PURPOSE: To investigate the association of children's refractive errors with their visual activities assessed by questionnaire in the school year and summer break (June, July, and August). METHODS: The parents of 147 children aged 6 to 18 years participating in a longitudinal study of refraction and visual function filled out a questionnaire in 1999 listing the number of weekly hours outside of school that the children read for pleasure, studied, watched TV, used the computer/played video games, and engaged in sports/outdoor activities. They also provided hours for these activities during the summer break. Refractions were measured annually by non-cycloplegic distance retinoscopy. Myopes refer to subjects who were myopic (spherical equivalent < -0.5 diopter) at the time of the survey and non-myopes (spherical equivalent refraction ≥ or = -0.5 diopter) were emmetropic or in a few cases hyperopic at survey time. RESULTS: During the school year, myopes spent significantly fewer hours (8.25 +/- 6.24 h/week) than non-myopes (10.95 +/- 5.95 h/week) in sports/outdoor activity (p < 0.05). In addition, myopes (12.78 +/- 9.28 h/week) watched more television than non-myopes (8.91 +/- 5.95 h/week) (p = 0.02). No significant refractive group differences were found for other activities. During the summer break, no significant differences were found between refractive groups in any visual activity times.
No significant correlations between sports/outdoor activity and TV time were found. Overall, the biggest differences between summer and school activity times were found in outdoor activity (21.76 +/- 13.80 vs. 10.34 +/- 6.10 h/week; p < 0.001) and studying (1.69 +/- 3.71 vs. 9.51 +/- 6.96 h/week; p < 0.001).

CONCLUSIONS: In agreement with other studies, the non-myopes had more hours of sports/outdoor activity during the school year, which may protect against myopia development. A new finding is the high number of sports/outdoor activity hours for both myopes and non-myopes during the summer break, which may contribute to slowed eye growth in all children during these 3 months.

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KW - Trace Elements/bl [Blood]
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N2 - OBJECTIVES: To determine whether trace elements that are essential for neural function play a role in the pathophysiology and etiology of auditory neuropathy (AN). MATERIALS AND METHODS: Patients diagnosed with auditory neuropathy consisted of eight children (two male, six female). The blood tests including the measurement of sodium, potassium, chloride, calcium, phosphorus, iron, copper and magnesium were done in children with AN during their routine care. RESULTS: Of the eight children with AN, many had
serum levels outside the normal range: one had low sodium, two had low potassium, one had low chloride, two had high zinc and three had low zinc, two had low calcium and two had higher than normal phosphorus.

CONCLUSION: Although some serum trace element levels in our patients were higher or lower than normal values, the mean values were within normal limits. Thus, we were unable to detect a relationship between serum trace element levels and AN-. In the future, larger studies should be conducted to confirm these findings.

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Epileptic cortex is characterized by paroxysmal electrical discharges. Analysis of these interictal discharges typically manifests as spike-wave complexes on electroencephalography, and plays a critical role in diagnosing and treating epilepsy. Despite their fundamental importance, little is known about the neurophysiological mechanisms generating these events in human focal epilepsy. Using three different systems of microelectrodes, we recorded local field potentials and single-unit action potentials during interictal discharges in patients with medically intractable focal epilepsy undergoing diagnostic workup for localization of seizure foci. We studied 336 single units in 20 patients. Ten different cortical areas and the hippocampus, including regions both inside and outside the seizure focus, were sampled. In three of these patients, high density microelectrode arrays simultaneously recorded between 43 and 166 single units from a small (4 mm x 4 mm) patch of cortex. We examined how the firing rates of individual neurons changed during interictal discharges by determining whether the firing rate during the event was the same, above or below a median baseline firing rate estimated from interictal discharge-free periods (Kruskal-Wallis one-way analysis, P<0.05). Only 48% of the recorded units showed such a modulation in firing rate within 500 ms of the discharge. Units modulated during the discharge exhibited significantly higher baseline firing and bursting rates than unmodulated units. As expected, many units (27% of the modulated population) showed an increase in firing rate during the fast segment of the discharge (+ or -35 ms from the peak of the discharge), while 50% showed a decrease during the slow wave. Notably, in direct contrast to predictions based on models of a pure paroxysmal depolarizing shift, 7.7% of modulated units recorded in or near the seizure focus showed a decrease in activity well ahead (0-300 ms) of the discharge onset, while 12.2% of units increased in activity in this period. No such pre-discharge changes were seen in regions well outside the seizure focus. In many recordings there was also a decrease in broadband field potential activity during this same pre-discharge period. The different patterns of interictal discharge-modulated firing were classified into more than 15 different categories. This heterogeneity in single unit activity was present within small cortical regions as well as inside and outside the seizure onset zone, suggesting that interictal epileptiform activity in patients with epilepsy is not a simple paroxysm of hypersynchronous excitatory activity, but rather represents an interplay of multiple distinct neuronal types within complex neuronal networks.

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This study examined the feasibility of using Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) to examine important domains relevant to interregulatory health processes in overweight adolescent females in their natural environments. Participants were 20 overweight adolescent females engaged in a cognitive-behavioral and motivational interviewing intervention aimed at weight loss and improving mood (11-19 years old, 80% white, 15% African American, mean BMI = 39). During this EMA protocol, participants were asked to report their physical activity (PA), nutrition, mood, and sleep during 14 cellular phone calls over three extended weekends (Thursday to Monday). Simultaneously, participants wore an actigraph (armband and watch communicator) that provided instantaneous PA feedback (steps taken and kilocalories) and sleep parameters (duration and efficiency). EMA compliance rates for the armband and phone calls were 74.7 +/- 0.3% and 64.2 +/- 0.3%, respectively. Data from the armband and phone calls are presented to illustrate the depth of information acquired by utilizing this innovative methodology.
BACKGROUND: The unpredictable nature of the potentially devastating impact of 2009 pH1N1 influenza pandemic highlights the need for pandemic preparedness planning, where modeling studies could be most useful for simulations of possible future scenarios. METHODS: A compartmental model with pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic influenza infections is proposed which incorporates age groups as well as intervention measures such as age-specific vaccination, in order to study spread of influenza in a community. RESULTS: We derive the basic reproduction number and other effective reproduction numbers under various intervention measures. For illustration, we make use of the Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) mortality data and vaccination data of the very young (age 0-2) and the very old (age > 64) during 2004-2005 Taiwan winter influenza season to fit our model and to compute the relevant reproduction numbers. The reproduction number for this winter flu season is estimated to be slightly above one (approximately 1.0001). CONCLUSIONS: Comparatively large errors in fitting the P&I mortality data of the elderly (> 64) were observed shortly after winter school closings in January, which may indicate the impact of younger, more active age groups transmitting influenza to other age groups outside of the school settings; in particular, to the elderly in the
households. Pre-symptomatic infections seemed to have little effect on the model fit, while asymptomatic infection by asymptomatic infectives has a more pronounced impact on the model fit for the elderly mortality, perhaps indicating a larger role in disease transmission by asymptomatic infection. Simulations indicate that the impact of vaccination on the disease incidence might not be fully revealed in the change (or the lack thereof) in the effective reproduction number with interventions, but could still be substantial. The estimated per contact transmission probability for susceptible elderly is significantly higher than that of any other age group, perhaps highlighting the vulnerability of the elderly due to close contacts with their caretakers from other age groups. The relative impact of targeting the very young and the very old for vaccination was weakened by their relative inactivity, thus giving evidence of the lack of impact of vaccinating these two groups on the overall transmissibility of the disease in the community. This further underscores the need for morbidity-based strategy to prevent elderly mortality.

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N2 - The acute leukaemias account for about 30% of all malignancy seen in childhood across the Western world. A peak incidence of precursor B cell ALL has emerged as socio-economic conditions have improved in countries worldwide. From twin studies and the use of neonatal blood spots it has been possible to back track the first initiating genetic events within critical haemopoietic cells to foetal development in utero for most precursor B cell ALL and some cases of AML. These events may occur as part of normal foetal development. Whether other factors (environmental or constitutional) are involved to increase the chance of these first genetic changes happening is unclear. For some leukaemias (e.g. infant MLL positive ALL) the first event appears...
adequate to create a malignant clone but for the majority of ALL and AML further 'genetic' changes are required, probably postnatal. Many environmental factors have been proposed as causative for leukaemia but only ionising irradiation and certain chemicals, e.g. benzene and cytotoxics (alkylators and topoisomerase II inhibitors) have been confirmed and then principally for acute myeloid leukaemia. It appears increasingly likely that delayed, dysregulated responses to 'common' infectious agents play a major part in the conversion of pre-leukaemic clones into overt precursor B cell ALL, the most common form of childhood leukaemia. Constitutional polymorphic alleleic variants in immune response genes (especially the HLA Class II proteins) and cytokines may play a role in determining the type of immune response. High penetrance germ-line mutations are involved in only about 5% of childhood leukaemias (more in AML than ALL). There is little evidence to support any role of viral transformation in causation, unlike in animals. Other environmental factors for which some evidence exists include non-ionising electromagnetic radiation and electric fields, although their mode of action in leukaemogenesis remains unclear. There is no single cause for childhood leukaemia and for most individuals a combination of factors appears to be necessary; all involving gene-environment interactions. To date few clear preventative measures have emerged, except the complete avoidance of first trimester X-rays in pregnancy; a healthy diet with adequate oral folic acid intake both preconception and early in pregnancy; and the early exposure of children to other children outside the home to facilitate stimulation and maturation of the natural immune system. Here then are clear echoes of the "hygiene hypothesis" regarding the initiation of allergies, autoimmune disease and type I diabetes mellitus in children and young people. 2010. Published by Elsevier Ltd. [References: 141]
Allergic rhinitis (AR) and asthma are characterized by Th2 polarized immune response. Soluble HLA (sHLA) molecules play an immunomodulatory activity. It has been reported that both molecules are increased in sera of patients with pollen-induced allergic rhinitis studied outside the pollen season. To date, however, no study has investigated them in AR children. The aim of this preliminary study is to evaluate serum sHLA-G levels in children with AR or asthma patients and in a group of healthy controls. Forty-seven symptomatic allergic patients were enrolled. A group of 50 healthy subjects was considered as control. Serum sHLA-G levels were determined by the immunoenzymatic method. Children with AR had significantly higher levels of sHLA-G molecules than normal controls or children with allergic asthma. However, there is no difference between children with AR and asthmatics. In conclusion, the present study provides the preliminary evidence that serum sHLA-G molecules are significantly increased in children with AR.
OBJECTIVE: To report our experience before and after implementation of pediatric rapid response team (RRT) in pediatric wards of a tertiary care hospital in Pakistan. METHODS: An audit of RRT activity from December 2007 to August 2008 was conducted and reviewed patient diagnoses at the time of call placement, interventions done and post-intervention clinical outcomes. Clinical Outcomes in the nine months before RRT implementation were compared with those in the first operational nine months after RRT. RESULTS: Eighty-three calls were generated during the post-intervention study period of 9-month (21 calls/1000 admissions). The median age of patients was 27 months; 37% calls were for infants. The majority of patients were under care of medical services (93% vs 7% under care of surgical services). Greater numbers of calls were made during 0800-1600 hours (45%). Respiratory issues were the most common reason for activation of RRT. Because of early interventions, majority (61%) of patients avoided unnecessary PICU stay and expenditure; only 17% required mechanical ventilation in PICU. The code rate per 1000 admissions decreased from 5.2 (pre-RRT) to 2.7 (post-RRT) (p=0.08; OR 1.88 (95%CI 0.9-3.93). The mortality rate of patients admitted in PICU from wards decreased from 50% to 15% (p=0.25; OR 1.64 (95%CI 0.63-4.29). CONCLUSION: Our experience with implementation of RRT was associated with reduction in cardiorespiratory arrest, mortality and saved a lot of PICU resource utilization. It is an excellent patient-safety initiative especially in resource-constrained countries by bringing PICU reflexes outside the PICU.
BACKGROUND: Recess is an opportunity for children to engage in daily physical activity. The aim of this study was to investigate the 12-month effects of a playground intervention on children's moderate-to-vigorous (MVPA) and vigorous physical activity (VPA) during morning and lunchtime recess. METHODS: Four hundred and seventy children (232 boys, 238 girls) from 26 elementary schools participated in the study. Fifteen schools redesigned the playground environment using playground markings and physical structures. Eleven schools served as socioeconomic matched controls. Physical activity levels were quantified using heart rate and accelerometry at baseline, 6 months, and 12 months post-intervention. A 3-level (time, pupil, and school) multilevel analysis was used to determine the effects of the intervention across time on MVPA and VPA. RESULTS: Positive yet nonsignificant intervention effects were found for MVPA and VPA during morning and lunchtime recess. Intervention children were more active during recess than control children. Interactions revealed that the intervention effect was stronger at 6 months than 12 months post-intervention. CONCLUSIONS: A playground markings and physical structures intervention had a positive effect on intervention children's morning and lunchtime MVPA and VPA when assessed using heart rate and accelerometry, but this effect is strongest 6-months post-intervention and decreased between 6 months and 12 months.
OBJECTIVE: The aim of this 2-year cohort study (2003 to 2005) was to investigate how caries experience, at initial lesions (early or non-cavited lesions) and cavited stages, predicts caries increment in permanent teeth in 7-10-year-olds. MATERIAL AND METHODS: The random sample of 765 children attending public schools in the city of Piracicaba, SP, Brazil, was divided into two groups: 423 children aged 7-8 years and 342 children aged 9-10 years. All subjects were examined by a calibrated examiner, using dental mirror and ball-ended probes, after tooth brushing and air-drying in an outdoor setting, based on the World Health Organization criteria. Active caries with intact surfaces were also recorded as initial lesion (IL). Univariate analysis was used for statistical analysis (Odds Ratios and Chi-square). RESULTS: The association between the DMFT (decayed, missing and filled teeth) increment and the presence of IL was significant only for 9-10-year-old children. The children with DMFT>0 at baseline were more prone to have DMFT increment, with the highest risk for caries increment occurring in children aged 7-8 years. CONCLUSIONS: The predictors of caries increment were the presence (at baseline) of caries experience in permanent teeth for both age groups (7-8; 9-10-year-olds) and the presence of the IL (at baseline) for 9-10-year-olds.
INFVA is an important cause of pulmonary infections in patients receiving BMT, and is associated with considerable morbidity and mortality for a readily preventable and treatable infection. Few studies have addressed the impact of the new neuraminidase inhibitors in the prognosis of influenza after BMT. The aim of this study is to assess the impact of oseltamivir on the control of INFVA infection in BMT recipients. INFVA was screened in NPA and/or bronchoalveolar lavage using IF in all BMT recipients having respiratory symptoms. Three URTI and one associated upper and LRTI were diagnosed in three BMT recipients out of six patients admitted to the BMT unit, during eight-wk period (March and April 2008). All patients having INFVA respiratory infection were treated by oral oseltamivir 60 mg/day, begun more than 48 h after symptom onset. Respiratory symptoms disappeared within a mean of 60 h (48-96 h) of treatment. However, viral tests had remained positive for 8-39 days. Outside the initial associated URTI and LRTI, no further viral pneumonia occurred. No patient died of INFVA. Oseltamivir was well tolerated outside vomiting during the first three days of treatment in one patient. Oseltamivir appears to play an important role in the outcome of INFVA infection as well in URTI as in severe LRTI in patients receiving BMT.
INTRODUCTION: Pharmacologic studies have shown a relationship between plasma antiretroviral levels and toxicity/viral activity. Nevertheless, pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic data are inconsistent and limited in HIV-infected children. An analysis was performed of plasma antiretroviral concentrations in clinical practice and their influence on therapy efficacy in HIV-infected children. METHODS: Observational, prospective, multicenter study, including HIV-infected children followed up at 5 reference hospitals between March 2006 and June 2008. Pre-dose plasma antiretroviral levels were determined and the relationships with various clinical and analytical variables were investigated. RESULTS: A total of 129 patients were included, and 41.3% had antiretroviral plasma levels outside the established range. No differences were found between sexes. Children younger than 1 year had a higher rate of suboptimal levels and higher viral load than the remaining children. CONCLUSION: Antiretroviral plasma concentrations are more frequently suboptimal in children younger than 1 year. This finding is related with greater viral failure and implies a considerable challenge in this population, which requires very long-term treatment. (c) 2009 Elsevier Espana, S.L. All rights reserved
Biomonitoring of arsenic in urine and saliva of children playing on playgrounds constructed from chromated copper arsenate-treated wood

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N2 - Children may be exposed to arsenic during contact with structures treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA). A high frequency of hand-to-mouth activity may increase their risk of ingesting arsenic. Previous work showed that arsenic concentrations in the hand-wash samples of children playing on CCA playgrounds were four times higher than those playing on non-CCA playgrounds. It is not clear whether playing on CCA playgrounds results in elevated overall exposure to arsenic. The objective of this study was to perform arsenic biomonitoring in children to determine whether playing on CCA-treated playgrounds substantially contributes to their overall exposure to arsenic. One hundred and twenty five saliva samples from 61 children and 101 urine samples from 45 children were collected after children played on 8 CCA and 8 non-CCA playgrounds. Arsenic speciation analysis was conducted using high performance liquid chromatography combined with inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry. The arsenic species detected in the urine and saliva samples from children playing on CCA and non-CCA playgrounds were similar. Dimethylarsinic acid and arsenobetaine were the main arsenic species found in urine samples. The sum of inorganic trivalent and pentavalent arsenic,
monomethylarsonic acid, and dimethylarsinic acid in urine was 15 +/- 28 microg/L in the CCA group and 12 +/- 23 microg/L in the non-CCA group (p = 0.60). The sum of these species in saliva was 1.1 +/- 2.1 microg/L in the CCA group and 1.4 +/- 1.1 microg/L in the non-CCA group (p = 0.32). These results show that there is no significant difference in the concentration or speciation of arsenic between the samples from children playing on CCA and non-CCA playgrounds. Contact with CCA playgrounds is not likely to significantly contribute to the overall arsenic exposure in children; other sources such as dietary arsenic may be a main contributor to their overall exposure.
OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the combined effects and relative importance of socio-cultural factors as well as parents' subjectively perceived and objectively assessed environment on time children spent vigorously playing outdoors. METHODS: Cross-sectional study conducted in Berne, Biel-Bienne, and Payerne (Switzerland) during the school year 2004/2005. Included 1345 parental questionnaires from children out of three age groups (6/7, 9/10, and 13/14 years). A total of 1081 (80%) provided a home address, which could be linked to environmental data using a geographic information system (GIS). RESULTS: GIS-derived main street density in a buffer of 100 m around the home was inversely associated with time playing outdoors in adolescents and younger children, but only in more urbanized areas. In addition and independently of GIS-based main street density, parental concern about traffic safety was associated with less time playing outdoors in primary school children. Girls, adolescents, and children from the French speaking part of the country spent less time playing outdoors. A non-Swiss nationality and having younger siblings increased time playing vigorously outdoors in adolescents. CONCLUSION: In addition to socio-cultural factors, parents' perceptions and objectively measured environmental factors were significantly associated with the time spent vigorously playing outdoors. These associations differed by age group. Copyright (c) 2010 The Institute For Cancer Prevention. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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T1 - Using accelerometers and GPS units to identify the proportion of daily physical activity located in parks with playgrounds in New Zealand children
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OBJECTIVE: To identify the proportion of children's physical activity occurring in public parks with playgrounds. METHODS: Children (n=184) aged 5 to 10 years were recruited from schools located in two low socio-economic status communities in Dunedin, New Zealand. Accelerometers (Actigraph GT1M) and global positioning system units (Globalsat DG-100) were used to quantify and identify where physical activity had occurred over a 7-day period. Cross-sectional data were collected October to December 2007 (southern hemisphere spring) and the child's height and weight were measured at school. RESULTS: At least 84% of participants had accelerometer and global positioning system data available for five or more hourly periods per day, for at least 4 days. Overall, 1.9% of recorded activity took place at city parks (95% confidence interval: 1.4, 2.4), although this was 2.7% (95% confidence intervals: 0.7, 4.6) among obese children. CONCLUSIONS: Accelerometers and GPS data was able to be successfully recorded and matched among this age group. The proportion of children's activity taking place in parks with playgrounds was low, although this may still be important for some subgroups. Copyright (c) 2010 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved
BACKGROUND: Given the importance of physical activity for health and age-related declines in physical activity, understanding influences on related behaviours, such as time outdoors, is crucial. This study aimed to understand individual, social and physical environmental influences on longitudinal changes in urban children's time outdoors. METHODS: The time children spent outdoors in 2001, 2004 and 2006 (aged 5-6 and 10-12 years at baseline) was reported by their parents (n=421). In 2001, individual, social and physical environmental factors were self-reported by parents. Generalized estimating equations examined longitudinal relationships between baseline predictors and average change in time outdoors over 5 years. RESULTS: Children's time outdoors significantly declined over time. "Indoor tendencies" inversely predicted time outdoors among younger and older boys, and younger girls. Social opportunities positively predicted time outdoors among younger boys, while "outdoor tendencies" positively predicted time outdoors among older boys. Parental encouragement for activity positively predicted time outdoors among younger and older girls, while lack of adult supervision for active play outdoors after school inversely predicted time outdoors among older girls and older boys. CONCLUSION: Individual (indoor and outdoor tendencies) and social factors (social opportunities, parental encouragement and parental supervision) predicted children's time outdoors over 5 years. Interventions targeting reduced indoor tendencies, increased outdoor play with others, and increased parental encouragement and supervision are warranted.
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KW - Cohort Studies
KW - Employment
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Female
KW - Humans
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JF - Journal Of Environmental & Public Health
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VL - 2010
CY - Egypt
N2 - This study characterized the time-location pattern of 107 residents living in air pollution hotspots, the Waterfront South and Copewood/Davis Streets communities in Camden, NJ. Most residents in the two communities are minority and impoverished individuals. Results showed that employment status played the fundamental role in determining time-location patterns of this study population, and the variations of time-location pattern by season and by day-type were partially attributed to employment status. Compared to the National Human Activity Pattern Survey, the Camden cohort spent significantly more time outdoors (3.8 hours versus 1.8 hours) and less time indoors (19.4 hours versus 20.9 hours) than the general US population, indicating a higher risk of exposure to ambient air pollution for the Camden cohort. The findings of the study are important for understanding exposure routes and sources for the socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup and ultimately help develop effective strategies to reduce community exposure to ambient air pollution in "hotspots"
TY - JOUR
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T1 - Are children and adolescents less active if parents restrict their physical activity and active transport due to perceived risk?
A1 - Carver,A.
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N1 - Carver, Alison. Timperio, Anna. Hesketh, Kylie. Crawford, David
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Age Factors
KW - Bicycling/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Child
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Linear Models
KW - Male
KW - Parent-Child Relations
KW - Parents/px [Psychology]
KW - Residence Characteristics
KW - Risk
KW - Safety
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Time Factors
KW - Victoria
KW - Walking/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1799
EP - 1805
JF - Social Science & Medicine
JA - Soc Sci Med
VL - 70
IS - 11
CY - England
N2 - The study examined parental restriction of children's active transport and physical activity outside school hours due to safety concerns, and how this restriction was associated with perceived risk and with youth physical activity levels. We used a cross-sectional design with data from children aged 10-11 years (n=170) and adolescents aged 15-17 years (n=270) who participated in the five-year follow-up of the Children Living in Active Neighbourhoods longitudinal study in Melbourne, Australia. Walking/cycling to local destinations was survey-reported. Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) was recorded during non-school hours using accelerometers. Using surveys, parents reported perceived risk of their children being harmed in their neighbourhood, and restrictions they placed on their children's physical activity. Linear regression analyses...
examined how perceived risk, constrained behaviour, and physical activity were related. We found that perceived risk did not vary by age-group and was positively associated with constrained behaviour among adolescents but not children. Children were subject to higher levels of constrained behaviour than adolescents. Constrained behaviour was negatively associated with active transport among younger boys and among girls in both age-groups. Furthermore, it was negatively associated with younger boys' MVPA on weekends and with adolescent girls' MVPA during evenings. There were no associations between constrained behaviour and active transport or MVPA among adolescent boys. The findings demonstrate that constrained behaviour exhibited by parents may result in lower levels of active transport and of MVPA outside school hours. In particular, this was true for children and adolescent girls. Social interventions to improve perceived safety and physical interventions involving redesign of the built environment to improve actual safety may help to ease parental restriction of their children's active transport and physical activity in their neighbourhood. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

A new method to sample stuttering in preschool children

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Analysis of Variance

Child Language

Child

Preschool

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Parents

Play and Playthings

Reproducibility of Results

Speech

Speech Production Measurement/is [Instrumentation]

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This study reports a new method for sampling the speech of preschool stuttering children outside the clinic environment. Twenty parents engaged their stuttering children in an everyday play activity in the home with a telephone handset nearby. A remotely located researcher telephoned the parent and recorded the play session with a phone-recording jack attached to a digital audio recorder at the remote location. The parent placed an audio recorder near the child for comparison purposes. Children as young as 2 years complied with the remote method of speech sampling. The quality of the remote recordings was superior to that of the in-home recordings. There was no difference in means or reliability of stutter-count measures made from the remote recordings compared with those made in-home. Advantages of the new method include: (1) cost efficiency of real-time measurement of percent syllables stuttered in naturalistic situations, (2) reduction of bias associated with parent-selected timing of home recordings, (3) standardization of speech sampling procedures, (4) improved parent compliance with sampling procedures, (5) clinician or researcher on-line control of the acoustic and linguistic quality of recordings, and (6) elimination of the need to lend equipment to parents for speech sampling.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Does parent report measure performance? A study of the construct validity of the Functional Mobility Scale
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A1 - Baker,R.
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A1 - Hughes,M.
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Journal Article. Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov’t
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Activities of Daily Living
KW - Adolescent
KW - Cerebral Palsy/cl [Classification]
KW - Cerebral Palsy/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Child
KW - Child Development/ph [Physiology]
KW - Disability Evaluation
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Mobility Limitation
KW - Motor Activity/ph [Physiology]
KW - Observer Variation
KW - Parents/px [Psychology]
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Reproducibility of Results
KW - Time Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 181
EP - 185
JF - Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology
JA - Dev Med Child Neurol
AIM: Parental report is often relied on to measure performance of activities in children with cerebral palsy (CP). This study examined whether the Functional Mobility Scale (FMS) accurately reflects performance of mobility in children with CP. METHOD: Eighteen children with spastic CP (11 males, seven females; mean age 12 y 8 mo, SD 2 y 8 mo, range 8-17 y) were recruited from a special development school. Children were in Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) levels II (n=5), III (n=4), or IV (n=9), and had quadriplegia (n=9), diplegia (n=7), or hemiplegia (n=2). The children's mobility was observed directly around and outside the home and at school and their mobility methods were recorded. The parent's FMS rating was obtained on the telephone by a physiotherapist. Agreement between direct observation and the FMS rating was examined using quadratic weighted kappa (kappa) statistics. RESULTS: Agreement between direct observation and the FMS was as follows: FMS 5m kappa=0.71, 45%; FMS 50m kappa=0.76, 94%; FMS 500m kappa=0.74, 95%. Differences in the range and number of mobility methods were observed by GMFCS level across environmental settings. INTERPRETATION: Substantial agreement was found between FMS ratings and direct observation, particularly over longer distances, providing evidence of the validity of the FMS as a measure of performance in children with CP.
There is increasing interest in the use of gluten- and casein-free diets for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). We report results from a two-stage, 24-month, randomised, controlled trial incorporating an adaptive ‘catch-up’ design and interim analysis. Stage 1 of the trial saw 72 Danish children (aged 4 years to 10 years 11 months) assigned to diet (A) or non-diet (B) groups by stratified randomisation. Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) and the Gilliam Autism Rating Scale (GARS) were used to assess core autism behaviours, Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales (VABS) to ascertain developmental level, and Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder - IV scale (ADHD-IV) to determine inattention and hyperactivity. Participants were tested at baseline, 8, and 12 months. Based on per protocol repeated measures analysis, data for 26 diet children and 29 controls were available at 12 months. At this point, there was a significant improvement to mean diet group scores (time*treatment interaction) on sub-domains of ADOS, GARS and ADHD-IV measures. Surpassing of predefined statistical thresholds as evidence of improvement in group A at 12 months sanctioned the re-assignment of group B participants to active dietary treatment. Stage 2 data for 18 group A and 17 group B participants were available at 24 months. Multiple scenario analysis based on inter- and intra-group comparisons showed some evidence of sustained clinical group improvements although possibly indicative of a plateau effect for intervention. Our results suggest that dietary intervention may positively affect developmental outcome for some children diagnosed with ASD. In the absence of a placebo condition to the current investigation, we are, however, unable to disqualify potential effects derived from intervention outside of dietary changes. Further studies are required to ascertain potential best- and non-responders to intervention. The study was registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT00614198.

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ID - 785
T1 - Comparison of the clinical presentation and visual outcome in open globe injuries in adults and children over 30 months
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N2 - PURPOSE: To compare the clinical presentation and final visual outcome of open globe injuries in children and adults in a referral hospital over a 30-month period. METHODS: This is an institutional-based prospective study of open globe injuries cases presenting in the emergency department between July 2003 and December 2005. Patients were divided in 2 groups: group 1, children (2-15 years), and group 2, adults (>15 years). All the patients were admitted and emergency surgical interventions were undertaken. The clinical features at presentation and the final visual acuity are compared. Chi-square and Fisher exact tests were used for statistical analysis. RESULTS: Ninety and 84 patients were included in group 1 and group 2, respectively. The most common places of injuries were home or while playing outdoor games in group 1 (67%) and workplace in group 2 (53.5%). The presenting features were significantly more grave in group 2. These included poor presenting visual acuity (p=0.012), vitreous prolapse (p=0.002), presence of relative afferent pupillary defect (p=0.001), and incidence of endophthalmitis (p=0.004). Time interval between injury and surgical intervention (p=0.018) was better in group 2. Other features, such as presence of hyphema, uveal tissue prolapse, cataract, intraocular foreign body, and length or location of laceration were similar in both groups. The final visual outcome was similar in the groups (p = 0.21), with approximately half of the patients achieving vision of 20/60 or better in each group. CONCLUSIONS: The majority of injuries in children and adults occurred in their homes or workplaces, respectively. Although the clinical presentations of open globe injuries were significantly more grave in adults than in children, the final visual outcomes were similar.
The Sacramento and Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District (SYMVCD, also referred to as "the District") conducts surveillance and management of mosquitoes in Sacramento and Yolo counties in California. Following an increase in numbers and West Nile virus (WNV) infection rates of Culex tarsalis and Culex pipiens, the District decided on July 26, 2007, to conduct aerial applications of Evergreen EC 60-6 (60% pyrethrins: 6% piperonyl butoxide) over approximately 215 km2 in the north area of Sacramento County on the nights of July 30, July 31, and August 1, 2007. At the same time, the District received notification of the first human WNV case in the area. To evaluate the efficacy of the applications in decreasing mosquito abundance and infection rates, we conducted pre- and post-trapping inside and outside the spray zone and assessed human
health risks from exposure to the insecticide applications. Results showed a significant decrease in abundance of both *Cx. tarsalis* and *Cx. pipiens*, and in the minimum infection rate of *Cx. tarsalis*. Human-health risks from exposure to the insecticide were below thresholds set by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 787
T1 - [Update on photoprotection in children]. [Review] [38 refs] [Spanish]
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Spanish
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Health Education
KW - Humans
KW - Radiation Protection/mt [Methods]
KW - Skin Neoplasms/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunscreening Agents
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 282
EP - 289
JF - Anale
JA - An Pediatr (Barc)
VL - 72
IS - 4
CY - Spain
N2 - Children are one of the population groups in which the photo-protection must be maximised. Firstly, because they take part in outdoor activities more often than adults. Secondly, because the principal risk factor for all types of skin cancer is ultraviolet radiation, and in particular, cumulative exposure during childhood. Hence, decreasing exposure to ultraviolet radiation in childhood has the potential to significantly lower the incidence of most forms of skin cancer. Photoprotection includes behavioural measures to protect the skin from sun exposure, e.g. sun protective clothes, hats, sunglasses, and sunscreens. It is necessary to provide information on photoprotection to parents, and, above all, to children, using educational campaigns to increase knowledge of photoprotection to help change attitudes towards sun exposure. Dermatologists and Paediatricians play a essential role in this educational work. In this article we review the latest information regarding paediatric sun protection, the new sunscreens, and the recent sun protection educational programs. 2009 Asociacion Espanola de Pediatria. Published by Elsevier Espana. All rights reserved. [References: 38]
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T1 - The development of a unique physical activity self-report for young children: challenges and lessons learned
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The number of overweight and obese children in the Western world is alarming. Efforts to impact this problem at an individual level have had little effect. Interventions that focus on the whole population may prove more successful. This study reports the development of a unique self-report picture questionnaire designed to assess playground physical activity preferences in young children (4-9 years, N = 1,881) at 14 regional Australian primary schools. Children's picture preferences were compared with observational data using the Children's Activity Scanning tool (CAST2). Results indicate that 62% to 89% of children preferred activities that were moderate or highly active; however, CAST2 data indicated that children spent only 50% to 70% of play time being active. The findings confirm that young children are able to indicate their preferences for physical activity. Important considerations in future attempts to develop a measure of physical activity in young children are discussed.

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Childhood obesity affects 17% or 12.5 million of America's children, contributing to the rise in children's health disparities. Type 2 diabetes, asthma, vitamin D deficiency, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder have also increased over the past few decades. A shift toward a sedentary lifestyle is a major contributor to the decline in children's health. Children spend more time indoors using electronic media and less time engaged in outdoor unstructured play. This article reviews the current evidence of the mental and physical health benefits associated with unstructured, outdoor activities and time spent in a natural environment such as a park or other recreational area. Pediatric health care providers should recommend outdoor activities for children and refer families to safe and easily accessible outdoor areas. Pediatric health care providers can incorporate this simple, lifestyle-based intervention into anticipatory guidance. Copyright 2010 Mosby, Inc. All rights reserved.

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Th17 is a subset of T helper lymphocytes and exerts pro-inflammatory activities. Recently, it has been reported that serum IL-17 levels are high in the most severe patients with birch allergy studied both outside and during the pollen season. This study aims to compare the frequency of peripheral IL-17-producing T cells in children with allergic rhinitis and in healthy controls. Ten children with allergic rhinitis and 5 healthy non-allergic subjects were evaluated. Th17 were evaluated by intracellular staining in ex-vivo T cell compartment. Ex-vivo PBMC evaluation showed that allergic patients had higher frequencies of IL-17 producing T cells, both concerning CD4+ and CD8+ cells. In particular, there is a subset co-expressing IL-17 and IFN-gamma both for CD4+ and CD8+ cells. In conclusion, this preliminary study suggests a possible role of Th-17 cells in the response to allergens in children.

TY - JOUR
ID - 790
T1 - Peripheral TH-17 cells in children with allergic rhinitis: preliminary report
A1 - Ciprandi, G.
A1 - Castellazzi, A.M.
A1 - Fenoglio, D.
A1 - Battaglia, F.
A1 - Marseglia, G.
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N1 - Ciprandi, G. Castellazzi, A M. Fenoglio, D. Battaglia, F. Marseglia, G
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Interferon-gamma/bl [Blood]
KW - Interleukin-17/bl [Blood]
KW - Male
KW - Rhinitis
KW - Allergic
KW - Perennial/im [Immunology]
KW - Seasonal/im [Immunology]
KW - T-Lymphocytes
KW - Helper-Inducer/im [Immunology]
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JF - International Journal of Immunopathology & Pharmacology
VL - 23
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CY - Italy
N2 - Th17 is a subset of T helper lymphocytes and exerts pro-inflammatory activities. Recently, it has been reported that serum IL-17 levels are high in the most severe patients with birch allergy studied both outside and during the pollen season. This study aims to compare the frequency of peripheral IL-17-producing T cells in children with allergic rhinitis and in healthy controls. Ten children with allergic rhinitis and 5 healthy non-allergic subjects were evaluated. Th17 were evaluated by intracellular staining in ex-vivo T cell compartment. Ex-vivo PBMC evaluation showed that allergic patients had higher frequencies of IL-17 producing T cells, both concerning CD4+ and CD8+ cells. In particular, there is a subset co-expressing IL-17 and IFN-gamma both for CD4+ and CD8+ cells. In conclusion, this preliminary study suggests a possible role of Th-17 cells in the response to allergens in children.
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T1 - Maternal perception of neighborhood safety as a predictor of child weight status: The moderating effect of gender and assessment of potential mediators
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OBJECTIVE: To determine if there is a relationship between maternal perception of neighborhood safety in 3(rd) grade and weight status in 5(th) grade children, to test if gender moderates this relationship, and to identify potential mediators. METHOD: Data from 868 children and their mothers involved in the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development (NICHD-SECCYD) were used to examine the relationship between maternal perception of neighborhood safety in the 3(rd) grade and child body mass index (BMI) z-score in the 5(th) grade. Multiple regression models tested...
this relationship, the effect of gender, and potential mediating variables (time outdoors in neighborhood, television viewing, child behavior problems and puberty status). RESULTS: Neighborhood safety ratings in the least safe tertile, compared with the safest tertile, were associated with an increased risk of obesity independent of gender, race and income-to-needs ratio (OR=1.59; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 1.03, 2.46), and higher child BMI z-scores among girls, but not boys, compared with the safest tertile (beta=0.33; 95% CI: 0.09, 0.57). Neither amount of time spent outdoors in the neighborhood, television viewing, child behavior problems (internalizing or externalizing), nor puberty status altered the relationship. CONCLUSIONS: Maternal perception of the neighborhood as unsafe in 3(rd) grade independently predicted a higher risk of obesity, and a higher BMI z-score among girls, but not boys, in the 5(th) grade. The relationship was not explained by several potential mediators. Further investigation is needed to explore these gender differences and potential mediators.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 792
T1 - Stationary cycling and children with cerebral palsy: case reports for two participants
A1 - Siebert,K.L.
A1 - DeMuth,S.K.
A1 - Knutson,L.M.
A1 - Fowler,E.G.
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Physical & occupational therapy in pediatrics
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English
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KW - Child
KW - Exercise Therapy
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Locomotion
KW - Lower Extremity/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Male
KW - Muscle Spasticity/co [Complications]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 125
EP - 138
JF - Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics
JA - Phys Occup Ther Pediatr
VL - 30
IS - 2
CY - England
N2 - These case reports describe a stationary cycling intervention and outcomes for two child participants (P1 and P2) with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy. Each child completed a 12-week, 30-session cycling intervention consisting of strengthening and cardiorespiratory fitness phases. P1 exhibited higher training intensities, particularly during the cardiorespiratory phase. Average training heart rates were 59% and 35% of maximum heart rate for P1 and P2, respectively. Lower extremity peak knee flexor and extensor moments, gross motor function (Gross Motor Function Measure (GMFM-66)), preferred walking speed (thirty-second walk test), and walking endurance (600-yard walk-run test) were measured pre- and postintervention. Changes in outcome measurements corresponded with differences in exercise intensity. Greater gains in peak knee extensor
moments, GMFM-66 scores (+4.2 versus +0.9), 600-yard walk-run test (-29% versus 0%) occurred for P1 versus P2, respectively. Preferred walking speeds did not increase substantially for P1 and decreased for P2.

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T1 - Catheter-related polymicrobial bloodstream infections among pediatric bone marrow transplant outpatients--Atlanta, Georgia, 2007
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KW - Bone Marrow Transplantation/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Catheter-Related Infections/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Catheter-Related Infections/mi [Microbiology]
KW - Catheter-Related Infections/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Catheterization
KW - Central Venous/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Catheters
KW - Indwelling/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Indwelling/mi [Microbiology]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cohort Studies
KW - Cross Infection/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Cross Infection/mi [Microbiology]
KW - Cross Infection/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Female
KW - Georgia
KW - Gram-Negative Bacterial Infections/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Gram-Negative Bacterial Infections/mi [Microbiology]
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OBJECTIVE: To identify risk factors for polymicrobial bloodstream infections (BSIs) in pediatric bone marrow transplant (BMT) outpatients attending a newly constructed clinic affiliated with a children's hospital.

METHODS: All 30 outpatients treated at a new BMT clinic during September 10-21, 2007, were enrolled in a cohort study. The investigation included interviews, medical records review, observations, and bacterial culture and molecular typing of patient and environmental isolates. Data were analyzed using exact conditional logistic regression. RESULTS: Thirteen patients experienced BSIs caused by 16 different, predominantly gram-negative organisms. Presence of a tunneled catheter (odds ratio [OR], 19.9 [95% confidence interval {CI}, 2.4-infinity), catheter access (OR, 13.7 [95% CI, 1.8-infinity]), and flushing of a catheter with predrawn saline (OR, 12.9 [95% CI, 1.0-766.0]) were independently associated with BSI. The odds of experiencing a BSI increased by a factor of 16.8 with each additional injection of predrawn saline (95% CI, 1.8-827.0). Although no environmental source of pathogens was identified, interviews revealed breaches in recommended infection prevention practice and medication handling. Saline flush solutions were predrawn, and multiple doses were obtained from single-dose preservative-free vials to avoid delays in patient care. CONCLUSION: We speculate that infection prevention challenges in the new clinic, combined with successive needle punctures of vials, facilitated extrinsic contamination and transmission of healthcare-associated pathogens. We recommend that preservative-free single-use vials not be punctured more than once. Use of single-use prefilled saline syringes might prevent multiuse of single-use saline vials. Storage of saline outside a medication supply system might be advisable. Before opening new clinic facilities, hospitals should consider conducting a mock patient flow exercise to identify infection control challenges

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T1 - Outdoor air pollution and children's health
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Children spend almost 90% of their time indoors, though outside air can be a significant source of potential and actual exposure to outdoor air pollutants. Children are vulnerable to pollutants and toxins because of their size and developing organ systems. Young children have increased respiratory rates and inhale more toxins, and young children often ignore respiratory symptoms and continue play. Outdoor play and recreational activities expose children to outdoor air pollution from sources such as automobiles, power plants, industry, and other combustion sources, which can impact children. Outdoor air pollution has been linked to respiratory illness exacerbations, infant mortality, the development of asthma, and atopy and reduction in lung development in children. This article will examine outdoor air pollution and its impact on children's health, as well as implications for pediatric nursing clinical practice.
OBJECTIVE: Residential weight-loss camps offer an opportunity for overweight and obese children to lose weight in a medically safe, supervised, supportive environment. The purpose of this report is to describe short-term outcomes in 76 children participating in a 4- or 8-week residential weight-loss camp for children and adolescents. PATIENTS AND METHODS: The camp program enrolled obese 10- to 18-year-old adolescents. The program consisted of structured and nonstructured physical activities and group educational sessions covering nutrition, physical fitness, and self-esteem. A diet plan of 3 balanced meals and 2 snacks per day was prepared under the supervision of a registered dietitian. Participants had height, weight, and blood pressure measured and performed a 1-mile run at maximum effort on an outdoor track. RESULTS: For all campers, statistically significant (P < .0001) reductions were observed for BMI, BMI z score, systolic blood pressure, body weight, and 1-mile run times. Compared with campers in the 4-week session, campers in the 8-week session had greater reductions in BMI, BMI z score, body weight, and systolic blood pressure. Multivariate analysis revealed that gender was a significant predictor for reduction in body weight, BMI, and BMI z score, all of which decreased more in boys than in girls. CONCLUSIONS: This report adds to the evidence that residential weight-loss camps are highly effective in improving measures of health and fitness among overweight and obese children and adolescents. Additional study is needed on the long-term effects of such camps in terms of weight maintenance, behavior change, and metabolic and health outcomes.
N2 - Dramatic demographic changes longevity and medical progress helped create a new population made up of the survivors of previously fatal diseases. These trends pose new major social and economic challenges that should be accounted for in health policy making. This paper discusses the similarities between the specialties of pediatrics and geriatrics, especially in the realm of patient care. Children and the elderly share a limited autonomy and dependence on the human environment (i.e., willing and able caregiving persons) due to age or disease. The long-term care of dependent patients (DP) requires caregiving persons who share with dependent persons the risk of losing autonomy, facing burnout, family disruption, and interference with work and educational activities. Families with DPs may face potential losses of income because both patients and caregivers are partially or completely unable to work, the former for medical reasons and the latter due to the new demands on their time and energy. Additionally, new expenses have to be met because while direct medical expenses might be covered by insurance or the State, other expenses have to be financed by the family, such as co-payments for medicines, new water or electricity home installations, and transport and eventual hotel costs if they have to stay overnight near a hospital outside of their town. The main objectives of long-term care should be to maximize patients' independence and prevent their physical and psychological deterioration while minimizing the social, economic and personal costs to caregivers. To achieve these goals, one needs a holistic approach, a multidisciplinary professional team (doctors, nurses, social workers, nutritionists and psychologists) and auxiliary staff (secretaries, electricians, administrators, messengers, cleaning staff, doormen, nursing aids and coordinators of medical appointments and medical procedures). Optimal management of DPs on chronic treatments such as chronic dialysis requires adequate communication skills, respectful attitudes toward patients and caregivers and effective use of communication and information technologies. Auxiliary personnel require specific training to contribute effectively to the DP attention processes. This paper postulates that pediatric and geriatric teams and their patients would benefit from closer training and sharing of experiences and systems.
Matrix metalloproteinase 9 (MMP-9) has been correlated with poor clinical outcome in various malignancies and is associated with enhanced tumor growth and dissemination through its role in angiogenesis. This study was carried out to review the immunohistological staining of MMP-9 in skin lesions of different stages of mycosis fungoides (MF). The study was carried on 22 patients with MF and 10 healthy controls. Immunohistochecmical staining using MMP-9 monoclonal anti-human antibodies was performed to determine the intensity of expression and distribution pattern of MMP-9 in MF lesions and in normal control skin. The general intensity of expression of MMP-9 was found to be significantly higher in cases with MF than in controls, and it increased in direct proportion to the increase in disease severity, being greatest in the tumor stages. A significantly greater number of blood vessels were found in cases with MF when compared with controls, and the MMP-9 expression by endothelial cells was significantly higher in endothelial cells within tumor cell aggregates than in endothelial cells outside the tumor cell aggregates. This study raises the possibility that MMP-9 may play an important role in the development of MF lesions, and its significantly higher expression in tumor stages may point to a possible role in disease progression. Further studies are needed to validate these findings and to assess the possible therapeutic role of drugs targeting MMP-9 in the treatment of MF.
Purpose: Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness. The World Health Organization has set a goal of reducing the trachoma disease burden to a level where it is no longer a public health concern by the
year 2020. Some investigators feel that local elimination of ocular chlamydia infection is possible, but little has been done to study the likelihood of reintroduction of infection from neighboring areas. Mass administration of azithromycin has been shown to dramatically reduce the prevalence of infection in many villages in central Ethiopia. However, after treatment is discontinued, infection returns. Reintroduction of infection could occur from the few remaining infected cases in a treated community or from outside the community. People traveling between villages might be responsible thus complicating the elimination of trachoma. Methods: We conducted a survey to assess the travel pattern of the Gurage zone residents in Ethiopia. Seven hundred and seventeen households with at least one child aged 1-5 years in 48 villages were surveyed to collect the details of travel in 1 month prior to the survey. RESULTS: Seventy-eight percent of the surveyed households had at least one traveler, with the majority being women. Pre-school children, the main reservoir of clinically active infection, rarely traveled. Most travel was to the market or to school, and most for less than 1 day. CONCLUSIONS: Travel routinely takes place in these villages. Trachoma control programs in this area might consider treating areas with the same markets and schools in the same period to increase the efficacy of mass treatment.
all sorts of criminal activity. Despite its wide usage, chloroform was not thought to be part of the brutal murder of 3-year-old Saville Kent on the night of June 30, 1860, outside his manor house in southwest England. The events surrounding and after the murder have recently been documented by Kate Summerscale in a book entitled, "The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher," the Detective Inspector assigned to the case by Scotland Yard. According to Ms Summerscale’s records, Mr Whicher ignored the possibility that chloroform was involved in Saville’s death. However, evidence supports the view that chloroform played a critical role in the crime and indicates that the guilty plea by Samuel Kent’s daughter, Constance, for which she spent 20 years to the day in prison, was as inaccurate as it was incomplete.

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The 11th meeting of the International Scientific Working Group on Tick-borne Encephalitis (ISW-TBE) was conducted under the title of, "From childhood to golden age: increased mobility - increased risk of contracting TBE?" Participants from 26 countries, including the United States of America and China, presented reports on the latest developments and trends in local TBE cases, vaccination coverage and risk factors. In particular, the situation of children and the elderly (the "golden agers") was discussed. As the current evidence suggests, the location and extension of endemic areas for TBE have changed over the last few years, along with global warming and the shift of infected ticks to higher altitudes. The increased mobility of the human population adds to the heightened exposure; outdoor activities and international travel are on the rise also, and especially, amongst the 50+ generation, who are already per se at higher risk of disease manifestation, complications and case fatality. Most Europeans travel within Europe, often without sufficient awareness of endemic areas. Only high immunization rates can ensure low disease rates in the long run. To achieve this goal, public education is the sole effective approach for raising the level of awareness. Overall, the risk of any given person to contract TBE should not be regarded as a fixed entity, but rather it must be estimated individually, on the basis of knowledge of the TBE virus endemic areas and risk factors.
BACKGROUND: Research has shown that participating in activities outside of school hours is associated with lower dropout rates, enhanced school performance, improved social skills, and reduced problem behaviors. However, most prior studies have been limited to small populations of older children (>12 years). This analysis focuses on children aged 6 to 11 to assess the potential association between participation in activities outside of school hours and behavior in middle childhood in a nationally representative survey. METHODS: Estimates were based on 25,797 children from the 2003-2004 National Survey of Children's Health. Outside of school activity was defined as participating in sports teams/lessons, clubs/organizations, or both at least once in the past year. Analysis of variance was used to evaluate the differences in behavior problems and social skills adjusting for sociodemographic factors, among children classified by participation in outside of school activities. RESULTS: Seventy-five percent of children participated in outside of school activities: 23% in sports, 16% in clubs, and 36% in both clubs and sports. Activity participation differed by gender, race/ethnicity, type of school, poverty status, family structure, household education, and school and community safety. Children participating in both sports and clubs had higher social skills index scores, but no significant difference in problem behavior scores compared with children who did not participate in any outside of school activity. CONCLUSION: Children participating in both sports and clubs had greater social competence during middle childhood compared with children who did not participate in any outside of school activities.

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BACKGROUND: While the importance of individual and school factors as correlates of overall youth physical activity has been demonstrated by previous research, less is known about the relationship of these factors with specific patterns of physical activity during adolescence. Thus, the purpose of this study was to examine the association of selected individual and school factors with patterns of physical activity based on a sum index of physical activity in a population-based sample of Spanish adolescents. METHODS: One thousand and eighty-four students aged 12 to 17 years completed a self-report survey once during school hours. In addition to participation in physical activity outside of school hours, the following variables were included in the analysis: gender, age, weight status, physical self-perceptions, evaluation of the school physical education experience, and type of school (public vs private). Multinomial logistic regression was used to model the associations among the variables and to calculate odd ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for each pattern of physical activity. RESULTS: The physical self-perceptions variable was the most consistent individual correlate of physical activity across participation patterns (ORs ranging from 4.29 to 1.88, CIs ranging from 2.16-8.54 to 1.10-3.21). Regarding the school variables included in this study, both were linked with participation in physical activity, but evaluation of the physical education experience showed the most consistent associations across activity patterns (ORs 2.49-2.17, CIs 1.49-4.15 to 1.25-3.74). CONCLUSION: Physical education programs may benefit adolescents with different physical activity participation preferences regardless of important individual characteristics and broader school factors.
BACKGROUND: Foot blisters are common and painful nuisances in competitive sports and in military service. The pathogenesis of the problem is related to excessive frictional forces experienced on or under the foot. The incidence of foot blisters in marathon runners can reach 39%. Similarly, up to 42% of cadets in Reserve Officers' Training Corps camps might be prone to foot blisters. Although the problem usually disappears within 5 days, a single blister might be a major problem in competitive sports or in a wilderness setting. Military training and combat effectiveness might also be compromised by foot blisters. This study sought to reveal the distribution of plantar shear forces in athletic individuals and its relevance to foot blisters.

METHODS: Three groups of 11 participants each were studied: blister, adult control, and pediatric control. A custom-built shear and pressure platform was used to collect plantar pressure and shear data while the participants walked over the device. Data were analyzed with repeated-measures analysis of variance.

RESULTS: The blister group had significantly increased pressure and shear stress magnitudes compared with the other groups, although no significant group-site interaction was found. The shear-time integral values were increased approximately 50% at specific sites of the athletic feet, suggesting that contact time may play a role in blister formation.

CONCLUSIONS: The biomechanical interaction on the plantar surface of a blister-prone person is different from that of individuals who are less prone to the problem.
The characteristics of the outdoor school environment associated with physical activity

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The school is an important setting for physical activity. The purpose of the present study was to examine the association between physical environmental characteristics and participation in daily physical activity during school breaks. Data from 130 schools and 16,471 students (Grades 4-10) in Norway were obtained in 2004 through self-administered questionnaires to principals and students. Multilevel logistic regression models revealed that boys at secondary level with a larger number of outdoor facilities at school had 2.69 times [95% confidence interval (CI) = 1.21-5.98] and girls 2.90 times (95% CI = 1.32-6.37) higher odds of being physically active compared with students in schools with fewer facilities. Boys at secondary level with areas for hopscotch/skipping rope had 2.53 times (95% CI = 1.55-4.13), with a soccer field 1.68 times (95% CI = 1.15-2.45), with playground equipment 1.66 times (95% CI = 1.16-2.37) and with a sledding hill 1.70 times (95% CI = 1.23-2.35) higher odds to be physically active compared with students in schools without these facilities. A sledding hill was also associated with girls' physical activity participation in secondary school (odds ratio = 1.58, 95% CI = 1.11-2.24). Outdoor facilities in secondary schools are associated with students' daily physical activity participation during school breaks. Therefore, improving the outdoor environment should be considered in physical activity promotion school programs in secondary schools.

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BACKGROUND: Children frequently engage in diverse activities that are broadly defined as play, but little research has documented children's activity levels during play and how they are influenced by social contexts. Assessing potentially modifiable conditions that influence play behavior is needed to design optimal physical activity interventions. METHODS: System for Observing Children's Activity and Relationships during Play (SOCARP) was developed to simultaneously assess children's physical activity, social group sizes, activity type, and social behavior during play. One hundred and fourteen children (48 boys, 66 girls; 42% overweight) from 8 elementary schools were observed during recess over 24 days, with 12 days videotaped for reliability purposes. Ninety-nine children wore a uni-axial accelerometer during their observation period. RESULTS: Estimated energy expenditure rates from SOCARP observations and mean accelerometer counts were significantly correlated (r = .67; P < .01), and interobserver reliabilities (ie, percentage agreement) for activity level (89%), group size (88%), activity type (90%) and interactions (88%) met acceptable criteria. Both physical activity and social interactions were influenced by group size, activity type, and child gender and body weight status. CONCLUSIONS: SOCARP is a valid and reliable observation system for assessing physical activity and play behavior in a recess context.
OBJECTIVE: To review the available literature assessing differences in physical activity levels of children living in different built environments classified according to land use within developed countries.

METHODS: A systematic review of published literature up to March 2009. Online searches of five databases yielded 18 studies which met inclusion criteria. Studies provided data on n=129446, 5-18 years old (n=117544 from the United States). RESULTS: From 13 assessments of differences in physical activity between rural and urban children one showed that rural children were significantly more active than urban children. In studies where the built environment was sub-divided further, suburban and small town children showed the highest levels of physical activity, followed by rural, then urban children. Differences in types of physical activity undertaken were evident, showing that rural children spent more time outdoors, involved in unstructured play compared with urban children. These findings were mainly restricted to children <13 years old.

CONCLUSIONS: The literature does not show major differences in the physical activity levels between children from rural or urban areas. Where studied, the suburban built environment appears most conducive to promoting physical activity. Further research should use at least a trilateral division of the built environment and should also account for socioeconomic status, racial factors and seasonal effects. Copyright 2010 Elsevier Inc.
This report updates the 1993 recommendations by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) regarding the prevention of Japanese encephalitis (JE) among travelers (CDC. Inactivated Japanese encephalitis virus vaccine: recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [ACIP]. MMWR 1993;42[No. RR-1]). This report summarizes the epidemiology of JE, describes the two JE vaccines that are licensed in the United States, and provides recommendations for their use among travelers and laboratory workers. JE virus (JEV), a mosquito-borne flavivirus, is the most common vaccine-preventable cause of encephalitis in Asia. JE occurs throughout most of Asia and parts of the western Pacific. Among an estimated 35,000-50,000 annual cases, 20%-30% of patients die, and 30%-50% of survivors have neurologic or psychiatric sequelae. No treatment exists. For most travelers to Asia, the risk for JE is very low but varies on the basis of destination, duration, season, and activities. JE vaccine is recommended for travelers who plan to spend a month or longer in endemic areas during the JEV transmission season and for laboratory workers with a potential for exposure to infectious JEV. JE vaccine should be considered for 1) short-term (<1 month) travelers...
to endemic areas during the JEV transmission season if they plan to travel outside of an urban area and will have an increased risk for JEV exposure; 2) travelers to an area with an ongoing JE outbreak; and 3) travelers to endemic areas who are uncertain of specific destinations, activities, or duration of travel. JE vaccine is not recommended for short-term travelers whose visit will be restricted to urban areas or times outside of a well-defined JEV transmission season. Two JE vaccines are licensed in the United States. An inactivated mouse brain--derived JE vaccine (JE-VAX [JE-MB]) has been licensed since 1992 to prevent JE in persons aged ≥1 year traveling to JE-endemic countries. Supplies of this vaccine are limited because production has ceased. In March 2009, an inactivated Vero cell culture-derived vaccine (IXIARO [JE-VC]) was licensed for use in persons aged ≥17 years. JE-MB is the only JE vaccine available for use in children aged 1-16 years, and remaining supplies will be reserved for use in this group.

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OBJECTIVE: The study aim was to demonstrate the efficacy and to investigate the tolerability of EPs 7630, a herbal drug preparation from Pelargonium sidoides roots, in the treatment of patients (1 - 18 years) with acute bronchitis outside the strict indication for antibiotics. MATERIALS AND METHODS: A total of 200 patients were randomized to receive either active drug containing EPs 7630 (1 - 6 years: 3 x 10 drops/d; > 6 - 12 years: 3 x 20 drops/d; > 12 - 18 years: 3 x 30 drops/d) or placebo for 7 consecutive days. Primary outcome measure: change in the total score of bronchitis-specific symptoms (BSS) from Day 0 to Day 7. Main secondary outcome measures: treatment outcome, patients' satisfaction with treatment, onset of effect, bed rest. RESULTS: From baseline to Day 7, the mean BSS score improved significantly more for EPs 7630 compared with placebo (3.4 +/- 1.8 vs. 1.2 +/- 1.8 points, p < 0.0001). On Day 7, treatment outcome was significantly better (p < 0.0001), satisfaction with treatment more pronounced (77.6% vs. 25.8%, p < 0.0001), onset of effect faster, and time of bed rest shorter as compared with placebo. Tolerability was similarly good in both groups. All adverse events were assessed as non-serious. CONCLUSION: EPs 7630 was shown to be efficacious and safe in the treatment of acute bronchitis in children and adolescents outside the strict indication for antibiotics with patients treated with EPs 7630 perceiving a more favorable course of the disease and a good tolerability as compared with placebo.

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KW - Enzyme Activation
KW - Female
KW - Gene Expression Regulation
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KW - Humans
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Activation-induced cytidine deaminase, necessary for immunoglobulin somatic hypermutation and class switch recombination, is usually expressed within the follicular dendritic network but is also expressed in a population of interfollicular large B cells outside the germinal center. OBJECTIVE: To report 7 cases of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma with a distinct paracortical distribution. Expression of activation-induced cytidine deaminase, previously described in interfollicular large B cells, was evaluated.

DESIGN: A panel of immunohistochemical markers, including double staining for activation-induced cytidine deaminase and CD20, was used to illustrate the cases. Molecular studies were performed by polymerase chain reaction in the paraffin-embedded tissue for t(14;18) chromosomal translocation and immunoglobulin heavy chain and T-cell receptor rearrangements. RESULTS: Patients included 3 males and 4 females ranging in age from 11 to 59 years (mean, 39 years). All specimens were lymph nodes (4 from the groin, 2 from the neck, and 1 from the axilla). Malignant lymphocytes were positive for CD20 and negative for CD5 and CD10. Staining for CD30, CD43, and BCL-2 was variable. The malignant cells showed at least focal staining with activation-induced cytidine deaminase. All cases were found to be monoclonal by immunoglobulin heavy-chain gene rearrangement or showed light-chain restriction. None of the tested cases showed t(14;18). CONCLUSIONS: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma with a paracortical distribution is unusual and may be a distinct morphologic variant. More study is necessary to determine the stage of B-cell development and the cell of origin of these tumors. However, activation-induced cytidine deaminase expression suggests they may arise from a putative interfollicular large B cell
Schools are integral settings in which children can participate in moderate and vigorous physical activity. This study reports on the relationship between playground characteristics and child activity levels using a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods. The aim of the study is to increase understanding of how children respond to their school playground environments. Twenty-three primary schools located in a predominantly low socio-economic area of Melbourne, Australia were involved. SOPLAY (System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity in Youth) was administered in all 23 schools to measure the levels of student physical activity and playground environmental factors such as equipment provision. In 12 of the 23 schools, a sample of 9-11-year-old students participated in focus group discussions exploring perceptions of their school playgrounds using a photo ordering technique. A larger proportion of students participated in VPA when loose equipment (60% vs. 52%; p<0.001) and teacher supervision (62% vs. 52%; p<0.001) were present in activity settings, compared to when they were unavailable. Fixed play equipment and bitumen with court/play-line markings were seen by children as settings inviting active play but only had the greatest impact on moderate activity (fixed play equipment: 35% vs. 20%, p<0.001; court markings/goals: 62% vs. 52%, p<0.001; play-line markings: 25% vs. 20%, p=0.04). The mixed method design provided a greater understanding of the potential influence of environmental characteristics on children’s lunch time activity levels and their perceptions of play areas. The findings indicate that relatively simple changes such as the provision of loose equipment, painting of court and play-line markings, and increased teacher presence on the playground, are likely to provide opportunities for increased physical activity. Copyright 2009 Sports Medicine Australia.
Prenatal environmental exposures are among the risk factors being explored for associations with autism. We applied a new procedure combining multiple scan cluster detection tests to identify geographically defined areas of increased autism incidence. This procedure can serve as a first hypothesis-generating step aimed at localized environmental exposures, but would not be useful for assessing widely distributed exposures, such as household products, nor for exposures from nonpoint sources, such as traffic. Geocoded mothers' residences on 2,453,717 California birth records, 1996-2000, were analyzed including 9,900 autism cases recorded in the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) database through February 2006 which were matched to their corresponding birth records. We analyzed each of the 21 DDS Regional Center (RC) catchment areas separately because of the wide variation in diagnostic practices. Ten clusters of increased autism risk were identified in eight RC regions, and one Potential Cluster in each of two other RC regions. After determination of clusters, multiple mixed Poisson regression models were fit to assess differences in known demographic autism risk factors between the births within and outside areas of elevated autism incidence, independent of case status. Adjusted for other covariates, the majority of areas of autism clustering were characterized by high parental education, e.g. relative risks >4 for college-graduate vs. non-high-school graduate parents. This
geographic association possibly occurs because RCs do not actively conduct case finding and parents with lower education are, for various reasons, less likely to successfully seek services

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To describe the use of medicines and to determine the frequency of off-label use in emergency room paediatric patients. PATIENTS AND METHODS: A prospective, observational and descriptive study was carried out in the setting of the paediatric emergency room of a Spanish general hospital. Medicines used by children <14 years prior to their emergency room visit were analysed based on information
collected from parents/guardians and relatives for each drug prescription. Off-label use was defined as the utilization of a drug at an indication, dosage, frequency or route of administration that differed from the specifications in the Summary of Product Characteristics or by children outside the authorized age group.

RESULTS: The patient cohort comprised 462 children, among whom 336 children had been prescribed 667 prescriptions. Of the medicines prescribed, 90% fell into only five Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System groups. The most frequent active principles were ibuprofen and paracetamol. Of a total of 152 different formulations recorded, no paediatric information was provided for 40 formulations, and one formulation was contraindicated in children. Based on the established criteria, 338 prescriptions were off-label: no paediatric information or contraindication in children were available (82 prescriptions); the drug was used for an indication different from the authorized one (111 prescriptions); drug use was inconsistent with age recommendations (16 prescriptions); drug use was inconsistent with dose/frequency (129 prescriptions). Of the 152 formulations, 107 were occasionally used in an off-label manner. CONCLUSIONS: Although the mean number of drugs used in children is small, off-label use is frequent. Research efforts should target paediatric studies that allow a rational drug use in children.
This article reports the results of a 100% household injury surveillance project conducted over a 1-year period in nine contiguous villages with a total population of 22,883 persons in north India. Fourteen trained field workers did the health and injury survey by visiting 16-20 households every day. In this article, we document the epidemiology of injuries among children in rural households. A person was considered injured if the injury prevented the victim from continuing a normal daily routine as understood by the family and the victim. A total of 2029 injury cases were recorded. Children in the age group 0-14 years accounted for 611 (30%) of all injury cases of which 42% were injured at home (28% for >14 years), 35% on roads (30% for >14 years), 8% on farms (31% for >14 years) and 6% on playgrounds. The maximum number of injuries was due to falls (35%). Eighty per cent of the injuries were minor (Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) 1), 18% were moderate or serious (AIS 2-3); none were severe (AIS 4) and one child had a critical injury (AIS 5). The injury rates per 100,000 children in different age groups were 5354, 6962 and 8060 for 0-4, 5-9 and 10-14 years per year.
BACKGROUND: More than 200,000 children are injured at playgrounds in the United States each year. Our goal was to introduce a composite measure of playground safety and use this instrument to correlate the incidence of supracondylar humerus fractures with playground safety in an ecologic study design. METHODS: We used a novel "overall-safety rating," defined as a composite of 3 previously validated instruments (National Program for Playground Safety School score, surface depth compliance, and the use zone compliance) to measure the overall safety of all playgrounds within a region. The regions were rated from most to least safe based on average playground safety as measured by this new method. The incidence of supracondylar fractures was calculated using Hasbro Children’s Hospital Emergency Department data and state of Rhode Island Census data from 1998 to 2006. The incidence was then correlated with playground safety as defined by our composite measure. RESULTS: Compared with the neighborhood deemed the safest, the least safe district had 4.7 times greater odds of supracondylar humerus fracture. Overall composite safety score of the district was linearly correlated with the injury rate observed in the population at risk (R=0.98; P=0.04). CONCLUSIONS: Using our novel composite playground safety score, we found that the incidence of supracondylar humerus fractures was increased in districts with playgrounds with lower scores, suggesting that improvements in playground infrastructure may potentially reduce the incidence of supracondylar humerus fractures, and other injuries, in children. LEVEL OF EVIDENCE: Level IV
Although significant headway has been made over the past 50 years in understanding and reducing the sources and health risks of lead, the incidence of lead poisoning remains shockingly high in urban regions of the United States. At particular risk are poor people who inhabit the polluted centers of our older cities without the benefits of adequate nutrition, education, and access to health care. To provide a future with fewer environmental and health burdens related to lead, we need to consider the multiple pathways of lead exposure in children, including their continued contact with dust derived from inner-city soils. Recent research into the causes of seasonal variations in blood-lead levels among children has confirmed the importance of soil in lead exposure. "Capping" lead-contaminated soil with lead-free soil or soil amendment appears to be a simple and cost-effective way to reduce the lead load for urban youth.

Young children's regular participation in physical activity is important not only to prevent excess weight gain and avoid chronic health problems but also to promote optimal physical, social, and psychological development. Given the large number of children enrolled in some form of out-of-home child care, this setting holds great potential to make important contributions to the welfare and health of young children, including the promotion of physical activity. The five articles included in this series were originally presented as a symposium.
at the 2008 American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. Papers review the current evidence on levels of physical activity at child care, techniques for measuring physical activity in this setting, use of outdoor space for physical activity, the influence of child care environment and policies on children's activity, and child care-based physical activity intervention strategies

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T1 - Behavior mapping: a method for linking preschool physical activity and outdoor design
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child Behavior
KW - Child Day Care Centers
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Data Collection/st [Standards]
KW - Environment Design
KW - Exercise
KW - Humans
KW - North Carolina
KW - Play and Playthings
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N2 - UNLABELLED: The preschool that children attend has been shown to be a significant but variable predictor of physical activity of 3- to 5-yr-olds, whereas the time outdoors has been found to be a strong correlate of physical activity. Researchers speculate that variations in preschool physical activity may be attributed to variations in preschool policies and practices, including the form and content of outdoor physical environments. However, assessment methods linking them to physical activity are limited. Improved understanding of links between environment and activity could be used to influence childcare policy, which is highly regulated, usually at state level, to create outdoor environments more conducive to children's informal play and physical activity. The purpose of this article was to introduce behavior mapping as a direct observation method on the basis of the theories of behavior setting and affordance and to demonstrate its sensitivity to gathering physical activity and associated environmental data at a sufficiently detailed level to affect built environment design policy. METHODS: Behavior mapping data, including outdoor environmental characteristics and children's physical activity levels, were obtained in two preschool centers at the Research Triangle region, NC. RESULTS: Physical activity levels at the two centers varied across different types of behavior settings, including pathways, play structures, and open areas. The same type of setting with different attributes, such as circular versus straight pathways, and open areas with different ground surfaces, such as
asphalt, compacted soil, woodchips, and sand, attracted different levels of physical activity. CONCLUSIONS: Behavior mapping provides a promising method for objectively measuring relationships between physical behavior settings and directly associated activity levels.
variability in physical activity and sedentary behavior. Intervention studies targeting these factors are thus warranted. [References: 14]

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T1 - Socioeconomic and personal behavioral factors affecting children's exposure to VOCs in urban areas in Korea
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N2 - Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are known to cause adverse health effects. We investigated the relationships between children's VOC exposure and socioeconomic and human activity factors with passive personal samplers, questionnaires, and time-activity diaries (TAD). Statistical analyses were conducted using SAS 9.1, and the results were organized using SigmaPlot 8.0 software. Chemicals such as benzene, toluene, 2-butanone, ethylbenzene, xylene, chloroform, n-hexane, heptane, and some kinds of decanes, which are known to adversely affect public health, were identified in measured samples. These were mainly emitted from outdoor sources (e.g., vehicular traffic) or indoor sources (e.g., household activities such as cooking and cleaning) or both. We concluded that region was the most important socioeconomic factor affecting children's VOC exposure. The study was funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF-EEC-0328864) and the Oregon State University (OSU-ECO-10096868).
exposure, and the significant compounds were n-hexane (p = 0.006), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (p = 0.001), benzene (p = 0.003), toluene (p = 0.002), ethylbenzene (p = 0.020), m-, p-xylene (p = 0.014), dodecane (p = 0.003), and hexadecane (p = 0.001). Parental education, year of home construction and type of housing were also slightly correlated with personal VOC exposure. Only the concentration of o-xylene (p = 0.027) was significantly affected by the parental education, and the concentrations of benzene (p = 0.030) and 2-butane (p = 0.049) by the type of housing. Also, tridecane (p = 0.049) and n-hexane (p = 0.033) were significantly associated with the year of home construction. When household activities such as cooking were performed indoors, children's VOC concentrations tended to be higher, especially for n-hexane, chloroform, heptane, toluene (p < 0.05), 1,1,1-trichloroethane, benzene, dodecane, and hexadecane (p < 0.01). However, smoking had a significant effect for only dodecane, and cleaning had no impact on any VOC concentrations. Considering both socioeconomic and personal behavioral factors simultaneously, socioeconomic factors such as region had a greater effect on children's VOC exposures than indoor activities. From this study, we can suggest that socioeconomic factors as well as environmental factors should be considered when formulating environmental policy to protect children's health.

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KW - Anterior Cruciate Ligament/in [Injuries]
KW - Athletic Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Athletic Injuries/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Knee Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Male
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Soccer/in [Injuries]
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - Pediatrics
VL - 125
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CY - United States
N2 - Injury rates in youth soccer, known as football outside the United States, are higher than in many other contact/collision sports and have greater relative numbers in younger, preadolescent players. With regard to musculoskeletal injuries, young females tend to suffer more knee injuries, and young males suffer more ankle
injuries. Concussions are fairly prevalent in soccer as a result of contact/collision rather than purposeful attempts at heading the ball. Appropriate rule enforcement and emphasis on safe play can reduce the risk of soccer-related injuries. This report serves as a basis for encouraging safe participation in soccer for children and adolescents.

TY - JOUR
ID - 821
T1 - Green laser pointers for visual astronomy: how much power is enough?
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Astronomy/is [Instrumentation]
KW - Child
KW - Color
KW - Dose-Response Relationship
KW - Radiation
KW - Humans
KW - Lasers
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Safety
KW - Young Adult
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 140
EP - 144
JF - Optometry & Vision Science
JA - Optom.Vis Sci
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IS - 2
CY - United States
N2 - PURPOSE: Green laser pointers with output powers in the tens to hundreds of milliwatt (mW) range, clearly exceeding the limiting 5 mW of American National Standards Institute class 3a (International Electrotechnical Commission class 3R), are now easily available in the global market. They are increasingly being used in public sky observations and other nighttime outreach activities by educators and science communicators in countries where their use is not well regulated, despite the fact that such high power levels may represent a potential threat to visual health. The purpose of this study was to determine the output power reasonably required to perform satisfactorily this kind of activities. METHODS: Twenty-three observers were asked to vary continuously the output power of a green laser source (wavelength 532 nm) until clearly seeing the laser beam propagating skyward through the atmosphere in a heavily light-polluted urban setting. Measurements were conducted with observers of a wide range of ages (9 to 56 years), refractions (spherical equivalents -8.50 to +1.50 diopters), and previous expertise in using lasers as pointing devices outdoors (from no experience to professional astronomers). Two measurement runs were made in different nights under different meteorological conditions. RESULTS: The output power chosen by observers in the first run (11
observers) averaged to 1.84 mW (+/-0.68 mW, 1 SD). The second run (17 observers) averaged to 2.91 mW (+/-1.54 mW). The global average was 2.38 mW (+/-1.30 mW). Only one observer scored 5.6 mW, just above the class 3a limit. The power chosen by the remaining 22 observers ranged from 1.37 to 3.53 mW.

CONCLUSIONS: Green laser pointers with output powers below 5 mW (laser classes American National Standards Institute 3a or International Electrotechnical Commission 3R) appear to be sufficient for use in educational nighttime outdoors activities, providing enough bright beams at reasonable safety levels.
physical activity should address not only the physical environment, but also social processes favorable to physical activity. Copyright 2009 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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T1 - Effect of early life exposure to air pollution on development of childhood asthma
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KW - Air Pollution/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Asthma/ci [Chemically Induced]
KW - British Columbia
KW - Carbon Monoxide/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Environmental Exposure/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Male
KW - Nitrogen Dioxide/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Nitrogen Oxides/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Particulate Matter/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Pregnancy
KW - Prenatal Exposure Delayed Effects/ci [Chemically Induced]
KW - Time Factors
KW - United States
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SP - 284
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N2 - BACKGROUND: There is increasing recognition of the importance of early environmental exposures in the development of childhood asthma. Outdoor air pollution is a recognized asthma trigger, but it is unclear whether exposure influences incident disease. We investigated the effect of exposure to ambient air pollution in utero and during the first year of life on risk of subsequent asthma diagnosis in a population-based nested case-
control study. METHODS: We assessed all children born in southwestern British Columbia in 1999 and 2000 (n = 37,401) for incidence of asthma diagnosis up to 34 years of age using outpatient and hospitalization records. Asthma cases were age- and sex-matched to five randomly chosen controls from the eligible cohort. We estimated each individual's exposure to ambient air pollution for the gestational period and first year of life using high-resolution pollution surfaces derived from regulatory monitoring data as well as land use regression models adjusted for temporal variation. We used logistic regression analyses to estimate effects of carbon monoxide, nitric oxide, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter <or= 10 microm and <or= 2.5 microm in aerodynamic diameter (PM10 and PM2.5), ozone, sulfur dioxide, black carbon, woodsmoke, and proximity to roads and point sources on asthma diagnosis. RESULTS: A total of 3,482 children (9%) were classified as asthma cases. We observed a statistically significantly increased risk of asthma diagnosis with increased early life exposure to CO, NO, NO2, PM10, SO2, and black carbon and proximity to point sources. Traffic-related pollutants were associated with the highest risks: adjusted odds ratio = 1.08 (95% confidence interval, 1.041.12) for a 10-microg/m3 increase of NO, 1.12 (1.071.17) for a 10-microg/m3 increase in NO2, and 1.10 (1.061.13) for a 100-microg/m3 increase in CO. These data support the hypothesis that early childhood exposure to air pollutants plays a role in development of asthma.

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T1 - Household responses to pandemic (H1N1) 2009-related school closures, Perth, Western Australia
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KW - Adolescent
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KW - Health Behavior
KW - Health Knowledge
KW - Attitudes
KW - Practice
KW - Humans
KW - Influenza A Virus
KW - H1N1 Subtype
KW - Influenza
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KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Parents
KW - Quarantine
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School closure is often purported to reduce influenza transmission, but little is known about its effect on families. We surveyed families affected by pandemic (H1N1) 2009-related school closures in Perth, Western Australia, Australia. Surveys were returned for 233 (58%) of 402 students. School closure was deemed appropriate by 110 parents (47%); however, 91 (45%) parents of 202 asymptomatic students reported taking >or=1 day off work to care for their child, and 71 (35%) had to make childcare arrangements because of the class closures. During the week, 172 (74%) students participated in activities outside the home on >or=1 occasion, resulting in an average of 3.7 out-of-home activities for each student. In our survey, activities outside the home were commonly reported by students affected by school closure, the effect on families was substantial, and parental opinion regarding school closures as a means to mitigate the outbreak of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 was divided.
BACKGROUND: Walking to school is associated with higher levels of physical activity, but the contribution of the journey itself to physical activity before school is unknown. PURPOSE: This study combined accelerometer and GPS data to investigate the level and location of physical activity in children walking to school. METHODS: Participants were 137 children (aged 11.3 ± 0.3 years) from London, England, measured in June-July 2006. Physical activity was measured by accelerometry, and location was determined with a GPS receiver. Travel mode was self-reported. Accelerometer and GPS data were time-matched to provide activity level and location for each 10-second epoch where both were available. Journeys were mapped in a GIS. RESULTS: Mean accelerometer counts per minute before school (8:00 am to 9:00 am) were 43% higher in those who walked to school than those traveling by car (878.8 ± 387.6 vs 608.7 ± 264.1 counts per minute [cpm], p<0.001). Eleven percent (4.5 minutes) of daily moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) occurred in this hour, with walkers recording 2.1 minutes more than car travelers (p = 0.004). Children followed direct routes between home and the school playground. Total activity during the walk to school was twice that in the playground (2131.3 ± 1170.7 vs 1089.7 ± 938.6 cpm, p<0.001), with the journey contributing three times as much MVPA as time in the playground. CONCLUSIONS: Our results provide evidence that the journey to school is purposeful and contributes to higher total physical activity and MVPA in children. Combining accelerometer and GPS data may aid our understanding of the environmental context of physical activity. Copyright 2010 American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Published by Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
OBJECTIVES: The objectives were to: (1) document correlations among facility provision (availability and adequacy) in elementary schools, child sociodemographic factors, and school characteristics nationwide; and (2) investigate whether facility provision is associated with physical education (PE) time, recess time, and obesity trajectory. METHODS: The analytic sample included 8935 fifth graders from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey Kindergarten Cohort. School teachers and administrators were surveyed about facility provision, PE, and recess time in April 2004. Multivariate linear and logistic regressions that accounted for the nesting of children within schools were used. RESULTS: Children from disadvantaged backgrounds were more likely to attend a school with worse gymnasium and playground provision. Gymnasium availability was associated with an additional 8.3 min overall and at least an additional 25 min of PE per week for schools in humid climate zones. These figures represent 10.8 and 32.5%, respectively, of the average time spent in PE. No significant findings were obtained for gymnasium and playground adequacy in relation to PE and recess time, and facility provision in relation to obesity trajectory. CONCLUSIONS: Poor facility provision is a potential barrier for school physical activity programs and facility provision is lower in schools that most need them: urban, high minority, and high enrollment schools.

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T1 - Relationships of putative endocrine disruptors to human sexual maturation and thyroid activity in youth.
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L1 - English
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KW - Adolescent Development/ph [Physiology]
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KW - Endocrine Disruptors/bl [Blood]
KW - Endocrine Disruptors/pd [Pharmacology]
KW - Female
KW - Hexachlorobenzene/bl [Blood]
KW - Humans
KW - Indians
KW - North American
KW - Iodide Peroxidase/im [Immunology]
KW - Male
KW - Menarche/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Menarche/ph [Physiology]
Endocrine disruption has become a significant human health concern, but is difficult to study outside of the laboratory for several reasons including the multiplicity of exposures, the difficulty in assessing each exposure, and the variety of possible outcomes among human populations. This review summarizes our studies of the relationships of measured persistent organic pollutants (PCBs, p,p’-DDE, HCB and mirex), and heavy metals (lead and mercury), to outcomes directly related to thyroid function and sexual maturation. These studies were conducted in a sample of Native American youth from the Akwesasne Mohawk community. The participants were first studied during puberty (10-16.9 years of age) and then at approximately 18 years of age. Results from these studies show that PCB levels are positively related to TSH and negatively to free T4. Further, these effects are conditioned by breastfeeding history. Anti-thyroid peroxidase antibody levels also are related to PCB levels suggesting elevated risk of autoimmune disease among the exposed. Earlier age at menarche is associated with higher PCB levels while risk of delay is associated with higher lead levels. Some evidence that the timing of exposure produces different effects is presented, and the level of exposure in the participants suggests that effects observed may be relevant to a considerable proportion of the US population. Further investigations are warranted to determine effect thresholds and mechanisms. 2009 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. [References: 88]
The most consistent feature of Wiskott Aldrich syndrome (WAS) is profound thrombocytopenia with small platelets. The responsible gene encodes WASP protein (WASP), which functions in leucocytes as an actin filament nucleating agent - yet - actin filament nucleation proceeds normally in patient platelets regarding shape change, filopodia and lamellipodia generation. Because WASP localizes in the platelet membrane skeleton and is mobilized by alphaIIbbeta3 integrin outside-in signalling, we questioned whether its function might be linked to integrin. Agonist-induced alphaIIbbeta3 activation (PAC-1 binding) was normal for patient platelets, indicating normal integrin inside-out signalling. Inside-out signalling (fibrinogen, JON/A binding) was also normal for wasp-deficient murine platelets. However, adherence/spreading on immobilized fibrinogen was decreased for patient platelets and wasp-deficient murine platelets, indicating decreased integrin outside-in responses. Another integrin outside-in dependent response, fibrin clot retraction, involving contraction of the post-aggregation actin cytoskeleton, was also decreased for patient platelets and wasp-deficient murine platelets. Rebleeding from tail cuts was more frequent for wasp-deficient mice, suggesting decreased stabilisation of the primary platelet plug. In contrast, phosphatidylserine exposure, a pro-coagulant response, was enhanced for WASP-deficient patient and murine platelets. The collective results reveal a novel function for WASP in regulating pro-aggregatory and pro-coagulant responses downstream of integrin outside-in signalling.
T1 - Hyperlipidaemia in paediatric patients: the role of lipid-lowering therapy in clinical practice. [Review] [94 refs]

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KW - Pediatrics
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JF - Drug Safety
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N2 - Atherosclerosis begins in childhood with the formation of fatty streaks. Early plaques can be found in adolescence and early coronary disease can be found in young adults. It has been suggested that early treatment may lead to great benefits in later life. This article is a narrative review of the role of lipid-lowering drug therapy in paediatric practice. Increased rates of atherosclerosis are known to occur in children with familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH), especially in homozygotes. There is evidence for the efficacy and safety of lipid-lowering therapies in children, particularly with respect to the effects of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (statins) on lipids and, to a limited extent, on other surrogate measures of atherosclerosis in patients with FH. Diagnosis of FH and its early treatment are recommended in all guidelines. Lipid-lowering drug therapy is recommended for the treatment of homozygous FH at all ages and from as young as 10 years of age for the treatment of heterozygous FH when there is a family history of very premature coronary heart disease (occurring at age 40 years). Controversy exists about other possible indications. Increased rates of atherosclerosis are seen in autoimmune disorders, including type 1 diabetes mellitus, systemic lupus erythematosus and Kawasaki's disease, and in transplant recipients. All evidence in these areas is derived by extrapolation from studies in adults. These disorders can be divided into those for which percutaneous coronary intervention is performed early and/or for which drugs used to treat the primary disorder increase the rate of atherosclerosis, and those for which this is not the case. In both cardiac transplantation and Kawasaki's disease, increased atherosclerosis can occur as a result of (i) disease-related vasculopathy; or (ii) increased restenosis secondary to interventions. Statins have a good evidence base for reducing rates of re-occlusion following coronary artery procedures, and this justifies their use in these settings. In renal transplantation, statins may have a role to play in patients with persistent dyslipidaemia and additional cardiovascular risk factors. In other disorders, such as type 1 diabetes, the disease process is atherogenic and thus statins may be justified in patients with a long history of disease (>10 years), poor control, and evidence of vascular or endothelial damage or additional cardiovascular risk factors. There is a role for lipid-lowering therapies in children at high risk of atherosclerosis, but the evidence base outside of FH is weak. Lipid-lowering therapy should be prescribed to all children with homozygous or severe heterozygous FH. Based on adult evidence, statin therapy should be considered in patients who have undergone coronary artery procedures or received cardiac transplants, in whom their primary role is to prevent vascular re-occlusion. In diseases associated with a chronic increased atherogenic risk, such as type 1 diabetes, statins should be considered in high-risk cases where additional cardiovascular risk factors are present. At present, the most important need is for trials to be performed in children using accepted surrogate endpoints to define whether lipid-lowering drug therapy is beneficial in this group. [References: 94]
BACKGROUND: Dutch youth health care promotes four so-called energy-balance behaviours for the prevention of obesity: increasing physical activity, reducing sedentary behaviour and sugar-containing drinks, and eating breakfast. However, data on the prevalence of these behaviours and intentions to engage in them among primary schoolchildren is limited, especially for multi-ethnic, inner-city populations. The present study aimed to provide these data and explore differences according to socio-demographic characteristics and weight...
status. METHODS: Data on behaviours and accompanying intentions were collected using classroom questionnaires. Stature and body weight were measured by trained staff. Twenty primary schools in Rotterdam participated. Data on 1095 9-12 year olds (81.7% response rate) were available for analysis. Multiple logistic regression analyses were conducted to determine associations between behaviours (favourable or unfavourable), intentions (positive or not), gender, age, ethnicity, neighbourhood income level and weight status. RESULTS: The prevalence of being overweight was 30.4%, including 9.0% obesity. Engagement in energy-balance behaviours varied from 58.6% for outdoor play (>1 h previous day) to 85.9% for active transportation to school (day of survey). The highest positive intentions were reported for taking part in sports (83.9%), and lowest for reducing computer time (41.3%). Small differences in behaviours and intentions according to socio-demographic characteristics were found, most notably a lower engagement in physical activity by girls. Skipping breakfast and total number of energy-balance behaviours were associated with being overweight. CONCLUSIONS: The prevalence of being overweight among Dutch inner-city schoolchildren is high. A general rather than a differentiated approach is needed to improve engagement in energy-balance behaviours among inner-city schoolchildren.
OBJECTIVE: Psychosocial and health behaviour treatments and therapies can be extended beyond traditional research or clinical settings by using mobile technology to deliver interventions to individuals as they go about their daily lives. These ecological momentary interventions (EMIs) are treatments that are provided to people during their everyday lives (i.e., in real time) and in natural settings (i.e., real world). The goal of the present review is to synthesize and critique mobile technology-based EMI aimed at improving health behaviours and psychological and physical symptoms. METHODS: Twenty-seven interventions using palmtop computers or mobile phones to deliver ambulatory treatment for smoking cessation, weight loss, anxiety, diabetes management, eating disorders, alcohol use, and healthy eating and physical activity were identified. RESULTS: There is evidence that EMI can be successfully delivered, are accepted by patients, and are efficacious for treating a variety of health behaviours and physical and psychological symptoms. Limitations of the existing literature were identified and recommendations and considerations for research design, sample characteristics, measurement, statistical analyses, and clinical implementation are discussed. CONCLUSIONS: Mobile technology-based EMI can be effectively implemented as interventions for a variety of health behaviours and psychological and physical symptoms. Future research should integrate the assessment and intervention capabilities of mobile technology to create dynamically and individually tailored EMI that are ecologically sensitive. [References: 74]
N2 - AIM: To determine the frequency and clinical impact of incidental findings detected with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)-enterography in patients with suspected or known Crohn's disease (CD). METHODS: Incidental findings were defined as unexpected lesions outside the small intestine, not previously known or suspected at the time of referral, and not related to inflammatory bowel disease. Through a systematic review of medical charts we analyzed the clinical impact of incidental findings, and compared the MRI findings with subsequent diagnostic procedures. RESULTS: A total of 283 patients were included in the analysis, and MRI detected active CD in 31%, fistula in 1.4% and abscess in 0.7%. Extra-intestinal findings not related to CD were recorded in 72 patients (25%), of which 58 patients (20%) had 74 previously unknown lesions. Important or incompletely characterized findings were detected in 17 patients (6.0%). Incidental findings led to 12 further interventions in 9 patients (3.2%) revealing previously unknown pathological conditions in 5 (1.8%). One patient (0.4%) underwent surgery and one patient was diagnosed with a malignant disease. MRI detected incidental colonic lesions in 16 patients of which additional work-up in 4 revealed normal anatomy. Two patients (0.7%) benefitted from the additional examinations, whereas incidental findings led to unnecessary examinations in 9 (3.2%). CONCLUSION: In a minority of patients with suspected or known CD, important incidental findings are diagnosed at MRI-enterography. However, a substantial number of patients experience unnecessary morbidity because of additional examinations of benign or normal conditions.
BACKGROUND: Identifying leisure time activities performed before and after school that influence time in physical activity (PA) and/or time spent sedentary can provide useful information when designing interventions aimed to promote an active lifestyle in young people. The purpose of this study was to examine associations between mode of transportation to school, outdoor play after school, participation in exercise in clubs, and TV viewing with objectively assessed PA and sedentary behaviour in children.

METHODS: A total of 1327 nine- and 15-year-old children from three European countries (Norway, Estonia, Portugal) participated as part of the European Youth Heart Study. PA was measured during two weekdays and two weekend days using the MTI accelerometer, and average percent of time in moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA) and time spent sedentary were derived. Potential correlates were assessed by self-report. Independent associations between self-reported correlates with percent time in MVPA and percent time sedentary were analysed by general linear models, adjusted by age, gender, country, measurement period, monitored days and parental socio-economic status.

RESULTS: In 9-year-olds, playing outdoors after school was associated with higher percent time in MVPA (P < 0.01), while participation in sport clubs was associated with higher percent time in MVPA (P < 0.01) in 15-year-olds. No associations with percent time sedentary were observed in either age group.

CONCLUSION: Frequency of outdoor play after school is a significant correlate for daily time in MVPA in 9-year-olds, while this correlate is attenuated in favour of participation in sport and exercise in clubs in 15-year-olds. Targeting walking to school or reduced TV viewing time in order to increase time in daily MVPA in children is unlikely to be sufficient. Correlates related to time spent sedentary need further examination.
BACKGROUND: Recent evidence suggests that decreases in morbidity and mortality in cohorts of adults infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are showing signs of reversal. We describe changes over time in these characteristics and in the response to treatment among children in the United Kingdom and Ireland with perinatally acquired HIV infection, many of whom are now adolescents. METHODS: We analyzed prospective cohort data reported to the National Study of HIV in Pregnancy and Childhood (NSHPC) and the Collaborative HIV Paediatric Study. RESULTS: By mid 2006, 1441 HIV-infected children were reported to NSHPC; 40% were > or = 10 years old at their most recent follow-up visit, and 34% were receiving care outside London. The proportion of children born abroad increased from 24% during 1994-1996 to 64% during 2003-2006. The percentage of total child time during which children received highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) increased from 36% during 1997-1999 to 61% during 2000-2002 and 63% during 2003-2006. Of children who were naive to antiretroviral therapy at the start of HAART, the percentage with an HIV-1 RNA load of < 400 copies/mL after 12 months increased from 52% during 1997-1999 to 79% during 2003-2006. In multivariate analysis, only calendar time predicted virological response, whereas both younger age and lower
CD4 cell percentage at HAART initiation predicted increases of > 10% in the CD4 cell percentage. A total of 31% of children aged 5-14 years and 38% aged > or = 15 years at their most recent follow-up visit had been exposed to drugs from each of the 3 main HAART classes. The rate of AIDS and mortality combined decreased from 13.3 cases per 100 person-years before 1997 to 3.1 and 2.5 cases per 100 person-years, respectively, during 2000-2002 and 2003-2006; rates of hospital admission also declined during this interval. Of 18 children known to have died since 2003, 9 died within 1 month after presentation. CONCLUSIONS: Morbidity and mortality rates among HIV-infected children continue to decrease over time. Because these children are increasingly dispersed outside London, specialist care is now provided in national clinical networks. Transition pathways to adolescent and adult services and long-term observation to monitor the effects of prolonged exposure to both HIV and HAART are required.
Efavirenz liquid formulation in human immunodeficiency virus-infected children

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KW - Combination
KW - Female
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KW - HIV Infections/di [Diagnosis]
KW - HIV Infections/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - HIV Infections/mo [Mortality]
KW - HIV Protease Inhibitors/ad [Administration & Dosage]
KW - HIV-1/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Nelfinavir/ad [Administration & Dosage]
KW - Oxazines/ad [Administration & Dosage]
KW - RNA
KW - Viral/an [Analysis]
KW - Sensitivity and Specificity
KW - Severity of Illness Index
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BACKGROUND: This study determined the safety, pharmacokinetics, antiviral activity and immunologic effects of efavirenz liquid formulation, nelfinavir and nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs) in HIV-infected children, 3 to 9 years of age. METHODS: Plasma HIV-1 RNA and lymphocyte subsets were measured at various intervals after initiation of therapy. Pharmacokinetic studies were performed at Week 2, and doses of efavirenz and nelfinavir were adjusted if area under the curve values fell outside specified target ranges. RESULTS: This combination of antiretrovirals was well-tolerated. Pharmacokinetic values were similar to those observed in a previous study of older children who received efavirenz capsules in combination with nelfinavir and NRTIs. After 48 weeks of therapy 63% of subjects had plasma HIV RNA levels of <400 copies/ml, and 58% had <50 copies/ml in an intent-to-treat analysis. CD4 cell count and percentage rose significantly over this time, whereas the number of activated CD8 cells declined. CONCLUSIONS: Combination therapy with efavirenz liquid formulation, nelfinavir and NRTIs is an attractive treatment option for HIV-infected children >3 years of age who are unable to take efavirenz capsules.
OBJECTIVE: To determine the use of lead-based paint in public playgrounds in the municipalities of Johannesburg, Tshwane and Ekurhuleni. METHODS: Forty-nine public parks were selected from the municipalities of Johannesburg, Tshwane and Ekurhuleni. Lead levels in paint on playground equipment were measured in situ using a hand-held Thermo Scientific NITON XLP 700 Series X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyser. RESULTS: Playground lead levels ranged from 'too low to detect' to 10.4 mg/cm². The mean and median lead concentrations were 1.9 mg/cm² and 0.9 mg/cm² respectively. Forty-eight per cent of lead paint measurements exceeded the internationally accepted reference level of 1 mg/cm². CONCLUSION: The study shows that lead-based paint is widely used in public playgrounds in the three study municipalities, and most likely throughout South Africa. We suggest key actions to ensure that children's playgrounds in South Africa are lead-free zones, and that childhood lead exposure in these settings is prevented.

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N2 - The cognitive and behavioural effects of a school breakfast were explored in a study of 55 children in Grade II and Standard 1 at a farm school outside Johannesburg. A previous study had confirmed widespread undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies among the children. For comparative purposes, 55 children at an inner-city school, among whom no signs of undernutrition were found, were assessed in the same way. Three
different types of measures of attention, distractibility, short-term memory and activity level were used: psychometric testing of the children; teacher ratings of children’s classroom behaviour, and coded video-recorded classroom behaviour. A pre- and post-test design was employed to assess the effects of a school breakfast, continually in place in the experimental school for a period of 6 weeks. The results indicated significant change from pre- to post-test assessment among the experimental children in respect of the psychometric measures, teacher-rated hyperactivity and video-recorded classroom behaviour. With regard to the latter measure, the children showed a decline in both the occurrence and duration of off-task and out-of-seat behaviour, and an increase in active participation in class and positive peer interaction. While the children in the comparison group also showed some changes from pre- to post-test, probably attributable to the effects of observation, familiarity with the test materials and developmental change, the changes were not generalised or consistent. The findings support the conclusion that a school breakfast programme had a beneficial effect on the cognitive and behavioural performance of socially disadvantaged, undernourished children in their first 2 years of school.

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Simultaneous electroencephalogram and functional magnetic resonance imaging (EEG-fMRI) in patients with focal epilepsy and unilateral spikes often shows positive blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) responses (activations), not only ipsilateral but also contralateral to the spikes. We aimed to investigate whether minimal EEG changes could underlie these contralateral BOLD responses by using EEG spectral analysis.

METHODS: We studied 19 patients with focal epilepsy and unilateral spikes. According to the pattern of BOLD activation, patients were divided into Group 1 (ipsilateral and contralateral to the spikes) or Group 2 (only ipsilateral). EEG from outside the scanner was used to mark spikes similar to those recorded in the scanner. Epochs of 640 ms before and after the peak of the spikes were chosen as baseline and spike epochs. Spectral analysis was performed in referential montage (FCz reference), and differences between baselines and spikes were analyzed by paired t-test. RESULTS: Significant EEG changes in electrodes contralateral to the spikes were seen in 9 of 10 patients in Group 1 and in only 2 of 10 patients in Group 2 (one patient had two types of spikes that were analyzed separately). Spectral changes were seen in delta and/or theta bands in all patients except one (in Group 1) who had changes in all bands. DISCUSSION: Significant contralateral EEG changes occurred in 90% of contralateral BOLD activations and in only 20% of patients without contralateral BOLD responses. The reason why these changes predominate in lower frequencies rather than in higher frequencies is unclear. These spectral changes in areas corresponding to contralateral activations might reflect poorly synchronized but possibly intense neuronal activity.
OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this pilot study was to examine the effectiveness of two interventions on children's physical activity during the 20-min school break. METHODS: Children from three schools participated in this study. In the first intervention school (n=89) the school's courts were allocated to different children on alternate days of the week, playground markings were painted in the school's yard and jump ropes were provided. In the second intervention school (n=89) the school's courts were just allocated to different children on alternate days of the week. The third school served as the control group (n=69). Physical activity was measured with a pedometer during the 20-min break (09:05-09:25) and during the after school period (13:05 till bed time). Data were collected in Cyprus, between January/April of 2007. RESULTS: A significant time by group interaction indicated a change in break-time activity. Four weeks after the intervention, mean steps in the first (1427+/-499) and second (1331+/-651) intervention schools were significantly higher than steps in the control school (1053+/-447). Non-significant increases were observed in the after-school activity of children in the intervention schools. CONCLUSIONS: Implementing simple, low-cost interventions during break periods could help increase children's activity.

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BACKGROUND: Along with the existing problem of underweight, overweight in children is increasing in the developing world. However, there is little information on its magnitude and pattern in the Indian context. We aimed to study the pattern and correlates of overweight in Indian children and adolescents. METHODS: A total of 3750 children in the age group of 10-19 years, who were family members of randomly selected employees from 10 different industrial sites in India, were surveyed using an interviewer-administered questionnaire. RESULTS: The prevalence of underweight was highest in peri-urban areas (30.2% and 53.2% according to Indian and international criteria, respectively). In urban and highly urban areas, the prevalence of underweight was 14.1% and 9.8%, respectively, according to the Indian criteria, and 27.1% and 19.2%, respectively, according to international criteria. The proportion of overweight children was highest in the highly urban category (19.1% and 13.4% according to Indian and international criteria, respectively). The level of urbanization (OR 3.1 and 4.7 for overweight in urban and highly urban areas, respectively, compared with peri-urban areas, p < 0.001), physical activity (OR 0.4, p < 0.001, in children with physical activity score ≥ 75th percentile compared with a score < or = 75th percentile) and frequency of meals outside the home (OR 12, p < 0.001, if > 25% weekly meals taken outside the home compared with < 25% of weekly meals outside home) were significant predictors of overweight. CONCLUSION: There is a double burden of underweight and overweight among Indian children and adolescents.
BACKGROUND: Schools must play a central role in combating the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and youths. This cannot be achieved without more robust policy and funding programs at both federal and state levels. METHODS: Reviews of meta-analyses were used to assess the efficacy of improving PA/MVPA through interventions in school physical education programs. Individual research studies were reviewed to assess the efficacy of improving PA/MVPA in preschool settings, recess, and classroom activity breaks. Legislation at the federal and state levels was reviewed along with surveillance and accountability mechanisms at the state level. RESULTS: Physical education interventions produce improvements in PA/MVPA if protocols relating to use of time are followed. PA/MVPA in recess can be increased through careful planning for attractive activity opportunities on carefully designed playgrounds. Classroom activity breaks provide important PA/MVPA daily and improve student on-task behavior. CONCLUSIONS: Federal legislation is needed to provide guidelines and financial support for states to improve the quantity and quality of PA in school programs. States need to develop clear expectations for quantity and quality of PA programs in schools, surveillance systems to monitor district compliance in meeting those expectations, and an accountability system aimed at ensuring that state expectations are being met with assistance for districts that do not meet expectations.

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Feasibility and efficacy of a church-based intervention to promote physical activity in children

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BACKGROUND: This study evaluated the feasibility and preliminary efficacy of a church-based intervention to promote physical activity (PA) in children. METHODS: The study was conducted in 4 churches located in 2 large metropolitan areas and 2 regional towns in Kansas. Churches in the intervention condition implemented the "Shining Like Stars" physical activity curriculum module during their regularly scheduled Sunday school classes. Churches in the control condition delivered the same content without integrating physical activity into the lessons. In addition to the curriculum, the intervention churches completed a series of weekly family devotional activities designed to promote parental support for PA and increase PA outside of Sunday school. RESULTS: Children completing the Shining Like Stars curriculum exhibited significantly greater amounts of MVPA than those in the control condition (20 steps/min vs. 7 steps/min). No intervention effects were observed for PA levels outside of Sunday school or parental support for PA; however, relative to controls, children in the intervention churches did exhibit a significant reduction in screen time. CONCLUSION: The findings confirm that the integration of physical activity into Sunday school is feasible and a potentially effective strategy for promoting PA in young children.

Adaptation of the System for Observing Physical Activity and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) to assess age groupings of children


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BACKGROUND: To better measure physical activity (PA) in outdoor environments, McKenzie and colleagues developed the System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC). However, previous SOPARC research has focused on adults, seniors, teens and children. One avenue for extending this work is to expand the child age group code to capture important nuances that can influence children's PA and their environments. This study reports on the reliability of a measure designed to account for PA in parks among children in different childhood age groups.

METHODS: Three groups were developed: 0 to 5-years-old (Young Children); 6 to 12 (Middle Childhood) and 13 to 18 (Older Children) based on Erikson’s stages of child development. Data were obtained by direct observation in 3 neighborhood parks in Raleigh, NC and 20 neighborhood parks in Durham, NC. RESULTS: Kappa coefficients showed high agreement for all age group, gender, and PA codes. For the 3 assessments, the results show that the 3 age group category exhibit acceptable reliability for measuring PA in parks among children. CONCLUSIONS: The reliability of measuring PA among children by segmenting children by 3 age groups was established. This approach is recommended for future studies of PA among children in parks and other outdoor environments.
Basketball is a popular, worldwide sport played outdoors and indoors year-round. Patterns of injury are related to abrupt changes in the athlete's direction, jumping, contact between athletes, the hard playing surface and paucity of protective equipment. Intensity of play and training in the quest of scholarships and professional careers is believed to contribute to an increasing occurrence of injury. Radiologists' appreciation of the breadth of injury and its relation to imaging and clinical findings should enhance the care of these children. Some of the patterns of injury are well known to radiologists but vary due to age- and size-related changes; the growing skeleton is affected by differing susceptibilities from biomechanical stresses at different sizes. Beyond screening radiographs, the accuracy of MRI and CT has improved diagnosis and treatment plans in this realm.

Investigations to detect symptoms and signs in an attempt to prevent the tragedy of sudden cardiac death in basketball players may lead to MRI and CTA studies that compel radiologists to evaluate cardiac function along with myocardial and coronary artery anatomy. Worthy of mention also is the female athlete triad of disordered eating, amenorrhea, and osteoporosis that is observed in some young women participating in this and other sports.
OBJECTIVE: Restoration of full knee extension in patients with chronic extension deficits, especially in posttraumatic and postoperative cases. INDICATIONS: Chronic knee extension deficits of more than 10 degrees. CONTRAINDICATIONS: Local intraarticular problems caused by cyclops syndrome, graft hypertrophy or graft impingement after anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction (notch impingement). These patients should be treated with arthroscopic procedures. Spastic flexion contracture. Noncompliant patients. Acute or chronic infections. Poor soft-tissue conditions on site of surgery. SURGICAL TECHNIQUE: If necessary, arthroscopy before arthrolysis to assure that the extension deficit is not caused by a local problem (cyclops, osteophytes, graft hypertrophy or graft impingement after anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction). Anterior skin incision at the medial border of the patellar ligament. Resection of Hoffa’s fat pad, which is extremely fibrotic in almost all cases. Second skin incision at the posteromedial side of the knee joint. Incision of the medial retinaculum between the posterior border of the medial collateral ligament and the posterior oblique ligament. Posteromedial arthrotomy between the distal part of the tendon of the adductor magnus muscle and the posterior horn of the medial meniscus. Release of all adhesions in the posterior recess of the knee joint. Complete release of the posterior joint capsule from the femoral shaft. POSTOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT: Immobilization for 48 h after surgery in full extension (no knee motion allowed in the first 48 h). For 48 h after surgery only short walks to the bathroom are allowed. Special dynamic extension brace (Dynasplint(R), CDS(R) Forte, Albrecht company, Stephanskirchen, Germany) for 4-6 weeks after surgery 6-8 h per day. Painkillers following WHO (World Health Organization) protocol. Manual lymph drainage and electric muscle stimulation help to decrease pain and swelling. Physiotherapy twice daily starting at the 2nd postoperative day. No flexion exercises for the first 7 days after surgery. 15 kg partial weight bearing for 4-6 weeks. Daily physiotherapy is recommended after discharge. RESULTS: 121 patients underwent anterior and posterior arthrolysis between 1990 and 2000. 86 of these patients could be included in this study. The average follow-up was 4.6 years (1-10 years). The extension deficit before surgery averaged 20 degrees compared with the opposite side. At follow-up, the average extension had increased by 17 degrees, no patient had more than 5 degrees of flexion contracture. The Lysholm Score was 84 postoperatively. The Tegner Activity Scale increased from 1.9 to 4.0 after arthrolysis. In the AOSSM Subjective Outcome Score, 35 patients showed excellent and 60 good results. 14 patients were satisfied after surgery and nine were not. Three patients required revision surgery (two synovial fistulas, one hematoma).

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The objective of this study was to describe the everyday physical activity habits of students and analyze the practice of physical activity and its determinants, based on the first component of Pender's health promotion model. This cross-sectional study was performed from 2004 to 2005 with 79 students in a public school in Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil. Data collection was performed by interviews and physical examinations. The data were analyzed according to the referred theoretical model. Most students (n=60) were physically active. Proportionally, adolescents were the most active (80.4%). Those with a sedentary lifestyle had higher rates for overweight and obesity (21.1%). Many students practiced outdoor physical activities, which did not require any physical structure and good financial conditions. The results show that it is possible to associate the first component of Pender's health promotion model with the everyday lives of students in terms of the physical activity practice.
BACKGROUND: Parents are integral to the implementation of obesity prevention and management recommendations for children. Exploration of barriers to and facilitators of parental decisions to adopt obesity prevention recommendations will inform future efforts to reduce childhood obesity. METHODS: We conducted 4 focus groups (2 English, 2 Spanish) among a total of 19 parents of overweight (BMI ≥ 85th percentile) children aged 5-17 years. The main discussion focused on 7 common obesity prevention recommendations: reducing television (TV) watching, removing TV from child's bedroom, increasing physically active games, participating in community or school-based athletics, walking to school, walking more in general, and eating less fast food. Parents were asked to discuss what factors would make each recommendation more difficult (barriers) or easier (facilitators) to follow. Participants were also asked about the relative importance of economic (time and dollar costs/savings) barriers and facilitators if these were not brought into the discussion unprompted. RESULTS: Parents identified many barriers but few facilitators to adopting obesity prevention recommendations for their children. Members of all groups identified economic barriers (time and dollar costs) among a variety of pertinent barriers, although the discussion of dollar costs often required prompting. Parents cited other barriers including child preference, difficulty with changing habits, lack of information, lack of transportation, difficulty with monitoring child behavior, need for assistance from family members, parity with other family members, and neighborhood walking safety. Facilitators identified included access to physical activity programs, availability of alternatives to fast food and TV which are acceptable to the child, enlisting outside support, dietary information, involving the child, setting limits, making behavior changes gradually, and parental change in shopping behaviors and own eating behaviors. CONCLUSIONS: Parents identify numerous barriers to adopting obesity prevention recommendations, most notably child and family preferences and resistance to change, but also economic barriers. Intervention programs should consider the context of family priorities and how to overcome barriers and make use of relevant facilitators during program development.
BACKGROUND: Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of mortality worldwide. Risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease have been shown to track from childhood through to adulthood. Previous school-based physical activity interventions have demonstrated modest improvements to cardiovascular disease risk factors by implementing extra-curricular activities or improving current physical education curriculum. Few have attempted to increase physical activity in class-room taught curriculum subjects. This study will outline a school-based cross-curricular physical activity intervention to combat cardiovascular disease risk factors in 11-14 year old children. METHOD/DESIGN: A South Wales Valley school of low socio-economic status has been selected to take part. Participants from year eight (12-13 years) are to be assigned to an intervention group, with maturation-matched participants from years seven (11-12 years) and nine (13-14 years) assigned to a control group. A cross-curricular physical activity intervention will be implemented to increase activity by two hours a week for 18 weeks. Participants will briskly walk 3200 m twice weekly during curriculum lessons (60 minutes duration). With the exception of physical education, all curriculum subjects will participate, with each subject delivering four intervention lessons. The intervention will be performed outdoors and on school premises. An indoor course of equal distance will be used during adverse weather conditions. Cardiovascular disease risk factors will be measured pre- and post-intervention for intervention and control groups. These will take place during physical education lessons and will include measures of stature, mass, waist, hip, and neck circumferences, together with skinfold measure’s taken at four sites. Blood pressure will be measured, and fitness status assessed via the 20 m multi-stage fitness test. Questionnaires will be used to determine activity behaviour (physical activity questionnaire for adolescence), diet (seven day food diary) and maturation status. Fasting blood variables will include total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, high density lipoprotein cholesterol, triglycerides, insulin, glucose, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein, interleukin-6, adiponectin, and fibrinogen. Motivational variables and psychological well-being will be assessed by
questionnaire. DISCUSSION: Our study may prove to be a cost effective strategy to increase school time physical activity to combat cardiovascular disease risk factors in children. TRIAL REGISTRATION: [NCT00998478]
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N2 - This epidemiological study analyses all n = 1,659 outpatient and inpatient non-confraternity sports accidents treated during a 2-year period in a former district hospital. The largest share with 40.6% is soccer,
followed by cycling (15%), general fitness sports (7.6%), outdoor sports (6.5%), winter sports (5.5%), and riding (5.2%). Soccer injuries rise steadily until the age of 30. Of 86 horse riding accidents a total of 68 involved women, but only 18 men (ratio 8 : 2). 53% of the horse riding accidents among women concern the age group between 10 and 20 years. 70.6% (79%) of the athletes under (over) 20 years were male, 29.4% (21%) female (p < 0.05). Topographically the lower extremities represent the most affected body region in all sports (runners 84.4%, soccer players 60.2%). Most accidents occur on a Sunday. The most common diagnosis is contusion, most commonly in martial arts (60.8%), followed by horse riding (51%). There is an astonishing dominance of soccer accidents given the fact that this study records all athletes, not just club athletes, unlike insurance studies. Important preventive measures would be a comprehensive biological training prophylaxis and the provision of communication of age-specific accident prevention proposals for the mainly affected sports.

OBJECTIVE: There have been no studies to date exploring the nature of injuries and illness experienced by individuals in a National Park in the southeastern United States. The purpose of this study was to determine the incidence of such illnesses and injuries to visitors in Shenandoah National Park. METHODS: This study was a retrospective review of the case incident reports from Shenandoah National Park from 2003 to 2007. Data obtained included age, sex, time and date report was received, medical symptoms, trauma type, location of injury, mechanism of injury, level of care, time to patient, time to disposition, disposition type, location, and
activity at time of event. RESULTS: There were 159 total cases, corresponding to a reported incident rate of 2.7 persons reported injured or ill per 100,000 visitors to Shenandoah National Park. A total of 23.3% of all reported injuries occurred in persons less than 18 years of age. The most common reported adult injury was soft tissue injury, with the most common anatomical location being the distal lower extremity. The most common activity in which adults were involved at the time of the injury was hiking. Of the pediatric trauma cases, the most common mechanism of injury was a fall. Of the adult medical illnesses, the most common complaint was chest pain. CONCLUSIONS: The pattern of adult and pediatric trauma is consistent among several geographically different National Parks in the United States and represents an injury pattern that all wilderness/outdoor care providers need to be competent to treat. Among adult visitors, the most common medical complaint was chest pain, a complaint more prevalent at Shenandoah National Park compared to other parks. Knowing that trauma injury patterns are relatively similar to those of other parks but that medical illness is more locale specific can help health care providers tailor their resource allotment and health management protocols.
BACKGROUND: The risk of playground injuries, especially fractures, is prevalent in children, and can result in emergency room treatment and hospital admissions. Fall height and surface area are major determinants of playground fall injury risk. The primary objective was to determine if there was a difference in playground upper extremity fracture rates in school playgrounds with wood fibre surfacing versus granite sand surfacing. Secondary objectives were to determine if there were differences in overall playground injury rates or in head injury rates in school playgrounds with wood fibre surfacing compared to school playgrounds with granite sand surfacing. METHODS AND FINDINGS: The cluster randomized trial comprised 37 elementary schools in the Toronto District School Board in Toronto, Canada with a total of 15,074 students. Each school received qualified funding for installation of new playground equipment and surfacing. The risk of arm fracture from playground falls onto granitic sand versus onto engineered wood fibre surfaces was compared, with an outcome measure of estimated arm fracture rate per 100,000 student-months. Schools were randomly assigned by computer generated list to receive either a granitic sand or an engineered wood fibre playground surface (Fibar), and were not blinded. Schools were visited to ascertain details of the playground and surface actually installed and to observe the exposure to play and to periodically monitor the depth of the surfacing material. Injury data, including details of circumstance and diagnosis, were collected at each school by a prospective surveillance system with confirmation of injury details through a validated telephone interview with parents and also through collection (with consent) of medical reports regarding treated injuries. All schools were recruited together at the beginning of the trial, which is now closed after 2.5 years of injury data collection. Compliant schools included 12 schools randomized to Fibar that installed Fibar and seven schools randomized to sand that installed sand. Noncompliant schools were added to the analysis to complete a cohort type analysis by treatment received (two schools that were randomized to Fibar but installed sand and seven schools that were randomized to sand but installed Fibar). Among compliant schools, an arm fracture rate of 1.9 (95% confidence interval [CI] 0.04-6.9) per 100,000 student-months was observed for falls into sand, compared with an arm fracture rate of 9.4 (95% CI 3.7-21.4) for falls onto Fibar surfaces (p< or =0.04905). Among all schools, the arm fracture rate was 4.5 (95% CI 0.26-15.9) per 100,000 student-months for falls into sand compared with 12.9 (95% CI 5.1-30.1) for falls onto Fibar surfaces. No serious head injuries and no fatalities were observed in either group. CONCLUSIONS: Granitic sand playground surfaces reduce the risk of arm fractures from playground falls when compared with engineered wood fibre surfaces. Upgrading playground surfacing standards to reflect this information will prevent arm fractures. TRIAL REGISTRATION: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN02647424

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OBJECTIVES: This study was performed to investigate the mumps transmission control status and inapparent infection rate among middle and high school students in Daegu City during a mumps outbreak.

METHODS: Nine schools (two middle schools and seven high schools), which reported a number of mumps cases between 2007 and 2008 were selected for investigation. During March-May 2008, a standard questionnaire was distributed to gather information about case identification, instructed isolation measure, isolation status of mumps cases and related factors, and outdoor activities of non-isolated mumps case. Inapparent infection rate was estimated by serum mumps IgM and IgG antibodies status and self-reported mumps symptoms in three of the nine schools.

RESULTS: Among 2,560 respondents, more than half of students answered that they did not receive instructions in mumps transmission control measures during the outbreak. Among the 327 mumps cases identified by the questionnaire, 131 cases (40.1%) were considered as isolated and the isolation rates were significantly different among schools, grades, and gender. Of the non-isolated cases, 88.3% continued attending school. Inapparent mumps infection rates were between 56.3% and 70.2%. CONCLUSIONS: Mumps transmission control was inadequate to control the mumps outbreak. Although high inapparent infection rate would mitigate the transmission control effect of case isolation, this measure is fundamental for infection control. The reasons of this inadequate status need to be explored to develop an effective intervention strategy.
The aim of this work was to investigate ultrafine particles (<0.1 microm) in primary school classrooms, in relation to the classroom activities. The investigations were conducted in three classrooms during two measuring campaigns, which together encompassed a period of 60 days. Initial investigations showed that under the normal operating conditions of the school there were many occasions in all three classrooms where indoor particle concentrations increased significantly compared to outdoor levels. By far the highest increases in the classroom resulted from art activities (painting, gluing, and drawing), at times reaching over $1.4 \times 10^5$ particles cm$^{-3}$. The indoor particle concentrations exceeded outdoor concentrations by approximately 1 order of magnitude, with a count median diameter ranging from 20 to 50 nm. Significant increases also occurred during cleaning activities, when detergents were used. GC-MS analysis conducted on 4 samples randomly selected from about 30 different paints and glues, as well as the detergent used in the school, showed that d-limonene was one of the main organic compounds of the detergent, however, it was not detected in the samples of the paints and the glue. Controlled experiments showed that this monoterpane, emitted from the detergent, reacted with O(3) (at outdoor ambient concentrations ranging from 0.06 to 0.08 ppm) and formed secondary organic aerosols. Further investigations to identify other liquids that may be potential sources of the precursors of secondary organic aerosols were outside the scope of this project, however, it is expected that the problem identified by this study could be more widely spread, since most primary schools use liquid materials for art classes, and all schools use detergents for cleaning. Further studies are therefore recommended to better understand this phenomenon and also to minimize exposure of school children to ultrafine particles from these indoor sources.

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OBJECTIVE: Lead exposure has been associated with intellectual impairment in children in a number of international studies. Prevalence of elevated blood lead levels (eBLL > or = 10ug/dL) of between 5 - 15% has been reported among in Nairobi (UNEP, 2006). However, little is known about potential environmental exposure for eBLLs among children in Kibera, Nairobi. METHODS: A descriptive, cross-sectional study of children drawn from Kibera slums who presented at Yes to kids (Y2K) programme of VIPS Health Services at Woodley, Nairobi between June and August 2007 was carried out. The study assessed potential correlates of eBLLs in 387 children aged 6 to 59 months and had lived in Kibera slums since birth. Sampling was purposive. The factors examined were age, sex, breastfeeding history, respondent's education and occupation, type of house walls, sources of drinking water and kales, and awareness of lead poisoning among respondents. Potential risk factors such exposure to paint, contaminated playgrounds, glazed pottery, cosmetics and para-occupational as well as living near lead industry and pica behavior were also examined. Potential environmental sources of lead such as drinking water, soil and kales were analyzed for lead levels. RESULTS: Seven percent (n = 27, N = 387) had BLLs above 10ug/dl. BLL > or = 10ug/dl was associated with non-permanent housing (p = 0.812), playing on potentially lead contaminated grounds (p = 0.627) and pica behavior (p = 0.439). Low risk parental occupation (p = 0.001) and Kales sourced from the market/kiosks (p = 0.001) were significantly associated with BLL > or = 10ug/dl. Soil lead levels (Soil Pb) ranged from 3,000 to 90,000ug/kg, which was very high compared to WHO acceptable range of 100 - 200ug/kg. There was weak linear association (r2 = 0.0160) between Soil Pb and mean BLLs for a given village. There were no detectable levels of lead in kales and tap water. CONCLUSIONS: The study found about 7% (N = 387) of the children tested had eBLL > or = 10ug/dl in an area with very high soil lead levels (range in Kibera slums: 3,365 - 89,570ug/kg; WHO allowable range: 100 - 120ug/kg), raising a health flag that must be addressed using the multi-sectoral approach and further studies. It's important to note that the study design and its inherent limitations could have masked true picture of childhood lead poisoning in Kibera slums, Nairobi.
OBJECTIVE: To estimate the prevalence of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) inside or outside the home among school-going adolescents in Kampala, Uganda. METHODS: Data from the Kampala Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) of 2002 was used. We estimated frequencies and proportions of self reported exposure to ETS by the study participants. With logistic analysis, we assessed the association between ETS (outcome) in the home or outside the home and the following variables: sex; parental smoking status; and whether best friend was a smoker or not. RESULTS: Of the 2427 non-smoker teenagers who participated in this study, 52.8% were females, 17.9% were exposed to ETS at home while 48.7% were exposed to ETS outside of the home. The majority of the participants (65.8%) were in favour of banning smoking in public places such as in hotels, taxi,
in schools, on playgrounds, in discos, markets, and shops. Compared to female participants, males were more likely to be exposed to ETS outside of the home (OR=1.21; 95% CI (1.02, 1.44)). Having parents and close friends who smoked cigarettes was positively associated with exposure to ETS at home or outside of the home. Responders whose parents smoked cigarettes were more than four times likely to be exposed to ETS at home than those whose parents were non-smokers (OR=4.88; 95% CI [3.76, 6.33]). CONCLUSION: Cultural factors may expose boys to ETS than girls. We also found that having parents who were smokers exposed adolescents to ETS outside the home and having best friends who smoked exposed adolescents to ETS. This may suggest that adolescents who are exposed to ETS in one way may also be at risk of exposure through other means.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Declining levels of children's physical activity may contribute to Australia's increasing childhood obesity epidemic. School recess is an underutilized opportunity to increase children's physical activity. METHODS: Thirteen regional Australian public primary schools participated in the study (2946 children). The Children's Activity Scanning Tool 2 (CAST2) collected observational playground physical
activity data. The research also addressed: length of break, socioeconomic status (SES), gender, number of scanning days, and instrument calibration. RESULTS: The proportions of Moderate or Vigorous Physically Activity (MVPA) children at the observed schools ranged from 0.4 to 0.7. The odds ratio of boys being MVPA relative to girls ranged from 0.8581 to 2.137. There were significant differences between the mean proportions of 3 days of activity (range P = .001 to P = .015) and no association between SES school groupings (deviance ratio: 0.48; P = .503). Interrater reliability for instrument calibration using Spearman correlations coefficients ranged from r = .71 to r = .99. CONCLUSIONS: There were significant differences between proportions of MVPA children at the 13 schools and between male and female populations. There was no association between playground physical activity and SES. The monitoring period for CAST2 should be at least 3 days. Interrater reliability indicates that correlations between observers were consistently high.
to healthy eating and gross motor activity. RESULTS: The 1583 (87%) programs responding to the survey enrolled 828 707 preschool children. Of these programs, 70% reported serving only nonfat or 1% fat milk. Ninety-four percent of programs reported that each day they served children some fruit other than 100% fruit juice; 97% reported serving some vegetable other than fried potatoes; and 91% reported both of these daily practices. Sixty-six percent of programs said they celebrated special events with healthy foods or nonfood treats, and 54% did not allow vending machines for staff. Having an on-site outdoor play area at every center was reported by 89% of programs. Seventy-four percent of programs reported that children were given structured (adult-led or -guided) gross motor activity for at least 30 minutes each day; 73% reported that children were given unstructured gross motor activity for at least 30 minutes each day, and 56% reported both of these daily practices. CONCLUSION: Most Head Start programs report doing more to support healthy eating and gross motor activity than required by federal performance standards in these areas.
networks and their implications. This short-term longitudinal study of 119 children (7-8 years) examined the size and internal structure of boys' and girls' social networks, their overlap with friendship relations, and their stability over time. Data collection at the start and end of the year involved systematic playground observations of pupils' play networks during team and non-team activities and measures of friendship from peer nomination interviews. Social networks were identified by aggregating play network data at each time point. Findings showed that the size of boy's play networks on the playground, but not their social networks, varied according to activity type. Social network cores consisted mainly of friends. Girl's social networks were more likely to be composed of friends and boys' networks contained friends and non-friends. Girls had more friends outside of the social network than boys. Stability of social network membership and internal network relations were higher for boys than girls. These patterns have implications for the nature of social experiences within these network contexts.

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BACKGROUND: Through social and community participation, children and youth with cerebral palsy (CP) form friendships, gain knowledge, learn skills, express creativity, and determine meaning and purpose in life. OBJECTIVE: The purposes of this study were: (1) to determine whether social and community participation of children and youth with CP differ based on age, sex, and gross motor function, and (2) to identify the types of activities in which social and community participation are highest. DESIGN AND METHODS: A prospective cross-sectional analytic design was used. The participants were a sample of convenience of 291 children (6-12 years of age) and 209 youth (13-21 years of age) with CP (55.4% males, 44.6% females) receiving services from 7 children's hospitals. Participants completed the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE) by structured interview. Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) level was determined by the researchers. RESULTS: Youth did a higher percentage of activities with friends and others and outside the home than children. Children and youth in level I did a higher percentage of activities with friends and others compared with children and youth in levels II and III and in levels IV and V. Children and youth in level I and in levels IV and V did a higher percentage of activities outside the home than children and youth in levels II and III. Differences were not found between females and males. The percentage of activities done with friends and others and outside the home was highest for physical and skill-based activities. LIMITATIONS: Findings cannot be attributed only to GMFCS level. CONCLUSIONS: The ability to walk without restrictions is desirable for social and community participation. For children and youth with CP who have limitations in mobility, physical therapists have roles as consultants for accessibility, activity accommodations, and assistive technology and as advocates for inclusive environments.
OBJECTIVE: No study has ever reported the association between persistent respiratory symptoms and exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) in adolescent smokers. The impact of SHS exposure on child health could be largely underestimated by not taking into account such effects. We investigated the association between exposure to SHS and respiratory symptoms among adolescent current smokers.

METHODS: A total of 32506 students aged 11 to 20 years from 85 randomly selected secondary schools in Hong Kong completed a self-administered questionnaire that included persistent respiratory symptoms (for 3 consecutive months in the past 12 months), number of days of SHS exposure per week at home and outside home, smoking status, amount of active smoking, and other basic demographic characteristics and socioeconomic status.

RESULTS: Adolescent current smokers who were exposed to SHS at home 1 to 4 and 5 to 7 days/wk were 50% (95% confidence interval [CI]: 3%-121%) and 77% (95% CI: 5%-199%) more likely, respectively, to report respiratory symptoms compared with those who were unexposed (P = .01 for trend). The corresponding figures for exposure outside home were 41% (95% CI: 3%-94%) and 85% (95% CI: 31%-161%; P = .004 for trend). Such associations were also observed among never-smokers, but they were weaker than those among current smokers (P < .01 for interaction).

CONCLUSIONS: This is the first evidence that SHS exposure is associated with increased risks for persistent respiratory symptoms among adolescent current smokers. Health promotion programs should aim at SHS reduction as well as smoking cessation among adolescent smokers.
Tobacco use and secondhand tobacco-smoke (SHS) exposure are major national and international health concerns. Pediatricians and other clinicians who care for children are uniquely positioned to assist patients and families with tobacco-use prevention and treatment. Understanding the nature and extent of tobacco use and SHS exposure is an essential first step toward the goal of eliminating tobacco use and its consequences in the pediatric population. The next steps include counseling patients and family members to avoid SHS exposures or cease tobacco use; advocacy for policies that protect children from SHS exposure; and elimination of tobacco use in the media, public places, and homes. Three overarching principles of this policy can be identified: (1) there is no safe way to use tobacco; (2) there is no safe level or duration of exposure to SHS; and (3) the financial and political power of individuals, organizations, and government should be used to support tobacco control. Pediatricians are advised not to smoke or use tobacco; to make their homes, cars, and workplaces tobacco free; to consider tobacco control when making personal and professional decisions; to support and advocate for comprehensive tobacco control; and to advise parents and patients not to start using tobacco or to quit if they are already using tobacco. Prohibiting both tobacco advertising and the use of tobacco products in the media is recommended. Recommendations for eliminating SHS exposure and reducing tobacco use include attaining universal (1) smoke-free home, car, school, work, and play environments, both inside and outside, (2) treatment of tobacco use and dependence through employer, insurance, state, and federal supports, (3) implementation and enforcement of evidence-based tobacco-control measures in local, state, national, and international jurisdictions, and (4) financial and systems support for training in and research of effective ways to prevent and treat tobacco use and SHS exposure. Pediatricians, their staff and colleagues, and the American Academy of Pediatrics have key responsibilities in tobacco control to promote the health of children, adolescents, and young adults.
OBJECTIVES: Our objectives were to investigate the developmental trajectories of nighttime sleep duration and hyperactivity over the preschool years and to identify the risk factors associated with short nighttime sleep duration and high hyperactivity scores. DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS: Nighttime sleep duration and hyperactivity were measured yearly by questionnaires administered to mothers of 2057 children from age 1.5 to 5 years. Developmental trajectories of nighttime sleep duration and hyperactivity throughout early childhood were analyzed to determine interassociations. A multinomial logistic regression was performed to determine which factors among selected child, maternal, and family characteristics and parental practices surrounding sleep periods in early childhood were associated with short nighttime sleep duration and high hyperactivity scores. RESULTS: The trajectories of nighttime sleep duration and hyperactivity were significantly associated. The odds ratio (OR) of reporting short nighttime sleep duration was 5.1 for highly hyperactive children (confidence interval [CI]: 3.2-7.9), whereas the OR of reporting high hyperactivity scores was 4.2 for persistently short sleepers (CI: 2.7-6.6). The risk factors for reporting short nighttime sleep duration and high hyperactivity scores were (1) being a boy, (2) having insufficient household income, (3) having a mother with a low education, and (4) being comforted outside the bed after a nocturnal awakening at 1.5 years of age. CONCLUSIONS: The risk of short nighttime sleep duration in highly hyperactive children is greater than the risk of high hyperactivity scores in short sleepers. Preventive interventions that target boys living in adverse familial conditions could be used to address these concomitant behavioral problems.
BACKGROUND: The promotion of household water treatment and handwashing with soap has led to large reductions in child diarrhoea in randomized efficacy trials. Currently, we know little about the health effectiveness of behaviour-based water and hygiene interventions after the conclusion of intervention activities.

METHODS: We present an extension of previously published design (propensity score matching) and analysis (targeted maximum likelihood estimation) methods to evaluate the behavioural and health impacts of a pre-existing but non-randomized intervention (a 3-year, combined household water treatment and handwashing campaign in rural Guatemala). Six months after the intervention, we conducted a cross-sectional cohort study in 30 villages (15 intervention and 15 control) that included 600 households, and 929 children <5 years of age.

RESULTS: The study design created a sample of intervention and control villages that were comparable across more than 30 potentially confounding characteristics. The intervention led to modest gains in confirmed water treatment behaviour [risk difference = 0.05, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.02-0.09]. We found, however, no difference between the intervention and control villages in self-reported handwashing behaviour, spot-check hygiene conditions, or the prevalence of child diarrhoea, clinical acute lower respiratory infections or child growth. CONCLUSIONS: To our knowledge this is the first post-intervention follow-up study of a combined household water treatment and handwashing behaviour change intervention, and the first post-intervention follow-up of either intervention type to include child health measurement. The lack of child health impacts is consistent with unsustained behaviour adoption. Our findings highlight the difficulty of implementing behaviour-based household water treatment and handwashing outside of intensive efficacy trials.
Humans are surrounded by threats to the environment, many of their own making. The severity of environmental problems will not decrease unless action is taken to develop and encourage greater environmentally responsible behavior (ERB) in the general populace. Environmental education (EE) is one method for strengthening precursors to ERB such as knowledge and attitudes, but research on the connection is currently unclear. In this paper we present the results of a study investigating the role played by rewards in encouraging ERB precursors for adults and children involved in a zoo-based Nature Swap program. We used semistructured interviews to question 91 participants, including 38 children, 38 adult guardians, and 15 staff members regarding the importance of rewards in the program. We content analyzed the interviews to identify and describe major themes and then coded them. We found that adult guardians and Play Partners perceived intrinsic and extrinsic rewards as aiding in maintaining motivation and interest in the nonformal Nature Swap program. In addition, both children and adult companion participants in the program mentioned strengthened precursors to ERB. Overall we found that adult companions perceived that children who participated in the program spent more quality time outdoors and had a heightened awareness of their surroundings as a result of program-based rewards. Implications for other EE and conservation education programs are discussed.
BACKGROUND: Schools have been identified as an important place in which to support adolescent emotional health, although evidence as to which interventions are effective remains limited. Relatively little is known about student and staff views regarding current school-based emotional health provision and what they would like to see in the future, and this is what this study explored.

METHODS: A random sample of 296 English secondary schools were surveyed to quantify current level of emotional health provision. Qualitative student focus groups (27 groups, 154 students aged 12–14) and staff interviews (12 interviews, 15 individuals) were conducted in eight schools, purposively sampled from the survey respondents to ensure a range of emotional health activity, free school meal eligibility and location. Data were analysed thematically, following a constant comparison approach.

RESULTS: Emergent themes were grouped into three areas in which participants felt schools did or could intervene: emotional health in the curriculum, support for those in distress, and the physical and psychosocial environment. Little time was spent teaching about emotional health in the curriculum, and most staff and students wanted more. Opportunities to explore emotions in other curriculum subjects were valued. All schools provided some support for students experiencing emotional distress, but the type and quality varied a great deal. Students wanted an increase in school-based help sources that were confidential, available to all and sympathetic, and were concerned that accessing support should not lead to stigma. Finally, staff and students emphasised the need to consider the whole school environment in order to address sources of distress such as bullying and teacher-student relationships, but also to increase activities that enhanced emotional health.

CONCLUSION: Staff and students identified several ways in which schools can improve their support of adolescent emotional health, both within and outside the curriculum. However, such changes should be introduced as part of a wider consideration of how the whole school environment can be more supportive of students' emotional health. Clearer guidance at policy level, more rigorous evaluation of current interventions, and greater dissemination of good practice is necessary to ensure adolescents' emotional health needs are addressed effectively within schools.
Characteristics influencing participation of Australian children with cerebral palsy

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N2 - PURPOSE: To investigate the extent to which selected individual, family and environmental variables were associated with participation of children who have cerebral palsy in activities outside school. METHODS: Data were gathered through a population-based survey of 114 children born in 1994 or 1995 in Victoria, Australia. Participation was measured using the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment. Selected independent variables were classified as related to the child, family or environment. Linear regression analysis was used to identify variables associated with participation in informal (activities that require little planning) and formal (those with structure and leaders) activities. RESULTS: Participation in informal activities tended to be greater in children who preferred informal activities and who had higher manual ability (adjusted $R^2 = 36.3\%$). Girls and those with better gross motor function also tended to participate in more activities. The explanatory power of the regression model for participation in formal activities was limited (adjusted $R^2 = 4.2\%$). CONCLUSION: Knowing a child's activity preferences is critical to intervention planning. Being exposed to a range of activities within supportive environments may provide the opportunity to develop preferences, especially in activities where children with cerebral palsy have reduced participation, such as in physical activities.
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Do neighborhood and home contexts help explain why low-income children miss opportunities to participate in activities outside of school?


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N2 - In this study, children's participation (N = 1,420) in activities outside of elementary school was examined as a function of disparities in family income using data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, Child Development Supplement. Children's neighborhood and home environments were investigated as mechanisms linking income disparities and participation rates. Family income was positively associated with children's participation in activities, with the largest effect sizes evident for children at the lowest end of the income distribution. Affluence in the neighborhood and cognitive stimulation in the home were both important mediators of the association between income and participation, explaining from approximately one tenth to one half of the estimated associations between income and participation

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BACKGROUND: Physical inactivity in children is a major health problem in The Netherlands as well as in many other Western countries. In addition to health promotion among parents and children, creating “active” neighbourhoods can contribute to the solution of this health problem. However, changing environmental characteristics is often the responsibility of policy sectors outside the Public Health domain. Therefore this project identifies and evaluates the possibilities of multi-sector policy measures to stimulate physical activity in children. METHODS AND DESIGN: The project consists of quantitative as well as qualitative research methods and is conducted in four medium sized Dutch cities. To identify perceived environmental determinants of physical activity in children, a large scale health survey was conducted at 42 primary schools. Written questionnaires including topics on the children's physical activity behaviour (i.e. sports participation, outdoor play, active commuting, television watching and computer usage) and physical and social environmental characteristics were completed by 6,601 parents of children aged 3-13 years old and 3449 children aged 9-13 years old. In addition, 33 neighbourhood audits (systematic observations) were conducted to assess objective neighbourhood characteristics. Furthermore, a policy analysis was conducted in the four participating municipalities to provide an overview of the current local policy measures directed at stimulation of physical activity in children. Policy plans of six different policy sectors (Public Health, Sports, Education & Youth, Spatial Planning, Traffic & Transport, and Safety) were screened for their content on physical activity in children. In addition, semi-structured interviews were conducted with policy makers of each of these sectors to
identify critical success factors in the development and realization of multi-sector policy plans aimed at stimulating physical activity in children. The results of all these research activities will be discussed with local policy makers during interactive workshop sessions in order to identify clear cut multi-sector policy measures that stimulate physical activity in children. DISCUSSION: This paper describes the study design of a project that focuses on multi-sector policy measures that stimulate physical activity in children. Next to extensive research into the environmental determinants of physical activity in children, much emphasis is placed on the translation of the research outcomes into concrete and feasible policy plans.

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to examine physical activity levels and patterns of physical activity across daily school recess periods, and the contribution of recess to daily physical activity. METHOD: Ninety-eight children (61% boys) from three schools in Hungary had their physical activity quantified using uni-axial accelerometry every 5 s for three consecutive school days (Wednesday to Friday). The proportion of time spent in sedentary, light, moderate-to-vigorous, and vigorous physical activity during 5 daily school recess periods was determined using existing age-appropriate cut-points. The relative contribution of recess to daily moderate-to-vigorous physical activity was also determined. Data were collected between May and October 2008. RESULTS: Boys engaged in significantly more light (30.6+/−5.2%; 27.7+/−5.1%), moderate-to-vigorous (24.9+/−8.9%; 17.5+/−5.2%) and vigorous physical activity (7.6+/−4.7%; 4.3+/−2.9%) than girls during recess.
Girls (54.8+/8.1%) engaged in more sedentary activity than boys (44.5+/10.2%). Physical activity levels were generally similar across multiple recess periods. Recess contributed more moderate-to-vigorous physical activity towards weekday physical activity for boys (13.1%) than girls (10.8%). CONCLUSIONS: Since sedentary activity accounted for the largest proportion of recess, interventions may be needed across all recess periods to promote physical activity during the school day.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Tight glucose, blood pressure and lipid control in patients with diabetes can reduce morbidity and mortality from macro- and micro-vascular complications. However, treatment targets are not being met in a large proportion of patients. Clinical audit involves cycles of evaluation of current activity against standards. It allows problems to be identified and action to be taken to address them. METHODS: Annual retrospective audits over 3 years of random samples of up to 20 patient medical records from 13 general practitioners in the midwest region of Western Australia (n=807). Statistical tests compared the second and third audits with the first in regard to completeness of screening, health indicators, and the proportion of patients within The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and Diabetes Australia guidelines targets. RESULTS: While there was a significant improvement in lipid monitoring over the study period (p<0.001), monitoring of HbA1c and blood pressure (BP) remained unchanged. Between the first and third audits, a reduction in mean HbA1c (p<0.001), mean total cholesterol (p=0.017), mean LDL cholesterol (p=0.014) and mean systolic BP (p=0.002) was seen. There was an improvement in the proportion of patients achieving cholesterol goals (measured by LDL and reaching a target of HbA1c <7%) between the first and third audits; however the proportion with BP within target declined. In the third audit, 11% of patients on diet alone, 36% on an oral hypoglycaemic agent, 90% on three oral hypoglycaemic agents and 84% of those on insulin were outside the target HbA1c. In the same audit, of those outside target BP, 53% were on no treatment and 65% were only on one type of medication. Eighty-seven percent of patients outside target cholesterol levels had not been prescribed a statin. DISCUSSION: Many of the audited GPs in our study undertreated BP, HbA1c and cholesterol. Improvement in some areas was seen over the study period, which may have been due to the quality assurance activities undertaken. These results reveal a therapeutic opportunity for reducing cardiovascular events in patients with diabetes. More aggressive management of BP and lipids by GPs may see rewards in terms of reducing cardiovascular events in patients with diabetes.
INTRODUCTION: High prevalence rates of obesity, particularly among those residing in US rural areas, and associated physical and psychosocial health consequences, direct attention to the need for effective prevention programs. The current study describes an initial step in developing a school-based obesity prevention program in rural Appalachia, USA. The program, modeled on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coordinated School Health (CSH) Program, includes a community-based participatory research approach to addressing the health needs specific to this region. METHODS: Focus groups with teachers, parents, and 4th grade students were used to understand perceptions and school policy related to nutrition, physical activity, and the role of the school in obesity prevention. RESULTS: Results revealed that these community stakeholders were concerned about the problem of child obesity and supported the idea of their school doing more to improve the diet and physical activity of its students. Specifically, all groups thought that foods and drinks consumed by students at school should be healthier and that they should have more opportunities for physical activity. However, they cited limitations of the school environment, academic pressures, and lack of parental support as potential barriers to making such changes. Parents were most concerned that their children were not getting enough to eat and they and the teachers were not in favor of BMI screening at the school. Parents were in favor of increasing physical activity during school and thought that parent volunteers should help students select foods in the cafeteria. Students cited examples of how diet and physical activity affect their health and school performance, and thought that they should have more physical education time and recess. CONCLUSIONS: The data collected in the current study contributed to the limited knowledge base regarding rural populations as well as identified strengths and potential barriers to assist with the development of a pilot program based on the CSH model, Winning with Wellness.
Fabry disease is a progressive and life-threatening glycolipid storage disorder affecting both males and females. The primary driver of the disease is the accumulation of glycolipids (globotriaosylceramide [GL-3]) in a variety of cell types, including vascular endothelial cells, a range of renal cell types, cardiomyocytes and neurons, which is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme, alpha-galactosidase. The disease typically presents during childhood or adolescence. First manifestations reflect involvement of small nerve fibres of the peripheral and autonomic nervous systems. With age, severe complications involving the kidneys, heart and brain cause considerable morbidity and premature death. Outside the US, enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) with agalsidase alfa 0.2 mg/kg every other week (EOW) and agalsidase beta 1.0 mg/kg EOW is available for the treatment of patients with Fabry disease, while agalsidase beta 1.0 mg/kg EOW is the only approved drug in the US. To analyse the evidence for ERT, a systematic review of the literature was performed to identify prospectively designed randomized, controlled trials (RCTs) and open-label studies on the efficacy of agalsidase alfa and agalsidase beta. MEDLINE and EMBASE databases were searched; inclusion criteria for the systematic review were prospectively designed clinical studies evaluating ERT with quantifiable endpoints: double-blind and open-label studies were eligible. Exclusion criteria were review articles, case reports, case studies, letters to the editor and articles based on registry data (Fabry Outcome Survey or Fabry Registry). In addition, any studies with a retrospective design or data based on post hoc analyses were excluded. The evidence was reviewed with respect to the clinical benefits of ERT at the level of the end organ. A total of 9 RCTs and 23 open-label studies were identified for inclusion. The efficacy of ERT in Fabry disease has been measured against a variety of endpoints, the majority of which were subclinical parameters rather than clinical outcomes. Plasma levels of GL-3 together with accumulation in the kidney, heart and skin were the most commonly studied endpoints, followed by renal endpoints of proteinuria and glomerular filtration rate, whereas cardiac and neurological endpoints were not commonly studied. To date, only one RCT with ERT defined hard clinical outcomes in the form of cardiac, renal or cerebrovascular events, or death as its primary endpoint. The currently available data from prospective RCTs and open-label studies in patients with Fabry disease are more robust for ERT at a dose of 1 mg/kg EOW than a dose of 0.2 mg/kg EOW, although the beneficial effects of ERT with either dose or preparation are variable. [References: 65]
BACKGROUND: Mathematical models suggest that social distancing measures, such as school closures, may mitigate community transmission during an influenza pandemic. Because closures are disruptive to schools and families, they are rarely employed during seasonal influenza outbreaks. A rare circumstance enabled us to examine the association between school closure and absenteeism during a seasonal influenza outbreak when half of King County, Washington public schools closed for a winter recess 19–23 February 2007, while half remained open for all or part of the week. METHODS: Using absenteeism as a proxy for influenza activity, we tested the hypothesis that schools on break would experience lower rates of post-break absenteeism than schools remaining open. We conducted daily retrospective and prospective surveillance from 5 February–9 March 2007 in schools on break (n = 256) and in session (n = 205). We use generalized estimating equations with Poisson distribution to evaluate whether mean absenteeism after the break differed between schools on break and those in session, adjusting for baseline absenteeism and repeated measurements by schools over time. RESULTS: Results indicate no difference in post-break absenteeism in schools on break compared with schools that remained in session (relative risk = 1.07 [95% confidence interval = 0.96-1.20]). This result held in elementary schools (1.00 [0.91-1.10]), where absenteeism patterns are thought to be most representative of community influenza activity. CONCLUSION: We did not find that school closure during a seasonal influenza outbreak reduced subsequent absenteeism. However, limitations in this "natural experiment" hampered our ability to detect a benefit if one truly was present.
An alternative design for small-scale school health experiments: does daily walking produce benefits in physical performance of school children?

BACKGROUND: The mainstream randomized clinical trial is not always feasible in a school setting. There might be practical and ethical issues that make dividing school classes into an intervention and a control group impossible or undesirable, and there is a need to explore the validity of alternative designs and analyses.

METHODS: An alternative to a randomized clinical trial in a physical performance experiment at a school is introduced and evaluated. The before-intervention data are utilized as control data for the intervention data in addition to adjust for pre-intervention differences. The strict class year structure of school data makes this possible. In a rural school in inland Norway, all school children joined the project of walking in a rugged terrain outside school for 20 min every school day during one school year. Measurements of low back static endurance, hamstrings flexibility, standing balance and cardiovascular fitness were made before and after the intervention. As intervention and 'aging' were confounded, the special use of the pre-intervention data, 'age-adjusted', is proposed to solve this issue. A comparison with having an independent control group is performed. RESULTS: The alternative analysing method is judged to yield valid results without having an independent control group. The age-adjusted analyses showed 11% increase in low back static endurance, 8% increase in hamstrings flexibility, 69% increase in balance and 6-13% increase in cardiovascular fitness. The effects were largest among those children who had the lowest performances before the intervention. CONCLUSION: The introduced statistical methods display that, in a school population, evaluations from an experiment can be made without an independent control group. A 20-min walk during school time for 1 year seemed to improve physical performance.

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OBJECTIVES: To estimate the level of exposure to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in Japanese children by urinary metabolite analysis and the possible contribution of soil ingestion and environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) to PAHs exposure. METHODS: Spot urine samples and questionnaire data were collected from 107 kindergarten children (3-6 yrs) and their mother. The urinary concentration of 1-hydroxypyrene (1-OHP), a biomarker of PAHs exposure, was measured using a high performance liquid chromatography-fluorescence detector. RESULTS: The geometric mean (GM) of urinary 1-OHP concentrations in children was 0.065 mumol/mol-cre (geometric standard deviation=1.88). Parental smoking and time of playing outside (surrogate of soil exposure level) did not increase urinary 1-OHP level. Maternal urinary 1-OHP concentration correlated with, whereas GM (0.038 mumol/mol-cre) was significantly lower than, the urinary 1-OHP concentration in children. The latter might be attributable to greater amount of food intake per body weight for children than for adult. CONCLUSIONS: The contribution of ETS and soil ingestion to PAHs exposure seemed to be small and thus they cannot be the major source of PAHs in Japanese children.
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N2 - PURPOSE: This study examined the head orientation of young children in naturalistic settings and the acoustics of their everyday environments for quantifying the potential effects of directionality. METHOD: Twenty-seven children (11 with normal hearing, 16 with impaired hearing) between 11 and 78 months of age were video recorded in naturalistic settings for analyses of head orientation. Reports on daily activities were obtained from caregivers. The effect of directionality in different environments was quantified by measuring the Speech Transmission Index (STI; H. J. M. Steeneken & T. Houtgast, 1980). RESULTS: Averaged across 4 scenarios, children looked in the direction of a talker for 40% of the time when speech was present. Head orientation was not affected by age or hearing status. The STI measurements revealed a directional advantage of 3 dB when a child looked at a talker but a deficit of 2.8 dB when the talker was sideways or behind the child. The overall directional effect in real life was between -0.4 and 0.2 dB. CONCLUSIONS: The findings suggest that directional microphones in personal hearing devices for young children are not detrimental and have much potential for benefits in real life. The benefits may be enhanced by fitting directionality early and by counseling caregivers on ways to maximize benefits in everyday situations
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The U.S. military wartime pediatric trauma mission: how surgeons and pediatricians are adapting the system to address the need

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N2 - PURPOSE: Over 3,500 infants and children, many critically ill and injured, have been admitted to military combat support hospitals (CSH) in Afghanistan and Iraq, which are not doctrinally staffed or equipped to provide their care. This report details how the military medical system is adapting to create a data driven and comprehensive response to optimize the medical and surgical pediatric care being provided. METHODS: Information from multiple sources was used over time to craft the military medical response to the pediatric wartime mission. Pediatric data from both the Joint Theater Trauma Registry (JTRR) and the Patient Administration Systems and Biostatistics Activity (PASBA) database were utilized extensively. The resulting educational, supply, and personnel adaptations implemented by the U.S. military will be highlighted, and innovations currently under development will also be described on the basis of this demonstrated need.
RESULTS: This information helped drive pediatric-specific, just-in-time education for CSH personnel, modified CSH equipment and supply lists, inspired the 24/7 pediatric critical care teleconsultation service, and resulted in new initiatives in the predeployment training for CSH personnel. CONCLUSION: Military physicians are routinely asked to perform outside their traditional scopes of practice while deployed. Given this reality, military pediatric specialists in medicine and surgery have initiated several successful multidisciplinary programs designed to improve in-theater care of injured children. These innovative efforts include drafting a pediatric addendum to the Army's "Emergency War Surgery" manual, development of instructional compact discs, augmenting and refining the pediatric portion of the Joint Forces Combat Trauma Management course, formation of a pediatric augmentation team to the CSH, and a comprehensive hyperlinked Web-based pediatric critical care and trauma educational platform.

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Italian national guidelines recommend to Regions the implementation of organised screening programmes for cervical cancer. As in previous years since 1998, we collected from Italian organised cervical screening programmes aggregated tables of data in order to centrally compute process indicators. Data on women invited during 2007 and screened up to April 2008 were considered. In 2007, the target population of Italian organised screening programmes included 11,872,810 women, corresponding to 71.8% of Italian women aged 25-64 years. Uptake of invitation was 39.8%, with a clear North-South decreasing trend. It should, however, be considered that many women are screened outside the organised programmes. Of the women screened, 5.0% were referred for repeat cytology and 60.4% of them complied; 2.4% of screened women were referred to colposcopy. Compliance with colposcopy referral was 82.3% among women referred because of ASCUS or more severe cytology and 89.5% among those referred because of HSIL or more severe cytology. The positive predictive value (PPV) of referral because of ASCUS or more severe cytology for CIN2 or more severe histology was 16.0%. The unadjusted detection rate of CIN2 or more severe histology was 2.9 per 1,000 screened women (3.1 standardised on the Italian population, truncated 25-64)
BACKGROUND: Nonmelanoma skin cancer (NMSC) and malignant melanoma (CMM) are among the most common malignancies in the white population. The major risk factor for those malignancies is ultraviolet radiation (UV) causing directly DNA damage and promoting the development of skin cancer. It is suggested that the exposure to UV during childhood elevates an individual's lifetime risk of developing skin cancer more than exposure in adulthood. Since an increasing number of children spend the time of the most intense UV in a day-care centre, it seems an excellent place for establishing primary skin cancer prevention. Important targets are staff members and parents of the day-care centre, since sun protection of children depends directly on their knowledge and their attitude towards sun protection practices.

OBJECTIVES: To establish a feasible certification program for sun protection in a German child day-care centre, for a better sun protection of the children and the reduction of skin cancer incidence in the long term.

METHODS: Initially sun protection practices of the centre at baseline were assessed. A written sun protection policy was developed in consultation with all members of the day-care centre as basis for certification. It was followed by training sessions for staff members (n=12) and parents (n=46). After a fixed period of time the final assessment of the child day-care centre was conducted and the centre then was certified for improved sun protection practices and better protection of the children. The primary assessed outcomes were the gain in knowledge of staff members and parents after the training sessions, the number of children wearing a hat when playing outside, the use of sunscreen and the percentage of shaded areas on the playground.

RESULTS: Sun protection was an issue more discussed during the time of intervention than before. Staff members (n=12) and parents (n=27) had a significant gain in knowledge (staff members: P=0.002; parents: P=0.001) concerning sun related issues. The number of children wearing a hat increased from 13.2% to 73%. The sunscreen use increased, 58.8% of staff members reported a more regular application of sunscreen to the children. There was a higher percentage of shaded area on the playground (70-80% before intervention, 90% after intervention). The intervention failed in keeping the children inside during the most intense UV and in educating the staff members to be a convincing example of sun protection by wearing appropriate clothes.

CONCLUSIONS: The intervention showed that the introduction of a simple certification program including a written sun protection policy and training sessions for staff members and parents helps to improve children's sun protection. We suggest that a certificate for adequate sun protection acts as a motivating factor. It seems important to refresh sun protection practices each year by repeating training sessions and reviewing the sun protection policy.
working memory task in the right intraparietal sulcus (IPS), the right insula and the right inferior frontal lobe. Performance tests outside the scanner showed impaired working memory proficiency in children with DD. Bringing behavioral performance and neural activity together we found significant correlations of right IPS activity with performance on the verbal digit span forward and the spatial Corsi Block Tapping test. Our findings demonstrate for the first time an involvement of spatial working memory processes in the neural underpinnings of DD. These poor spatial working memory processes may inhibit the formation of spatial number representations (mental numberline) as well as the storage and retrieval of arithmetical facts

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Traffic congestion increases air pollutant exposures of commuters and urban populations due to the increased time spent in traffic and the increased vehicular emissions that occur in congestion, especially "stop-and-go" traffic. Increased time in traffic also decreases time in other microenvironments, a trade-off that has not been considered in previous time activity pattern (TAP) analyses conducted for exposure assessment purposes. This research investigates changes in time allocations and exposures that result from traffic congestion. Time shifts were derived using data from the National Human Activity Pattern Survey (NHAPS), which was aggregated to nine microenvironments (six indoor locations, two outdoor locations and one transport location). After imputing missing values, handling outliers, and conducting other quality checks, these data were stratified by respondent age, employment status and period (weekday/weekend). Trade-offs or time-shift coefficients between time spent in vehicles and the eight other microenvironments were then estimated using robust regression. For children and retirees, congestion primarily reduced the time spent at home; for older children and working adults, congestion shifted the time spent at home as well as time in schools, public buildings, and other indoor environments. Changes in benzene and PM(2.5) exposure were estimated for the current average travel delay in the U.S. (9 min day(-1)) and other scenarios using the estimated time shifts coefficients, concentrations in key microenvironments derived from the literature, and a probabilistic analysis. Changes in exposures depended on the duration of the congestion and the pollutant. For example, a 30 min day(-1) travel delay was determined to account for 21+/-12% of current exposure to benzene and 14+/-8% of PM(2.5) exposure. The time allocation shifts and the dynamic approach to TAPs improve estimates of exposure impacts from congestion and other recurring events.
OBJECTIVE: The objective of the present study was to determine the factors associated with low concentrations of 25-hydroxy vitamin D (vitamin D deficiency) in healthy children in Qatar. DESIGN: The survey was a cross-sectional study conducted at the Primary Health Care Clinics over the period from August 2007 to March 2008. Subjects The study was carried out among healthy Qatari nationals, male and female, aged below 16 years. A random sample of 650 healthy subjects who visited the Primary Health Care Centers for any reason other than acute or chronic disease were approached and 458 subjects gave consent; a response rate of 70.5%. METHODS: Face-to-face interviews were based on a questionnaire that included variables such as socio-demographic information, assessment of non-dietary covariates, assessment of dietary intake, vitamin D intake, type of feeding, clinical manifestations and laboratory investigations. The subjects' health status was assessed by medical conditions, family history, body mass index, past or present clinical manifestations, 25-hydroxy vitamin D, calcium, alkaline phosphates, phosphorus, HbA1C, Parathyroid Hormone (PTH), magnesium and creatinine analysis. RESULTS: The study revealed that vitamin D deficiency was highly prevalent in Qatari adolescents (11-16 years old; 61.6%), followed by the 5-10 year olds (28.9%) and those below 5 years old (9.5%). Vitamin D deficiency increased with age and there was a significant difference between vitamin D-deficient and normal children in their age groups (P =0.013). The body mass index was significantly lower in vitamin D-deficient children (19.6 +/- 3.6; P =0.019). A family history of vitamin D deficiency was more frequent in children with vitamin D deficiency (33.7%) than in normal children (24.5%). Most of the vitamin D-deficient children had no physical activity (60.6%) and no exposure to sunlight (57.5%). There was a significant difference between both groups in terms of family history of vitamin D deficiency, physical activity, exposure to sunlight and duration of time spent outside under the sun (P <0.05). The mean values of vitamin D serum concentration, calcium, alkaline phosphates, and phosphorus were very low in vitamin D-deficient children. Vitamin D-deficient children had a very poor diet for vitamin D (cod liver oil, 56.5%; milk fortified with vitamin D, 27.3%; fortified food, 24.1%; and seafood, 5.7%) compared with normal children. Fractures (P =0.006), delayed milestones (P =0.013), rickets (P =0.017) and gastroenteritis (P =0.020) were significantly higher in vitamin D-deficient children. CONCLUSION: The study findings revealed that Qatari children are at high risk for vitamin D deficiency. Lack of exposure to sunlight, outdoor activities under the sun, and physical activity and vitamin D intake are the main associated factors for vitamin D deficiency in the young population of Qatar. Breast-fed infants need to take vitamin D supplements for a longer period.
Here we describe an unusual trauma case. A recently erupted permanent upper-right incisor sustained a lateral luxation when a 5-year-old girl on a playground climbing net dropped off, catching the right upper incisor in the net. The tooth was laterally luxated in vestibular direction, and no other signs of injury occurred. A dental practitioner could not reposition the bony locked tooth. Four days later, the girl came to our clinic, and we performed an incomplete repositioning of the tooth and made a flexible splint. Controls were made at 1, 6, and 12 weeks and at 6, 12, 18, and 24 months later. The 24-month follow-up clinical examination revealed the patient to be asymptomatic and the tooth to be completely functional, and the recall radiograph showed further apical root growth. The implications of a late incomplete reposition of laterally luxated permanent teeth with immature apices are discussed.
The incidence of enterovirus 71 (EV71) infection has greatly increased in the Asian Pacific region since 1997. Several large outbreaks, caused by different subgenogroups of EV71, occurred with high rates of morbidity and a substantial number of deaths. In 2007, 58 cases of EV71 infection requiring hospitalization were reported in The Netherlands after a period of low endemicity of 21 years. These events triggered a study on the epidemiology of EV71 in The Netherlands. Genetic analysis of the VP1 capsid region of 199 EV71 isolates collected from 1963 to 2008 as part of enterovirus surveillance activities revealed a change in the prevailing subgenogroups over time. From 1963 to 1986 infections were caused by three different and successive lineages belonging to subgenogroup B (the novel lineage designated B0, as well as B1 and B2). In 1987, following a major epidemic the previous year, the B genogroup was replaced by genogroup C strains of lineages C1 and, later, C2. Analyses of the clinical data suggested that there were differences between infection with genogroup B and with genogroup C strains in terms of the age groups affected and the severity of illness. From comparative analysis with genomic data available in the public domain, we concluded that EV71 strain evolution shows a global pattern, which leads to the question of whether the recently emerged C4 lineage strains will also spread outside of Asia.
We examined longitudinal associations between individual leisure activities (television viewing, video viewing, computer games, listening to music, board games, musical instrument playing, reading, arts, crafts, socializing, clubs or scouts, sports, outdoor activities) and being overweight using logistic regression and latent class analysis in a cohort of Finnish twins responding to self-report questionnaires at 11-12 (N=5184), 14, and 17 years. We also studied activity patterns ("Active and sociable", "Active but less sociable", "Passive but sociable", "Passive and solitary") thought to represent different lifestyles. Among boys, activity patterns did not predict becoming overweight, but sports and playing an instrument reduced the risk and arts and listening to music increased it. Among girls, few individual leisure activities predicted becoming overweight. However, girls in the "Passive and solitary" cluster carried the greatest risk of becoming overweight in late adolescence. Studying leisure activities related to overweight may help focus specific interventions on high risk groups.

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The restorative potential of green outdoor environments for children in preschool settings was investigated by measuring the attention of children playing in settings with different environmental features. Eleven preschools with outdoor environments typical for the Stockholm area were assessed using the outdoor play environment categories (OPEC) and the fraction of visible sky from play structures (sky view factor), and 198 children, aged 4.5-6.5 years, were rated by the staff for inattentive, hyperactive and impulsive behaviors with the ECADDES tool. Children playing in large and integrated outdoor areas containing large areas of trees, shrubbery and a hilly terrain showed less often behaviors of inattention (p<.05). The choice of tool for assessment of attention is discussed in relation to outdoor stay and play characteristics in Swedish preschool settings. The results indicate that the restorative potential of green outdoor environments applies also to preschool children and that environmental assessment tools as OPEC can be useful when to locate and develop health-promoting land adjacent to preschools.
Magnetoencephalography (MEG) detects weak magnetic fields outside the head. Spikes generated on the perisylvian convexity are detected only by electroencephalography (EEG), whereas spikes with intrasylvian generators are selectively seen by MEG. Generators of MEG and EEG spikes are determined using equivalent current dipoles (ECDs) that represent local cortical activity in parallel pyramidal neurons. MEG localizes cortical spike generators with a 1-2-cm spatial accuracy, and with a millisecond time resolution. This allows tracking of neural activity over successive synaptic connections in the cortical network. Both EEG and MEG are necessary for comprehensive spatial and temporal description of perisylvian epileptic networks in the Landau-Kleffner syndrome (LKS). MEG studies suggest that in more than 80% of LKS patients, the bilateral epileptic discharges are generated in the auditory- and language-related perisylvian cortex. Approximately 20% of children with LKS children have a unilateral perisylvian pacemaker that triggers secondary bilateral synchrony of spikes. This 20% may regain considerable language skills after multiple subpial transections (MSTs) of the pacemaker area. Outcome data of a few surgery patients suggest an indispensable role of MEG when planning the most efficient therapy for patients with LKS.

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The aim of this study was to develop and test the reliability and validity of survey items that examine the frequency with which primary school-aged children play in particular outdoor locations. Parents reported the number of days their child spent playing in specified outdoor locations (i.e., yard at home, own street/court/footpath, and park/playground) out-of-school hours on weekdays and weekend days during a typical week. To test the reliability of these items, the survey was administered on two occasions, 2 weeks apart, to a sample of 53 parents of children attending primary schools located in metropolitan Melbourne. The validity study involved the completion of a log book by 46 parents of primary school children over a 1-week period. Two weeks later, the same sample of parents completed the survey items. The test-retest reliability of individual items was determined using intra-class correlation coefficients (ICC). The kappa statistic and percent agreement between responses were used to assess validity by comparing the information provided in the log book with that provided in the survey. Results from the two studies suggest that the survey was generally a reliable and valid instrument for assessing the frequency with which children play in particular locations especially at home or in the street. Evidence of the reliability and validity of items assessing where children play is novel and important considering the need to promote children’s physical activity in a variety of settings.
Alternaria alternata (A. alternata) is one of the most common airborne fungi in outdoor and indoor environment. A. alternata has also considered as an aeroallergen. So, it could be responsible for an allergen release and may be responsible for allergic reactions in sensitive patients. The aim of this study was the analyzing of specific IgE against A. alternata in atopic dermatitis (AD) and asthma patients. A total of 50 AD patients (male 17 and female 33) and 50 asthma patients (male 20 and female 30) were entered in study. The range age vary from 4 months to 60 years. To analyzing of specific IgE, A. alternata was cultured in Sabouraud's dextrose agar. The grown fungi were harvested and ruptured by liquid nitrogen and glass beads. Samples were centrifuged at 3000rpm in 15 minutes and then at 15,500 rpm (4 degrees C) in 2 hour s and then supernatant were collected as crude extract. The crude extract was separated by Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate-Polyacryl Amide Gel Electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE). The separated proteins transferred to nitrocellulose filter and then socked with atopic dermatitis and asthma patient's sera. The responsive bands to IgE were revealed by antihuman IgE antibodies conjugated with enzyme in chromogenic substrate. 16 (32%) and 19 (38%) of AD and asthma patients had specific IgE against A. alternata, respectively. Among the AD and asthma patients who were positive for specific IgE to A. alternata, 14 (87.5%) and 9 (47.4%) were women, respectively. Of the 16 AD patients for specific IgE positive, 9 (56.3%) were >12 years old. Of the 19 asthma patients for specific IgE positive, 10 (52.6%) were 20-39 years old. This study suggests that A. alternata is a major aeroallergen. Our previous studies as well as different studies from other countries have shown that A. alternata is one of the most common indoor and outdoor airborne fungi, so it could permanently present some allergens to susceptible individuals. Therefore, control of A. alternata growth in indoor areas and avoidance with A. alternata propagules could play an important role in reducing allergic reaction in susceptible individuals.
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N2 - In 2008, an international survey on obesity among first-graders and its risk factors was performed in Lithuania. The objective of this study was to assess physical activity of first-graders during leisure time according to family socioeconomic status. The study was performed in Siauliai region schools selected randomly in 2008. The anonymous questionnaires were distributed among 630 first-graders and filled out by 515 parents (response rate was 81.8%). It was showed that physical activity of first-graders during leisure time is insufficient. More than half of them (60.4%) did not attend sports or dancing clubs; children spent much time passively watching TV or playing on a computer. Mostly children watched TV for 2 hours on workdays (45.1%) and for 3 hours or more on weekends (41.4%). Mostly children spent about an hour per day playing on a computer; one-third of first-graders spent it on workdays; during weekends, the percentage of children spending about an hour per day playing on a computer was lower (28.5%). One-third of first-graders (36.9%) spent their
leisure time outside for 3 or more hours on workdays and 87.1% on weekends independently of parents' educational level, income, and place of residence. The associations between family socioeconomic status and physical activity of children were observed. The lowest percentage of children attending sports or dancing clubs and playing computer games was seen in low-income families and families where parents had low educational level. They spent more time outside (on workdays) compared with those children whose parents had university education and high income. Fewer first-graders from families living in villages than those living in cities attended sports or dancing clubs and played on a computer, but more of them spent leisure time outside.

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In Mali one of the options of the fight against blindness is to implement the "CHANCE" strategy. The antibiotic therapy is one of the strategies which has always been a question of who should be treated by which process (mass treatment focused treatment) and when we should treat for both mass treatment or targeted treatment, that is why this study has been initiated to evaluate the level of active trachoma (TI/TI) and the trichiasis in the district of Douentza and undertake the appropriate actions to fight for its reduction. It was a cross-sectional survey done in May 2005 following a methodology based on the random size described by WHO (World Health Organization) in the evaluation of the health coverage. The study targets 1450 ten years old children, less than 1564 of fifteen years old children and respectively for the estimation of the trachoma prevalence and trichiasis. The families chiefs have been asked or interviewed for the risk factor and the happening of trachoma, mothers were interviewed about their attitude and practices in hygiene. The active trachoma prevalence rate among children is estimated at 13.2 ± 2.7% in the district. Kids from 0 to 4 are more affected than those from 5 to 10 years old with p < 0.001. The trichiasis rate is 0.6%. The pumps (30.3%), the communicative wells (23.8%) the traditional wells not maintained (19.4%), and the maintained wells (15.7%), faucets (9.7%) are the essential sources of water which is not sufficient. The presence of animals in 40.40 to 76.11% families, the low percentage of families with latrines (toilets) 41.40%, the presence of waste water and garbage in 25.3% families, 42.9% outside the families or 31.8% anywhere were observed during the study. Based on all these results, the antibiotic mass treatment to reduce the active trachoma is a necessity; this mass treatment combined with an efficient IEC to improve body and environmental hygiene will have an impact on the trachoma in the district of Douentza.
BACKGROUND: Peridomestic Lyme disease-prevention initiatives promote personal protection, landscape modification, and chemical control. PURPOSE: A 32-month prospective age- and neighborhood-matched case-control study was conducted in Connecticut to evaluate the effects of peridomestic prevention measures on risk of Lyme disease. METHODS: The study was conducted in 24 disease-endemic Connecticut communities from 2005 to 2007. Subjects were interviewed by telephone using a questionnaire designed to elicit disease-prevention measures during the month prior to the case onset of erythema migrans. Data were analyzed in 2008 by conditional logistic regression. Potential confounders, such as occupational/recreational exposures, were examined. RESULTS: Between April 2005 and November 2007, interviews were conducted with 364 participants with Lyme disease, and 349 (96%) were matched with a suitable control. Checking for ticks within 36 hours of spending time in the yard at home was protective against Lyme disease (OR=0.55; 95% CI=0.32, 0.94). Bathing within 2 hours after spending time in the yard was also protective (OR=0.42; 95% CI=0.23, 0.78). Fencing of any type or height in the yard, whether it was contiguous or not, was protective (OR=0.54; 95% CI=0.33, 0.90). No other landscape modifications or features were significantly protective against Lyme disease. CONCLUSIONS: The results of this study suggest that practical activities such as checking for ticks and bathing after spending time in the yard may reduce the risk of Lyme disease in regions where peridomestic risk is high. Fencing did appear to protect against infection, but the mechanism of its protection is unclear.
BACKGROUND: We sought to evaluate the relationship between selected lifestyle and socio-economic characteristics and dietary habits of Greek adolescents. METHODS: During 2004, 2118 school adolescents were selected from twelve schools in Vyronas region, Athens. Dietary intake was assessed through a semi-quantitative FFQ. Principal components analysis was applied to extract dietary patterns. RESULTS: Seven components, explaining the 50% of the total variation in intake, were extracted. Component 1 (‘junk food’ pattern) was heavily loaded by the consumption of ‘sweet’ and ‘salty’ snacks, soft drinks and other ‘fast foods’. Component 2 was characterized as ‘red meat’ consumption pattern. Component 3 was characterized by the consumption of vegetables, fruits and juices. Component 4 was characterized by the intake of dairy products, pasta and wholegrain bread. Component 5 can be described as rice, fish, potatoes and poultry intake. Component 6 was characterized by the consumption of ‘traditional Greek cooked foods’ and legumes, and component 7 was characterized by the consumption of eggs and white bread. Time spent watching television was positively associated with the ‘junk food’ pattern and inversely associated with the ‘vegetarian/healthy’ pattern. Moreover, the ‘junk food’ pattern was positively related to smoking status and the ‘vegetarian/healthy’ pattern was positively correlated with sports activities outside school. CONCLUSION: An unhealthy dietary behaviour is associated with an overall unhealthy lifestyle. Taking into account the fact that unhealthy eating habits and sedentary lifestyle have been associated with increased obesity prevalence, school- or community-based programmes should be conducted promoting healthy dietary and lifestyle behaviours.
This review assembles pedometry literature focused on youth, with particular attention to expected values for habitual, school day, physical education class, recess, lunch break, out-of-school, weekend, and vacation activity. From 31 studies published since 1999, we constructed a youth habitual activity step-curve that indicates: (a) from ages 6 to 18 years, boys typically take more steps per day than girls; (b) for both sexes the youngest age groups appear to take fewer steps per day than those immediately older; and (c) from a young age, boys decline more in steps per day to become more consistent with girls at older ages. Additional studies revealed that boys take approximately 42-49% of daily steps during the school day; girls take 41-47%. Steps taken during physical education class contribute to total steps per day by 8.7-23.7% in boys and 11.4-17.2% in girls. Recess represents 8-11% and lunch break represents 15-16% of total steps per day. After-school activity contributes approximately 47-56% of total steps per day for boys and 47-59% for girls. Weekdays range from approximately 12,000 to 16,000 steps per day in boys and 10,000 to 14,000 steps per day in girls. The corresponding values for weekend days are 12,000-13,000 steps per day in boys and 10,000-12,000 steps per day in girls. [References: 63]
The automation of segmentation of subcortical structures in the brain is an active research area. We have comprehensive evaluated four novel methods of fully automated segmentation of subcortical structures using volumetric, spatial overlap and distance-based measures. Two methods are atlas-based - classifier fusion and labelling (CFL) and expectation-maximisation segmentation using a brain atlas (EMS), and two incorporate statistical models of shape and appearance - profile active appearance models (PAM) and Bayesian appearance models (BAM). Each method was applied to the segmentation of 18 subcortical structures in 270 subjects from a diverse pool varying in age, disease, sex and image acquisition parameters. Our results showed that all four methods perform on par with recently published methods. CFL performed better than the others according to all three classes of metrics. In summary over all structures, the ranking by the Dice coefficient was CFL, BAM, joint EMS and PAM. The Hausdorff distance ranked the methods as CFL, joint PAM and BAM, EMS, whilst percentage absolute volumetric difference ranked them as joint CFL and PAM, joint BAM and EMS. Furthermore, as we had four methods of performing segmentation, we investigated whether the results obtained by each method were more similar to each other than to the manual segmentations using Williams’ Index.
Reassuringly, the Williams' Index was close to 1 for most subjects (mean=1.02, sd=0.05), indicating better agreement of each method with the gold standard than with the other methods. However, 2% of cases (mainly amygdala and nucleus accumbens) had values outside 3 standard deviations of the mean.

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N2 - PURPOSE: This study investigated peer responses to preschoolers' stuttering in preschool and sought to determine whether specific characteristics of participants' stuttering patterns elicited negative peer responses.

METHOD: Four outdoor free-play sessions of 4 preschoolers age 3-4 years who stutter were videotaped. Stutters were identified on transcripts of the play sessions. Peer responses to stuttered utterances were judged to be neutral or positive. Thereafter, participants' stuttering behaviors, durations of stutters, and judgments of the meaningfulness of peer-directed stuttered utterances were analyzed. RESULTS: Between 71.4% and 100% of peer responses were judged to be neutral/positive. In the negative responses across 3 participants, peers were observed to react with confusion or to interrupt, mock, walk away from, or ignore the stuttered utterances. Utterances that elicited negative responses were typically meaningless and contained stutters that were behaviorally complex and/or of longer duration. Other social interaction difficulties also were observed—for example, difficulty leading peers in play, participating in pretend play, and resolving conflicts.

CONCLUSIONS: Results indicate that the majority of peer responses to stuttered utterances were
neutral/positive; however, results also indicate that stuttering has the potential to elicit negative peer responses and affect other social interactions in preschool

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: The aim of this study was to review the pattern of ankle fractures sustained by patients brought to the Emergency Department at Ysbyty Gwynedd from The Snowdonia National Park. MATERIALS AND METHODS: The study group included all patients with ankle fractures on the mountain medicine
database between March 2004 and December 2006. The presence of talar shift and comminution of the medial malleolus was noted. The pattern of fractures were analysed and compared with the literature. Radiographs were obtained for 20 casualties. RESULTS: 70% of these were injured whilst hill walking. Open fractures represented 12% of injuries. 75% of fractures required operative fixation. Weber B injuries were the commonest followed by Weber C and A. Talar shift was seen in 80% of the cases and 45% showed comminution of the medial malleolus. CONCLUSIONS: In our case series we observed a high proportion of open and unstable ankle fractures, with the majority treated by operative fixation. The high rate of comminution of the medial malleolus has previously not been reported in the literature and has the potential of making operative fixation technically difficult. Encouraging the use of walking poles particularly at the time of descending may help to reduce the incidence of ankle fractures in hill walkers.

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AIM: To investigate the relationship of outdoor activities and myopia in Singapore teenage children.

METHODS: Teenage children (1249 participants), examined in the Singapore Cohort study Of Risk factors for Myopia (SCORM), during 2006 were included in analyses. Participants completed questionnaires that quantified total outdoor activity, and underwent an eye examination. RESULTS: The mean total time spent on outdoor activity was 3.24 h/day. The total outdoor activity (h/day) was significantly associated with myopia, odds ratio 0.90 (95% CI 0.84 to 0.96) (p = 0.004), after adjusting for age, gender, ethnicity, school type, books read per week, height, parental myopia, parental education and intelligence quotient. In addition, the total time spent outdoors was associated with significantly less myopic refraction (regression coefficient = 0.17; CI 0.10 to 0.25, p<0.001) and shorter axial length (regression coefficient -0.06 (CI -0.1 to -0.03, p<0.001). Total sports was also significantly negatively associated with myopia (p = 0.008) but not indoor sports (p = 0.16).

CONCLUSIONS: Participants who spent more time outdoors were less likely to be myopic. Thus, outdoor activity may protect against development of myopia in children, supporting recent Australian data. As near work did not predict outdoor activity, this can be viewed as an independent factor and not merely the reciprocal of near work.

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We sought to prospectively study all injuries in children and adolescents up to 16 years of age presenting to a regional Emergency Department (ED), to ascertain detailed injury patterns and to use this data to recommend injury prevention priorities. Electronic injury surveillance was prospectively collected over a 10 year period (1997-2007) in a hospital with a paediatric catchment population of 75,000 in a region with pockets of high social deprivation. All fatalities were obtained from data provided by the Central Statistics Office (CSO). Over a 10 year period, there were 31 fatalities, 5,408 admissions and 40,817 new attendances due to injury. Males outnumbered females in a 3:2 ratio. Of all injuries 24,317 (60%) occurred at home. Peak injury presentation time was in the evening between 18:00 and 20:00. Minor injuries (bruises, minor head injuries, lacerations and sprains) accounted for 32,456 (80%) of total. Fractures resulting from high falls (n=1,194) tended to result from bunk beds, staircases, horses, walls and playground equipment. Burns (n=630) involved hot liquids (tea, coffee), hot bath water, hot cooking oil and hot cooking plates. Pedestrian injuries (n=251) were predominantly 'dart outs' in urban areas. Car passenger injuries (n=869) showed low rates of documented car restraint use. Poisonings (n=1,153) were predominantly medicinal products. Cyclist injuries (n=477) indicated low documented use of appropriate helmet wear. Prevention priorities should focus on home injuries, hot liquid burn and scald injuries and high falls from walls, beds and playground equipment. To prevent road-related injuries and deaths, further legislation, urban planning and greater police enforcement is required.
BACKGROUND/PURPOSE: Hydroa vacciniforme (HV) is a rare photodermatosis that primarily affects children. It is characterized by photodistributed vesicles that heal with scarring. The purposes of this study are to perform the initial investigation into the effect of HV on quality of life (QoL) and gain insight into disease diagnosis and management.

METHODS: Using the listserv from a web-based, international HV support group, either the Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) or the Children's DLQI (CDLQI), and an HV-specific questionnaire were administered. RESULTS: Fifteen HV patients participated, nine (60%) males and six (40%) females. Median age at onset was 7 years, and 11/15 (73%) were younger than 18 years. The majority of patients were Caucasian (73%). Children cited life quality as being negatively impacted by an inability to play outdoors while adults noted QoL influences due to limitations on clothing choices. The mean CLDLQI and DLQI scores, 12.1 and 8.5, respectively, suggest a higher negative QoL impact than previously reported indices for generalized eczema, atopic dermatitis, and psoriasis. CONCLUSION: When compared with other dermatoses, HV appears to have an equal or greater impact on patients' QoL. Dermatologists should be aware of the psychosociologic impact of this disease, especially on young HV patients.
INTRODUCTION: Current guidelines recommend school-age children accumulate at least 60 min of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) on most days of the week. Little is known about the activity level of school-age children with intellectual disabilities (ID). PURPOSE: To evaluate physical activity patterns of children with ID during three school settings: adapted physical education (APE, 55 min), classroom (CR, 55 min), and recess (RE, 25 min). METHODS: HR was measured by telemetry for 15 youth (6 boys, 9 girls, 8.8 +/- 2.2 yr) with ID during APE, CR, and RE on three nonconsecutive school days. Resting HR (RHR) was measured on three nonconsecutive days between 8:00 and 8:45 a.m. The mean of the five lowest RHR was used to create MVPA cutoffs. Total MVPA was determined by the mean time spent (min) above 1.25% RHR (PAHR-25 Index) in each of the three school settings. Three (one for each environment) random effects two-level models (measures nested within child) were used to describe the proportion of time students spend in MVPA across the three environments and to examine the within-child variation across measures within locations. RESULTS: The total daily MVPA across the three environments was 83.5 min (72.9-94 min). Intraclass correlations ranged from 0.06 to 0.53, suggesting considerable within-child variation across the three observations across settings. CONCLUSIONS: Although variation existed across observations for each child, on average, children met and exceeded recommendations for 60 min of MVPA during the day. Theses findings suggest that through allocation of time for APE and RE, coupled with programming designed to maximize activity opportunities, students with ID can achieve recommended levels of MVPA.
INTRODUCTION: Fine particles (PM(2.5)) are an important component of air pollution. Epidemiological studies have shown health effects due to ambient air particles, particularly allergies in children. Since the main difficulty is to determine exposure to such pollution, traffic air pollutant (TAP) dispersions models have been developed to improve the estimation of individual exposure levels. One such model, the ExTra index, has been validated for nitrogen oxide concentrations but not for other pollutants. The purpose of this study was to assess the validity of the ExTra index to assess PM(2.5) exposure.

METHODS: We compared PM(2.5) concentrations calculated by the ExTra index to reference measures (passive samplers situated under the covered part of the playground), in 15 schools in Bordeaux, in 2000. First, we collected the input data required by the ExTra index: background and local pollution depending on traffic, meteorology and topography. Second, the ExTra index was calculated for each school. Statistical analysis consisted of a graphic description; then, we calculated an intraclass correlation coefficient.

RESULTS: Concentrations calculated with the ExTra index and the reference method were similar. The ExTra index underestimated exposure by 2.2 microg m(-3) on average compared to the reference method. The intraclass correlation coefficient was 0.85 and its 95% confidence interval was [0.62; 0.95].

CONCLUSIONS: The results suggest that the ExTra index provides an assessment of PM(2.5) exposure similar to that of the reference method. Although caution is required in interpreting these results owing to the small number of sites, the ExTra index could be a useful epidemiological tool for reconstructing individual exposure, an important challenge in epidemiology.
AIMS: To clarify differences in objective activity levels between children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and those with pervasive developmental disorders (PDD) and hyperactivity. METHOD: Eighteen boys with combined type ADHD, 10 boys with PDD with hyperactivity, and 18 control boys wore actigraphs for 1 week while attending elementary school. In addition to the average activity level, the standard deviation in the activity levels were compared for two continuous situations: (i) in-seat classes, in which the participants were expected to sit in their own seats and learn quietly; and (ii) free recess periods following the in-seat classes. RESULTS: All the groups were affected by the situational shift, the average activity level of each the groups was higher and the standard deviation was smaller than those during the in-seat classes. The boys with ADHD exhibited a still smaller standard deviation than the controls and the boys with PDD was seen. The boys with PDD exhibited a significantly lower average activity level than the other groups. No differences among the groups in the average activity levels and standard deviation were seen during the in-seat classes. CONCLUSIONS: The observed objective activity levels in each group reflect the degree to which the boys are able to tolerate changes in situations. Objective measurement of activity levels may be useful to differentiate hyperactivity in children with ADHD from that in children without ADHD.

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OBJECTIVE: The cost-effectiveness of three active interventions for major depression in adolescents was compared after 36 weeks of treatment in the Treatment of Adolescents with Depression Study. METHOD: Outpatients aged 12 to 18 years with a primary diagnosis of major depression participated in a randomized controlled trial conducted at 13 U.S. academic and community clinics from 2000 to 2004. Three hundred twenty-seven participants randomized to 1 of 3 active treatment arms, fluoxetine alone (n = 109), cognitive-behavioral therapy (n = 111) alone, or their combination (n = 107), were evaluated for a 3-month acute treatment and a 6-month continuation/maintenance treatment period. Costs of services received for the 36 weeks were estimated and examined in relation to the number of depression-free days and quality-adjusted life-years. Cost-effectiveness acceptability curves were also generated. Sensitivity analyses were conducted to assess treatment differences on the quality-adjusted life-years and cost-effectiveness measures. RESULTS: Cognitive-behavioral therapy was the most costly treatment component (mean $1,787 [in monotherapy] and $1,833 [in combination therapy], median $1,923 [for both]). Reflecting higher direct and indirect costs associated with psychiatric hospital use, the costs of services received outside Treatment of Adolescents with Depression Study in fluoxetine-treated patients (mean $5,382, median $2,341) were significantly higher than those in participants treated with cognitive-behavioral therapy (mean $3,102, median $1,373) or combination (mean $2,705, median $927). Accordingly, cost-effectiveness acceptability curves indicate that combination treatment is highly likely (>90%) to be more cost-effective than fluoxetine alone at 36 weeks. Cognitive-behavioral therapy is not likely to be more cost-effective than fluoxetine. CONCLUSIONS: These findings support the use of combination treatment in adolescents with depression over monotherapy.
OBJECTIVE: To determine the frequency and nature of childhood injuries and to explore the risk factors for such injuries in low-income countries by using emergency department (ED) surveillance data. METHODS: This pilot study represents the initial phase of a multi-country global childhood unintentional injury surveillance (GCUIS) project and was based on a sequential sample of children <11 years of age of either gender who presented to selected EDs in Bangladesh, Colombia, Egypt and Pakistan over a 3-4 month period, which varied for each site, in 2007. FINDINGS: Of 1559 injured children across all sites, 1010 (65%) were male; 941 (60%) were aged ≥5 years, 32 (2%) were <1 year old. Injuries were especially frequent (34%) during the morning hours. They occurred in and around the home in 56% of the cases, outside while children played in 63% and during trips in 11%. Of all the injuries observed, 913 (56%) involved falls; 350 (22%), road traffic injuries; 210 (13%), burns; 66 (4%), poisoning; and 20 (1%), near drowning or drowning. Falls occurred most often from stairs or ladders; road traffic injuries most often involved pedestrians; the majority of burns were from hot liquids; poisonings typically involved medicines, and most drowning occurred in the home. The mean injury severity score was highest for near drowning or drowning (11), followed closely by road traffic injuries (10). There were 6 deaths, of which 2 resulted from drowning, 2 from falls and 2 from road traffic injuries. CONCLUSION: Hospitals in low-income countries bear a substantial burden of childhood injuries, and systematic surveillance is required to identify the epidemiological distribution of such injuries and understand their risk factors. Methodological standardization for surveillance across countries makes it possible to draw international comparisons and identify common issues.
BACKGROUND: Little is known about pre-pubescent Filipino children's involvement in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA). There are international guidelines regarding required levels of MVPA for healthy children. METHODS: This study describes participation of 11- to 12-year-olds in randomly selected public and private schools in San Juan, Metromanila, in MVPA and sports during a school day. The Filipino-modified Physical Activity Questionnaire for Older Children (F_PAQ_C) was administered in English and Filipino. Additional data was collected on sex, age, type of school, and amount of time spent using television and computers. Children's self-assessment of physical activities (1 question in the F_PAQ_C) was correlated with their cumulative F_PAQ_C score. RESULTS: Three hundred eighty subjects (167 boys, 213 girls) participated. Participation in MVPA varied between sex and age groups, from 56.1% to 65.0%. Fewer than 10% of participants were very active. The children were more active during physical education classes than at recess or lunch, after class, or in the evening. Walking for exercise, jumping, jogging and running, free play, and dance were most common. Boys, younger children, and private school students most commonly engaged in MVPA. Self-assessed physical activity had modest correlation (r(2)= 0.21) with cumulative F_PAQ_C score, after adjusting for sex, age, and school type. CONCLUSION: Most children were not physically active during the school day, except in physical education classes. To reduce the gap between recommended and current activity levels, more opportunities should be provided for preteen Filipino children to engage in MVPA during and after school.
OBJECTIVE: The purpose of the study was to observe the CT imaging features of the frontal recess regional. METHOD: Eighty-two patients were undergone spiral computed tomography (CT). Then multiplanar reconstruction images were made using standard triplanar reconstruction protocol on a computer workstation. RESULT: The prevalence of agger nasi cell was 87.8% (144/164). One hundred and forty-five (89%, 145/164) uncinate processes had one superior attachment for each uncinate process. The others had two superior attachments for each uncinate process. The uncinate process' single superior attachment of into the surrounding structures was identified to have the following distribution: 90/164 (54.9%): to the lamina papyracea, 50/164 (30.5%) to the middle turbinate, and 5/164 (3.0%) to the skull base. Of all the frontal cells were identified in 144 (87.8%) sides of frontal recesses, the prevalence of type I II, type III IV, were 30.5% and 9.8% respectively. CONCLUSION: T Agger nasi cell and uncinate process play an important role in endoscopic frontal sinus surgery.
Physiological and hygienic studies under the conditions of a natural hygienic experiment were conducted to examine different variants of the organization of work of new types of general educational establishments--full-day schools. Over 580 pupils from 5 full-day schools were followed up. Organization of teaching children at full-day schools was found to mainly correspond to the age-related capabilities of pupils from primary and secondary classes. Of vital importance for maintenance of mental performance, good emotional and psychosomatic states are the organization of the intraschool environment, including a school plot, as well as the conditions for realization of additional education, motor activity of children, and recess. Health keeping in pupils from full-day schools is favored by the reduction in the duration of lessons to 35 minutes and day sleep for first-form children, the decrease in the number of pupils in a class, outdoor physical exercises in the middle of a school day (a primary school) and strolls after lessons, three meals a day, balanced additional education, medicopsychological accompaniment, optimization of studies and rest in children during a school year.

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The aim of the study was to analyse effects of various innovative forms of school education on the health status and functional abilities of children and adolescents. Enhanced academic loads are shown to be the most unfavourable factor of the school environment. The main consequences of excess teaching load are shortened motor and outdoor activities of the children, smaller duration of night sleep. Optimization of academic routine (alternation of studies and holidays), modular structure of school calendar might help to reduce fatigue during school hours. Hygienic estimates of different variants of specialized education are obtained. Scientifically sound hygienic requirements are proposed to be applied to the organization of academic activities in a new type of educational institutions, full-day schools. [References: 10]
Net metabolic cost of walking normalized by body mass (C(W.BM(-1)); in J.kg(-1).m(-1)) is greater in obese than in normal-weight individuals, and biomechanical differences could be responsible for this greater net metabolic cost. We hypothesized that, in obese individuals, greater mediolateral body center of mass (COM) displacement and lower recovery of mechanical energy could induce an increase in the external mechanical work required to lift and accelerate the COM and thus in net C(W.BM(-1)). Body composition and standing metabolic rate were measured in 23 obese and 10 normal-weight adolescents. Metabolic and mechanical energy costs were assessed while walking along an outdoor track at four speeds (0.75 - 1.50 m/s). Three-dimensional COM accelerations were measured by means of a tri-axial accelerometer and gyroscope and integrated twice to obtain COM velocities, displacements, and fluctuations in potential and kinetic energies. Last, external mechanical work (J.kg(-1).m(-1)), mediolateral COM displacement, and the mechanical energy recovery of the inverted pendulum were calculated. Net C(W.BM(-1)) was 25% higher in obese than in normal-weight subjects on average across speeds, and net C(W.BM(-67)) (J.kg(-0.67).m(-1)) was significantly related to percent body fat (r(2) = 0.46). However, recovery of mechanical energy and the external work performed (J.kg(-1).m(-1)) were similar in the two groups. The mediolateral displacement was greater in obese subjects and significantly related to percent body fat (r(2) = 0.64). The mediolateral COM displacement, likely due to greater step width, was significantly related to net C(W.BM(-67)) (r(2) = 0.49). In conclusion, we speculate that the greater net C(W.BM(-67)) in obese subjects may be partially explained by the greater step-to-step transition costs associated with wide gait during walking.
OBJECTIVE: To describe the epidemiology of HIV among core groups in Togo. METHODS: We enumerated sex workers (SWs) and conducted cross-sectional surveys of SWs and their clients in 2003 in Lome and in 2005 in the whole country. RESULTS: Sex work was concentrated in Lome, which comprised 15% of the population, but 52% of the 5397 SWs enumerated in Togo in 2005 and 68% of the estimated 101,376 men who had bought sex in the year before the 2005 survey. HIV prevalence among SWs was highest in Lome (45.4% in 2005) and progressively decreased from south to north. A similar geographical pattern was seen for clients (8.3% were HIV infected in Lome in 2005) and had already been reported for pregnant women. In Lome, the population attributable fraction of prevalent cases of HIV acquired during transactional sex was estimated at 32%; in the rest of the country, this was only 2%. CONCLUSIONS: This is the first study quantifying sex work at a national level in Africa. Variations in HIV prevalence within Togo, with a north-south gradient among SWs, their clients, and pregnant women, may to a large extent reflect the concentration of the sex trade within Lome. Prostitution played only a modest a role in HIV dynamics outside Lome.
After-school program impact on physical activity and fitness: a meta-analysis. [Review] [50 refs]

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CONTEXT: The majority of children do not participate in sufficient amounts of daily, health-enhancing physical activity. One strategy to increase activity is to promote it within the after-school setting. Although promising, the effectiveness of this strategy is unclear. A systematic review was performed summarizing the research conducted to date regarding the effectiveness of after-school programs in increasing physical activity.

EVIDENCE ACQUISITION: Databases, journals, and review articles were searched for articles published between 1980 and February 2008. Meta-analysis was conducted during July of 2008. Included articles had the following characteristics: findings specific to an after-school intervention in the school setting; subjects aged <or=18 years; an intervention component designed to promote physical activity; outcome measures of physical activity, related constructs, and/or physical fitness. Study outcomes were distilled into six domains: physical activity, physical fitness, body composition, blood lipids, psychosocial constructs, and sedentary activities. Effect sizes (Hedge's g) were calculated within and across studies for each domain, separately.

EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS: Of the 797 articles found, 13 unique articles describing findings from 11 after-school interventions were reviewed. Although physical activity was a primary component of all the tested interventions, only eight studies measured physical activity. From the six domains, positive effect sizes were demonstrated for physical activity (0.44 [95% CI=0.28-0.60]); physical fitness (0.16 [95% CI=0.01-0.30]); body composition (0.07 [95% CI=0.03-0.12]); and blood lipids (0.20 [95% CI=0.06-0.33]).

CONCLUSIONS: The
limited evidence suggests that after-school programs can improve physical activity levels and other health-related aspects. Additional studies are required that provide greater attention to theoretical rationale, levels of implementation, and measures of physical activity within and outside the intervention. [References: 50]
grades (G4-6). The MIES for G1-3H was: Do you brush your teeth before bedtime (3 points); Do you know that the first molars are important for chewing (2); Have you used a fluoride gel or mouth rinse (2); Do you have any hobbies except video games (2); Do you know the differences between permanent teeth and milk teeth (1). The MIES for G1-3HD were: Have you used a fluoride gel or mouth rinse (4); Do you brush your teeth before bedtime (3); Do you wash your hands after you play outside (2); Is the number of untreated deciduous teeth larger than the number of treated deciduous teeth (1). The MIES for G4-6H were: Do you wash your hands after you play outside (4); Do you brush your teeth after breakfast (3); Do you brush your teeth before bedtime (3). The G4-6HD were: Do you brush your teeth before bedtime (3); Do you wash your hands after you play outside (2); Is the number of untreated permanent teeth greater than the number of treated permanent teeth (1). The availability (sensitivity + specificity) of MIES HD was higher than MIES H when the original values were substituted into MIES. CONCLUSIONS: A screening system for finding maltreated children for MIES was designed. The precision of MIES could be improved by adding the treatment percentage of dental caries to daily habits

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 PURPOSE: To explore the factors that contribute to children's screen-related sedentary (S-RS) behaviors.

SETTINGS: Elementary schools. SUBJECTS: A random sample of children in grades five and six and their parents. MEASURES: The outcome measure was children's S-RS activity level measured by a self-administered questionnaire. A full spectrum of potential contributing factors for children's S-RS behaviors was obtained through surveys. Multilevel linear regression methods were used to determine the associations between these factors and children's screen time (hours per day) and results were expressed as regression coefficients (g).

RESULTS: Of 955 child-parent pairs in 14 participating schools, 508 pairs (53%) completed the surveys. At an intrapersonal level, protective factors included being a girl (g = -.71); belonging to a sports team inside (g = -.56) or outside (g = -.49) of school; having a negative attitude toward S-RS activities (g = -.13); and having a positive attitude toward physical activity (g = .48). At the interpersonal and social levels, parental leisure S-RS behaviors (g = .32) were positively associated, whereas strict parental rules on computer use (g = -.27) and family income (g = -.32) were inversely correlated with S-RS behavior. At the environmental level, the presence of TVs in children's bedrooms (g = .44) and owning videogame devices (g = .58) increased the risk of S-RS behaviors, whereas after school programs (g = -.86) and schools' participation in the Turn Off the Screen Week campaign (g = -.91) decreased the risk. CONCLUSIONS: Public health interventions should target multilevel factors, including increasing children's awareness, promoting parental involvement in healthy lifestyle pursuits, and creating less screenogenic environments.
OBJECTIVE: WZhet is a rearranged and partially deleted form of the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) genome in which the BamH1W region becomes juxtaposed with and activates BZLF1, resulting in constitutive viral replication. We tested whether WZhet induces viral replication in epithelial cells, and we studied its prevalence in a wide range of lesional tissues arising in vivo.

METHODS: A quantitative real-time PCR assay targeting EBV WZhet DNA was developed to measure this recombinant form of the EBV genome. RESULTS: WZhet DNA was undetectable in any of 324 plasma or paraffin-embedded tissue samples from patients with EBV-associated and EBV-negative disorders. These included specimens from patients with Hodgkin or non-Hodgkin lymphoma, post-transplant lymphoproliferation, nasopharyngeal or gastric adenocarcinoma, and infectious mononucleosis. However, WZhet DNA was detected in vitro in EBV-infected AGS gastric cancer cells. Additionally, transient transfection of infected AGS gastric cancer cells showed that viral replication could be induced by a WZhet plasmid. CONCLUSION: This is the first evidence that WZhet induces the EBV lytic cycle in an epithelial cell line. Our negative findings in natural settings suggest that WZhet is a defective viral product that thrives in the absence of a host immune system but is rarely present in vivo. Copyright 2009 S. Karger AG, Basel
OBJECTIVE: We sought to identify which aspects of motherhood are difficult for mothers who have scleroderma along with variables associated with mothering. METHOD: Participants were 75 mothers with scleroderma with a child between birth and 18 years old living with them. They completed the Parent Disability Index (PDI); a demographic questionnaire; and measures of pain, fatigue, and activity limitations. RESULTS: Mothers with children ages 5 or younger reported that getting up and down from the floor to play with their children was the most difficult task, and mothers with children between 6 and 18 years old reported that playing with their children outdoors, doing household chores, and shopping were the most difficult tasks. Significant correlations were found between PDI and pain, fatigue, and activity limitations. CONCLUSIONS: Mothers with scleroderma have difficulty with aspects of motherhood. The findings that pain, fatigue, and activity limitations were related to mothering suggest areas for occupational therapy intervention.
OBJECTIVE: To assess the experiences of participants and parents of children in the oral insulin study of the Diabetes Prevention Trial - Type 1. METHOD: Before trial results were publicized, surveys were completed by 124 participants and 219 parents of children in the oral trial. RESULTS: Although most of those surveyed were positive about the trial, survey results suggest that participant perspective (adult, child, parent, and gender), study procedures, and beliefs about placebo vs. active drug assignment have important implications for planning future clinical trials. Parents and children reported greater distress, worry, and difficulty making the decision to join the trial compared with adult participants. Mothers and female participants were particularly interested in additional psychosocial support during the study. Random assignment was viewed negatively by both parents and children, and close observation for diabetes onset was viewed as the most favorable aspect of the study. Adherence to study procedures declined over time and behaviors outside the study protocol to prevent/delay diabetes onset were common, particularly among those who believed the participant was taking a placebo. Children and respondents who believed that the participant was taking the active drug expressed confidence in oral insulin's ability to delay or prevent type 1 diabetes. CONCLUSIONS: Although most participants were positive about the trial and many expressed optimism about the intervention's potential for success, future trials need to address negative reactions to random assignment, the unique concerns of children and their parents, declining adherence, and behaviors - external to the trial - designed to delay or prevent diabetes
PURPOSE: The purpose of this study was to summarize patterns of correlations between variables and reduce a large number of variables to a smaller number of factors. METHODS: During 2005 we conducted a national, cross-sectional, multistage study among 1140 children (mean age=10.70+/-.98). Principal component analysis was employed to extract the main factors out of 21 variables assessing children's duration of physical and sedentary activities. RESULTS: Eight factors emerged as important, explaining 63% of the total variance in children's PA patterns. The combined explained variance of 3 factors for exercise was 24.1% (PA and sports after school [11.6%]; home and outside home chores, aerobics, gymnastics, sports [6.8%]; Sports for All, after-school activities [except sports] [5.7%]) and of 5 factors for sedentary activities was 38.9% (video, electronic games, and computers [10.2%]; watching TV, video, and DVD [9.5%]; homework and private lessons [7.3%]; theater cinema, use of mobile phone [6.2%]; afternoon sleep, less private lessons [5.8%]). Further analyses of the emerged factors by gender showed that boys, on a daily basis, are engaged in higher duration in physical activity and sports after school (factor 1) and in electronic games and computers (factor 2), whereas they are engaged in lower durations in factor 4 type behavior (homework and private lessons) and factor 6 type behavior (theater cinema, use of mobile phone). CONCLUSION: Use of the above factors will inform further research and enable researchers to identify potential differences in physical and sedentary activities patterns by various environmental and sociodemographic variables. Furthermore, associations of factors by gender may inform public health programs.
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T1 - Does the twenty meter shuttle-run test elicit maximal effort in 11- to 16-year-olds?
A1 - Voss, C.
A1 - Sandercock, G.
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N1 - Voss, Christine. Sandercock, Gavin
P - Pediatric exercise science
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IM - Journal Article. Validation Studies
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Body Mass Index
KW - Child
KW - Cohort Studies
KW - Exercise Test/mt [Methods]
KW - Female
KW - Heart Rate
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Obesity
KW - Physical Endurance
KW - Running/ph [Physiology]
KW - Statistics
KW - Nonparametric
KW - Thinness
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 55
EP - 62
JF - Pediatric Exercise Science
JA - Pediatr Exerc Sci
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CY - United States
N2 - The aim of this study was to determine if maximal effort, evidenced by peak HR was attained during the 20m shuttle-run test in a naturalistic setting. Shuttle-run test performance and peak HR were measured in 208 volunteers (11-16 years). Peak HR was 196 (95% confidence interval (C.I.) 194-198 bpm). The relationship between test performance and peak HR was assessed by regression. There was a weak, but statistically significant relationship between test performance and peak HR (R2 = .029, p = .029) but with such a low coefficient of determination (less than 5% criterion), poor performances were not associated with low peak HR values or underestimation of maximal performance. Peak HR values (196 bpm) were higher than cited criterion values (185 bpm) for maximal effort in laboratory studies. In a naturalistic setting, the 20m shuttle-run test elicits a maximal effort in most children
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T1 - Identification and characterization of novel collagen VI non-canonical splicing mutations causing Ullrich congenital muscular dystrophy
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A1 - Pane,M.
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A1 - Bonaldo,P.
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A1 - Gualandi,F.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Blotting
KW - Western
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Cells
KW - Cultured
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Codon
KW - Nonsense/ge [Genetics]
KW - Collagen Type VI/ge [Genetics]
KW - Collagen Type VI/me [Metabolism]
KW - Exons/ge [Genetics]
KW - Female
KW - Fibroblasts/me [Metabolism]
KW - Fibroblasts/pa [Pathology]
KW - Fluorescent Antibody Technique
KW - Heterozygote
KW - Humans
KW - Inheritance Patterns/ge [Genetics]
KW - Introns/ge [Genetics]
KW - Male
KW - Muscular Dystrophies/cn [Congenital]
KW - Muscular Dystrophies/ge [Genetics]
KW - Muscular Dystrophies/pa [Pathology]
KW - Mutation/ge [Genetics]
KW - RNA Splicing/ge [Genetics]
KW - RNA
KW - Messenger/ge [Genetics]
KW - Messenger/me [Metabolism]
KW - Sequence Deletion
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EP - E672
Splicing mutations occurring outside the invariant GT and AG dinucleotides are frequent in disease genes and the definition of their pathogenic potential is often challenging. We have identified four patients affected by Ullrich congenital muscular dystrophy and carrying unusual mutations of COL6 genes affecting RNA splicing. In three cases the mutations occurred in the COL6A2 gene and consisted of nucleotide substitutions within the degenerated sequences flanking the canonical dinucleotides. In the fourth case, a genomic deletion occurred which removed the exon8-intron8 junction of the COL6A1 gene. These mutations induced variable splicing phenotypes, consisting of exon skipping, intron retention and cryptic splice site activation/usage. A quantitative RNA assay revealed a reduced level of transcription of the mutated in-frame mRNA originating from a COL6A2 point mutation at intronic position +3. At variance, the transcription level of the mutated in-frame mRNA originating from a genomic deletion which removed the splicing sequences of COL6A1 exon 8 was normal. These findings suggest a different transcriptional efficiency of a regulatory splicing mutation compared to a genomic deletion causing a splicing defect. Copyright 2009 Wiley-Liss, Inc
BACKGROUND: The literature remains controversial regarding seasonal variation of rhegmatogenous retinal detachment (RRD). METHODS: In this retrospective chart review, seasonal variation of RRD was examined based on the records of 211 consecutive patients operated for idiopathic RRD in one referral medical center over a 13-year period. RESULTS: The number of eyes with RRD recorded per season was 46 in autumn, 46 in winter, 62 in spring and 57 in summer. There was a significant seasonal variation (p < 0.05) with an increase in RRD in the warm seasons (spring and summer) compared to the cold seasons (winter and autumn; 56 vs. 44%). Right eyes were more likely to be affected than left eyes (54 vs. 46%), and cases presented with a significantly younger age at onset in the warm than in the cold seasons (47 vs. 54 years, p = 0.007). A literature review of 8,533 cases including the present case series established further the seasonal variation of RRD (p < 0.001). CONCLUSION: There is convincing evidence for a seasonal variation of RRD in Lebanon and in the literature. This is likely to be related to sun exposure and outdoor activities in the warm seasons. Copyright 2009 S. Karger AG, Basel
ISSUES ADDRESSED: Consistent with health promotion principles of good practice, addressing playground injury necessitates the creation of a supportive environment for the enhancement of wellbeing and the prevention of injuries. This study aims to survey local governments to: determine compliance with playground safety standards; establish frequency of playground inspections and maintenance; and identify motivators and barriers to compliance with safety standards. METHODS: A survey of key informants for playground safety in all 152 local government councils in New South Wales (NSW) was undertaken. RESULTS: Of 152 local councils in NSW (43 metropolitan and 109 non-metropolitan), 71.7% (n=109) completed the survey, 12.5% (n=19) refused to participate and no response was received by 15.8% (n=24). Self-reported compliance with key aspects of the standard was generally high. However, only 55% of councils complied with surface impact attenuation <200 gmax and <1,000 HIC. Further, only 14.7% of councils reported impact testing the playground surface during inspections. The main motivators to compliance included: reducing risk of litigation or liability; enhancing community and child safety, and minimising the risk of injury. The main barriers included a lack of: time; personnel, and a lack of adequate and appropriate funding. CONCLUSIONS: Local Government Authorities have a duty of care to ensure the safety of playgrounds in their jurisdiction. They require time, personnel and adequate and appropriate funding in order to achieve this aim.
Unrecognized tuberculosis transmission outside the household has led to "micro-epidemics". We sought to evaluate how frequently locations outside the household were addressed in tuberculosis contact investigations, and to identify associated patient factors. We reviewed all tuberculosis patients reported in Montreal, Canada, during 1996-2004. Among this largely foreign-born patient population, investigation of locations outside the household was limited: there was documented attendance at 1 non-household location for 40% of the most contagious patients. Given complex, dispersed patterns of work, educational attendance, social activity, and transportation, contact investigation strategies may warrant reevaluation in large cities such as Montreal.

The role of outdoor activity in health and development warrants attention as an important feature of quality health care environments. This study of visitor perceptions of a playgarden located in a pediatric and women's health care facility resulted in 52 completed surveys from hospital staff and parents. Most respondents indicated high levels of agreement to questions related to their general experience. The main reason stated for visiting the playgarden revolved around the need for "a break". Time spent outdoors was appreciated relative to specific features, such as the natural environment, play equipment, furniture, and the atmosphere of the...
outdoors. Access to outdoor spaces and play are important features of the principle of normalization and also serve as an avenue for the promotion of healthy lifestyles

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T1 - Physical activity during the school day in public primary schools in Mexico City
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English
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KW - Child
KW - Child Welfare
KW - Female
KW - Guidelines as Topic
KW - Health Promotion
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Mexico
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Physical Education and Training/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Recreation
KW - Schools
KW - Students/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Urban Population
RP - NOT IN FILE
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To quantify the physical activity (PA) of students and describe the school environment surrounding PA. MATERIAL AND METHODS: Between November 2005 and March 2006, in Mexico City, we conducted quantitative and qualitative observations to describe the PA and the school context. RESULTS: Recess and physical education class (PE) were the only opportunities to participate in PA. PE occurred one time per week with a duration of 39.8+/−10.6 minutes which is less than national and international recommendations. Students participated in moderate-to-vigorous PA 29.2+/−17.8% of PE. The dynamics of PE did not promote the inclusion of all students or PA. During recess there was overcrowding of the school patio and no equipment for
PA or organization of PA. DISCUSSION: The PA of students in public schools in Mexico City can be improved by increasing the quantity and quality of PE and increasing opportunities for activity during recess.

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T1 - Examining unsupervised time with peers and the role of association with delinquent peers on adolescent smoking
A1 - Greene, K.
A1 - Banerjee, S.C.
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KW - Child
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Interpersonal Relations
KW - Juvenile Delinquency
KW - Male
KW - New England
KW - Peer Group
KW - Personal Autonomy
KW - Smoking
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 371
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JF - Nicotine & Tobacco Research
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VL - 11
IS - 4
CY - England
N2 - INTRODUCTION: This study explored the association between unsupervised time with peers and adolescent smoking behavior both directly and indirectly through interaction with delinquent peers, social expectancies about cigarette smoking, and cigarette offers from peers. METHODS: A cross-sectional survey was used for the study and included 248 male and female middle school students. RESULTS: Results of structural equation modeling revealed that unsupervised time with peers is associated indirectly with adolescent smoking behavior through the mediation of association with delinquent peers, social expectancies about cigarette smoking, and cigarette offers from peers. DISCUSSION: Interventions designed to motivate adolescents without adult supervision to associate more with friends who engage in prosocial activities may eventually reduce adolescent smoking. Further implications for structured supervised time for students outside of school time are discussed.
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T1 - Promoting physical activity at the pre-school playground: the effects of providing markings and play equipment
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A1 - Labarque,V.
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Preventive medicine
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KW - Belgium
KW - Child
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KW - Color
KW - Environment Design
KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Monitoring
KW - Physiologic/is [Instrumentation]
KW - Motivation
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Schools
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EP - 340
JF - Preventive Medicine
JA - Prev Med
VL - 48
IS - 4
CY - United States
N2 - OBJECTIVES: We aimed to investigate the effects of providing play equipment and markings at the pre-school playground on physical activity engagement levels. METHODS: We performed a cluster randomised control trial. In November and December 2007, a convenience sample of 40 public pre-schools in Flanders, Belgium, was randomly assigned to one of the following conditions: 1) in 10 pre-schools play equipment was provided, 2) in 10 pre-schools markings were painted on the playground, 3) in 10 schools play equipment was provided and markings were painted, 4) 10 schools served as a control condition. Accelerometer-based physical activity levels during recess were evaluated at baseline and 4 to 6 weeks after the implementation of the intervention in 583 children (52% boys; mean age 5.3 years, SD 0.4). RESULTS: At baseline pre-schoolers spent only 11.2% (average: 4.7 min) of recess time in moderate to vigorous activity, while 61.3% (average: 25.7 min) was spent in sedentary activity. The interventions were not effective in increasing the average activity levels or the percentages of engagement in moderate or vigorous activity, or in decreasing sedentary time. CONCLUSION: Providing playground markings or play equipment is not sufficient to increase activity levels and decrease levels of sedentary activity during pre-school recess. More activating supervision and the inclusion of more structured physical activity seem needed
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BACKGROUND: In 2005, the North Carolina State Board of Education updated the Healthy Active Children Policy to include a requirement that all kindergarten through eighth-grade children receive at least 30 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each school day through physical education, recess, and other creative approaches. This study describes how districts are meeting the physical activity-related portion of this policy and explores the policy implementation successes and challenges. METHODS: An online survey was conducted in summer 2007 in all school districts in the state (response rate 106/111; 95.5%). Respondents were asked to describe the implementation successes and challenges associated with including 30 minutes of physical activity in the school day. Answers were double coded, checked, and grouped into themes. RESULTS: The physical activity requirement was most often met through recess, physical education, classroom Energizers, and intramural sports. School districts reported numerous positive effects of the policy in elementary and middle schools. Benefits included increased student focus on studies, physical activity participation, awareness of healthy habits, alertness and enjoyment, and higher staff involvement. Implementation challenges to the policy included lack of time in the school day, teacher participation, and concerns about academics. CONCLUSIONS: School districts reported that implementation of the policy produced many positive results for students and staff. Addressing several implementation challenges common across school districts would strengthen the ongoing success of the policy.
Contamination of natural aquatic ecosystems by hospital wastewater is a major environmental and human health issue. Disinfectants, pharmaceuticals, radionuclides and solvents are widely used in hospitals for medical purposes and research. After application, some of these substances combine with hospital effluents and, in industrialised countries, reach the municipal sewer network. In certain developing countries, hospitals usually discharge their wastewater into septic tanks equipped with diffusion wells. The discharge of chemical compounds from hospital activities into the natural environment can lead to the pollution of water resources and risks for human health. The aim of this article is to present: (i) the steps of a procedure intended to evaluate risks to human health linked to hospital effluents discharged into a septic tank equipped with a diffusion well; and (ii) the results of its application on the effluents of a hospital in Port-au-Prince. The procedure is based on a scenario that describes the discharge of hospital effluents, via septic tanks, into a karstic formation where water resources...
are used for human consumption. COD, Chloroform, dichlomethane, dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane and bromoform contents were measured. Furthermore, the presence of heavy metals (chrome, nickel and lead) and faecal coliforms were studied. Maximum concentrations were 700 NPP/100 ml for faecal coliforms and 112 mg/L for COD. A risk of infection of 10^-5 infection per year was calculated. Major chemical risks, particularly for children, relating to Pb(II), Cr(III), Cr(VI) and Ni(II) contained in the ground water were also characterised. Certain aspects of the scenario studied require improvement, especially those relating to the characterisation of drugs in groundwater and the detection of other microbiological indicators such as protozoa, enterococcus and viruses.

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T1 - Severe neurologic side effects in patients being treated for hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
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A1 - Jones, J.Y.
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KW - Cyclosporine/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Cyclosporine/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Drug-Induced Liver Injury
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Liver Diseases/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Lymphohistiocytosis
KW - Hemophagocytic/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
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KW - Biological
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SP - 621
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JF - Pediatric Blood & Cancer
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BACKGROUND: Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) is characterized by uncontrolled inflammation that is generally fatal without immune modulating chemotherapy. At Texas Children's Hospital, we have observed significant central nervous system (CNS) toxicity in several patients treated for HLH according to the Histiocyte Society protocol HLH-2004 in which cyclosporine is given early in the treatment regimen. METHODS: Patients diagnosed with HLH at Texas Children's Hospital between April 2004 and October 2007 were identified and charts were reviewed. A reference group of patients treated between August 2001 and March 2004, prior to the introduction of HLH-2004, was also evaluated. RESULTS: Five of 17 patients in the study group developed severe neurotoxicity. Four had new onset seizures associated with significant MRI abnormalities, while the fifth died of intracerebral hemorrhage. Timing of the development of neurologic side effects ranged from day 5 to week 6 of therapy. Cyclosporine levels were outside the therapeutic range (200-300 ng/ml) prior to the onset of symptoms in two of the five patients. Systolic blood pressures for all five patients were greater than the 95th percentile for age on at least one measurement within 24 hr of the onset of neurologic symptoms. MRI scans obtained within 24 hr of seizure activity in four patients were consistent with posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES). By comparison only one patient in the reference group (n = 15) had neurotoxicity (PRES). CONCLUSIONS: Patients being treated for HLH appear to be at risk for neurotoxicity, particularly PRES. Elevated blood pressure, worsening renal and liver function, increased cyclosporine levels, and CNS involvement of HLH may be triggers for the neurotoxic side effects of treatment. Patients being treated on HLH-2004 require close monitoring of their neurologic status and modifiable risk factors such as hypertension should managed aggressively. If larger studies validate our observations, it will be important to determine if up-front cyclosporine in HLH protocols confers a survival benefit that outweighs the potential risk of increased neurotoxicity. (c) 2009 Wiley-Liss, Inc
Pseudomeningocele is a rare complication of head trauma. An 7-year-old male child who fell from playground equipment was admitted to hospital with lambdoid sutural diastatic fracture. As epidural and subgaleal fluid collections gradually developed from the subsequent day of admission, a subgaleal drain was placed for cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) diversion. In addition, the scalp just over the fractured segment was compressed by band after drainage whereby the CSF leak was stopped. On the basis of our experience with this case, we suggest that appropriate management enables repair of posttraumatic pseudomeningocele in early stages of injury.

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Schools and obesity prevention: creating school environments and policies to promote healthy eating and physical activity

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CONTEXT: Research consistently shows that the majority of American children do not consume diets that meet the recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, nor do they achieve adequate levels of daily physical activity. As a result, more children are overweight today than at any other time in U.S. history. Schools offer many opportunities to develop strategies to prevent obesity by creating environments in which children eat healthfully and engage regularly in physical activity. METHODS: This article discusses the role of schools in obesity prevention efforts. Current issues in schools' food and physical activity environments are examined, as well as federal, state, and local policies related to food and physical activity standards in schools. The article is organized around four key areas: (1) school food environments and policies, (2) school physical activity environments and policies, (3) school body mass index measurements, and (4) school wellness policies. Recommendations for accelerating change also are addressed. FINDINGS: The article found that (1) competitive foods (foods sold outside of federally reimbursed school meals) are widely available in schools, especially secondary schools. Studies have related the availability of snacks and drinks sold in schools to students' high intake of total calories, soft drinks, total fat and saturated fat, and lower intake of fruits and vegetables; (2) physical activity can be added to the school curriculum without academic consequences and also can offer physical, emotional, and social benefits. Policy leadership has come predominantly from the districts, then the states, and, to a much lesser extent, the federal government; (3) few studies have examined the effectiveness or impact of school-based BMI measurement programs; and (4) early comparative analyses of local school wellness policies suggest that the strongest policies are found in larger school districts and districts with a greater number of students eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch. CONCLUSIONS: Studies show that schools have been making some progress in improving the school food and physical activity environments but that much more work is needed. Stronger policies are needed to provide healthier meals to students at schools; limit their access to low-nutrient, energy-dense foods during the school day; and increase the frequency, intensity, and duration of physical activity at school.
The school day provides youth several opportunistic time periods to be active. How active youth are during these time periods or whether they engage in physical activity across multiple time periods is not well established. A cross-sectional sample of 12-18-year-old students (n=3471) were recruited from low socioeconomic status high schools within South Auckland, New Zealand. Participants reported their physical activity during lunchtime, morning recess, and after school, as well as their level of active transportation to and from school. For each physical activity opportunity participants were dichotomised as being either "more active" or "less active". Height, weight, and waist circumference measurements were also collected for each participant. Data were analysed using binary logistic regression to understand demographic associations and with kappa coefficient calculations to examine level of association in participation levels between different time periods. The percentage of students considered 'more active' depended on the physical activity variable of interest (after-school, 56.3%; active transportation, 58.1%; morning recess, 26.4%; lunchtime recess, 32.4%). Only 11.1% of participants were classified as 'more active' across all four physical activity opportunities. Substantial agreement (kappa=.68) was only observed in participation levels at lunchtime and morning recess. At-risk groups for lower physical activity were female students, senior students, and students of Asian/Other descent. During a school day multiple opportunistic time periods exist for youth to be active, yet a large proportion of students are not as active as they could be with few youth engaging in physical activity across various segments of the school day.
BACKGROUND: Working for pay is associated with substance use and delinquency among older adolescents, although information is scant about younger youth who work. This study investigates associations between self-reports of having a job and substance use and delinquent behaviors in a sample of U.S. 5th graders.

METHODS: A total of 5147 5th graders and their parents from three large metropolitan areas were assessed in a cross-sectional survey between Fall 2004 and Summer 2006. Multivariate regression was used to estimate associations between having a job and substance use and delinquency. Analyses were conducted in Fall 2007.

RESULTS: Twenty-one percent of 5th graders reported having a job, with most working <5 hours per week. Typical jobs included yard work, babysitting, and cleaning. In multivariate models that controlled for demographic characteristics, household composition, and household income, having a job was significantly associated with past-30-day use of tobacco (OR=2.2), alcohol (OR=1.7), and marijuana (OR=3.1). Having a job was also significantly associated with ever being in a fight (OR=1.5) and with running away from home (OR=1.8). Further analyses indicated that the associations between holding a job and delinquency outcomes were driven largely by young workers who worked >2 hours per week. CONCLUSIONS: Among 5th graders, having a job was associated with substance-using behaviors and delinquency. Clinicians should consider asking young patients whether they work, and stress to parents the importance of monitoring the work activities, workplaces, and associates of their children.
BACKGROUND: The nationwide epidemic of obesity may be due, in part, to declining levels of physical activity, raising the possibility that other components of health-related physical fitness may also be in decline. Few data are available to describe and monitor the physical fitness of children and youth. The Georgia Youth Fitness Assessment was conducted to assess health-related fitness in Georgia's fifth- and seventh-grade students, provide a baseline against which future progress could be measured, and guide public and private leaders and decision makers. METHODS: A statewide probability sample of fifth- and seventh-grade students designed to enable grade-specific comparisons by gender, race/ethnicity, and urban/rural status was drawn. Measurements included aerobic capacity; body composition; and muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility. Physical activity during the most recent 3 days was assessed. The survey was conducted in 2006; the data were analyzed in 2007-2008. RESULTS: Ninety-three schools (86% response rate) and 5248 students (77% response rate) participated. Fifty-two percent of students did not meet the standard for healthy aerobic fitness; 23% did not meet the standard for muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility; 30% were outside the recommended range for BMI. Twenty-two percent did not achieve the recommended 60 minutes of daily moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. All subgroups (e.g., boys/girls, urban/rural) scored poorly. CONCLUSIONS: Substantial numbers of Georgia's fifth- and seventh-grade students exhibit unhealthy levels of physical fitness. These data are consistent with the suggestion that physical inactivity has led to deficient levels of health-related fitness in more areas than just body composition. Monitoring all components of health-related fitness would provide helpful information about the health of children and youth.
OBJECTIVES: The objective was to describe the epidemiology of tree house-related injuries in the United States among children and adolescents. METHODS: The authors conducted a retrospective analysis using data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System for patients ≤19 years who were treated in an emergency department (ED) for a tree house-related injury from 1990 through 2006. RESULTS: An estimated 47,351 patients ≤19 years of age were treated in EDs for tree house-related injuries over the 17-year study period. Fractures were the most common diagnosis (36.6%), and the upper extremities were the most commonly injured body part (38.8%). The odds of sustaining a head injury were increased for children aged <5 years. Falls were the most common injury mechanism (78.6%) and increased the odds of sustaining a fracture. Falls or jumps from a height ≥10 feet occurred in 29.3% of cases for which height of the fall/jump was recorded. Boys had significantly higher odds of falling or jumping from a height of > or =10 ft than girls, and children 10 to 19 years old also had significantly higher odds of falling or jumping from a height of > or =10 feet, compared to those 9 years old and younger. The odds of hospitalization were tripled if the patient fell or jumped from > or =10 feet and nearly tripled if the patient sustained a fracture. CONCLUSIONS: This study examined tree house-related injuries on a national level. Tree house safety deserves special attention because of the potential for
serious injury or death due to falls from great heights, as well as the absence of national or regional safety standards. The authors provide safety and prevention recommendations based on the successful standards developed for playground equipment.

BACKGROUND: Although outdoor particulate matter (PM) has been linked to mortality and asthma morbidity, the impact of indoor PM on asthma has not been well established. OBJECTIVE: This study was designed to investigate the effect of in-home PM on asthma morbidity. METHODS: For a cohort of 150 asthmatic children (2-6 years of age) from Baltimore, Maryland, a technician deployed environmental
monitoring equipment in the children's bedrooms for 3-day intervals at baseline and at 3 and 6 months. Caregivers completed questionnaires and daily diaries during air sampling. Longitudinal data analyses included regression models with generalized estimating equations. RESULTS: Children were primarily African Americans (91%) from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and spent most of their time in the home. Mean (+/- SD) indoor PM(2.5-10) (PM with aerodynamic diameter 2.5-10 microm) and PM(2.5) (aerodynamic diameter < 2.5 microm) concentrations were 17.4 +/- 21.0 and 40.3 +/- 35.4 microg/m(3). In adjusted models, 10-microg/m(3) increases in indoor PM(2.5-10) and PM(2.5) were associated with increased incidences of asthma symptoms: 6% [95% confidence interval (CI), 1 to 12%] and 3% (95% CI, -1 to 7%), respectively; symptoms causing children to slow down: 8% (95% CI, 2 to 14%) and 4% (95% CI, 0 to 9%), respectively; nocturnal symptoms: 8% (95% CI, 1 to 14%) and 6% (95% CI, 1 to 10%), respectively; wheezing that limited speech: 11% (95% CI, 3 to 19%) and 7% (95% CI, 0 to 14%), respectively; and use of rescue medication: 6% (95% CI, 1 to 10%) and 4% (95% CI, 1 to 8%), respectively. Increases of 10 microg/m(3) in indoor and ambient PM(2.5) were associated with 7% (95% CI, 2 to 11%) and 26% (95% CI, 1 to 52%) increases in exercise-related symptoms, respectively. CONCLUSIONS: Among preschool asthmatic children in Baltimore, increases in in-home PM(2.5-10) and PM(2.5) were associated with respiratory symptoms and rescue medication use. Increases in in-home and ambient PM(2.5) were associated with exercise-related symptoms. Although reducing PM outdoors may decrease asthma morbidity, reducing PM indoors, especially in homes of inner-city children, may lead to improved asthma health.
OBJECTIVE: In this review we describe the approach taken by the National Children's Study (NCS), a 21-year prospective study of 100,000 American children, to understanding the role of environmental factors in the development of obesity. DATA SOURCES AND EXTRACTION: We review the literature with regard to the two core hypotheses in the NCS that relate to environmental origins of obesity and describe strategies that will be used to test each hypothesis. DATA SYNTHESIS: Although it is clear that obesity in an individual results from an imbalance between energy intake and expenditure, control of the obesity epidemic will require understanding of factors in the modern built environment and chemical exposures that may have the capacity to disrupt the link between energy intake and expenditure. The NCS is the largest prospective birth cohort study ever undertaken in the United States that is explicitly designed to seek information on the environmental causes of pediatric disease. CONCLUSIONS: Through its embrace of the life-course approach to epidemiology, the NCS will be able to study the origins of obesity from preconception through late adolescence, including factors ranging from genetic inheritance to individual behaviors to the social, built, and natural environment and chemical exposures. It will have sufficient statistical power to examine interactions among these multiple influences, including gene-environment and gene-obesity interactions. A major secondary benefit will derive from the banking of specimens for future analysis. [References: 106]
BACKGROUND: Multiple issues play a role in the effective control of childhood asthma. OBJECTIVE: To identify factors related to the level of asthma control in children receiving asthma care from community pediatricians. PATIENTS AND METHODS: Data for 362 children participating in an intervention study to reduce asthma morbidity were collected by a telephone-administered questionnaire. Level of asthma control (well controlled, partially controlled, or poorly controlled) was derived from measures of recent impairment (symptoms, activity limitations, albuterol use) and the number of exacerbations in a 12-month period. Data also included demographic characteristics, asthma-related quality of life, pediatric management practices, and medication usage. Univariable and multivariable analyses were used to identify factors associated with poor asthma control and to explore the relationship between control and use of daily controller medications.

RESULTS: Asthma was well controlled for 24% of children, partially controlled for 20%, and poorly controlled for 56%. Medicaid insurance, the presence of another family member with asthma, and maternal employment outside the home were significant univariable factors associated with poor asthma control. Medicaid insurance had an independent association with poor control. Seventy-six percent of children were reported by parents as receiving a daily controller medication. Comparison of guideline recommended controller medication with current level of asthma control indicated that a higher step level of medication would have been appropriate for 74% of these children. Significantly lower overall quality-of-life scores were observed in both parents and children with poor control.

CONCLUSIONS: Despite substantial use of daily controller medication, children with asthma continue to experience poorly controlled asthma and reduced quality of life. Although Medicaid insurance and aspects of family structure are significant factors associated with poorly controlled asthma, attention to medication use and quality-of-life indicators may further reduce morbidity.
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T1 - Changes in the limb kinematics and walking-distance estimation after shank elongation: evidence for a locomotor body schema?.[Erratum appears in J Neurophysiol. 2009 May;101(5):2734]
A1 - Dominici, N.
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KW - Posture/ph [Physiology]
KW - Psychomotor Performance/ph [Physiology]
KW - Walking/ph [Physiology]
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SP - 1419
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JF - Journal of Neurophysiology
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CY - United States
N2 - When walking, step length provides critical information on traveled distance along the ongoing path [corrected] Little is known on the role that knowledge about body dimensions plays within this process. Here we directly addressed this question by evaluating whether changes in body proportions interfere with computation of traveled distance for targets located outside the reaching space. We studied locomotion and distance estimation in an achondroplastic child (ACH, 11 yr) before and after surgical elongation of the shank segments of both lower limbs and in healthy adults walking on stilts, designed to mimic shank-segment elongation. Kinematic analysis of gait revealed that dynamic coupling of the thigh, shank, and foot segments changed substantially as a result of elongation. Step length remained unvaried, in spite of the significant increase in total limb length (approximately 1.5-fold). These relatively shorter strides resulted from smaller oscillations of the shank segment, as would be predicted by proportional increments in limb size and not by asymmetrical segmental increment as in the present case (length of thighs was not modified). Distance estimation was measured by walking with eyes closed toward a memorized target. Before surgery, the behavior of ACH was comparable to that of typically developing participants. In contrast, following shank elongation, the ACH walked significantly shorter distances when aiming at the same targets. Comparable changes in limb kinematics, stride length, and estimation of traveled distance were found in adults wearing on stilts, suggesting that path integration errors in both cases were related to alterations in the intersegmental coordination of the walking
limbs. The results are consistent with a dynamic locomotor body schema used for controlling step length and path estimation, based on inherent relationships between gait parameters and body proportions.

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KW - Infant
KW - Lacerations/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Male
KW - Neck Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Play and Playthings/in [Injuries]
KW - Prospective Studies
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
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N2 - Childhood injuries are the leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. We evaluated the type of pediatric injuries encountered in the emergency room amongst 225 children (boys 151, girls 64; age range, 2 mo-12 yr). Data were collected using a structured injury proforma over a period of 12 months. Injuries occurred at home (n=137, 60.8%), street (n=38, 16.8%), and playground (n=37, 16.4%). Most frequent injuries were falls (n=144, 64%) and road traffic injuries (RTI) (n=37, 16.4%). Injuries mostly consisted of fractures (n=72, 32%), bruises (n=39, 17.3%), and lacerations (n=35, 15.5%). Child abuse was recognized in 7 (3.5%) children. There was an average delay of 2 hour 50 minutes to reach the medical facility.
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INTRODUCTION: Unfractionated Heparin (UFH) is used widely in pediatrics. Pediatric specific recommendations for UFH therapy are few, with the majority of recommendations being extrapolated from adult practice. In vitro studies have shown that this practice may be suboptimal. This study aimed to improve the understanding of the impact of age upon UFH response in vivo. MATERIALS AND METHODS: This prospective, observational study, conducted in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), included: patients 16 years or younger; treated with UFH of at least 10 U/Kg/hr. Laboratory analysis included: Antithrombin, APTT, Anti-Xa, Anti-IIa and thrombin generation expressed as the Endogenous Thrombin Potential. Results were
grouped according to patient age (i.e. <1, 1-5, 6-10 and 11-16 years). RESULTS: 85 patients received an equivalent mean UFH dose with a median duration of 3 days. Antithrombin levels were decreased compared to age-related norms in children up to 11 years of age. APTT results were comparable across the age-groups. The Anti-Xa results using two different assays showed a trend for lower values in younger children. There was a trend for decreased Anti-IIa activity in younger children. Endogenous Thrombin Potential showed a significant trend for increased inhibition in older children. In vitro Antithrombin supplementation did not change the Anti-Xa or thrombin generation. CONCLUSIONS: This study confirms that, in vivo, for the same dose of UFH, the anti Xa and anti IIa effect, as well as the inhibition of endogenous thrombin potential is age dependent and that these differences are not purely AT dependent. The implication is that the anticoagulant and antithrombotic effect of a given dose of UFH differs with age. Clinical outcome studies to determine the optimal dosing for each age group are warranted.
The twofold purposes of the investigation were (a) to describe with direct observation data the physical activity behaviors and the accompanying social and environmental events of those behaviors for children in preschools and (b) to determine which contextual conditions were predictors of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and nonsedentary physical activity (i.e., light activity + MVPA) for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children during their outdoor play. The results indicate that preschoolers' physical activity is characterized as sedentary in nature throughout their preschool day (i.e., 89% sedentary, 8% light activity, and 3% MVPA). During outdoor play periods, when children are most likely to be physically active, some contextual and social circumstances better predict their physical activity. Implications for policy makers, practitioners, and researchers are discussed.
representation of the joint action task and/or elicits a specific human motivation to synchronize movements during joint rhythmic activity.

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KW - Genetic Predisposition to Disease
KW - Hospitalization
KW - Humans
KW - Nitrogen Dioxide/to [Toxicity]
KW - Ozone/to [Toxicity]
KW - Particle Size
KW - Public Health
KW - Respiratory Sounds
KW - Urban Health
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N2 - Outdoor air pollution at levels occurring in many urban areas around the world has substantial adverse effects on health. Children in general, and children with asthma in particular, are sensitive to the adverse effects of outdoor air pollutants, including ozone, nitrogen oxides, and respirable particulate matter. A growing number of studies also show that children living in environments near traffic have increased risks of new-onset asthma, asthma symptoms, exacerbations, school absences, and asthma-related hospitalizations. The large population of
children exposed to high levels of outdoor air pollutants and the substantial risks for adverse health effects present unexploited opportunities to reduce the burden of asthma. Because the evidence indicates significant adverse effects of air pollution at current levels, there is clearly a need to reduce levels of regulated pollutants such as ozone, as well as unregulated pollutants in tailpipe emissions from motor vehicles. Achieving this long-term goal requires the active involvement of physicians and medical providers to ensure that the health of children is at the top of the list of competing priorities for regulatory policy decision-making. Clinical approaches include treatment to control asthma and patient education to reduce adverse effects of the disease. Reduction in exposures also can be approached at a policy level through changes in schools and school bus operations. Beyond clinical and public health approaches to reduce exposure, another strategy to be used before clean air goals are met is to decrease the susceptibility of children to air pollution. Emerging research indicates that dietary supplementation for individuals with low antioxidant levels is one promising approach to reducing susceptibility to air pollution. A second approach involves induction of enzymatic antioxidant defenses, especially for individuals with at-risk genetic variants of key antioxidant enzymes.

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T1 - Utilization and physical activity levels at renovated and unrenovated school playgrounds
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OBJECTIVE: This study examined utilization and physical activity levels at renovated compared to unrenovated school playgrounds. METHODS: Ten unrenovated and ten renovated school playgrounds (renovated at least a year prior) in Cleveland, OH were matched on school and neighborhood characteristics. Using direct observation (SOPLAY), the number of persons attending each playground and their physical activity levels were recorded using separate counts for girls, boys, men and women. Each school was observed ten times for 90 min each time outside of school hours in 2005. Paired t-tests, Wilcoxon Signed Ranks tests, and regression analyses were completed to examine differences across school pairs. RESULTS: More persons overall including adults and children utilized the renovated playgrounds compared to the unrenovated playgrounds. The proportion moderately-to-vigorously active was not different between renovated and unrenovated playgrounds although the proportion of children, in particular boys, who were vigorously active was greater at the renovated playgrounds. Although utilization was higher at the renovated playgrounds, absolute utilization was low across all playgrounds. CONCLUSIONS: This study suggests that playground renovations may have the potential to increase the number of children utilizing the playground outside of school hours and may increase the proportion of children, especially boys, who are vigorously active.
Mitochondrial thymidine kinase (TK2) catalyzes the phosphorylation of thymidine in mitochondria. Its function becomes essential for dTTP synthesis in noncycling cells, where cytosolic dTTP synthesis via R1/R2 ribonucleotide reductase and thymidine kinase 1 is turned down. Mutations in the nuclear gene for TK2 cause a fatal mtDNA depletion syndrome. Only selected cell types are affected, suggesting that the other cells compensate for the TK2 deficiency by adapting the enzyme network that regulates dTTP synthesis outside S-phase. Here we looked for such metabolic adaptation in quiescent cultures of fibroblasts from two TK2-deficient patients with a slow-progressing syndrome. In cell extracts, we measured the activities of TK2, deoxycytidine kinase, thymidine phosphorylase, deoxynucleotidases and the amounts of the three ribonucleotide reductase subunits. Patient cells contained 40% or 5% TK2 activity and unchanged activities of the other enzymes. However, their mitochondrial and cytosolic dTTP pools were unchanged, and also the overall composition of the dNTP pools was normal. TK2-dependent phosphorylation of [(3)H]thymidine in intact cells and the turnover of the dTTP pool showed that even the fibroblasts with 5% residual TK2 activity synthesized dTTP at an almost normal rate. Normal fibroblasts apparently contain more TK2 than needed to maintain dTTP during quiescence, which would explain why TK2-mutated fibroblasts do not manifest mtDNA depletion despite their reduced TK2 activity.

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Count data reflect the number of occurrences of a behavior in a fixed period of time (e.g., number of aggressive acts by children during a playground period). In cases in which the outcome variable is a count with a low arithmetic mean (typically < 10), standard ordinary least squares regression may produce biased results. We provide an introduction to regression models that provide appropriate analyses for count data. We introduce standard Poisson regression with an example and discuss its interpretation. Two variants of Poisson regression, overdispersed Poisson regression and negative binomial regression, are introduced that may provide more optimal results when a key assumption of standard Poisson regression is violated. We also discuss the problems of excess zeros in which a subgroup of respondents who would never display the behavior are included in the sample and truncated zeros in which respondents who have a zero count are excluded by the sampling plan. We provide computer syntax for our illustrations in SAS and SPSS. The Poisson family of regression models provides improved and now easy to implement analyses of count data. [Supplementary materials are available for this article. Go to the publisher's online edition of Journal of Personality Assessment for the following free supplemental resources: the data set used to illustrate Poisson regression in this article, which is available in three formats-a text file, an SPSS database, or a SAS database.]
BACKGROUND: The role of different risk factors for bronchial hyperresponsiveness (BHR), such as gender, atopy, IgE, and environmental factors (smoking, occupational exposure, infections), has been described. Indoor and outdoor pollution play an important role too, but few studies have analyzed the association with BHR. The aim of this study was to assess the effect of urban residence on BHR. METHODS: We studied two general population samples enrolled in two cross-sectional epidemiological studies performed in Northern Italy (Po Delta, rural area) and Central Italy (Pisa, urban area). We analyzed 2,760 subjects (age range, 8 to 74 years). We performed analysis of variance and logistic regression analysis using ln slope of the dose-response curve of the methacholine challenge test as dependent variable, and sex, age, smoking habits, respiratory symptoms, skin-prick test results, IgE value, residence, and airway caliber as independent variables. RESULTS: The mean value of ln slope of the dose-response curve adjusted for initial airways caliber (by baseline FEV1 percentage of predicted value) was significantly higher in female subjects, in smokers, in subjects with respiratory symptoms, in younger and older ages, in subjects with high values of IgE, and in subjects with positive skin-prick test results. After controlling for the independent effects of all these variables, living in urban area was an independent risk factor for having BHR (odds ratio, 1.41; 95% confidence interval, 1.13 to 1.76). CONCLUSION: Living in urban area is a risk factor for increased bronchial responsiveness.
Objective: This study investigated the effects of cerebral palsy (CP) and gender on youth participation in activities outside of formal school. Method: Twenty-two participants with CP and 30 typically developing peers, ages 12-16 years, completed the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE; King et al., 2004). Results: Typically developing youths engaged in a broader range of activities and did so more frequently than did youths with CP. Similar levels of enjoyment in activity were found in both groups. In some scales of the CAPE, youths with CP participated in proportionally more activities alone and at home. Gender differences and Group x Gender interaction were found in some scales with respect to participation in and enjoyment of activities. Conclusions: Physical limitations associated with CP may affect the frequency of a child's participation in activity outside of school. However, youths with CP may express levels of enjoyment similar to those of typically developing peers while participating in activity.

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T1 - Early impact of the federally mandated Local Wellness Policy on physical activity in rural, low-income elementary schools in Colorado

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N2 - The What's Working project described the initial impact of the United States' federally mandated Local Wellness Policy in rural, low-income elementary schools located in Colorado. Before and after the Local Wellness Policy mandate went into effect, a survey about school features related to nutrition and physical activity was sent to a random sample of 45 rural elementary schools (i.e., schools located outside of urban areas), in which at least 40% of students qualified for free or reduced-cost lunch. Overall, opportunities for physical activity did not change after the policy went into effect: although time in physical education increased by 14 min per week (P=0.10), time for recess decreased by roughly 19 min per week (P=0.10). Policies supporting student participation in physical education and recess (an unstructured time during school hours when students are allowed to play outside) did not change. The researchers coded Local Wellness Policies and found them to have weak wording that produced minimal impact. Content analysis of key informant interviews suggested several barriers to the impact of the Local Wellness Policies: (1) competing pressures facing school districts, (2) lack of resources devoted to the Local Wellness Policy, (3) principals' lack of knowledge about the policy, and (4) lack of accountability mechanisms to ensure policy implementation. Financial resources and more effective communication about Local Wellness Policies among school districts and principals are needed to elevate the importance of and increase opportunities for physical activity in rural, low-income Colorado elementary schools

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Once bitten, twice shy? Medically-attended injuries can sensitise parents to children's risk of injuries on playgrounds

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Objective: To compare risk perceptions of parents whose child sustained a medically attended playground injury (cases) with those of parents whose child had not (controls) to address two questions. Does having a child experience a medically attended injury: (1) sensitise parents to children's injury vulnerability and severity; (2) influence parents' appraisal of the injury mechanism (child's behaviour), attributions for injuries or beliefs about strategies for prevention?

Method: Each case-control parent dyad was assigned to one of two conditions: (1) being presented with 10 common injury-risk playground behaviours specific to the equipment on which their child had been hurt, and asked to appraise injury vulnerability and severity; or (2) being presented with scenarios about playground injuries that varied in severity but were all based on the same child behaviour, and asked questions about this behaviour, attributions for injury and strategies for prevention.

Results: The results support the occurrence of a sensitisation process. Compared with control parents, case parents showed higher ratings of injury severity and children's vulnerability to injury, made fewer attributions for injuries to bad luck, and endorsed a greater diversity of prevention strategies, including parent (closer supervision), child (teaching rules about safe play on playgrounds) and environmental (modifications to playgrounds).

Conclusions: A child's medically attended injury can create a "teachable moment" for the parent. Linking injury-prevention programming to this teachable moment may increase the likelihood of evoking changes in
parental supervisory behaviour and their setting of rules limiting their child's risk behaviours to reduce the occurrence of childhood injury

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: For child protective services (CPS) youth who may have experienced more than one form of maltreatment, the unique contribution of emotional abuse may be over-looked when other forms are more salient and more clearly outside of accepted social norms for parenting. This study considers the unique predictive value of childhood emotional abuse for understanding adolescent post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptomatology and dating violence. Further, PTSD symptomatology is assessed as an explanatory bridge in the emotional abuse-teen dating violence link. METHODS: A random sample of 402 youth from the active caseload of a large urban CPS catchment area participated as part of a larger longitudinal study on adolescent health behaviors. Mid-adolescent youth across types of CPS status were targeted. CPS youth reported on lifetime maltreatment experiences, PTSD symptomatology, and past year dating experiences, using published
scales. RESULTS: Over 85% of CPS youth had begun dating. For dating youth, some level of dating violence was common: over half of females (63-67%) and nearly half of males (44-49%). Taking into account other forms of maltreatment, emotional abuse emerged as a significant predictor of both PTSD symptomatology and dating violence among males and females. PTSD symptomatology was a significant mediator of the male emotional abuse-perpetration and the female emotional/physical abuse-victimization links, indicating a gendered patterning to findings. CONCLUSIONS: These results indicate that: (1) CPS youth are a high priority group for dating violence and PTSD-linked intervention; and (2) CPS youth continue to experience the unique negative impact of childhood emotional abuse in their adolescent adjustment. All CPS children should be evaluated for emotional abuse incurred, and appropriate intervention attention be given as to how it specifically impacts on the child's approach to relating to themselves and to others. PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS: The present study directs practice implications in regards to: (1) the problem of teen dating violence, (2) the salience of childhood emotional abuse; and (3) the importance of targeting PTSD symptomatology among CPS youth. A substantial number of CPS youth report early engagement in violent romantic relationships and require support towards attaining the non-coercive relationship experiences of their non-CPS-involved age mates. The topic of dating, healthy dating relationships, and dating violence may need to be part of the regular casework, with a view towards supporting youths' conceptualization of and skill set for healthy, close relationships. Further, this knowledge needs to be translated to foster parents and group home staff. With regard to the impact of childhood emotional abuse, CPS workers need to be sensitive to its potential for long-term, unique impact impairing relationship development. Emotional abuse is (a) unique among genders (i.e., for females, it clusters with physical abuse) and (b) uniquely predictive of PTSD symptoms and dating violence. Finally, as is consistent with theory and biopsychosocial evidence, PTSD symptomatology is a key causal candidate for understanding maltreatment-related impairment. Attention to targeting PTSD symptoms may be preventative for dating violence; attention to targeting emotional abuse experiences may be preventative for PTSD symptoms. CPS youth are an important population to involve in research, as their inclusion adds to the evidence-base to achieve evidence-informed practice and policy within child welfare

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AIM: Several studies indicate a high prevalence of vitamin D deficiency among young populations. Information about the vitamin D status in young adult populations from the Middle East is scarce. The vitamin D status can be expected to be influenced by highly different factors between various countries in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The aim of this study was to determine the prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in young Qatari children below 16 years of age. METHODS: A cross-sectional study carried out among children below 16 years of age who visited the Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs). The survey was conducted over a period from August 2007 to March 2008. Qatari nationals, male and female, aged below 16 years. A random sample of 650 children who visited the PHC Centers was approached and parents of 458 children expressed their consent to participate in this study, corresponding to a response rate of 70.5%. Face-to-face interviews were based on a questionnaire that included variables such as socio-demographic information, life style, family history and feeding patterns during infancy, and clinical information as well as laboratory investigations for biochemical assessment of vitamin D status. RESULTS: Of the total number of 458 children surveyed, 228 (49.8%) were males and 230 (50.2%) females. The prevalence of vitamin D deficiency among the studied Qatari children was (68.8%), mostly in the age group (11-16) years (61.6%). There was a significant difference between vitamin D deficient and normal children as compared to their age (P=0.013). Vitamin D deficiency was more common among girls (51.4%) than boys (48.6%). Exposure to sunlight was limited in both groups; but even lower in vitamin D deficient children (57.5%) than in normal children (70.6%). The duration of time spent outside was again low in both groups but significantly lower in vitamin D deficient children (23.5 minutes) compared to normal children (28.4 minutes). Low duration of time spent outdoors, breast feeding less than 6 months, a family history of diabetes mellitus and physical activity were significant predictors for vitamin D deficiency in Qatari children. Rickets, fractures, gastroenteritis and delayed milestones were all significantly higher in vitamin D deficient children. CONCLUSIONS: The present study revealed that the prevalence of vitamin D deficiency is high in Qatari children and more common in Qatari girls. In the young population in Qatar, vitamin D deficiency appears to result from a combination of limitations in sunlight exposure and a low oral intake of vitamin D.
OBJECTIVES: This study examines the amount of recess that children 8 to 9 years of age receive in the United States and compares the group classroom behavior of children receiving daily recess with that of children not receiving daily recess. METHODS: This is a secondary analysis of a public-use data set, the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998-1999, third-grade data set. Children were categorized into 2 levels of recess exposure, that is, none/minimal break (<1 break of 15 minutes/day) or some recess. Some recess was further categorized into 5 levels on the basis of frequency and duration of recess. Child, parent, school, and classroom characteristics of those with and without recess were compared. The group classroom behavior was assessed by using the teacher's rating of class behavior. RESULTS: Complete data were available for 10301 to 11624 children 8 to 9 years of age. There were equal numbers of boys and girls (boys: 50.3%). Children exposed to none/minimal break (30%) were much more likely to be black, to be from families with lower incomes and lower levels of education, to live in large cities, to be from the Northeast or South, and to attend public school, compared with those with recess. Teacher's rating of classroom behavior scores were better for children with some recess than for those with none/minimal break. This finding was maintained in multivariate regression analysis. However, among children receiving daily recess, the teacher's rating of class behavior scores did not differ significantly according to the level of exposure. CONCLUSIONS: These results indicated that, among 8- to 9-year-old children, having > or =1 daily recess period of >15 minutes in length was associated with better teacher's rating of class behavior scores. This study suggests that schoolchildren in this age group should be provided with daily recess.
OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to examine policies and characteristics of preschools and the extent to which they influence the physical activity of 3- to 5-year-old children during the preschool day.

METHODS: A total of 299 children from 20 preschools wore accelerometers for an average of 8.1 hours/day (SD: 1.5 hours/day), for 5.5 days (SD: 2.1 days). A researcher completed the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised for each preschool to assess quality. Classrooms and playgrounds were measured, and the preschool director was interviewed about physical activity policies. For each policy or characteristic, preschools were divided into 2 groups on the basis of whether the characteristic/policy was presumed to promote or not promote physical activity. RESULTS: Children spent fewer minutes per hour in sedentary activity and more minutes per hour in moderate/vigorous physical activity in preschools that had higher quality scores, less fixed playground equipment, more portable playground equipment, lower use of electronic media, and larger playgrounds. Five preschools had all 5 of these characteristics, and children in those preschools had significantly more moderate/vigorous physical activity minutes per hour and fewer sedentary minutes per hour compared with children in the other preschools. CONCLUSION: Children in the top 5 physical activity-promoting preschools accumulated >60 minutes of moderate/vigorous physical activity per day, compared with the children in the other preschools, who accumulated <60 minutes of moderate/vigorous physical activity per day.
BACKGROUND: With the ongoing interest in implementing school policies to address the problem of childhood obesity, there is a need for information about the relationships between school food environments and practices and children's weight status. OBJECTIVE: To examine the association between school food environments and practices and children's body mass index (BMI; calculated as kg/m(2)). DESIGN: The study used data from the third School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study, a cross-sectional study that included a national sample of public school districts, schools, and children in the 2004-2005 school year. Data on school food environments and practices were collected through on-site observations and interviews with school principals, and children were weighed and measured by trained data collectors. SUBJECTS/SETTING: The study included 287 schools and 2,228 children in grades 1 through 12. STATISTICAL ANALYSES PERFORMED: Ordinary least squares regression was used to estimate the associations between school food environments and practices and BMI z scores and logistic regression was used to estimate associations between school food environments and practices and the likelihood of obesity (defined as BMI-for-age >=95th percentile). Models included controls for sociodemographic characteristics of schools and children, to control for potential endogeneity of school environments and practices, as well as controls for children's dietary and physical activity behaviors outside of school. RESULTS: Among elementary school children, offering french fries and similar potato products in subsidized school meals more than once per week and offering dessert more than once per week were each associated with a significantly higher likelihood of obesity. Among middle school children, the availability of low-nutrient, energy-dense foods in vending machines in or near the foodservice area was associated with a higher BMI z score, and the availability of such foods for a la carte purchase in the cafeteria was associated with a lower BMI z score. CONCLUSIONS: Findings from this analysis suggest that limiting children's access to low-nutrient, energy-dense foods at school may hold promise as a tactic for reducing children's total calorie intake and controlling children's BMI.
BACKGROUND: Chest physiotherapy is widely prescribed to assist the clearance of airway secretions in people with cystic fibrosis (CF). Oscillating devices generate intra- or extra-thoracic oscillations orally or external to the chest wall. Internally they create variable resistances within the airways, generating controlled oscillating positive pressure which mobilises mucus. Extra-thoracic oscillations are generated by forces outside the respiratory system, e.g. high frequency chest wall oscillation. OBJECTIVES: To determine the effectiveness and acceptability of oscillating devices compared to other forms of physiotherapy to improve respiratory function, mucus clearance and other outcomes in people with CF. SEARCH STRATEGY: We searched the Cochrane Cystic Fibrosis and Genetic Disorders Group Trials Register comprising references identified from comprehensive electronic database searches and hand searches of relevant journals and abstract books of conference proceedings. Most recent search of the Cystic Fibrosis Trials Register: November 2008. SELECTION CRITERIA: Randomised controlled studies and controlled clinical studies of oscillating devices compared with any other form of physiotherapy in people with CF. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: Two authors independently applied the inclusion criteria to publications and assessed the quality of the included studies. MAIN RESULTS: Two hundred and sixty-five studies were identified; thirty studies (total of 708 participants) met the inclusion criteria. Single treatment interventions (therapy technique used only once in the comparison) were excluded. Studies varied in duration from up to one week to one year in duration. Nineteen of the studies were cross-over in design. Data were not published in sufficient detail in most of these studies to perform meta-analysis. Forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV(1)) was the most frequently measured outcome. Results did not show significant difference in effect between oscillating devices and other methods of airway clearance on FEV(1) or other lung function parameters. Where there has been a small but significant change in secondary outcome variables such as sputum volume or weight this has not been wholly in favour of oscillating devices. Participant satisfaction was reported in eleven studies, but this was not specifically in favour of an oscillating device as some participants preferred breathing techniques or techniques used prior to the study.
interventions. The results for the remaining outcome measures were not examined or reported in sufficient detail to provide any high level evidence. AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS: There was no clear evidence that oscillation was a more or less effective intervention overall than other forms of physiotherapy. More adequately-powered long-term randomised controlled trials are needed. [References: 83]

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N2 - OBJECTIVES: To determine relationships between physical fitness and academic achievement in diverse, urban public school children. METHODS: This cross-sectional study used public school data from 2004 to 2005. Academic achievement was assessed as a passing score on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) achievement tests in Mathematics (fourth, sixth, and eighth grade, n = 1103) and in English (fourth and seventh grade, n = 744). Fitness achievement was assessed as the number of physical fitness tests passed during physical education (PE). Multivariate logistic regression analyses were conducted to assess the
probability of passing the MCAS tests, controlling for students' weight status (BMI z score), ethnicity, gender, grade, and socioeconomic status (school lunch enrollment). RESULTS: The odds of passing both the MCAS Mathematics test and the MCAS English test increased as the number of fitness tests passed increased (p < .0001 and p < .05, respectively). CONCLUSIONS: Results show statistically significant relationships between fitness and academic achievement, though the direction of causation is not known. While more research is required, promoting fitness by increasing opportunities for physical activity during PE, recess, and out of school time may support academic achievement.

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T1 - Overweight is more prevalent than stunting and is associated with socioeconomic status, maternal obesity, and a snacking dietary pattern in school children from Bogota, Colombia
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N2 - The objectives of this study were to estimate the prevalence of overweight in school-aged children from Bogota, Colombia and to examine its associations with sociodemographic characteristics, dietary patterns, and indicators of physical activity. We measured height and weight in 3075 children between 5 and 12 y of age who attended public primary schools in 2006 and we obtained information on maternal sociodemographic and anthropometric characteristics. The survey was representative of children from low and middle socioeconomic backgrounds. The prevalences of child overweight (including obesity) and obesity according to the International
Obesity Task Force criteria were 11.1 and 1.8%, respectively. The prevalence of stunting was 9.8%. In multivariate analysis, child overweight was positively associated with indicators of higher socioeconomic status (SES), including low maternal parity and ownership of household assets. The prevalence of overweight was 3.6 times greater in children whose mothers were obese compared with children whose mothers had an adequate BMI (adjusted prevalence ratio = 3.61; 95% CI = 2.64, 4.93). Child overweight was positively associated with adherence to a "snacking" dietary pattern (P-trend = 0.06) and to frequent intake of hamburgers or hot dogs (adjusted prevalence ratio for at least once per week vs. never = 1.93; 95% CI = 1.03, 3.62), independent of total energy intake and other potential confounders. Time spent viewing television or playing outside the household were not significantly related to the prevalence of child overweight. In conclusion, child overweight in Bogota is more common than stunting and is associated with higher SES, maternal obesity, and a snacking dietary pattern.
controls (P<0.05). Results indicated parents of children with NOE spent more time in medical care (F=4.4, P<0.05) and less time in recreation outside of the home (F=5.6, P<0.05) compared with parents of controls. These findings have important implications for family adaptation to a new epilepsy diagnosis.
OBJECTIVE: Alterations in reward-related brain function and phenomenological aspects of positive affect are increasingly examined in the development of major depressive disorder. The authors tested differences in reward-related brain function in healthy and depressed adolescents, and the authors examined direct links between reward-related brain function and positive mood that occurred in real-world contexts.

METHOD: Fifteen adolescents with major depressive disorder and 28 adolescents with no history of psychiatric disorder, ages 8-17 years, completed a functional magnetic resonance imaging guessing task involving monetary reward. Participants also reported their subjective positive affect in natural environments during a 4-day cell-phone-based ecological momentary assessment.

RESULTS: Adolescents with major depressive disorder exhibited less striatal response than healthy comparison adolescents during reward anticipation and reward outcome, but more response in dorsolateral and medial prefrontal cortex. Diminished activation in a caudate region associated with this depression group difference was correlated with lower subjective positive affect in natural environments, particularly within the depressed group.

CONCLUSIONS: Results support models of altered reward processing and related positive affect in young people with major depressive disorder and indicate that depressed adolescents' brain response to monetary reward is related to their affective experience in natural environments. Additionally, these results suggest that reward-processing paradigms capture brain function relevant to real-world positive affect.

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While it has been shown that non-parental child care is associated with a reduced risk for unintentional injuries, a considerable number of accidents in kindergartens do result in severe injuries. We have collected data on the behavioral and environmental aspects of accidents that occurred in kindergartens in Austria with the aim of determining possible prevention measures. Included in the study were all kindergarten-related injuries (347) from among 21,582 pediatric trauma cases treated in a 22-month period in Graz, Austria. Kindergarten-related injuries that were treated during the same period at six participating hospitals located throughout Austria were used for comparison. A questionnaire was completed at first attendance, and additional information was achieved by interviews with the parents and kindergarten teachers. Only the 347 kindergarten accidents that occurred in Graz were analyzed in detail. Half of the injuries occurred in an outdoor environment (outside), even though most of the time was spent indoors. Boys were more frequently involved in accidents than girls (male:female=3:2). We identified seasonal and circadian differences, with most children being injured during the first 2 months of attendance (September and October), during the first 3 days of the week (Monday to Wednesday) and in the hour before and after lunch, respectively. Of the 347 accidents analyzed, 24% resulted in serious injury, and injuries occurring outdoors were more severe than those occurring indoors. Most parents felt that the accidents were unpreventable (47%), while 18% stated that improved supervision may have prevented the accident. Kindergarten accidents in Austria still result in a significant number of severe injuries. Kindergarten injuries were related to gender, season, time of day and location. Our results indicate the necessity of a continuous child safety training program that involves the participation of all teachers in day-care functions.
A Bayesian risk assessment of the exposure of children up to 6 years of age to trace elements in the sandy substrate of municipal playgrounds in Madrid, Spain was carried out. As a first step, exposure variables and parameters were borrowed from US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) databases. However, the use of these non-site-specific exposure data introduced a high arbitrariness in the assumed distributions, which, in the Bayes approach, translates into a high uncertainty for those distributions that is also reflected in the risk outcome. In order to reduce this uncertainty, site-specific values for children's body weight and exposure frequency were determined from three surveys of 75, 56, and 34 individuals, respectively, carried out in randomly selected playgrounds in Madrid. This information was used in a Bayesian approach to modify the prior distributions of exposure frequency and body weight adapted from the literature. As a result, the predictive distributions of risk values for arsenic and mercury presented a reduced arbitrariness and a significantly lower uncertainty than those obtained either from the prior distributions borrowed from the US EPA or from the limited data gathered in Madrid separately.
INTRODUCTION: Child care is a potential setting for obesity prevention; 8.6 million preschool-aged children participated in child care in 2001. Each US state creates and enforces its own child care licensing regulations. We analyzed obesity-related child care licensing regulations of US states. METHODS: We downloaded state licensing regulations for children in child care centers (CCCs), small family child care homes (SFHs), and large family or group child care homes (LFGHs) in each state and the District of Columbia (collectively referred to as "states") in 2006 from national and state Web sites. We conducted a quantitative content analysis to identify 13 coding dimensions related to nutrition, physical activity, and media use. RESULTS: We found variability among and within states. CCCs were the most heavily regulated and had the most specific regulations, followed by LFGHs. SFHs had the fewest and most general regulations. Just 2 states, Michigan and West Virginia, specified that CCC menus should be consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Only 12 states had regulations that limited foods of low nutritional value in CCCs. Thirty-six states required that children have daily outdoor activity time in CCCs; only 9 states set specific minimum lengths of time that children should be outdoors each day. Eight states set quantified time limits on screen time per day or per week in SFHs. CONCLUSION: Opportunities exist for strengthening state licensing regulations to prevent childhood obesity. The increasing prevalence of childhood obesity underscores the urgency for state policy efforts to create child care environments that foster healthful eating and participation in physical activity.
Since the majority of schools are housed in buildings dating from the 1960s and 1970s, a comprehensive construction and renovation program of school buildings has been carried out to improve the educational conditions in Korea. However, classrooms and computer rooms, with pressed wood desks, chairs and furnishings, as well as construction materials, might have negative effects on the indoor air quality. Furthermore, most schools have naturally ventilated classrooms. The purpose of this study was to characterize the concentrations of different indoor air pollutants within Korean schools and to compare their indoor levels within schools according to the age of school buildings. Indoor and outdoor air samples of carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO\(_2\)), particulate matter (PM\(_{10}\)), total microbial count (TBC), total volatile organic compounds (TVOCs) and formaldehyde (HCHO) were obtained during summer, autumn and winter from three sites; a classroom, a laboratory and a computer classroom at 55 different schools. The selection of the schools was based on the number of years since the schools had been constructed. The problems causing indoor air pollution at the schools were chemicals emitted by building materials or furnishings, and insufficient ventilation rates. The I/O ratio for HCHO was 6.32 during the autumn, and the indoor HCHO concentrations (mean = 0.16 ppm) in schools constructed within 1 year were significantly higher than the Korean Indoor Air Standard, indicating that schools have indoor sources of HCHO. Therefore, increasing the ventilation rate by means of a mechanical system and the use of low-emission furnishings can play key roles in improving the indoor air quality within schools.
This study aimed to identify and evaluate the degree of conformity to the playground standards and the level of compliance with current safety specifications of the playgrounds in the midwestern region of Turkey. An observational technique was used at a total of 57 public playgrounds. A playground safety control form was prepared based on the United States National Program for Playground Safety and the Consumer Product Safety Commission security standards, since there is no national law covering playground equipment and safety in Turkey. The study evaluated the surroundings of the playground, arrangement of equipment in the playground, and characteristics of the equipment. The percentage of playgrounds surveyed with inadequate or hard surfacing was 80.7%. Fifty-two percent of the equipment was found to be inappropriate. Equipment was higher than the recommended heights. The results of our study unfortunately point out that playgrounds for children do not meet many of the safety criteria.

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N2 - 35.5% of Polish society is active smokers and as many as 20% of pregnant women. Influence of passive smoking on fetuses and children is bigger than active smoking on adults. The aim of this scrutiny was to develop relationship between preschool children passive smoking and their health condition. Research was made with the use of 100 anonymous questionnaires among parents of children from nursery schools in Opole. We received the following results: active smokers lived in almost half of examined families (44%), the most numerous group of smokers was parents (80.5%). The most often (43.3%) children were exposed on 20 cigarettes per day. 40.9% parents smoked outside, on the balcony, however the rest of them inside, in various rooms of the house. Most of parents thought that the health condition of their children was good, but more smokers than non-smokers estimated it as bad (11.4% vs. 1.8%). To the question how often are their children sick the most parents in both groups answered that 1-3 times per year. Most frequent illnesses concerned children of smokers and it was mainly respiratory tract diseases. Antibiotics intake was more often among children of smokers than non-smokers. Relationship between their children health condition and cigarette smoking confirmed 90% of parents. Denied it 10% and all of them were smokers. It indicates the need of better education of both, parents and children, in the field of harmful effects of passive smoking on health.

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T1 - Association between early childhood caries and behavior as measured by the Child Behavior Checklist
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PURPOSE: This study's purpose was to use a standardized behavioral assessment instrument to compare the observed behavior of caries-free (CF) with caries-active (CA) children requiring restoration under general anesthesia (GA).

METHODS: Healthy 30- to 60-month-olds, either CF or in need of dental restoration under GA, were selected in 4 equal-size cohorts of 30 subjects from both private practice settings and a clinic. Trained assistants administered the child behavior checklist, a standardized, age-appropriate instrument to assess child behavior problems to parents at the time of appointment.

RESULTS: The 60 CF and 60 CA subjects did not differ significantly (P<.05) between clinic and private practice for age, gender, and race and were collapsed into groups of 60 CF and 60 CA children (mean ages=41.2 and 45.2 months, respectively). Compared to CF children, CA children had significantly higher (more problems) scores for categories of: anxious/depressed; sleep problems; aggressive behavior; externalizing and total problems; and attention deficit/hyperactivity problems. CA children scores for withdrawn, sleep problems, and attention deficit/hyperactivity problems were also higher than normal, but neither group had scores outside normative ranges.

CONCLUSIONS: No significant age, gender, behavior, or race differences were noted for site of care, but caries-active children had significantly more behavior problems than caries-free children.
BACKGROUND: The 2007 European Union (EU) regulation on medicinal products for pediatric use may change the present unsatisfying situation in the EU by stimulating research and development of medicines for use in children through rewards and incentives. OBJECTIVES: This commentary reflects on the new EU regulations and guidelines, with special attention paid to the impact on pediatric formulation science. The focus of this article is on the EU perspective for pediatric formulations and highlights the differences compared with the pediatric drug formulation situation in the United States. METHODS: Materials for this article were gathered during a literature search of MEDLINE and Chemical Abstracts (1970-October 2008) using the following terms: paediatric/pediatric drug formulations, age-appropriate dosage forms, child-appropriate medicines, and paediatric/pediatric regulation. RESULTS: Since the EU legislation on medicines for children came into force in 2007, a great emphasis has been placed on creating new organizations, scientific networks, and programs dealing with pediatric medicines and child-appropriate drug formulations. Although the US legislation was an appropriate model, the EU introduced some novel measures to improve the current situation, such as the Paediatric Investigation Plan and the Paediatric Use Marketing Authorisation. For globally operating pharmaceutical companies, the peculiarities of the European market have a strong impact on their product development strategies. Because the European approach demands early investigations into drug formulations for children, various issues must be resolved, including the following: choosing formulations for each age group, determining which excipients may be used in the formulation and which delivery device is appropriate, and predicting the taste sensation of an oral formulation. Numerous initiatives and networks are evolving in Europe. An important future task will be the coordination of these activities and the linking to other groups working on pediatric formulations outside the EU. CONCLUSION: Similar to the research in pediatric drug formulations that was stimulated by the US legislation and incentives of the last decade, the 2007 EU legislation promises improvements in the availability of child-appropriate drugs in Europe.
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To examine the epidemiological features of prevalence and influencing factors on obesity of Chinese children from 1 month to 7 years of age in nine cities. METHODS: Stratified-clustered-random sampling was used, and the sampling size was 112 945 persons. Overweight and obesity were defined by the weight for height of NCSH/WHO reference, being over 10% as overweight and over 20% as obesity. The normal children were matched with obese children by region, gender, age and height in the case-control designs, and the data were analyzed by multiple conditional Logistic regression model. RESULTS: (1) The overall prevalence of overweight was 6.25%, 6.59% for boys and 5.88% for girls. The overall prevalence of obesity was 3.19%, 3.82% for boys and 2.48% for girls. The prevalence of obesity in different age groups was significantly different, 1.86% for 1 month to 1 year old, lower for 1 to 3 years old, higher again after 3 years of age and reached 7.02% for 6-7 years of age. There was a significant regional difference in prevalence, which in the central (3.97%) and northern (3.21%) regions was higher than that in the south (2.47%). Most of the obese children belonged to mild obesity. Severe obesity occurred mainly after 3 years of age, and the prevalence of severe obesity for boys was significantly higher than the girls, in the northern part it was higher than those in the other two parts. (2) As compared with the survey data in 1986 and 1996, the prevalence of obesity increased by 2.78 times in the past 20 years, and the annual incremental rate was 6.9%. The prevalence of obesity increased rapidly after 4 years of age and significant gender difference was seen. The higher prevalence shifted from the north to the central part of China. (3) Results of the Logistic regression indicated that appetite, eating speed, high maternal and paternal BMI, child caretaker, mode of delivery, main style of the outdoor activities, hours of watching TV, birth weight and duration of night time sleep were significantly related to obesity.
CONCLUSION: (1) During the past 20 years the prevalence of child obesity showed a fast increasing trend in China. Degrees of the increasing trend differed across gender and age groups and regions. Effective strategies for intervention on population should be stipulated. (2) Good appetite, fast eating, high BMI of parents, caesarean birth, high birth-weight and excess hours of watching TV were possibly associated with increased risk of obesity in childhood, and those children looked after by their parents, medium intensity outdoor exercise and sufficient night sleep were associated with decreased risk of obesity
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Background: Neighborhood infrastructure may provide an important opportunity to prevent overweight among children. In the present study we investigated whether access to shops for modestly priced fresh produce, access to parks and playgrounds, access to recreational facilities and neighborhood safety are related to children's diet, physical and sedentary activities, and body weights. Methods: Data were obtained from the Children's Lifestyle and School-performance Study, a survey including 5,471 grade five students and their parents in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada. Students completed the Harvard Food Frequency Questionnaire and had their height and weight measured. Parents completed questions on socio-economic background and how they perceived their neighborhood. We applied multilevel regression methods to relate these neighborhood characteristics with children's fruit and vegetable consumption, dietary fat intake, diet
quality, frequency of engaging in sports with and without a coach, screen time, overweight and obesity.

RESULTS: Children in neighborhoods with greater perceived access to shops had healthier diets and were less likely to be overweight or obese. Children in neighborhoods with good access to playgrounds, parks and recreational facilities were reportedly more active and were less likely to be overweight or obese, whereas children in safe neighborhoods engaged more in unsupervised sports. CONCLUSIONS: The study demonstrated associations between neighborhood characteristics, health behaviors and childhood overweight. This contributes to the knowledge base that is still too narrow to justify informed preventative public health policy. We advocate the evaluation of natural experiments created by new policy that affect neighborhood infrastructures as the optimal opportunity to enlarge this knowledge base

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A randomized stratified sample of 522 children attending the third class of primary schools within the area of Bologna Local Health Unit was analysed for physical activity and sports practice. Information about the children's habits and availability of facilities for physical and sports activities were collected by means of structured questionnaires completed by children (507 respondents), parents (491), reference teachers for physical education (26) and class teachers (46) during the school year 2006-07. At the same time, the children's heights and weights were measured in order to calculate BMI values. Regular sports activity is practised by 80.1% of children (males: 82.4%, females: 77.6%), with significant differences between genders only in children with at least one non-Italian parent (M>F, p < 0.05); the practice of sports is influenced by the area of residence (metropolitan > plain and hills, p < 0.05) and nationality (Italians > non-Italians, p < 0.01). Children with at least one actively sports practising parent are involved more frequently in sports activities (p < 0.001). In free time, sedentary activities are prevalent for both sports-practising children and not. However children not involved in regular sports activities tend to practise outdoor physical activities with a frequency significantly higher than children involved in sports (17.3% vs 10.4% of respondents). The percentage of completely sedentary children, who stated that they practise neither sports nor physical activity in their free time, is 7.3% (metropolitan area: 4.5%, hills: 8.7%, plain: 10.6%). The prevalence of overweight is 24.4%, of obesity 9.7%, with a better distribution of BMI values in the metropolitan area where there is the highest occurrence of positive conditions and behaviours: availability of sports facilities, the highest prevalence of sports practice, and the lowest prevalence of completely sedentary children.
The aim of the study was to determine socio-economic and parental factors affecting odds for development of obesity in school-age children from south-eastern Poland (SEP). 2,182 boys and 2,066 girls from randomly selected elementary schools in SEP were involved in this study. The mean age of the girls was 10.4 years (SD 2.4, range 6.7-14.9). The mean age of the boys was 10.5 years (SD 2.3, range 6.9-14.9). 167 boys (7.7%, 95% CI: 6.6-8.8%) and 208 girls (10.1%, 95% CI: 8.8-11.4%) were obese. The difference in prevalence of obesity between genders was statistically significant. Socioeconomic risk factors (RF) were different from those in Western Europe or the United States. A small number of siblings was RF for obesity. Intact family had a protective effect. No correlation was found between child's obesity and parental education, income per capita or mother working outside the home. Parental obesity was RF for the obesity in children. High BMI at birth was an RF for obesity. A distinct pattern of socio-economic RF underlines the importance of population specific epidemiological studies. Defining RF in a specific region provides information to design specific preventive strategies.

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T1 - [A personalised health care programme (PANDELAS) operating in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during 2006]. [Spanish]
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OBJECTIVE: Identifying families having health risks using GIS technology to plan health care action which would include the whole community and not just that part of the population demanding attention.

METHODS: 48,800 inhabitants from Ensenada county near Buenos Aires, Argentina were registered and questioned regarding socio-economic-sanitary aspects and their data was georeferenced to cadastral maps (using Arc-GIS-ESRI-2002 software). Health teams (HT) from each local health centre (LHC) were instructed in how to identify the population at risk and plan and carry out preventative health action using the software. Variables such as the quality of attention received, knowledge of the area and its inhabitants, the effectiveness of LHC action, the amount of extramural activities engaged in, community participation and the degree of satisfaction were evaluated pre- and post-PANDELAS. RESULTS: PANDELAS led to focusing attention on homes having structural disadvantages (i.e. the absence of drinking water or drains), vulnerable inhabitants having special characteristics or sick people suffering from a chronic pathology. Children aged <1 year, patients affected by chronic disease, the aged, pregnant women and people lacking routine controls (such as Papanicolau, etc) were georeferenced. Controls were increased by 300 % based on this information. LHC tripled their knowledge of the area for which they were responsible and the needs of their target population; outdoor community activities increased 6-fold and community participation increased from 0.1 % to 3.9 %. LHC satisfaction and that of the community with the work done was reflected in 89 % and 85 % favourable answers, respectively.

CONCLUSIONS: PANDELAS brought greater LHC commitment towards their community, planning their activities on the basis of preventative action and increasing accessibility to the heath care system.

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T1 - [Value of a clinical test for assessing physical activity in children]. [Spanish]
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BACKGROUND: An appropriate measurement of physical activity (PA) in children is useful, since inactivity is associated with obesity, cardiovascular and metabolic risk. AIM: To assess the reliability of the INTA questionnaire of PA, to compare the derived PA score with accelerometry and to assess its ability to identify excessively inactive children. MATERIAL AND METHODS: One hundred eighty children aged 8 to 13 years answered an interviewer-administered questionnaire about their usual PA, consisting in 5 items (recumbent, seated, walking, playing outdoor, sports). The answers were converted to a PA score with a 0-10 points scale. Reliability was tested in 87 children by test/retest conducted 3-5 days apart. The PA score was compared with 3-day accelerometry in 77 of 93 children (35 obese and 42 non obese). Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were used to determine the optimal cut-point for identify an excessively sedentary child. RESULTS: The test/retest reliability of the questionnaire was 0.69 to 0.93 (Lin coefficient). Accelerometry was significantly associated with PA score (RHO: 0.60, p =0.008), outdoor plays (RHO: 0.37, p =0.0009) and practicing of sports (RHO: 0.33, p =0.003). Obese children were less active than non obese children, according both to PA score and to accelerometry. The optimal cut-point for classifying a child as too sedentary was a score of 5 (sensitivity =0.89). CONCLUSIONS: The INTA-test is a valuable instrument for measuring usual PA in clinical practice and is easy to administer.
PURPOSE: This study examined factors related to two sources of physical activity for youth: active use of recreation sites and active transport to recreation sites. METHODS: Parents of children (n = 87) and matched pairs of parents and adolescents (n = 124 pairs) in three US cities reported on youths’ active use of, proximity to, and walking/biking to 12 recreation sites and on neighborhood walkability and safety. Multivariate regression models evaluated factors associated with youths’ frequent site use and active transport to sites. RESULTS: Proximity to the site was associated with frequent use of large parks and public open space. Walking/biking to the site was associated with frequent use of most sites (indoor recreation sites, small and large parks, basketball courts, walking/running tracks, school recreation sites, playgrounds, and public open space). After controlling for proximity and demographic factors, active transport to sites remained significantly associated (P < 0.05) with frequent use of four sites for children (indoor recreation, walking/running tracks, school recreation facilities, and public open space) and all but three sites for adolescents (indoor recreation, playfields/courts, and beach/lake/rivers). Adolescents’ active transport to more sites was most positively related to higher perceived traffic safety and to better pedestrian infrastructure and was negatively related to crime threat. Adolescents with driver's licenses walked/biked to recreation sites less often. CONCLUSIONS: Active transport was strongly associated with the use of multiple recreation sites by children and adolescents, even when accounting for proximity and demographic factors. Adolescents living in neighborhoods with better traffic safety walked/biked to more recreation sites for physical activity. Findings support the need for built environments and transportation policies that facilitate safe, active transport to recreation sites for youth physical activity.
BACKGROUND: There is a lack of empirical research investigating challenging behaviour in children with autism with severe speech impairments in naturalistic settings. The aim of the present study was to investigate challenging behaviour among Australian and Taiwanese children with autism who are non-verbal or have limited speech (i.e. less than five functional words) in school settings and to address the following questions: (1) What are the communicative characteristics (e.g. communicative functions, partners, activities and partner’s responses) of challenging behaviour? (2) Do sample characteristics (e.g. age, severity of autism, adaptive behaviour level, the use of graphic symbols, the use of non-symbolic acts, the use of speech) associate with the amount of challenging behaviour? (3) Do cultural differences exist in communicative variables of challenging behaviour?

METHOD: Naturalistic observations were used to investigate challenging behaviour in children with autism. A total of 32 (17 Australian and 15 Taiwanese) children with autism who were non-verbal or had limited speech participated in the current study and each participant was videotaped for 2 h during his/her everyday school routines.

RESULTS: Sixteen out of 32 children had challenging behaviour. Challenging behaviour was used for requesting and rejecting communicative functions. A paired-samples t-test revealed that no significant differences existed in the frequency of occurrence between request and reject. Challenging behaviour was directed to adults and peers. A paired-samples t-test revealed that challenging behaviour was
directed to adults significantly more frequently than to peers. Communicative partners showed different responses (e.g., deny, no response, delivered, removed, acknowledge) to challenging behaviour. A repeated-measures analysis of variance (ANOVA) revealed a main effect for partner response. Deny was the most common response. Challenging behaviour occurred across a variety of classroom activities (e.g., academic activities, morning circle, morning tea, lunch, free time). A repeated-measures ANOVA revealed a main effect for activity. Challenging behaviour occurred most often during academic activities. A set of correlation analyses indicated a significant correlation existed between the use of graphic symbols and the amount of challenging behaviour. A series of Mann-Whitney U-tests revealed significant differences between Australian and Taiwanese children on the amount of challenging behaviour, communicative functions and partners. A Chi-squared test revealed that there were significantly more Australian children with autism who displayed challenging behaviour than Taiwanese children. CONCLUSIONS: The current study shows that a high proportion of children with autism with severe speech impairments used challenging behaviour as a form of expressive communication in their school environments. The findings from the present study may have implications for practitioners who work with children with autism.

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N2 - PURPOSE OF REVIEW: Injuries remain the leading cause of death for children. Experts in paediatrics and child health have a current interest in promoting children's healthy active living. This review highlights findings from recent literature regarding the prevention of injuries from four common outdoor activities: bicycling, snowboarding and skiing, walking and playground activity. RECENT FINDINGS: There is sound evidence for the effectiveness of bicycle helmets, the promotion of bicycle helmets at a community level and
through physician counselling, and legislation; for the effectiveness of helmets for skiing and snowboarding; for the effectiveness of implementing playground safety standards; and for the effectiveness of modifications to the pedestrian physical environment. SUMMARY: The science of injury prevention has advanced considerably. The highest level of evidence, including systematic reviews, is now available regarding the effectiveness of protective measures, engineering approaches to the environment and legislation. Healthcare providers caring for children play a leading role in injury prevention through child and family counselling, advocacy and research.

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KW - Newborn
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
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KW - Prospective Studies
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OBJECTIVE: To investigate the factors associated with the increasing incidence of tuberculosis in England. DESIGN: Prospective national surveillance study. METHODS: Measurement of relative trends in demographic, clinical and microbiological characteristics of tuberculosis cases reported in England between 1999 and 2003. RESULTS: Between 1999 and 2003, the number of tuberculosis cases reported in England increased by 19% from 5539 to 6608. Significant increases in tuberculosis cases were seen in the non-UK-born population who were recent entrants to the UK (arrival less than 5 years prior to diagnosis) relative to cases in the UK-born population, both in London [1.08; 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.02-1.14] and outside London (1.22; 95% CI 1.16-1.28). Cases of tuberculosis co-infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) increased significantly both in London (1.19; 95% CI 1.12-1.27) and outside London (1.22; 95% CI 1.12-1.33) relative to cases not known to be co-infected with HIV. Small increases in the number of cases living in less-deprived areas were observed relative to those in the most-deprived areas (1.11; 95% CI 1.02-1.21) in London. The number of cases of isoniazid-resistant (1.09; 95% CI 1.02-1.16) and multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis (1.22; 95% CI 1.02-1.45) increased relative to drug-susceptible cases in London. CONCLUSIONS: Tuberculosis remains strongly associated with deprivation, but no real change in the distribution of tuberculosis cases by deprivation was observed over the study period. The proportion of tuberculosis cases co-infected with HIV has increased, but migration explains most of the recent trends in tuberculosis in England. Measures that target latent tuberculosis infection could have an increased role to play alongside measures against active disease in reducing the incidence of tuberculosis in the UK.
The Classroom Observation Schedule to Measure Intentional Communication (COSMIC) was devised to provide ecologically valid outcome measures for a communication-focused intervention trial. Ninety-one children with autism spectrum disorder aged 6 years 10 months (SD 16 months) were videoed during their everyday snack, teaching and free play activities. Inter-rater reliability was high and relevant items showed significant associations with comparable items from concurrent Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule-Generic (Lord et al. 2000, J Autism Dev Disord 30(3):205-223) assessments. In a subsample of 28 children initial differences in rates of initiations, initiated speech/vocalisation and commenting were predictive of language and communication competence 15 months later. Results suggest that the use of observational measures of intentional communication in natural settings is a valuable assessment strategy for research and clinical practice.
OBJECTIVE: This study aimed to determine whether time spent outdoors was associated with objectively measured physical activity, body mass index (BMI) z-score and overweight in elementary-school aged children, cross-sectionally and prospectively over 3 years. METHODS: Three-year cohort study with data collected during 2001 and 2004. Nineteen randomly selected state elementary schools across Melbourne, Australia. One hundred and eighty eight 5-6-year-old and 360 10-12-year-old children. Baseline parent reports of children's time spent outdoors during warmer and cooler months, on weekdays and weekends. At baseline and follow-up, children's moderate and vigorous physical activity (MVPA) was objectively assessed by accelerometry, and BMI z-score and overweight was calculated from measured height and weight. RESULTS: Cross-sectionally, each additional hour outdoors on weekdays and weekend days during the cooler months was associated with an extra 27 min week\(^{-1}\) MVPA among older girls, and with an extra 20 min week\(^{-1}\) MVPA among older boys. Longitudinally, more time outdoors on weekends predicted higher MVPA on weekends among older girls and boys (5 min week\(^{-1}\)). The prevalence of overweight among older children at follow-up was 27-41% lower among those spending more time outdoors at baseline. CONCLUSION: Encouraging 10-12-year-old children to spend more time outdoors may be an effective strategy for increasing physical activity and preventing increases in overweight and obesity. Intervention research investigating the effect of increasing time outdoors on children's physical activity and overweight is warranted.

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INTRODUCTION: Violence is increasingly recognised as a major public health issue yet health data are underutilised for describing the problem or developing responses. We use English emergency hospital admissions for assault over four years to examine assault demography and contribution to health inequalities.

METHODS: Geodemographic cross-sectional analyses utilising records of all individuals in England (n = 120 643) admitted between 1 April 2002 and 31 March 2006. RESULTS: Over 4 years, rates of admission increased by 29.56% across England. Admissions peaked on Saturdays (22.34%) and Sundays (20.38%). Higher rates were associated with deprivation across all ages, including those <15 years, with a sixfold increase in admission rates between the poorest and wealthiest quintiles of residence. Logistic regression analyses indicate males are 5.59 times more likely to be admitted to hospital for assault and such admissions peak in those aged 15-29 years. Modelling based on national assault admissions and limited Accident and Emergency (A&E) data suggest that while more serious assaults requiring hospital admission have increased, assault attendances at A&Es have fallen. DISCUSSION: Hospital admission and A&E data identify a direct contribution made by violence to health inequalities. Levels of violence inhibit other interventions to improve people's health through, for instance, outdoor exercise or delivery of health-related services in affected areas. With disproportionate exposure to violence in poorer areas even in those under 15, early life primary prevention initiatives are required in disadvantaged communities to reduce childhood harm and the development of adult perpetrators and victims of violence.
The quality of after-school programs can be improved by providing fruits and vegetables as snacks; offering more free play activities; training the after-school staff in simple, structured games for use in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings; and training after-school staff to promote and model MVPA and HE in and out of the after-school setting.
BACKGROUND: Available studies of the built environment and the BMI of children and youth suggest a contemporaneous association with neighborhood greenness in neighborhoods with high population density. The current study tests whether greenness and residential density are independently associated with 2-year changes in the BMI of children and youth. METHODS: The sample included children and youth aged 3-16 years who lived at the same address for 24 consecutive months and received well-child care from a Marion County IN clinic network within the years 1996-2002 (n=3831). Multiple linear regression was used to examine associations among age- and gender-specific BMI z-scores in Year 2, residential density, and a satellite-derived measure of greenness, controlling for baseline BMI z-scores and other covariates. Logistic regression was used to model associations between an indicator of BMI z-score increase from baseline to Time 2 and the above-mentioned predictors. RESULTS: Higher greenness was significantly associated with lower BMI z-scores at Time 2 regardless of residential density characteristics. Higher residential density was not associated with Time 2 BMI z-scores in models regardless of greenness. Higher greenness was also associated with lower odds of children's and youth's increasing their BMI z-scores over 2 years (OR=0.87; 95% CI=0.79, 0.97).

CONCLUSIONS: Greenness may present a target for environmental approaches to preventing child obesity.
Children and youth living in greener neighborhoods had lower BMI z-scores at Time 2, presumably due to increased physical activity or time spent outdoors. Conceptualizations of walkability from adult studies, based solely on residential density, may not be relevant to children and youth in urban environments.
lighting along paths was inversely associated with weekend MVPA (B=-54.9 min/day; p< or =0.05). The number of recreational facilities was inversely associated with younger girls' MVPA after school (B=-2.6 min/day; p< or =0.05) and on the weekend (B=-8.7 min/day; p< or =0.05). The presence of trees providing shade (5.8 min/day, p< or =0.01) and signage regarding dogs (B=6.8 min/day, p< or =0.05) were positively associated with adolescent girls' MVPA after school. CONCLUSION: Certain features of POS were associated with participants' MVPA, although mixed associations were evident. Further research is required to clarify these complex relationships.
incidents, nine incidents involved traumatic injuries, eight involved illnesses, and two involved both injuries and an illness. Mountain climbing (20) and hiking (8) were the most common subject activities at the time search and rescue assistance was required. Climbing solo (4), uneven and wet terrain (4), falls into crevasses (3), and a lack of experience or ability (3) were the factors most commonly contributing to search and rescue incidents. Nineteen helicopters were utilized in 15 operations and fixed-wing aircraft were utilized in seven operations. Males accounted for 33 of the 38 individuals involved in all search and rescue incidents and United States citizens accounted for 74% of the individuals involved. The mountain environment higher than 4500m was the most common search and rescue environment (11). The average cost was USD $6253. CONCLUSIONS: Search and rescue operations in Alaska can be expensive and end with severe health consequences. Preventive education efforts at park visitor centers and at the lower and upper base camps on Mt. McKinley should be continued. In addition, pre-departure travel education efforts via the internet should be expanded for all park units and match the detail provided on the Denali National Park and Preserve website.

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OBJECTIVE: An intervention based on induced hypocrisy was conducted to reduce children's intentions to show fall-risk behaviors on playground equipment. METHODS: To induce hypocrisy participants (7-12 years) advocated for safe-play behaviors while being made mindful about past failures to play safely on playgrounds. To measure the impact of the intervention, children created posters indicating which playground behaviors they Would Do and Would Not Do; children believed they would have to demonstrate the behaviors endorsed on their posters. RESULTS: The intervention resulted in significant reductions in the risk behaviors children endorsed both for risk behaviors targeted (specific effects) and non-targeted risk behaviors (generalized effects). Assessing the mechanism by which the intervention produced changes in behavioral intentions revealed it yielded changes in cognitions that predicted subsequent reductions in risk-taking intentions. CONCLUSIONS: The present intervention was successful in reducing children's intentions to engage in risky playground behaviors and it did so by changing cognitions.
A large percentage of children in the United States spend part of their day in out-of-home child care. As rates of obesity continue to rise, especially among young children, child care has become a focus for nutrition and physical activity intervention. Parental involvement is an important component of these efforts. During summer 2006, parents of children in child care were surveyed to better understand their perceived quality of meals, snacks, and physical activity at the child-care center, and their recommendations for improvement. Parents of children who attended 94 licensed child-care centers in North Carolina were invited to complete a brief survey of perceived quality of meals, snacks, and physical activity at their centers using close-ended questions. Open-ended questions were used to identify suggestions for improvement. Five hundred eight parents from 91 child-care centers completed the questionnaire. The majority of parents reported quality of meals and snacks at the center as either excellent (30% meals, 27% snacks) or good (42% meals, 46% snacks). The main recommendations for improving meals and snacks were to increase fruits and vegetables and provide a variety of healthful foods. The majority of parents categorized the quality of physical activity at the center as excellent (36%) or good (46%), and suggested more structured, outdoor activities for children. Findings from this study provide insight into key areas of concern for parents regarding the nutrition and activity environment of child-care centers. This information may be used to create or modify interventions or policies and to help motivate parents to become advocates for change in child care.
Information on the fraction of total hand surface area touching a contaminated object is necessary in accurately estimating contaminant (e.g., pesticides, pathogens) loadings onto the hands during hand-to-object contacts. While several existing physical-stochastic human exposure models require such surface area data to estimate dermal and non-dietary ingestion exposure, there are very limited data sets. This paper provides statistical distributions of fractional surface areas (FSAs) for children's outdoor hand contacts. These distributions were constructed by combining information collected from two distinct studies exploring children's activity patterns and quantifying hand contact surface area. Results show that for outdoor contacts with "All Objects", a range of 0.13-0.27 captured median FSAs, while a range of 0.12-0.24 captured time-weighted FSAs. Overall, an FSA of 0.31 captured 80-100% of FSAs involved in each child's outdoor hand contacts, depending upon the object of interest. These values are much lower than the often conservative assumptions of up to 1 (i.e., the entire hand) that researchers currently make regarding FSAs involved in indoor and outdoor contacts [USEPA, 1997. Standard operating procedures (SOPs) for residential exposure assessments. Contract no. 68-W6-0030. http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/trac/science/trac6a05.pdf]
This study compared moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) of students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and students without disabilities during inclusive physical education and recess. Students (7-12 years) wore a uniaxial accelerometer in school for 5 consecutive school days. Results indicated a significant difference between settings, F(1,46) = 15.94, p < .01, partial eta2 = 0.26, observed power = 0.97. Students with and without ASD spent a higher proportion of time in MVPA during physical education than during recess, relative to the amount of time spent in those settings. In addition, structured physical education offers opportunities to increase students' MVPA engagement.

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Soil pollution in day-care centers and playgrounds in Norway: national action plan for mapping and remediation


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Systematic geochemical mapping based on sampling and analysis of surface soils (0-2 cm) has been carried out in several Norwegian cities. The soils in the oldest parts of the cities are contaminated with metals (especially Pb) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH). Due to the fact that children are often in contact with surface soil, it was realized that special focus had to be directed towards soils in day-care centers and playgrounds. The first mapping and remedy program was initiated in Trondheim in 1996. Here, the importance of copper-chromium-arsenic (CCA)-pressure-impregnated wood in playing equipment as a pollution source for soils was documented, and a process was started with the aim to ban this product. Soils from day-care centers in the inner city of Bergen were polluted to a degree that required remediation in 45% out of 87 centers, mainly due to high concentrations of Pb and benzo(a)pyrene. In Oslo, 38% of 700 day-care centers needed remediation due to soil pollution by Pb, BaP, Cd, Hg, Ni and PCB. Removal of CCA-impregnated wood was necessary in more than half of the day-care centers. The Norwegian parliament has decided to investigate all outdoor playing areas in day-care centers, playgrounds and schoolyards in Norway, starting in 2007 with day-care centers in the ten largest cities and five most important industrial areas. The Norwegian Institute of Public Health has developed quality criteria for soils in day-care centers and playgrounds for As, Cd, Cr(6+), Hg, Ni, Pb, zinc, PAH(sum16), benzo(a)pyrene, and PCB(sum7). The Geological Survey of Norway has developed guidance for mapping of soil pollution (sampling, chemical analysis and reporting) in day-care centers. Especially the sampling strategy has been developed in the period 1996-2007, and the preferred sampling strategy is to collect at least 10 samples of surface soil (0-2 cm) from (1) "original soil" on the site, (2) artificial man-made "hills", and (3) soils used for growing vegetables. A total number of 2,000 day-care-centres are to be investigated, and necessary remediation should be completed before the end of 2010.
Pedometers are used in many studies because physical activities can be simply assessed using them. In addition to the spring-levered type, piezo-electric pedometers have recently been used. However, their accuracy in children has not been investigated in previous studies. In this study, we investigated the accuracy of spring-levered pedometer and piezo-electric pedometer step counts in comparison with hand-tallied step counts with children during self-paced walking. First to 6th-grade primary school children (394 subjects; 201 boys and 193 girls) walked with pedometers on an outdoor 50-m course, and the measured values were compared with actual steps at 3 speeds: normal, slow, and fast paces. The counts obtained by the spring-levered pedometer were significantly lower than the actual steps in most grades at all walking paces. In the normal- and fast-pace walking, the counts by spring-levered pedometer were significantly lower than the actual steps in all grades excluding the 5th grade. Moreover, the spring-levered pedometer underestimated by 25% or more in all grades at slow pace. In contrast, the percent error of the counts by the piezo-electric pedometers at normal pace were mostly within +/-3%, confirming their high accuracy. Based on these findings, spring-levered pedometers are not appropriate for children, whereas piezo-electric pedometers are useful for investigation of the physical activity of children.
We examined the impact of an intervention on the playfulness of 5- to 7-year-old children who are developing typically. Materials that had no defined purpose were placed on a school playground for 11 weeks. The Test of Playfulness (ToP) was used to compare videotaped play segments pre- and postintervention. Teachers who did playground duty were interviewed regarding changes in play. ToP data were analyzed using a Wilcoxon signed-ranks test. Interview data were analyzed for themes. ToP scores were significantly higher after intervention (Z = -1.94; p = .025, one-tailed; Cohen’s d = 0.55). Teachers reported that children were more social, creative, and resilient when the materials were on the playground. Children who were creative, rather than very physically capable, became leaders in activity. Our results revealed a potential role for occupational therapists with typically developing children in schools. This finding has clear implications for children with disability.
during school. School design appears to be associated with physical activity, but it is likely that programming (eg, physical education, intramurals, club sports), social factors, and school siting are more important determinants of total physical activity.

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N2 - The mission of the Regional Infant and Child Mortality Review Committee (RICMRC) is to review infant and child deaths so that information can be transformed into action to protect young lives. The 2007 review area includes South Dakota's Minnehaha, Turner, Lincoln, Moody, Lake, McCook, Union, Hansen, Miner and Brookings counties. Although there were no deaths in 2007 that met the criteria of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in our region, there were three infant deaths associated with unsafe sleeping environments (including adult co-sleeping) that either caused or potentially may have caused these infants' deaths. We need to continue to promote the "Back to Sleep" campaign message of not only placing infants to sleep on their backs, but also making sure infants are put down to sleep on safe, firm sleeping surfaces and that they are appropriately dressed for the ambient temperature. Parents need to be aware of the potential hazards of co-sleeping with their infants. Compared to nine such deaths in 2006, only four deaths in 2007 involved motor-vehicle crashes, none of which were alcohol related. Two drowning deaths illustrated the rapidity in which even momentary caregiver distractions can lead to deaths in children in and around water. Since 1997 the Regional Infant and Child Mortality Review Committee (RICMRC) has sought to achieve its mission to "review infant and child deaths so that information can be transformed into action to protect young lives." For 2007, the committee reviewed 25 deaths from Minnehaha, Turner, Lincoln, Moody, Lake, McCook, Union, Hansen, Miner and Brookings
counties that met the following criteria: Children under the age of 18 dying subsequent to hospital discharge following delivery. Children who either died in these counties from causes sustained in them, or residents who died elsewhere from causes sustained in the 10-county region. The report that follows reviews the committee's activities for 2007. No deaths meeting the criteria for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) occurred in the review region. The committee has observed a stable decline in the number of deaths due to the SIDS as compared to the eight SIDS or possible SIDS deaths occurring in 1999. Unfortunately, however, there were three infant deaths in SIDS-like settings where asphyxia could not be excluded. Although the committee strives to be consistent year to year in its investigation protocols, we have noticed that the number of deaths classified as "undetermined" has been increasing over the last few years (starting in 1997: 1, 2, 1, 0, 2, 1, 2, 0, 5, 4, 5).

Although it is possible that deaths certified as SIDS in earlier years may now be classified as undetermined due to asphyxial risks, we may also be seeing an increase in infants sleeping in unsafe environments. Our data may be mirroring a national trend amongst death investigators to increasingly recognize asphyxial risks in infant death scenes. Infants co-sleeping with adults (two deaths in 2007) may represent a risk factor not as frequently seen as in prior years. We will watch this trend closely in the future. The Committee strenuously advocates that the Back to Sleep message include placing infants on their back to sleep, avoiding soft bedding for infants, making parents aware of the potential hazards of co-sleeping with young infants, and eliminating both pre- and post-delivery fetal/infant cigarette smoke exposure. a decrease in youth motor-vehicle crash deaths to four versus the nine seen in 2006. Two of those dying in motor-vehicle crashes in 2007 were not wearing seat belts. The committee continues to feel that some of these deaths could have been prevented had these children been wearing a seat belt. Compared to four alcohol-related motor-vehicle crash fatalities in 2006, no deaths in 2007 were alcohol related. The committee, however, is painfully aware that even one crash involving multiple occupants can rapidly skew the apparent improvements in 2007 in the wrong direction. In 2007, two youths, both with disabilities, drowned. One drowned in a bath tub and the other in an outdoor pool. It is unfortunate that these deaths bring home the message that even the smallest, momentary lapses in supervision of these children can have fatal consequences. Fortunately, the child and infant homicide rate in our region is very low.

Unfortunately, however, one infant did die as a result of being assaulted and shaken by one of its parents. There remains a need for the community at large, and the medical community specifically, to address issues of parental anger management, particularly when caregiver frustration is directed at children.
AIM: The purpose of this study was to explore the essence of family experiences in terms of family resources and how these assist a single-parent caring for a child with cancer. BACKGROUND: When families face stresses caused by cancer, they need to readjust their roles, interactive patterns and relationships, both inside and outside the family. During the adaptation process, family resources may assist recovery from stress and a return to equilibrium. Most research has emphasised the support resources available to two-parent families during the treatment process. There is a lack of information on the experiences of single-parent families and their available resources together with the functions and roles played by family resources during the adjustment process. DESIGN: Qualitative. RESULTS: Five major themes were identified: (i) facing the disease with courage; (ii) hope kindled by professionals; (iii) constructing parental role ability; (iv) assisting the children to live with the illness; and (v) family flexibility. CONCLUSION: The results of the current study demonstrate that single-parent families with a child suffering from cancer employ family resources to assist family adjustment and to maintain family function/equilibrium. These results explain the dynamic interactions between the multiple levels of resources available to the family. RELEVANCE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE: The study results provide evidence-based information that identifies the nature of family resources in single-parent families and describes how these resources can be applied to assist the families.
BACKGROUND: Hypocomplement urticarial vasculitis syndrome may be the presenting sign of systemic lupus erythematosus. Hypocomplement urticarial vasculitis presents as atypical urticaria associated in 50% of cases with angioedema. On laboratory investigation, hypocomplementaemia is the characteristic feature, with reduced C3, C4 and C1q. This disease is very rare in children.

PATIENTS AND METHODS: An eight-year-old girl was hospitalised for relapsing urticaria with ecchymotic angioedema present for one year, in a setting of impaired general health and fever. Screening for native anti-DNA and antinuclear antibodies was positive. Analysis of complement revealed activation of the classical pathway with reduced CH50, C4 and C3. These anomalies persisted outside active episodes. The C1q fraction was completely depressed and screening for anti-C1q was positive. There was no quantitative or qualitative deficit in C1-esterase inhibitor. Direct immunofluorescence of skin lesions demonstrated deposits of immunoglobulin and complement. These episodes of angioedema persisted despite long-term systemic corticosteroid therapy (1mg/kg per day).

DISCUSSION: This is the first reported case of hypocomplement urticarial vasculitis syndrome arising from systemic lupus erythematosus in a child exhibiting anti-C1q antibodies. Furthermore, this case is original because of the highly ecchymotic nature of the lesions. In the presence of angioedema with ecchymotic progression associated with atypical chronic urticaria, a diagnosis of hypocomplement urticarial vasculitis syndrome should be considered.

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The principal objectives of this study are to (a) investigate the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs) in children of three major cities of Nigeria with different levels of industrial pollution; (b) identify the environmental, social and behavioral risk factors for the EBLLs in the children; and (c) explore the association between malaria (endemic in the study areas) and EBLLs in the pediatric population. The study involved 653 children aged 2-9 years (average, 3.7 years). The mean blood lead level (BLL) for the children was 8.9+-4.8μg/dL, the median value was 7.8μg/dL, and the range was 1-52μg/dL. About 25% of the children had BLL greater than 10μg/dL. There were important differences in BLLs across the three cities, with the average value in Ibadan (9.9+-5.2μg/dL) and Nnewi (8.3+-3.5μg/dL) being higher than that in Port Harcourt (4.7+-2.2μg/dL). Significant positive associations were found between BLL and a child's town of residence (p<0.001), age of the child (p=0.004), length of time the child played outside (p<0.001), presence of pets in a child's home (p=0.023), but negatively with educational level of caregiver (p<0.001). This study is one of the first to find a significant negative association between BLL and malaria in a pediatric population, and this association remained significant after controlling for confounding diseases and symptoms. The shared environmental and socio-demographic risks factors for lead exposure and Plasmodium (most common malaria parasites) infection in urban areas of Nigeria are discussed along with possible ways that lead exposure may influence the host response to infection with malarial parasites.
Myopia and the urban environment: findings in a sample of 12-year-old Australian school children

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PURPOSE: To examine associations between myopia and measures of urbanization in a population-based sample of 12-year-old Australian children. METHODS: Questionnaire data on sociodemographic and environmental factors including ethnicity, parental education, and time spent in near work and outdoor activities were collected from 2367 children (75.0% response) and their parents. Population density data for the Sydney area were used to construct five urban regions. Myopia was defined as spherical equivalent refraction $\leq -0.50$ D. RESULTS: Myopia prevalence was lowest in the outer suburban region (6.9%) and highest in the inner city region (17.8%), with mean refraction tending toward greater myopia by region (outer suburban to inner city), after adjustment for age, sex, ethnicity, near work, outdoor activity, and parental myopia. Multivariate-adjusted analyses confirmed greater odds for myopia in regions of higher population density ($P_{\text{trend}} = 0.0001$). Myopia was significantly more prevalent among children living in apartment residences than other housing types ($\chi^2 < 0.0001$), after adjustment for ethnicity, near work, and outdoor activity. Housing density (measured as the number of houses visible from a front door) was not significantly associated with myopia ($\chi^2 = 0.1$). For both European Caucasian and East Asian children, myopia was most prevalent in the inner city region (8.1% and 55.1%, for European Caucasian and East Asian, respectively). CONCLUSIONS: The higher myopia prevalence in inner city-urban areas compared with outer suburban areas for this large childhood sample suggest that even moderate environmental differences within a predominantly urban setting may be associated with increased odds of myopia. These findings are consistent with previous reports of rural-urban differences in childhood myopia.
BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVE: Overweight and obesity are important determinants of health leading to adverse metabolic changes and increase the risk of non communicable diseases. Following the increase in adult obesity, the proportion of overweight and obese children and adolescents has also been increasing. Hence, the present study was undertaken to study the magnitude of overweight/obesity and its correlates among school going children of Wardha city in central India and suggest interventions. METHODS: The cross-sectional study was carried out in all the 31 middle-schools (5th to 7th standard) and high-schools (8th to 10th standard) of Wardha city. Probability proportionate to size of population technique (PPS) was used to decide the number of children to be studied from each school, each class and then each section. Systematic random sampling technique was used to select the children from each section. Pre-designed and pre-tested questionnaire was used to elicit the information on family characteristics and individual characteristics. Height and weight was measured and BMI was calculated. Overweight and obesity was assessed by BMI for age. Student who had BMI for age >or=85th and < 95th percentile of reference population were classified as overweight and BMI for age >or=95th percentile of reference population were classified as obese. RESULTS: Overweight and obesity was found to be 3.1 per cent (95% CI: 2.5-3.8%) and 1.2 per cent (95% CI: 0.8-1.8%) respectively; together constitute 4.3 per cent (95% CI: 3.6-5.2%) for overweight/obesity. Final model of the multivariate logistic regression showed that the important correlates of overweight/obesity were urban residence, father and/or mother involved in service/business, English medium school and child playing outdoor games for less than 30
INTERPRETATION & CONCLUSION: The magnitude of overweight/obesity among school going children of Wardha city was found to be 4.3 per cent. Family characteristics play important role in predisposing the children to overweight/obesity and hence the interventions need to be directed towards the families

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BACKGROUND: Primitive electronic waste (e-waste) recycling is ongoing in Guiyu, and thus toxic heavy metals may keep on threatening to the health of local children. Some related factors may contribute to the elevation of blood lead levels (BLLs) or blood cadmium levels (BCLs). OBJECTIVE: To investigate the children's BLLs and BCLs in Guiyu and Chendian as compare to discuss the effects of primitive e-waste recycling activities on children's health. METHODS: Two hundred and seventy-eight children less than 8 years who lived in Guiyu and Chendian were observed, and their BLLs and BCLs were determined by graphite atomizer absorption spectrophotometer. Questionnaire survey for risk factors was also performed and data were analyzed using spearman correlation analyses and logistic regression analyses. RESULTS: Children living in Guiyu had significantly higher BLLs and BCLs as compared with those living in Chendian (p<0.01). In Guiyu, 70.8% of children (109/154) had BLLs>10 microg/dL, and 20.1% of children (31/154) had BCLs>2 microg/L, compared with 38.7% of children (48/124) had BLLs>10 microg/dL and 7.3% of children (9/124) had BCLs>2
microg/L in Chendian (p<0.01, respectively). We also observed a significant increasing trend in BLLs with increasing age in Guiyu (p<0.01). Mean height of children in Guiyu was significantly lower than that in Chendian (p<0.01). The risk factors related to children's BLLs and BCLs mainly included father's engagement in the work related to e-waste, children's residence in Guiyu and the amount of time that children played outside near the road everyday. CONCLUSIONS: There are close relationships between the BLLs, BCLs in children and the primitive e-waste recycling activities in Guiyu. Environmental pollution, especially lead pollution, has threatened the health of children living around e-waste recycling site.

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N2 - Researchers using social cognitive theory and employing built environment constructs to predict physical activity (PA) in inner-city African American children is quite limited. Thus, the purpose of our investigation was to evaluate the ability of important social cognitive variables (e.g., self-efficacy) and built environment constructs (e.g., neighborhood hazards) to predict African American children's PA. Children (N = 331, ages 10-14) completed questionnaires assessing social cognitive theory constructs and PA. Using multiple regression analyses we were able to account for 19% of the variance in PA. Based on standardized beta weights, the best predictors of PA were time spent outside and social support derived from friends. These findings illuminate the
valuable role of PA support from peers, as well as the simple act of going outside for inner-city African American children

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T1 - Inflatable bouncer-related fractures in children
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KW - Accidents
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KW - Female
KW - Fractures
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KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
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KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Risk Factors
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Inflatable bouncers or moonbouncers are very popular in private and public settings and are usually perceived as very safe attractions, but are associated with frequent fractures in children. To date, there are no publications in the medical literature about these types of injuries. The purpose of this study was to show skeletal injuries related to inflatable bouncer use, describe their characteristics, and determine possible risk
factors and preventive measures. METHODS: Demographic data and injury characteristics were analyzed for all patients who were treated for inflatable bouncer-associated injuries in the pediatric fracture clinic of a level I trauma center from October 2002 to March 2007. RESULTS: Forty-nine patients were treated for inflatable bouncer-related fractures. Children ranged in age from 1.5 to 15 years old (mean age, 7.8 years) with a male-female ratio of approximately 3:1. The most commonly injured region was the upper extremity (65.5%, n = 32). The most commonly injured area was the elbow (31%, n = 15), and the most common single diagnosis was supracondylar humerus fracture (22%, n = 11). Diaphyseal long bone fractures were found in 18% (n = 9) of the patients and nondiaphyseal in 71% (n = 35). One patient (2%) had an open fracture. Mechanisms of injury included collision of 1 person with another (67%), falling out of a bouncer onto a hard object outside the device (19%), and twisting motion to the leg (14%). There was no adult supervision in many of the incidents (43%), and the presence of different-aged children inside the jumper took place in 52% cases. CONCLUSIONS: Inflatable bouncers can cause serious orthopaedic injuries. Children playing in the bouncer should be placed in small groups according to their size and should be closely supervised at all times. STUDY DESIGN: Case series. Level IV evidence
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T1 - Dental trauma among 5th and 6th grade Arab schoolchildren in Eastern Jerusalem
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KW - Humans
KW - Injury Severity Score
KW - Israel/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Jews
KW - Lip/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Male
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JF - Dental Traumatology
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Dental trauma is an irreversible pathology which after occurrence is characterized by life long debilitating effects. The objective of the study was to measure the prevalence of trauma in anterior permanent teeth among children and associations with independent variables. A total of 453 5th and 6th grade Arab Eastern Jerusalem schoolchildren participated. Trauma, incisal overjet and lip competence were measured by one examiner in the schools. Reasons and location of trauma were assessed by telephone interviews with the parents. The total prevalence of dental trauma was 33.8%. Severe trauma prevalence (involving dentine) was 12.6%. Severe trauma was more prevalent among boys (OR = 2.03, P = 0.026); children with lip incompetence (OR = 2.71, P = 0.001); and those with an overjet of 4mm or more (OR = 3.73, P < 0.001). The main reported causes for dental trauma were falling (29.1%), sports (16.4%), violence (20%) and playing (20%). According to the parents' reports, more fall-related injuries were reported at home, more sport injuries at school, more 'playing' injuries 'outside' (P < 0.001). Combination of results with a previous study among Jewish schoolchildren demonstrated: severe dental trauma was related to overjet (OR = 1.73, P = 0.002), lip incompetence (OR = 2.19, P < 0.001), gender (OR for males = 1.54, P = 0.005), but not to ethnicity (Arab or Jewish). The reasons for trauma observed in this study were potentially preventable. A community effort should therefore be pursued, with the aim of educating sports teachers, teachers, health personnel and schoolchildren regarding awareness of dental trauma prevention, with emphasis on utilizing mouthguards and early orthodontic intervention, when financially possible.
AIM: To compare the prevalence and characteristics of bullying between two towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina-Stolac, which was exposed to firearm conflict during the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Posusje, which was outside of the active combat zone. METHODS: In this cross-sectional study, we included 484 primary school pupils attending 4th-8th grade of elementary school, 217 (44.8%) of them from Stolac and 267 (55.2%) from Posusje. The pupils were interviewed using a standardized questionnaire on the experience of bullying. RESULTS: Every sixth pupil (16.4%) experienced at least one form of bullying almost every day, while 34 (7.0%) pupils constantly bullied other children. Sixth-eighth graders were more often bullies than 4th-5th graders (P=0.044). Girls were most often victims was of bullying, while boys were most often bullies (P=0.036). The expected difference in bullying between the two towns was not observed, except for older pupils in Posusje, who were more violent than their peers in Stolac (P=0.044). Among the analyzed variables of sex, age, town, and school achievement, only male sex was significant predictor of bullying (P=0.010), increasing the relative risk by 3.005 times. CONCLUSION: Bullying among primary school pupils did not differ between areas that experienced war activities in 1992-1995. Our results could be useful in the introduction of specific prevention measures against bullying in postwar situation.
We evaluated the impact on personal exposure to air pollutants of following advice which typically accompanies air quality advisories and indices. Scripts prescribed the time, location, duration and nature of activities intended to simulate daily activity patterns for adults and children. Scripts were paired such that one individual would proceed with usual activities (base scenario), whereas the other (intervention scenario) would alter activities as if following advice. Other than commuting, where the intervention group walked or used public transportation rather than riding in personal vehicles, this group generally spent less time outdoors. Ultrafine particles (UFPs), particulate matter of median aerodynamic diameter less than 2.5 µm (PM$_{2.5}$) and total volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were measured using samplers carried by individuals during the course of daily activities. During daytime activities (e.g., work, daycare) constituting the largest share of sampling time (approximately 6 h per day), the intervention group experienced a 14% reduction in exposure to UFPs ($P=0.01$), a 21% reduction in exposure to PM$_{2.5}$ ($P=0.08$), and an 86% increase in exposure to VOCs ($P=0.02$). Other findings included an 89% increase in exposure to UFPs ($P=0.02$) and a threefold increase in exposure to VOCs ($P=0.08$) in the intervention group during evening cooking. Following smog advisory advice results in reduced exposures to some pollutants, while at the same time increasing exposure to others. Advice needs to be refined giving consideration to overall personal exposure.
Several lines of evidence implicate the amygdala in face-emotion processing, particularly for fearful facial expressions. Related findings suggest that face-emotion processing engages the amygdala within an interconnected circuitry that can be studied using a functional-connectivity approach. Past work also underscores important functional changes in the amygdala during development. Taken together, prior research on amygdala function and development reveals a need for more work examining developmental changes in the amygdala's response to fearful faces and in amygdala functional connectivity during face processing. The present study used event-related functional magnetic resonance imaging to compare 31 adolescents (9-17 years old) and 30 adults (21-40 years old) on activation to fearful faces in the amygdala and other regions implicated in face processing. Moreover, these data were used to compare patterns of amygdala functional connectivity in adolescents and adults. During passive viewing, adolescents demonstrated greater amygdala and fusiform activation to fearful faces than did adults. Functional connectivity analysis revealed stronger connectivity between the amygdala and the hippocampus in adults than in adolescents. Within each group, variability in age did not correlate with amygdala response, and sex-related developmental differences in amygdala response were not found. Eye movement data collected outside of the magnetic resonance imaging scanner using the same task suggested that developmental differences in amygdala activation were not attributable to differences in eye-gaze patterns. Amygdala hyperactivation in response to fearful faces may explain increased vulnerability to affective disorders in adolescence; stronger amygdala-hippocampus connectivity in adults than adolescents may reflect maturation in learning or habituation to facial expressions.
BACKGROUND: Effective interventions to prevent overweight and obesity in children are urgently needed especially in inner-city neighbourhoods where prevalence of overweight and inactivity among primary school children is high. A school based intervention was developed aiming at the reduction of overweight and inactivity in these children by addressing both behavioural and environmental determinants.

METHODS/DESIGN: The main components of the intervention (Lekker Fit!) are the re-establishment of a professional physical education teacher; three (instead of two) PE classes per week; additional sport and play activities outside school hours; fitness testing; classroom education on healthy nutrition, active living and healthy lifestyle choices; and the involvement of parents. The effectiveness of the intervention is evaluated through a cluster randomized controlled trial in 20 primary schools among grades 3 through 8 (6-12 year olds). Primary outcome measures are BMI, waist circumference and fitness. Secondary outcome measures are assessed in a subgroup of grade 6-8 pupils (9-12 year olds) through classroom questionnaires and constitute of nutrition and physical activity behaviours and behavioural determinants. Multilevel regression analyses are used to study differences in outcomes between children in the intervention schools and in control schools, taking clustering of children within schools into account. DISCUSSION: Hypotheses are that the intervention results in a lower prevalence of children being overweight and an improved mean fitness score, in comparison with a control group where the intervention is not implemented. The results of our study will contribute to the discussion on the role of physical education and physical activity in the school curriculum. TRIAL REGISTRATION: [ISRCTN84383524]

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Children with autism face enormous struggles when attempting to interact with their typically developing peers. More children are educated in integrated settings; however, play skills usually need to be explicitly taught, and play environments must be carefully prepared to support effective social interactions. This study incorporated the motivational techniques of Pivotal Response Training through peer-mediated practice to improve social interactions for children with autism during recess activities. A multiple baseline design across subjects was used to assess social skills gains in two elementary school children. The results demonstrated an increase in important social skills, namely social initiations and turn taking, during recess.

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Solar ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is a human carcinogen. The UK and the worldwide incidence of cutaneous (skin) melanoma are rising. It is now the second most common cancer in 15-34 year-olds in the UK, increasing by 49% in 1991-2000. The UK government prioritized skin cancer in 1992 in their public health strategy The Health of the Nation, and set the target for reducing the yearly rise in skin cancer incidence by 2005. In 1998 in the Saving Lives: Our Healthier Nation strategy, targets were set to reduce the death rate from cancer, including skin cancer, by 20% by 2010. As a consequence of these targets, since the mid-1990s public health campaigns to reduce sun exposure and skin cancer incidence in the UK have used specific interventions for at-risk groups and the mass media to reach the general population. Evidence indicates a shift in knowledge, with further work required to increase change in behaviour and attitudes. An associate health problem is vitamin D deficiency, which is prevalent across certain UK population groups. The main childhood health problem associated with vitamin D deficiency is the development of rickets, with evidence indicating those at high risk are exclusively breastfed dark-skinned infants, the elderly, those with dark skin pigmentation, and certain cultural groups that cover their bodies in clothing. Adolescents are the group with the highest incidence of low vitamin D status in the UK, with children of Asian descent at higher risk than Caucasian children. Increasing the outdoor activity levels of children in winter and during the cooler hours in summer is one way of increasing safe sun exposure. It is imperative to educate the general public on the risk of vitamin D deficiency, and offer advice on safe sun exposure, dietary sources of vitamin D, and dietary supplements. More research is required on recommendations for daily vitamin D supplements to determine optimal vitamin D levels in different population groups. There also needs to be reliable and accessible evidence on the links between vitamin D deficiency and lack of sun exposure, with sun safe messages adjusted accordingly.
OBJECTIVE: To assess the relationship of near, midworking distance, and outdoor activities with prevalence of myopia in school-aged children. DESIGN: Cross-sectional study of 2 age samples from 51 Sydney schools, selected using a random cluster design. PARTICIPANTS: One thousand seven hundred sixty-five 6-year-olds (year 1) and 2367 12-year-olds (year 7) participated in the Sydney Myopia Study from 2003 to 2005. METHODS: Children had a comprehensive eye examination, including cycloplegic refraction. Parents and children completed detailed questionnaires on activity. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Myopia prevalence and mean spherical equivalent (SE) in relation to patterns of near, midworking distance, and outdoor activities. Myopia was defined as SE refraction ≤ 0.5 diopters (D). RESULTS: Higher levels of outdoor activity (sport and leisure activities) were associated with more hyperopic refractions and lower myopia prevalence in the 12-year-old students. Students who combined high levels of near work with low levels of outdoor activity had the least hyperopic mean refraction (+0.27 D; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.02-0.52), whereas students who combined low levels of near work with high levels of outdoor activity had the most hyperopic mean refraction (+0.56 D; 95% CI, 0.38-0.75). Significant protective associations with increased outdoor activity were seen for the lowest (P = 0.04) and middle (P = 0.02) tertiles of near-work activity. The lowest odds ratios for myopia, after adjusting for confounders, were found in groups reporting the highest levels of outdoor activity. There were no associations between indoor sport and myopia. No consistent associations between refraction and measures of activity were seen in the 6-year-old sample. CONCLUSIONS: Higher levels of total time spent outdoors, rather than sport per se, were associated with less myopia and a more hyperopic mean refraction, after adjusting for near work, parental myopia, and ethnicity.
OBJECTIVE: Childhood obesity is a growing public health problem. We have examined the association between sociodemographic profile and eating and physical activity patterns with overweight among primary-school students in Athens, Greece. DESIGN: Cross-sectional study. SETTING: Eleven primary schools in the greater Athens area, Greece. SUBJECTS: A total of 633 children aged 10-12 years (50% boys, 50% girls) were interviewed in person during spring 2003. Multivariate logistic regression was used to investigate the association between eating and physical activity patterns and overweight (> or =85th sex- and age-specific BMI centile). Results are presented as odds ratios and 95% confidence intervals. RESULTS: Overweight was more common among girls than among boys (OR=1.73; 95% CI 1.11, 2.69) and substantially less common among children born outside Greece (OR=0.46; CI 0.22, 0.95). Reported physical activity (per 1.5 h per day) was unrelated to overweight (OR=0.97; CI 0.85, 1.12) but patent physical inactivity, operationalised as time spent watching television or working/playing with the computer (per 1.5 h per day) was a highly significant predictor of overweight (OR=1.20; CI 1.05, 1.36). Composition of diet was unrelated to overweight but the daily number of eating occasions, controlling for total energy intake, was significantly inversely associated with overweight (OR=0.61; CI 0.48, 0.76). CONCLUSIONS: The principal factor underlying overweight among children in Athens appears to be the extended inactivity imposed by modern childhood lifestyles. An intriguing finding is that spreading a given energy intake over several eating occasions was inversely associated with the likelihood of childhood obesity.
Fidelity of gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT) in differentiating skeletal muscle from liver damage

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KW - Adult
KW - Biological Markers/bl [Blood]
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Child
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KW - Creatine Kinase/bl [Blood]
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Differential
KW - Humans
KW - Liver/en [Enzymology]
KW - Liver Diseases/bl [Blood]
KW - Liver Diseases/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Liver Diseases/en [Enzymology]
KW - Male
KW - Muscle
KW - Skeletal/en [Enzymology]
KW - Muscular Dystrophy
KW - Duchenne/bl [Blood]
KW - Duchenne/dt [Drug Therapy]
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This study tested the hypothesis that gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT) can be used as a reliable biomarker to distinguish skeletal muscle from liver damage. Twenty-eight Duchenne muscular dystrophy subjects with proven dystrophin gene mutations were enrolled. Included were 14 ambulatory and 14 nonambulatory patients with approximately half of each cohort taking corticosteroids. Twenty normal males served as controls. Initial blood samples for serum GGT and creatine kinase were taken between 8AM and 9AM and redrawn 8 hours later to test for variability. Between blood draws, subjects resumed normal activities in a play environment or could leave the clinic. Not a single duchenne muscular dystrophy patient showed a GGT outside the control range at any time point, while creatine kinase levels were 14 to 200 times normal. Validation of this finding is essential for management of patients with muscle disorders exposed to potentially hepatotoxic drugs for clinical management or monitoring subjects participating in clinical trials.
The vitamin D receptor Fok1 polymorphism and bone mineral density in Chinese children


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BACKGROUND: To evaluate the relationship between vitamin D receptor (VDR) gene polymorphism and bone mineral density (BMD) in 213 healthy children aged 6-10 year in China. METHODS: A questionnaire survey of dietary pattern, outdoor activity was conducted among 213 children (boys 126, girls 86) randomly selected in Xishui county of Hubei province. The BMD was determined by dual energy X-ray absorptiometry at the distal forearm, calcium, phosphorus, and alkaline phosphatase in serum were immediately analyzed. The Fok1 polymorphism was detected by using PCR-RFLP. RESULTS: BMD was significantly higher in boys than in girls in 8/9 year group. (2) the frequencies of FF, Ff, and ff genotype were 25.8%, 62.0% and 12.2%, respectively; no difference was found between boys and girls. (3) BMD of children carrying FF genotype was higher (0.256+/0.03) than those of carrying Ff genotype (0.241+/0.03), P<0.01; the Ff genotype was associated with lowest forearm BMD in both boys and girls. Outdoor activity also positively affected peak bone mass. CONCLUSION: The Fok1 polymorphism of the VDR receptor seems to directly affect bone mineral mass in Chinese children.
BACKGROUND: Understanding home environments might shed light on factors contributing to reduced physical activity (PA) in children, particularly minorities. Few studies have used microlevel observations to simultaneously assess children's PA and associated conditions in homes. METHODS: Trained observers assessed PA and associated physical and social environmental variables in the homes of 139 Mexican American children (69 boys, 70 girls; mean age = 6 years) after school. RESULTS: Children spent most time indoors (77%) and being sedentary (74%). Reduced PA was associated with viewing media, being indoors, and parents being present. Increased PA was associated with prompts for PA and other children being present. PA prompts
differed by child gender and location and prompter age status. CONCLUSIONS: Children are frequently sedentary at home. Microlevel observations showed PA is associated with potentially modifiable social and physical factors, including spending time outdoors. Studies to determine whether interventions on these correlates can improve children's PA are needed.

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T1 - Young people's use of sports facilities: a Norwegian study on physical activity
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KW - Health Promotion/ec [Economics]
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SP - 452
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JF - Scandinavian Journal of Public Health
JA - Scand J Public Health
VL - 36
IS - 5
CY - Sweden
N2 - UNLABELLED: In recent years, sports facilities have formed part of Norwegian public health policies to increase physical activity among children and adolescents. Despite large sums of public money being spent on such facilities, information on usage is limited. AIMS: Our aim was to study the effects of gender, age and relative activity level on young people's use of sports facilities. METHODS: We explored 662 young people's (age 6-16 years) usage of 19 different kinds of sports facilities. A questionnaire was administered to students and teachers, and situation plots of students at recess were made. RESULTS: The findings indicate that sports
facilities in general were less used by girls, adolescents (14-16 years) and the least active (physically active < or = 1 times/week outside school) than by boys, children (6-13 years) and the most active (physically active > or = 4 times/ week outside school). More general, multifunctional facilities were used to a greater extent than specialized facilities, particularly by the least active. Distance to facility was important for the use of common facilities. CONCLUSIONS: These results raise the question of whether sports facilities significantly increase physical activity among "all" young people, which is the government's stated goal. More research on sports facilities use and physical activity levels among males and females of all ages is warranted.

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T1 - Positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) in children. [Review] [12 refs]
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SP - 404
EP - 412
JF - Pediatric Annals
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VL - 37
IS - 6
CY - United States
N2 - Although PET imaging has been available for more than two decades, its use has greatly increased lately due to the advent of PET/CT, readily available sources of commercially supplied FDG, and mobile scanners. These features have enabled PET scanning to expand beyond select major university medical centers, with on-site cyclotron facilities to smaller institutions including free- standing children's hospitals. In these settings, imaging is generally limited to FDG, which suffices for most applications, with the majority of studies performed for tumor imaging. FDGI is being used for evaluation of many tumors in children, with its use in lymphoma being the most established. In lymphoma, it has proven quite useful in determining whether active tumor is present in residual masses following treatment, which may otherwise contain only residual fibrous tissue. For brain tumors, FDGI has some relation to tumor grade, although its more important role is distinguishing recurrent or residual tumor from the effects of treatment, particularly radiation necrosis. For neurological evaluation, interictal FDGI is helpful in localizing potential seizure foci for subsequent subdural
EEG monitoring. Because of the relatively long uptake time of FDG, true ictal studies cannot be performed with FDG, and these remain within the domain of SPECT imaging of tracers such as Tc-99m HMPAO. Examinations utilizing radiopharmaceuticals other than FDG are significantly more limited in their availability and are limited to PET centers with on-site cyclotrons. However, these additional agents open the door to many additional studies, including more specific tumor-imaging agents of certain tumors such as neuroblastoma. Another neurotransmitter, F-18-fluoro-L-dopa, is of benefit outside of the central nervous system for evaluating infantile hyperinsulism. The use of PET/CT in children is increasing quickly, particularly FDG imaging of tumors. It is expected that over the next few years, its role will become increasingly better defined. [References: 12]

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T1 - Cultural and gender effects on Israeli children's preferences for activities
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KW - Cultural Characteristics
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KW - Leisure Activities/px [Psychology]
KW - Male
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KW - Socioeconomic Factors

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Knowledge about factors that affect participation, as preference of activities, has major intervention implications. PURPOSE: To evaluate culture and gender effects on Israeli Jewish and Druze children's preference of activities performed outside mandated school. This study used the "Preference Assessment of Children" (PAC) (King et al., 2004). FINDINGS: On most scales, the Jewish children showed significantly less interest in activities than the Druze children. Among the Jews, girls showed higher preference in most PAC scales than boys while among the Druze girls showed higher preference than the boys only in social skills. IMPLICATIONS: Culture and gender may influence children's preference of activity. More studies should elaborate the knowledge about individuals' preferred activities; understanding the factors that affect these preferences may enhance occupational therapy evaluation and intervention processes. Canadian occupational therapists, as health care professionals in a multicultural society, must develop cultural competency and explore people's experience as cultural beings.
BACKGROUND: Childhood is a high risk time for ultraviolet induced skin damage as this age group has more time and opportunity to be outdoors in the sun. Children in Africa with the inherited condition oculocutaneous albinism (OCA) are especially vulnerable due to their lack of protective melanin. They are highly susceptible to developing skin lesions that have both cosmetic and health complications, with a high risk of developing skin cancers. The study aimed to explore the adequacy of sun protection strategies of children with albinism in order to inform future provision. METHODS: Community based participatory research methods were employed to investigate sun protection strategies in 90 pupils with OCA (40 female and 50 male) boarding at a special school educating pupils with visual impairment in a rural area of northern South Africa. Hats worn and sunscreen preparations used were examined during semi-structured face to face interviews conducted in small peer groups. The resident nurse interpreted if necessary and provided additional information on monitoring and treatment of skin lesions. RESULTS: Participants with albinism in this study were exposed to high levels of ultraviolet radiation throughout the year and showed skin damage despite wearing protective head gear. All except one pupil possessed at least one hat, with a mean brim width of 5.4 cm. Gender differences in sun avoidance behaviour were documented, with females seeking shade during recreational periods and males playing soccer outside. Although 38% of pupils were using a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) rating, only 12% had government sponsored tubes of SPF15 cream. Government sponsored sunscreen preparations were only provided if actively sought, involving time consuming trips to regional hospitals, with inadequate availability and insufficient supply. CONCLUSION: Children with albinism living away from home in rural areas appear to have inadequate sun protection strategies. Changes in health policy could address these deficiencies. We recommend providing more detailed health care information, giving advice...
on appropriate styles of hat to wear and how to assess commercial SPF products. Health promotional material should also be evaluated to determine its effectiveness among user groups.

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N2 - The aim of this study is to analyze the gender differences in injuries at Finnish comprehensive schools. Nine schools reported a total of 1135 injuries to the injury register over two school years. Boys (56%) were injured more often than girls, their injuries happened more often during breaks at school yard, whereas girls hurt themselves during sport lectures in the gymnastic halls. The proportion of boys' injuries also increased with age. More often, boys' injuries were caused by intentional actions by other pupils. Girls injured their lower extremities more often, whereas boys injured their faces and head. Boys also suffered concussion more often than girls, and were also referred for further care to health care centres or hospitals more often than girls. The higher injury frequency among boys at school corresponds to the higher injury rate of males in general, which is true for work, traffic, and leisure-time injuries. Increased adult supervisor control especially during breaks can prevent most of school injuries.
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We examined associations between objective measures of the local road environment and physical activity (including active transport) among youth. There is little empirical evidence of the impact of the road environment on physical activity among children/adolescents in their neighborhoods. Most recent studies have examined perceptions rather than objective measures of the road environment. This was a cross-sectional study of children aged 8-9 years (n = 188) and adolescents aged 13-15 years (n = 346) who were participants in the 3-year follow-up of the Children Living in Active Neighborhoods (CLAN) longitudinal study in Melbourne, Australia. At baseline (2001), they were recruited from 19 state primary schools in areas of varying socioeconomic status across Melbourne. Habitual walking/cycling to local destinations was parent-reported for children and self-reported for adolescents, while moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) outside school hours was recorded using accelerometers. Road environment features in each participant's neighborhood (area of radius 800 m around the home) were measured objectively using a geographical information system. Regression analyses found no associations between road environment variables and children's likelihood of making at least seven walking/cycling trips per week to neighborhood destinations. Adolescent girls residing in neighborhoods with two to three traffic/pedestrian lights were more likely to make seven or more walking/cycling trips per week as those whose neighborhoods had fewer traffic lights (OR: 2.7; 95% CI: 1.2-6.2). For adolescent boys, residing on a cul-de-sac, compared with a through road, was associated with increases in MVPA of 9 min after school, 5 min in the evenings, and 22 min on weekend days. Speed humps were positively associated with
adolescent boys' MVPA during evenings. The road environment influences physical activity among youth in different ways, according to age group, sex and type of physical activity

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T1 - Quantification of the probability of reaching mobility independence at discharge from a rehabilitation hospital in nonwalking early ischemic stroke patients: a multivariate study
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KW - Brain Ischemia/co [Complications]
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KW - Child
KW - Dependent Ambulation
KW - Female
KW - Hospital Units
KW - Humans
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Mobility Limitation
KW - Odds Ratio
KW - Patient Discharge
KW - Prognosis
KW - Recovery of Function
KW - Rehabilitation Centers
KW - Rehabilitation
KW - Vocational
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Risk Factors
BACKGROUND: This study was designed to quantify the probability of recovery of mobility in admission nonwalking stroke survivors. METHODS: We evaluated 437 of 500 consecutive patients admitted for sequelae of first ischemic stroke within the first month. We performed several logistic regressions using mobility status at discharge (independence in stair climbing; walking outside and inside, without aid or supervision; walking with cane or other aid, or need for wheelchair) as dependent variable, and several independent variables, including stratification of patients according to their Barthel Index (BI) score into 6 classes (< or =10; 11-20; 21-30; 31-40; 41-50; 51-60). RESULTS: At discharge, 4.58% of patients were independent in stair climbing, 8.70% were able to walk outside, 14.41% to walk inside, and 27.46% to walk with cane or other aid, while 44.85% remained in wheelchair. Very low BI scores at admission were associated with a high risk of need for wheelchair, whereas patients with BI score 51-60 showed a high probability to reach independence in stair climbing (OR = 5.60). Age, severity of neurological impairment, global aphasia, unilateral spatial neglect, male gender and vocational status also played a prognostic role. CONCLUSIONS: The probability of potential mobility recovery can be quantified at admission with better accuracy for independence in stair climbing and walking outside without any aid (percentages correctly predicted 95.4 and 91.8%, respectively). Stratification of BI score may be useful to better quantify the risk for each patient. (c) 2008 S. Karger AG, Basel

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T1 - Validation of the RT3 accelerometer for measuring physical activity of children in simulated free-living conditions
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This is a validation study of the RT3 accelerometer for measuring physical activities of children in simulated free-living conditions. Twenty-five children age 12-14 years completed indoor testing, and 18 of them completed outdoor testing. Activity counts from the RT3 accelerometer estimated activity energy expenditure (AEE) and the Cosmed K4b2 analyzer measured oxygen uptake. Correlations were found between activity counts and metabolic cost ($r = .95$, $p < .001$), metabolic cost and RT3 estimated AEE ($r = .96$, $p < .001$) in the indoor test, activity counts and RT3 estimated AEE ($r = .97$, $p < .001$) in the outdoor test, and activity counts and metabolic cost when all activities were combined ($r = .77$, $p < .001$). Results indicate that the RT3 accelerometer might be used to provide acceptable estimates of free-living physical activity in children.
PURPOSE: To investigate the relationships among exercise aids available at home, physical activity, and perceived neighborhood safety. METHODS: Physical activity was assessed using the 7-d recall interview for adolescents (n = 878) and the International Physical Activity Questionnaire for parents (n = 853). Parents reported exercise aids such as fitness equipment, running shoes, and dogs in their household using a 16-item checklist and perceptions of neighborhood safety using the Neighborhood Environment Walkability Scale. Physical activity scores were dichotomized to represent meeting weekly guidelines for children (300 min) and adults (150 min). Logistic regression analyses investigated the interaction between exercise equipment and neighborhood safety in relation to the two physical activity outcomes, controlling for participant demographics.

RESULTS: The number of home-use (OR = 1.27) and outdoor-use (OR = 1.24) exercise aids was significantly related to physical activity in adolescent girls but not boys. An interaction effect indicated that the relationship between home-use exercise equipment and physical activity levels was specific for girls in neighborhoods perceived as less safe (OR = 4.40), rather than those perceived as safe (OR = 1.07, P < 0.01). In the parent sample, home-use (OR = 1.24) and outdoor use (OR = 1.16) exercise aids were significantly related to physical activity levels. An interaction between outdoor exercise aids and safety indicated that the effect was specific to parents who lived in neighborhoods perceived as safe (OR = 2.43) compared to those perceived as less-safe (OR = 0.91, P < 0.01). CONCLUSION: Girls living in neighborhoods their parents perceive to be less-safe may benefit from having exercise equipment they can use in the home. Parents living in neighborhoods perceived to be safe may benefit from having exercise aids that they can use outside.
BACKGROUND: The purpose of this study was to examine associations between perceptions of neighborhood safety and physical activity among youth. METHODS: We completed a cross-sectional study of children age 8 to 9 years (n = 188) and adolescents age 13 to 15 years (n = 346) in areas of varying socioeconomic status in Melbourne, Australia. Parents and adolescents completed questionnaires on perceptions of neighborhood safety. Scores were computed for perceptions of road safety, incivilities, and personal safety of the child or adolescent. Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) before or after school, on evenings, and on weekends was recorded using accelerometers. RESULTS: There were no associations between parental perceptions of neighborhood safety and children's MVPA outside school hours. Parental perception of personal safety was positively associated with adolescent boys' MVPA after school. Adolescent girls' concern about road safety was negatively associated with their MVPA during evenings and outside school hours. CONCLUSION: Perceptions of neighborhood safety might influence physical activity among youth in different ways according to age group and sex.

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BACKGROUND: To determine the incidence and severity of injuries caused by Heelys. METHODS: A retrospective review of all fractures presenting to an orthopaedic emergency room at a metropolitan children's hospital during a 90-day period. The type of fracture, mechanism of injury, and management were recorded for each patient. For those injuries related to the use of Heelys, further data were collected including total number of visits, cast changes, and cost. Each Heelys patient/family was contacted and answered a questionnaire detailing their use of Heelys and the events surrounding the injury. RESULTS: A total of 953 patients with fractures were evaluated for 90 days. Sixteen patients with 17 fractures (1.68%) were identified as being related to the use of Heelys. This compares to the incidence of fractures in our sample from basketball (6.19%), bicycle (4.41%), football (4.09%), monkeybars (3.78%), skateboarding (3.25%), soccer (2.62%), baseball (2.52%), and trampoline (2.31%). The average age of each Heelys patient was 8.9 years, and 13 patients were girls. There were 16 upper extremity and 1 lower extremity fracture. No patient needed operative treatment or admission. Average number of follow-up visits was 1.6, with an average of 1.4 casts per patient. Average cost per patient was $1368. Ninety-two percent of the Heelys injuries occurred outdoors. Fifty-four percent of children were being supervised when they fell, but only 31% were wearing any safety equipment. Sixty-two percent of parents were not aware that safety equipment was recommended, and only 31% of the children were wearing safety equipment. CONCLUSIONS: The incidence of Heelys injuries (1.68%) was relatively low compared with other common childhood play activities. The fractures were mostly in the upper extremity, and no fracture required surgical intervention or admission to the hospital. Sixty-two percent of the parents were not aware that safety equipment was recommended, and only 31% of the children were wearing safety equipment.

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KW - Family Health
KW - Female
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KW - Male
KW - Multivariate Analysis
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KW - Myopia/pa [Pathology]
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KW - Odds Ratio
KW - Parents
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KW - Reading
KW - Refraction
KW - Ocular
KW - Schools
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N2 - PURPOSE: To examine the association of time spent in near work and reading with spherical equivalent refraction (SER) in a population-based sample of 12-year-old Australian schoolchildren. METHODS: Data on the time spent in near-work or outdoor activities per week and estimates for the duration of continuous reading and reading distances, were collected in questionnaires (2353 participants, 75.3% response) in the Sydney Myopia Study between 2004 and 2005; 2339 children underwent a comprehensive eye examination, including cycloplegia. RESULTS: Longer time spent on reading for pleasure and reports of close reading distance (< 30 cm) were associated with a more myopic refraction after adjustment for age, sex, ethnicity, and school type (P(trend) = 0.02 and P = 0.0003, respectively). Time spent in individual near-work activities, however, correlated poorly with SER (all r < or = 0.2) and was not significant in multivariate analyses for myopia (SER < or = -0.50 D), with adjustment for age, sex, ethnicity, parental myopia, school type, and outdoor activity.
Children of European Caucasian ethnicity reported spending marginally less time in near work than children of East Asian ethnicity (26.0 h/wk vs. 32.5 h/wk, P < 0.0001). East Asian ethnicity, however, was associated with substantially greater odds of having myopia (odds ratio [OR], 11.0; 95% confidence interval [CI], 7.0-17.4). Near work such as close reading distance (< 30 cm) and continuous reading (> 30 minutes) independently increased the odds of having myopia in this sample of children. CONCLUSIONS: Although myopia was not significantly associated with time spent in near work after adjustment for other factors, there were significant independent associations with close reading distance and continuous reading. These associations may indicate that the intensity rather than the total duration of near work is an important factor.
BACKGROUND: The aim of this study was to investigate whether physical activity (in general, and more specifically, walking and cycling during leisure time and for commuting purposes, sports and gardening) is an underlying mechanism in the relationship between the amount of green space in people's direct living environment and self-perceived health. To study this, we first investigated whether the amount of green space in the living environment is related to the level of physical activity. When an association between green space and physical activity was found, we analysed whether this could explain the relationship between green space and health.

METHODS: The study includes 4,899 Dutch people who were interviewed about physical activity, self-perceived health and demographic and socioeconomic background. The amount of green space within a one-kilometre and a three-kilometre radius around the postal code coordinates was calculated for each individual. Multivariate multilevel analyses and multilevel logistic regression analyses were performed at two levels and with controls for socio-demographic characteristics and urbanicity.

RESULTS: No relationship was found between the amount of green space in the living environment and whether or not people meet the Dutch public health recommendations for physical activity, sports and walking for commuting purposes. People with more green space in their living environment walked and cycled less often and fewer minutes during leisure time; people with more green space garden more often and spend more time on gardening. Furthermore, if people cycle for commuting purposes they spend more time on this if they live in a greener living environment. Whether or not people garden, the time spent on gardening and time spent on cycling for commuting purposes did not explain the relationship between green space and health.

CONCLUSION: Our study indicates that the amount of green space in the living environment is scarcely related to the level of physical activity. Furthermore, the amount of physical activity undertaken in greener living environments does not explain the relationship between green space and health.
BACKGROUND, AIM, AND SCOPE: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are widespread environmental contaminants and contribute to the pollution of soil environment. Soil ingestion is of increasing concern for assessing health risk from PAH-contaminated soils because soil ingestion is one of the potentially important pathways of exposure to environmental pollutants, particularly relevant for children playing at contaminated sites due to their hand-to-mouth activities. In vitro gastro-intestinal tests imitate the human digestive tract, based on the physiology of humans, generally more simple, less time-consuming, and especially more reproducible than animal tests. This study was conducted to investigate the level of PAH contamination and oral bioaccessibility in surface soils, using physiologically based in vitro gastro-intestinal tests regarding both gastric and small intestinal conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Wastewater-irrigated soils were sampled from the metropolitan areas of Beijing and Tianjin, China, which were highly contaminated with PAHs. Reference soil samples were also collected for comparisons. At each site, four soils were sampled in the upper horizon at the depth of 0-20 cm randomly and were bulked together to form one composite sample. PAH concentrations and origin were investigated and a physiologically based in vitro test was conducted using all analytical grade reagents. Linear regression model was used to assess the relationship between total PAH concentrations in soils and soil organic carbon (SOC).

RESULTS: A wide range of total PAH concentrations ranging from 1,304 to 3,369 µg kg(-1) in soils collected from different wastewater-irrigated sites in Tianjin, while ranging from 2,687 to 4,916 µg kg(-1) in soils collected from different wastewater-irrigated sites in Beijing, was detected. In general, total PAH concentrations in soils from Beijing sites were significantly higher than those from Tianjin sites, indicating a dominant contribution from both pyrogenic and petrogenic sources. Results indicated that the oral bioaccessibility of PAHs in small intestinal was significantly higher (from P < 0.05 to P < 0.001) than gastric condition. Similarly, the oral bioaccessibility of PAHs in contaminated sites was significantly higher (from P < or = 0.05 to P < 0.001) than in reference sites. Individual PAH ratios (three to six rings), a more accurate and reliable estimation about the emission sources, were used to distinguish the natural and anthropogenic PAH inputs in the soils. Results indicated that PAHs were both pyrogenic and petrogenic in nature.

DISCUSSION: The identification of PAH sources and importance of in vitro test for PAH bioaccessibility were emphasized in this study. The oral bioaccessibility of individual PAHs in soils generally decreased with increasing ring numbers of PAHs in both the gastric and small intestinal conditions. However, the ratio of bioaccessibility of individual PAHs in gastric conditions to that in the small intestinal condition generally increased with increasing ring numbers, indicating the relatively pronounced effect of bile extract on improving the bioaccessibility of PAHs with relatively high ring numbers characterized by their high K (ow) values. Similarly, total PAH concentrations in soils were strongly correlated with SOC, indicating that SOC was the key factor determining the retention of PAHs in soils. CONCLUSIONS: Soils were contaminated with PAHs due to long-term wastewater irrigation. PAHs with two to six rings showed high concentrations with a significant increase over reference soils. Based on the molecular indices, it was suggested that PAHs in soils had both pyrogenic and petrogenic sources. It was also concluded that the oral bioaccessibility of total PAHs in the small intestinal condition was significantly higher than that in the gastric condition. Furthermore, the
bioaccessibility of individual PAHs in soils generally decreased with the increasing ring numbers in both the gastric and small intestinal conditions. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES: It is suggested that more care should be given while establishing reliable soil criteria for PAHs, especially concerning the health of children who may ingest a considerable amount of PAH-contaminated soil via outdoor hand-to-mouth activities.

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KW - Human Engineering
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KW - Nurse's Role/px [Psychology]
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The purpose of this study was to investigate school playground safety practices. The study used a purposeful sample of school nurses who attended a playground safety workshop at the 2006 National Association of School Nurses annual conference. Seventy-five questionnaires were distributed, and 64 useable questionnaires were returned. The responses indicated that little attention is being given to providing safe playground environments in schools as measured by best practices of supervision, age-appropriate design, fall surfacing, and equipment maintenance. Participants pointed to the need for better supervision and supervision training, careful selection of age-appropriate equipment, maintaining adequate fall surfaces under the equipment, and ensuring that equipment is properly maintained and repaired. The study also revealed that school nurses believe they could play a role in playground injury prevention through the collection and analysis of injury data, communication to administrators about the need for comprehensive planning of the play environment, and becoming active members of playground safety committees.

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to see if portable play equipment added to a preschool playground resulted in higher intensities of physical activity among 3-5-year-old children. METHODS: Activity-friendly equipment was added to an outdoor preschool playground. Accelerometry-measured intensities of 15-s epochs of physical activity were tracked for 5 pre-intervention and 5 post-intervention days during outdoor play. Data were collected during fall 2005 in Salt Lake City for 64 preschoolers aged 3, 4, and 5 years. RESULTS: After the intervention, both male and female 3- to 5-year-olds significantly decreased sedentary behavior and significantly increased light, moderate, and vigorous physical activity as measured by...
accelerometry. CONCLUSIONS: Results suggest simple interventions, requiring little teacher training, can yield increases in healthy physical activity

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: Cluster analysis was used to enhance understanding of heterogeneity in social adjustment of physically abused children. METHOD: Ninety-eight physically abused children (ages 5-10) were clustered on the basis of social adjustment, as measured by observed behavior with peers on the school playground and by teacher reports of social behavior. Seventy-seven matched nonabused children served as a comparison sample. Clusters were validated on the basis of observed parental sensitivity, parents' self-reported disciplinary tactics, and children's social information processing operations (i.e., generation of solutions to peer relationship problems and attributions of peer intentions in social situations). RESULTS: Three subgroups of physically abused children emerged from the cluster analysis; clusters were labeled Socially Well Adjusted, Hanging in
There, and Social Difficulties. Examination of cluster differences on risk and protective factors provided substantial evidence in support of the external validity of the three-cluster solution. Specifically, clusters differed significantly in attributions of peer intent and in parenting (i.e., sensitivity and harshness of parenting). Clusters also differed in the ways in which they were similar to, or different from, the comparison group of nonabused children. CONCLUSIONS: Results supported the contention that there were clinically relevant subgroups of physically abused children with potentially unique treatment needs. Findings also pointed to the relevance of social information processing operations and parenting context in understanding diversity among physically abused children. PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS: Pending replication, findings provide support for the importance of considering unique treatment of needs among physically abused children. A singular approach to intervention is unlikely to be effective for these children. For example, some physically abused children might need a more intensive focus on development of prosocial skills in relationships with peers while the prosocial skills of other abused children will be developmentally appropriate. In contrast, most physically abused children might benefit from training in social problem-solving skills. Findings also point to the importance of promoting positive parenting practices in addition to reducing harsh discipline of physically abusive parents.

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CY - Netherlands
N2 - Source contribution estimates (SCE) of school community personal Respirable Particulate Matter (RPM) have been investigated. Reported relationships of personal RPM with Ambient-outdoors and indoor RPM levels have given the concept of defining the sources of personal exposure. Ambient-outdoors, indoors, soils and local road- traffic dusts were identified as main routes and principal sources of fine particulates at personal exposure levels. Fifteen subjects (05 from each of three schools) were selected from previous conducted study of interrelationships among classified atmospheric receptors in theses schools located in Bhilai-Durg, District
Durg, India. Samples of RPM collected from identified receptors and sources were analyzed for selected chemical constituents and the chemical data has been utilized in preparation of source-receptor profiles. Chemical mass balance (CMB8) model has been used for source apportionment study. Major dominating source is ambient-outdoors in case of school located near to steel plant downwind. Indoors and road-traffic dusts have also played dominating role in case of school located near to National Highways. Indoor ventilation properties have played an important role in source contribution estimates.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Polymorophous light eruption. [Review] [54 refs]
A1 - Honigsmann, H.
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N1 - Honigsmann, Herbert
Photodermatology, photoimmunology & photomedicine
awp, 9013641
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Journal Article. Review
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Dermatologic Agents/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Photosensitivity Disorders/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Photosensitivity Disorders/et [Etiology]
KW - Photosensitivity Disorders/im [Immunology]
KW - Photosensitivity Disorders/th [Therapy]
KW - Photosensitivity Disorders
KW - Phototherapy
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Skin/pa [Pathology]
KW - Skin Tests
KW - Ultraviolet Rays/ae [Adverse Effects]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 155
EP - 161
JF - Photodermatology, Photoimmunology & Photomedicine
JA - Photodermatol.,Photoimmunol.,Photomed.
VL - 24
IS - 3
CY - Denmark
N2 - Polymorophous light eruption is the most common photodermatosis, with a prevalence of as high as 10-20% in Western Europe and in the USA. It starts during the second and third decades of life. Although not life-threatening it can severely impair the quality of life, in particular during leisure activities and in outdoors workers. Polymorophous light eruption belongs to the group of so-called idiopathic photodermatoses. This term denotes dermatoses that occur in otherwise healthy individuals from exposure to sunlight or artificial light without the intervention of an exogenous photosensitizing agent. These diseases have two factors in common: they are precipitated by ultraviolet or visible radiation; and their exact pathomechanism remains obscure but is presumably immunologic in nature. [References: 54]
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How free of tobacco smoke are 'smoke-free' homes?

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Air Pollution
Indoor/an [Analysis]
Child
Preschool
Family Characteristics
Female
Humans
Male
Nicotine/an [Analysis]
Poverty Areas
Questionnaires
Smoking/ep [Epidemiology]
Tobacco Smoke Pollution/an [Analysis]
Western Australia
NOT IN FILE
202
208
Indoor Air
18
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Denmark

The risks of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) are well established and 'harm reduction' strategies such as smoking outside to protect infants and children from exposure to ETS have been advocated for some time. The aim of this study was to assess the validity of self-reported smoking levels in residential settings. The participants were families (n = 92) randomly selected from lower socioeconomic areas of Perth, Western Australia. Each household was monitored for vapor phase nicotine and particulates with an aerodynamic diameter of < or = 10 microm (PM(10)). Of the 42% (39) households who reported that someone smoked cigarettes at home, only four (4%) said that smoking occurred inside the house. There was a 'moderate' agreement between parental-reported tobacco smoking and levels of nicotine (kappa = 0.55, P < 0.01). There were significant differences in the median levels of air nicotine (P < 0.01) and PM(10) (P < 0.05) between households in which smoking was reported as only occurring outside, and the smoke-free households.

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: The study outcome suggests that a strategy based on the separation of children and smoking activity is inadequate to protect the former from ETS at home, and that health professionals should give parents unambiguous advice to give up smoking in order to make their homes a completely smoke-free environment

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The authors examined the relation of the Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment (HOME) Inventory (B. M. Caldwell & R. H. Bradley, 1984) for 0- to 6-year-old Sundanese Indonesian children with the quality of the mother-child attachment relationship (n=44) and attachment-related behaviors during play interactions (n=37) and with characteristics of the Indonesian caregiving context (N=77). Results showed that infants and toddlers with secure attachment relationships lived in higher quality home environments than did children with insecure attachment relationships. In particular, children with insecure-resistant attachment relationships lived in more unsafe and less organized homes with less play material available. For preschoolers, a lower quality home environment predicted more negativity and noncompliance toward their mothers in a play
setting outside the home. With regard to the caregiving context, the socioeconomic status of the family was strongly related to the quality of preschoolers' home environment. Scores on the HOME Inventory for Infants/Toddlers and the HOME Inventory for Early Childhood were related to other culture-specific contextual characteristics for 0- to 6-year old Indonesian children as well. As a whole, the HOME was a good indicator of the general quality of the Sundanese Indonesian home environment.

TY - JOUR
ID - 1041
T1 - Epidemiologic evidence of relationships between reproductive and child health outcomes and environmental chemical contaminants. [Review] [851 refs]
A1 - Wigle,D.T.
A1 - Arbuckle,T.E.
A1 - Turner,M.C.
A1 - Berube,A.
A1 - Yang,Q.
A1 - Liu,S.
A1 - Krewski,D.
Y1 - 2008/05/
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IM
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adult
KW - Child
KW - Child Development/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Environmental Exposure/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Environmental Pollutants/to [Toxicity]
KW - Female
KW - Fetal Development/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Hazardous Substances/to [Toxicity]
KW - Humans
KW - Pregnancy
KW - Pregnancy Outcome
KW - Prenatal Exposure Delayed Effects
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 373
EP - 517
JF - Journal of Toxicology & Environmental Health Part B: Critical Reviews
JA - J Toxicol Environ Health B Crit Rev
VL - 11
IS - 5-6
CY - United States
N2 - This review summarizes the level of epidemiologic evidence for relationships between prenatal and/or early life exposure to environmental chemical contaminants and fetal, child, and adult health. Discussion focuses on fetal loss, intrauterine growth restriction, preterm birth, birth defects, respiratory and other childhood diseases, neuropsychological deficits, premature or delayed sexual maturation, and certain adult cancers linked to fetal or childhood exposures. Environmental exposures considered here include chemical toxicants in air, water, soil/house dust and foods (including human breast milk), and consumer products. Reports reviewed here
included original epidemiologic studies (with at least basic descriptions of methods and results), literature reviews, expert group reports, meta-analyses, and pooled analyses. Levels of evidence for causal relationships were categorized as sufficient, limited, or inadequate according to predefined criteria. There was sufficient epidemiological evidence for causal relationships between several adverse pregnancy or child health outcomes and prenatal or childhood exposure to environmental chemical contaminants. These included prenatal high-level methylmercury (CH(3)Hg) exposure (delayed developmental milestones and cognitive, motor, auditory, and visual deficits), high-level prenatal exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polychlorinated dibenzo-furans (PCDFs), and related toxicants (neonatal tooth abnormalities, cognitive and motor deficits), maternal active smoking (delayed conception, preterm birth, fetal growth deficit [FGD] and sudden infant death syndrome [SIDS]) and prenatal environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) exposure (preterm birth), low-level childhood lead exposure (cognitive deficits and renal tubular damage), high-level childhood CH(3)Hg exposure (visual deficits), high-level childhood exposure to 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) (chloracne), childhood ETS exposure (SIDS, new-onset asthma, increased asthma severity, lung and middle ear infections, and adult breast and lung cancer), childhood exposure to biomass smoke (lung infections), and childhood exposure to outdoor air pollutants (increased asthma severity). Evidence for some proven relationships came from investigation of relatively small numbers of children with high-dose prenatal or early childhood exposures, e.g., CH(3)Hg poisoning episodes in Japan and Iraq. In contrast, consensus on a causal relationship between incident asthma and ETS exposure came only recently after many studies and prolonged debate. There were many relationships supported by limited epidemiologic evidence, ranging from several studies with fairly consistent findings and evidence of dose-response relationships to those where 20 or more studies provided inconsistent or otherwise less than convincing evidence of an association. The latter included childhood cancer and parental or childhood exposures to pesticides. In most cases, relationships supported by inadequate epidemiologic evidence reflect scarcity of evidence as opposed to strong evidence of no effect. This summary points to three main needs: (1) Where relationships between child health and environmental exposures are supported by sufficient evidence of causal relationships, there is a need for (a) policies and programs to minimize population exposures and (b) population-based biomonitoring to track exposure levels, i.e., through ongoing or periodic surveys with measurements of contaminant levels in blood, urine and other samples. (2) For relationships supported by limited evidence, there is a need for targeted research and policy options ranging from ongoing evaluation of evidence to proactive actions. (3) There is a great need for population-based, multidisciplinary and collaborative research on the many relationships supported by inadequate evidence, as these represent major knowledge gaps. Expert groups faced with evaluating epidemiologic evidence of potential causal relationships repeatedly encounter problems in summarizing the available data. A major driver for undertaking such summaries is the need to compensate for the limited sample sizes of individual epidemiologic studies. Sample size limitations are major obstacles to exploration of prenatal, paternal, and childhood exposures during specific time windows, exposure intensity, exposure-exposure or exposure-gene interactions, and relatively rare health outcomes such as childhood cancer. Such research needs call for investments in research infrastructure, including human resources and methods development (standardized protocols, biomarker research, validated exposure metrics, reference analytic laboratories). These are needed to generate research findings that can be compared and subjected to pooled analyses aimed at knowledge synthesis. [References: 851] SN - 1521-6950 AD - McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. don.wigle@sympatico.ca UR - 18470797 ER - TY - JOUR ID - 1042 T1 - [On the impact of social stress on concentration performances in kindergarteners: results of naturalistic experiments in kindergarten-settings]. [German] A1 - Krampen, G. Y1 - 2008/// N1 - Krampen, Gunter Praxis der Kinderpsychologie und Kinderpsychiatrie pj6, 0404246 IM
Results of three experimental studies (implemented in naturalistic kindergarten-settings) on short-term effects of social stress on concentration performance in young children are presented. In all 250 kindergarten-children were tested repeatedly with the Kaseler-Konzentrations-Aufgabe (KKA; Kasel-Concentration Task for Children Aged 3-8 Years; test-duration: 6-7 minutes). In addition, after each KKA-test the children were asked about their subjective feelings of tiredness and of distractions during the test. In Study I 90 kindergarten-children were randomized to a standard individual test-setting, a triadic test-setting with another child observing the test child, and an individual test-setting within the noisy kindergarten group. Study II refers to 40 kindergarten-children tested individually and repeatedly in a silent standard setting, in a noisy setting with other children playing loudly outside, and in a noisy setting with other children singing very loudly in their group-rooms outside the testing-room. 120 kindergarten-children took part in Study III, in which test time and social setting (shortly after arrival in kindergarten, after joint breakfast, before and after joint lunch) were varied. In Study I results point at large negative effects of social stress on concentration performance. No effects of typical kindergarten noises on concentration were observed in Study II and Study III, with the exception of stress reactions on concentration in the after-joint-lunch kindergarten setting. Results point at good habituations to common social stress in kindergarten-children as well as specific strong stress reactions on concentration in social settings, including observers and noisy group-settings. Subjective ratings of distractions during testing and of tiredness after testing are not correlated with cognitive stress reactions, putting the competence of kindergarten-children to report verbally solid about their stress reactions in question.
N1 - Peng, Shu-Chen. Tomblin, J Bruce. Turner, Christopher W
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Auditory Threshold
KW - Child
KW - Cochlear Implants
KW - Deafness/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Deafness/rh [Rehabilitation]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Phonetics
KW - Sound Spectrography
KW - Speech Acoustics
KW - Speech Intelligibility
KW - Speech Perception
KW - Speech Production Measurement
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 336
EP - 351
JF - Ear & Hearing
JA - Ear Hear
VL - 29
IS - 3
CY - United States
N2 - OBJECTIVES: Current cochlear implant (CI) devices are limited in providing voice pitch information that is critical for listeners' recognition of prosodic contrasts of speech (e.g., intonation and lexical tones). As a result, mastery of the production and perception of such speech contrasts can be very challenging for prelingually deafened individuals who received a CI in their childhood (i.e., pediatric CI recipients). The purpose of this study was to investigate (a) pediatric CI recipients' mastery of the production and perception of speech intonation contrasts, in comparison with their age-matched peers with normal hearing (NH), and (b) the relationships between intonation production and perception in CI and NH individuals. DESIGN: Twenty-six pediatric CI recipients aged from 7.44 to 20.74 yrs and 17 age-matched individuals with NH participated. All CI users were prelingually deafened, and each of them received a CI between 1.48 and 6.34 yrs of age. Each participant performed an intonation production task and an intonation perception task. In the production task, 10 questions and 10 statements that were syntactically matched (e.g., "The girl is on the playground." versus "The girl is on the playground?") were elicited from each participant using interactive discourse involving pictures. These utterances were judged by a panel of eight adult listeners with NH in terms of utterance type accuracy (question versus statement) and contour appropriateness (on a five-point scale). In the perception task, each participant identified the speech intonation contrasts of natural utterances in a two-alternative forced-choice task. RESULTS: The results from the production task indicated that CI participants' scores for both utterance type accuracy and contour appropriateness were significantly lower than the scores of NH participants (both p < 0.001). The results from the perception task indicated that CI participants' identification accuracy was significantly lower than that of their NH peers (CI, 70.13% versus NH, 97.11%, p < 0.001). The Pearson correlation coefficients (r) between CI participants' performance levels in the production and perception tasks were approximately 0.65 (p = 0.001). CONCLUSION: As a group, pediatric CI recipients do not show mastery of speech intonation in their production or perception to the same extent as their NH peers. Pediatric CI recipients' performance levels in the production and perception of speech intonation contrasts are moderately correlated. Intersubject variability exists in pediatric CI recipients' mastery levels in the production and perception of speech intonation contrasts. These findings suggest the importance of addressing both aspects
(production and perception) of speech intonation in the aural rehabilitation and speech intervention programs for prelingually deafened children and young adults who use a CI

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T1 - Exercise-induced changes in respiratory impedance in young wheezy children and nonatopic controls
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A1 - Makela,M.J.
A1 - Mattila,P.S.
A1 - Hammaren-Malmi,S.
A1 - Pelkonen,A.S.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Airway Resistance
KW - Asthma
KW - Exercise-Induced/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Feasibility Studies
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Oscillometry/mt [Methods]
KW - ROC Curve
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 538
EP - 544
JF - Pediatric Pulmonology
JA - Pediatr Pulmonol
VL - 43
IS - 6
CY - United States
N2 - Exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB) is a specific sign of active asthma, but its assessment in young children may be difficult with lung function techniques requiring active cooperation. The aim of the study was to assess the normal pattern of exercise-induced responses of respiratory impedance by using impulse oscillometry (IOS), and to investigate how these responses discriminate wheezy children from control subjects. IOS measurements were performed in a consecutive sample of wheezy children aged 3-7 years (n = 130) and in an aged matched control group of nonatopic children without respiratory symptoms (n = 79) before and after a free running test. After exercise, wheezy children showed significantly larger responses in respiratory resistance (Rrs5), reactance (Xrs5), and the resonance frequency (Fr) than the control subjects. In the control group, the upper 95% confidence limit of the maximal change was 32.5% for Rrs5, 85.7% for Xrs5, and 53.1% for Fr. By using analysis of receiver operating characteristics, the change in Rrs5 distinguished the wheezy children from the control subjects more effectively than change in Xrs5 or Fr. In wheezy children, the response was significantly effected by the outdoor temperature and exercise intensity in terms of maximum heart rate. In conclusion, an increase of 35% in Rrs5 after a free running test can be regarded as an abnormal response.
Wheezy children show an enhanced airway response, which is clearly distinguishable from the control subjects. IOS is a feasible method to detect EIB in young children.

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T1 - Mania profile in a community sample of prepubertal children in Turkey
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A1 - Seydaoglu, G.
A1 - Avci, A.
Y1 - 2008/06/
B1 - Bipolar disorders
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IM - Journal Article
Language - English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Bipolar Disorder/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Psychiatric Status Rating Scales
KW - Residence Characteristics
KW - Turkey/ep [Epidemiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 546
EP - 553
JF - Bipolar Disorders
JA - Bipolar Disorder
VL - 10
IS - 4
CY - Denmark
N2 - BACKGROUND: Mania in youth is increasingly recognized and accompanied by substantial psychiatric and psychosocial morbidity. There are no data on prepubertals in the general population and we aimed to search for mania symptoms and its clinical correlations in a community sample of prepubertal Turkish children.
METHODS: Among all children (n = 56,335) aged 7-11 in Adana, Turkey, 2,468 children (48% girls) were randomly included. Parents completed Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) 4-18 and Parent-Young Mania Rating Scale (P-YMRS). Cut-off scores of 17 and 27 on total P-YMRS were defined as efficient (probable-mania group) and specific (mania group), respectively, for bipolar profile. We searched for clinical correlations and used logistic regression to show how well each CBCL subscale predicted the presence of mania and probable-mania, after adjusting for any demographic differences. RESULTS: Parent-Young Mania Rating Scale scores were > or =17 but <27 (probable-mania) in 155 (6.3%) children and > or =27 (mania) in 32 (1.3%) children. Elevated mood, increased activity levels, and poor insight were the most frequent manic symptoms in our sample. Children with probable-mania and mania had higher scores on all CBCL subscales and the CBCL-Pediatric Bipolar Disorder (CBCL-PBD) profile (sum of attention, aggression, and anxiety/depression subscales). Logistic regression analysis revealed only thought problems on CBCL that predicted probable-mania and mania. CONCLUSION: Our study shows that mania profile is common in the community sample of Turkish prepubertal children and does not support the thought that mania is rare outside the US. We need further population-based studies that will use diagnostic interviews and multiple informants
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We present prevalence estimates of indoor and outdoor environmental risk factors for asthma from a cross-sectional study of children 1 to 17 years of age living in Buffalo, New York. A child's primary caretaker completed a questionnaire about the household's demographics, lifestyle habits, housing, indoor and outdoor environment, and the child's activity patterns, family history of asthma, asthma symptoms and treatment, and...
medical care access. Significant environmental risk factors were presence of smokers in the household, humidifier or vaporizer use, chemical odors indoors, frequent truck traffic, and chemical odors outdoors. Most of these risk factors can be mitigated or controlled.

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Providing sporting experiences for children in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) environments: sport and physical activity participation and intentions


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Child Day Care Centers

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Humans

Intention

Leisure Activities

Male

Motor Activity

Parent-Child Relations

Sports

Victoria

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The Out of School Hours Sports Program (OSHSP) aimed to provide structured sporting experiences and community links to local clubs for children in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). The OSHSP involved 17 State Sporting Associations (SSAs). 71 OSHC Services and local club representatives. This study explored children’s participation in sport in and outside the OSHSP and parental intention for participation in sport in and outside the OSHSP. Surveys were received from 211 children (76 girls and 125 boys; mean age=7.9 years, S.D.=1.7) and their parents/guardians (37.9% response rate). OSHC is characterised by freedom of choice of participation in activities by children. The OSHSP was used to provide an opportunity to choose to participate in a sport while attending OSHC. At the OSHC Services surveyed, between 7.1 and 100% of the children attending OSHC chose to participate in the OSHSP. Of those children who chose to participate, 85% were participating in a sport, usually a different sport to the one offered in the OSHSP. This participation was largely club-based (49.8%), most often once a week for training and competition (55.2%). Parental intentions for children’s participation in the OSHSP sports varied with respect to the number of years attending the OSHSP, where children played and trained in their main sport, and how many times a week a child played and trained in their
main sport. Older children tended to play and train for sport more times per week and had been attending the
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ID - 1048
T1 - Lead contamination in Uruguay: the "La Teja" neighborhood case. [Review] [43 refs]
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A1 - Cousillas,A.Z.
A1 - Alvarez,C.
A1 - Heller,T.
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Reviews of environmental contamination and toxicology
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IM
Journal Article. Review
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Animals
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Environmental Exposure/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Lead/an [Analysis]
KW - Lead Poisoning/bl [Blood]
KW - Lead Poisoning/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Lead Poisoning/et [Etiology]
KW - Male
KW - Mining
KW - Occupational Exposure/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Rural Population
KW - Soil Pollutants/an [Analysis]
KW - Urban Population
KW - Uruguay/ep [Epidemiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 93
EP - 115
JF - Reviews of Environmental Contamination & Toxicology
JA - Rev Environ Contam Toxicol
VL - 195
CY - United States
N2 - Lead, ubiquitous in the environment as a result of mining and industrialization, is found as a contaminant
in humans although it has no known physiological function there. Lead-exposed children are known to be the
population with the highest potential health risks. The recommended biomarker to assess environmental lead
exposure in animals is lead level in blood. Before 2001, the Department of Toxicology and Environmental
Hygiene was the only team to produce human monitoring data on Uruguayan populations (Manay 2001a,b;
Manay et al. 1999). Lead pollution in Uruguay first received official attention during the 2001 La Teja
poisoning episode. It was in the La Teja neighbourhood of Montevideo that high BLL were found in children
(as high as 20 microg/dL), prompting corrective responses from Health and Environmental authorities. Growing
awareness of environmental lead pollution and consequential human health effects from that event, resulted in
public debate and demands for solutions from Health and Environmental authorities. Citizens demanded public
Disclosure of information concerning lead pollution and wanted action to address contaminated Uruguayan sites. In response, the Ministry of Health assembled an interinstitutional multidisciplinary committee, with delegates from health, environmental, labor, educational, and social security authorities, as well as community nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), among others. The University of the Republic was designated to serve as the main responsible entity for technical advice and support. After 2001, new research on lead pollution was undertaken and included multidisciplinary studies with communities in response to health risk alerts. The main emphasis was placed on children exposed to environmental lead. Major sources of Uruguayan lead contamination, similar to those in other developing countries, result from metallurgical industries, lead-acid battery processing, lead wire and pipe factories, metal foundries, metal recyclers, leaded gasoline (before December 2003), lead water pipes in old houses, and scrap and smelter solid wastes, among others. Nonoccupational lead exposure usually results from living in or near current or former manufacturing areas or improper handling of lead-containing materials or solid wastes (a particularly important health risk for children). In this chapter, we reviewed available studies published or reported after the pollution events first announced in 2001. These studies include data on exposure, health, and actions taken to mitigate or prevent lead exposure from pollution events in Uruguay. Uruguay adopted CDC’s 10 microg/dL as the reference BLL for children (CDC 1991) and a BLL of 30 microg/dL for workers (from the ACGIH standard). Environmental authorities adopted the Canadian reference concentrations for soil: residential and playgrounds (≥ 140 mg/kg) or industrial areas (> 600 mg/kg) (CCME 2006). Most studies reviewed addressed soil pollution as the main source of lead exposure. Results of thousands of analyses indicated that most children had BLL above reference intervention limits. A significant decrease in BLL was also found over time in the study results, demonstrating the importance of medical intervention, nutrition, and environmental education. The severity of lead pollution discovered required official governmental actions, both to reduce sources of lead contamination and to address the health implications for children who had been exposed to environmental or industrial lead pollution. Dogs were discovered to be useful sentinels for environmental lead pollution; they had higher BLL than children when exposed to the same polluted environment and developed symptoms of lead intoxication earlier and at lower BLL than did children. This same pattern was also observed in families with children and pet dogs living in the La Teja neighborhood. This discovery renders dogs prospectively useful in lead pollution monitoring and diagnosis, particularly in developing countries. BLL results from similar human lead exposure studies conducted 10 yr apart showed significant BLL reductions, after 10 yr, for nonoccupationally exposed Uruguayans. The phase-out of leaded gasoline is thought to have contributed to this improvement. New laws to address occupational and environmental exposures were passed to prevent new cases of lead contamination, and new research studies are underway to monitor lead pollution. Moreover, a systematic surveillance screening program for lead workers and children is planned, although it is not yet underway. The sensitization of the public to the lead pollution problem has been a key driver of governmental action to mitigate and prevent further lead pollution in Uruguay. The changes made since 2001 appear to have yielded positive results. BLL from different populations studied more recently show decreased lead levels, suggesting a lower contribution of environmental lead to exposure of children and nonoccupationally exposed adults. The diverse analytical data collected on lead pollution in Uruguay between 2001 and 2004 were the main ingredient that allowed effective identification of lead pollution in Uruguay and paved the way for official intervention to prevent new pollution events. Nevertheless, full research studies must still be done, including both spot analysis of environmental soil, air, and water samples, and extensive screening of BLL. Future health and environmental actions are needed, not only to remediate known areas of lead pollution, but also to investigate other sources of potential health risks. [References: 43]
The aim of this study was to investigate the participation of children with cerebral palsy (CP) in activities outside school and to compare their participation with a large representative sample of children. A population-based survey was conducted of children with CP born in Victoria, Australia in 1994 and 1995. Of 219 living children identified, 114 (52.1%) returned completed surveys. The children (65 males, 49 females) were aged between 10 years 9 months and 12 years 9 months (mean age 11y 9mo, SD 6mo). Thirty-eight per cent had hemiplegia, 23% diplegia, 4% triplegia, 34% quadriplegia, and 1% was of unknown topography. Distribution according to the Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) was 22.8% Level I, 36% Level II, 10.5% Level III, 8.8% Level IV, and 21.9% Level V. Distribution according to the Manual Ability Classification System (MACS) was: 19.3% Level I, 38.6% Level II, 14.0% Level III, 8.8% Level IV, and 19.3% Level V. Participation was measured using the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment. Participation in selected sport, cultural, and quiet leisure activities was compared with population-based data for 11-year-olds from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Children with CP undertook a median of 26.5 activities (interquartile range 10) in 4 months which were commonly informal rather than formal. Intensity of participation was low. Diversity and intensity of participation was similar for children in each level of the MACS and the GMFCS, except for participants in Level V. More children with CP participated in organized sports (p<0.001) compared with other Australian children, although with lower frequency (p<0.001). Participation diversity and level of intensity of Australian children with CP were similar to those reported in a Canadian study.

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OBJECTIVE: To compare the prevalence and risk factors for myopia in 6- and 7-year-old children of Chinese ethnicity in Sydney and Singapore.

METHODS: Two cross-sectional samples of age- and ethnicity-matched primary school children participated: 124 from the Sydney Myopia Study and 628 from the Singapore Cohort Study on the Risk Factors for Myopia. Cycloplegic autorefraction was used to determine myopia prevalence (spherical equivalent $\leq -0.5$ diopter). Lifestyle activities were ascertained by questionnaire.

RESULTS: The prevalence of myopia in 6- and 7-year-old children of Chinese ethnicity was significantly lower in Sydney (3.3%) than in Singapore (29.1%) ($P < .001$). The prevalence of myopia in 1 or more parents was 68% in Sydney and 71% in Singapore. Children in Sydney read more books per week ($P < .001$) and did more total near-work activity ($P = .002$). Children in Sydney spent more time on outdoor activities (13.75 vs 3.05 hours per week; $P < .001$), which was the most significant factor associated with the differences in the prevalence of myopia between the 2 sites. CONCLUSIONS: The lower prevalence of myopia in Sydney was associated with increased hours of outdoor activities. We hypothesize that another factor contributing to the differences in the prevalence of myopia may be the early educational pressures found in Singapore but not in Sydney.

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BACKGROUND/PURPOSE: There have been many different studies of injuries owing to playground equipment but none that have looked in detail using large nationwide databases. It was the purpose of this study to investigate injuries owing to playground equipment using the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) database and further understand their demographics. METHODS: Detailed NEISS injury data from 2002 through 2004 for slides, monkey bars, and swings were analyzed. Appropriate statistical analyses were performed; because of the many analyses on this large data set, P < .01 was considered statistically significant. RESULTS: There were 22728 emergency department visits owing to playground equipment injuries recorded between 2002 and 2004; 83.9% were owing to monkey bars, swings, and slides, and the 5 most common diagnoses were fractures (39.3%), contusions/abrasions (20.6%), lacerations (16.6%), strains/sprains (9.9%), and traumatic brain injuries (TBI) (8.5%). There were 9487 boys (54.3%) and 7995 girls (45.7%). The average age was 6.5 +/- 3.0 years. The injuries occurred at school in 38.9%; at a recreation/sporting facility, in 35.5%; and at home, in 25.6%. Most were treated and released (94.4%). Amerindian children were 2 times more likely than blacks to be admitted; compared to contusions, fractures were 9.8 times, and TBIs, 4.7 times more likely to be admitted. Injuries on monkey bars were 1.2 times more likely to be admitted than those on swings or slides. Fractures were 1.9 times more likely to occur on a monkey bar compared with swings or slides. Traumatic brain injuries were 1.4 times more likely to occur on a swing compared to slides or monkey bars. CONCLUSION: Swings at school are the most common mechanism of injury for TBIs, and the seasonal data would suggest that increased supervision of children using swings during school hours might reduce the
occurrence of TBIs. Monkey bars are the most common cause of fracture, and fracture is the most common cause of admission. Prevention strategies to reduce the number of fractures should be directed at monkey bar equipment and landing surfaces. The trend in playground equipment injury also indicates that monkey bars are problematic because the number of injuries per year per capita owing to monkey bars is stable, whereas those from swings and slides is decreasing.
activity behaviors of preschool children are multidimensional. Further research is required to enhance an understanding of these influences. [References: 43]

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Promotion of physical activity in children depends on an understanding of how children use play equipment. METHODS: We conducted observations over 2 years of children in 2nd through 8th grades in a schoolyard with 5 distinct play areas with different amounts of play equipment. RESULTS: Children were more likely to play in areas with more installed play equipment, with densities of children in equipped areas 3.3 to 12.6 times higher than in an open grassy field. There were no significant differences by play area in the percent of children who were physically active at all, but children were more likely to be very active in areas with basketball goals and an installed play structure than in an open field. CONCLUSIONS: Playground equipment appeared to have a strong influence on where children played and a moderate influence on levels of activity. To maximize physical activity in children, playgrounds should be designed with ample and diverse play equipment
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BACKGROUND: Knowledge of the association between the neighborhood physical environment and adults' readiness to encourage children's use of local playgrounds, and the extent to which perceived safety acts as a mediator, can inform efforts to increase children's physical activity. METHODS: Data were obtained from seven European cities based on a cross-sectional household survey conducted between 2001 and 2002. The sample included 2123 household informants (from a total of 2782 households) with a median age of 48 years; 65% were women, 66% were married, and 33% had achieved a secondary education. Indicators of local neighborhood physical disorder (litter, graffiti, lack of greenery), traffic volume, and land use were directly observed by trained surveyors. Perceived safety, encouragement of playground use, and physical activity levels were assessed with self-reported measures. Analyses were conducted in 2007. RESULTS: Respondents in neighborhoods showing signs of low or moderate physical disorder compared to high physical disorder had slightly over twice the odds of encouraging children to use local playgrounds (p<0.01). The percentage of the effect of neighborhood physical disorder accounted for by perceived safety was between 15% and 20%. Neighborhood physical disorder was associated only with adults' occasional involvement in sports or exercise and only among women (p<0.05); perceived safety was not significantly associated with physical activity for either men or women. CONCLUSIONS: Neighborhood physical environments and perceived safety influence adults' readiness to encourage children's physical activity and women's occasional involvement in sports or
exercise. Health promotion strategies designed to upgrade the environments near where children live and to address parental safety concerns merit further exploration.

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N2 - Shaken baby syndrome (SBS), one of the most deadly and devastating forms of child abuse, is caused by violent shaking. The combination of subdural hematoma, retinal hemorrhage, brain swelling, and diffuse axonal injury is highly typical of this syndrome and faced with these autopsy findings, induced traumatic lesions are strongly considered. However, it is known that motor-vehicle accidents and falls from great height can also produce this pattern of injury. Nevertheless, stories of arms fall, couch fall, or bumped head while the baby is being carried are generally considered incompatible with SBS. We here report a case of a 2-year-old boy presenting with all the classic autopsy findings of SBS from a playground rocking toy shaken by an older child
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OBJECTIVES: Despite the availability of guidelines for the treatment of status epilepticus (SE), there may be variability in the initial stabilization, evaluation, and pharmacologic treatment of infants and children with SE. To improve the treatment of such patients, documentation of these problems is needed. The current study is a prospective observational evaluation of the care received by pediatric patients with SE before Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) admission. METHODS: Following admission to the PICU, the care received was reviewed from the available records and/or direct conversations with the healthcare providers. RESULTS: The
study cohort included 100 consecutive patients with SE. Potential issues in care included lack of laboratory evaluation. The following laboratory parameters were not obtained during the initial evaluation: serum sodium (9% of patients), serum or ionized calcium (22%), and serum glucose (16%). When serum glucose was measured, results were not available for 20 minutes or more in 37% of the patients. Ninety-two patients were treated with anticonvulsant medication as they were having active seizure activity at the initial presentation. Primary drug therapy for SE did not include a benzodiazepine in 11% of the treated patients. When a benzodiazepine was administered, dosing was outside of suggested guidelines in 22.5% of patients. Respiratory compromise was more common in patients who received a benzodiazepine dose greater than suggested guidelines. CONCLUSIONS: Education regarding the initial evaluation and treatment of SE should focus on the appropriate laboratory evaluation required, suggested drug therapy, and dosing guidelines.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: The purpose of this study was to examine whether there are differences in physical activity (PA) during specific periods of the day among active and less-active girls. METHODS: The sample comprised 54 girls age 10 to 15 years. PA was assessed by accelerometry. Girls were grouped as less active,
active, and highly active. RESULTS: Total minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) was significantly higher in more-active girls than in their less-active peers (113 and 72 min/d, respectively). The most-active groups were significantly more engaged in MVPA during the outside-of-school period than were less-active girls. Highly active girls spent a significantly higher amount of their MVPA time outside of school than did the less-active group, which spent a significantly higher proportion of MVPA time during late afternoon. CONCLUSION: Outside-of-school PA is a key point for MVPA engagement. Particularly for the less-active girls, however, schools might provide additional PA.
In order to compare the epidemiological aspects of tsutsugamushi disease (scrub typhus) between Korea and Japan, we analyzed the current state of tsutsugamushi disease outbreaks and related risk factors. The average prevalence rate of tsutsugamushi disease from 2001 to 2005 in Korea was higher than that in Japan (7.2 and 0.3 per 100,000 population, respectively) (P<0.01). The seasonal distribution in Korea showed that the incidence of tsutsugamushi disease in autumn (94.5% of total cases) was higher than in Japan (38.2%) (P<0.01), while the incidences of outbreaks in other seasons were much higher in Japan (P<0.01). In Korea, more females (64.8%) were infected than males (35.2%) (P<0.01), while there was no significant difference in Japan. The remarkable difference between the gender distribution in Korea and Japan is believed to reflect cultural differences between the two countries in terms of work, dress and ornamentation. In both countries, elderly people (over 60 years old), especially in rural areas, showed a very high prevalence rate (50%), which is possibly due to increased outdoor activities and a decreased number of young people in those areas. These differences in tsutsugamushi disease risk factors reflect the different influences of vectors/hosts, climate, and geographical and cultural characteristics between the two countries.
This study sets out to determine the main issues employed women with and without young children voice as influencing their physical activity behaviors, and to identify the environmental dimensions (e.g., physical, social, cultural, organizational, policy) within and outside of the workplace surrounding physical activity promotion that are most pertinent to employed women in Canada. Thirty employed women participated in focus groups, and four senior personnel were interviewed. Worksite observations were carried out and a Workplace Physical Activity Audit Tool was administered. Results indicate that time constraints and demands of personal and work life are barriers to achieving more activity. The issues surrounding family obligations and pressures for women with young children illustrate the main differences between groups. Key environmental factors are addressed and considered for future workplace physical activity programming goals.

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INTRODUCTION: The growing epidemic of childhood obesity has led to an increasing focus on strategies for prevention. However, little is known about attitudes and perceptions toward weight, diet, and physical activity among American youth, and particularly among young African American females. This pilot study sought to qualitatively explore cultural attitudes and perceptions toward body image, food, and physical activity among a sample of overweight African American girls.

METHODS: We recruited 12 overweight girls, aged 12 to 18 years, from a hospital-based pediatric diabetes screening and prevention program. Five semistructured group interviews were conducted to explore attitudes on weight, diet, and physical activity. Sessions averaged 1 hour and were conducted by trained interviewers. Data were transcribed and evaluated for content and relevant themes.

RESULTS: The following themes emerged: weight and body size preferences were primarily determined by the individual and her immediate social circle and were less influenced by opinions of those outside of the social circle; food choices depended on texture, taste, appearance, and context more than on nutritional value; engagement in recreational physical activity was influenced by time constraints from school and extracurricular activities and by neighborhood safety; participation in structured exercise was limited because of the cost and time related to maintenance of personal aesthetics (hair and nails); and celebrities were not perceived as role models for diet and physical activity habits.

CONCLUSION: In this sample of girls, the findings imply that perceptions of weight and healthy lifestyle behaviors are largely determined by environmental and personal influences. These factors should be considered in the development of healthy-weight interventions for African American girls.

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PURPOSE: This study aimed to assess current levels of overweight (obesity) and fitness among school students using objective data. METHODS: School-based action research teams were recruited statewide by the New Hampshire Healthy Schools Coalition, the state team of the National Action for Healthy Kids Coalition. Action teams consisted of a physical education teacher, a school nurse, and a school administrator. Data were collected from 6,511 student participants aged 6 to 14 years, which was a representative cross-section from New Hampshire school districts. Key variables of interest in the study were body mass index, and ability to pass five fitness tests using FITNESSGRAM. Pearson's correlation was used to assess the relationships among body mass index, age, gender, and the percent of students that passed FITNESSGRAM tests. RESULTS: The ability of participants to pass the FITNESSGRAM tests declined markedly with age and differed between boys and girls, although the healthy fitness zones for any particular test was lower for girls. Body mass index was significantly negatively correlated with performance on all tests. Age was also statistically negatively correlated with performance on all tests; the relationship between gender and performance on the tests was less striking. CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS: Results reflected an increase in the prevalence of overweight school children, even in New Hampshire, which is purported to be one of the healthiest states in the nation. Results offered evidence that body mass index is a valid proxy measure for fitness levels and that fitness programs are necessary to effectively combat the obesity epidemic. Evidence-based changes need to be implemented to address obesity-related factors in schools, because children spend many of their waking hours in that setting. Physical activity during recess and physical education classes could help to increase energy expenditure and develop sound minds and bodies. Schools should consider the development of school-based wellness teams to advise and advocate improved school-based wellness policies. School nurses can take an active part in these initiatives.

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OBJECTIVE: Description of unhealthy behaviour and views regarding nutrition, physical exercise and education in families with young children, in relation to specific groups with a high risk of overweight.

DESIGN: Cross-sectional study. METHOD: In wellbaby clinics for infants and toddlers in various sites in The Netherlands 534 parents were requested to fill in questionnaires on nutrition, physical exercise and education. Enquiry into background characteristics took place and several hypotheses were tested. Using a bivariate and multivariate analysis each hypothesis was examined with regard to linkage of the answers to specific high-risk groups. RESULTS: 73% (390 parents) responded. Overweight was found in 15% of the 2-4-year-olds, this included 3.7% with obesity. Relatively often, parents held views and showed behaviour characteristic of an unhealthy lifestyle for young children. For example, approximately 1 out of 7 families was not used to having breakfast. 43% of the respondents considered sweetened milk products appropriate substitutes for milk and 39% of the children always had soft drinks at their disposal. One fifth of the parents indicated that they did not have enough time to go out with their child. Approximately 1 out of 10 toddlers aged 2-4 years had a TV in their own room; 22% were allowed to determine whether they wanted to watch TV or not and 9% were allowed to decide how long they watched. Such specific high-risk behaviour was seen in particular in families with non-western mothers, mothers with a low level of education or mothers living on social security. Regular use of child care or a nursery seemed to have some protective effect. CONCLUSION: In families with children aged 0-4 years, behaviour patterns related to overweight at a later age were frequently observed. In view of the increased incidence of overweight and obesity in young children, initiation of research aimed at optimisation of education is warranted, which should include special attention for the behaviour of parents with regard to 5 spearheads: breast-feeding, more outside play and more physical exercise, a regular wholesome breakfast, less consumption of sweetened drinks and less TV and computer use. Implementation of interventions in young age groups is able to prevent the development of unhealthy lifestyle and childrearing styles.
N2 - Forty to fifty per cent of skeletal mass, accumulated during childhood and adolescence, is influenced by sunlight exposure, physical activity, lifestyle, endocrine status, nutrition and gender. In view of scarce data on association of nutrition and lifestyle with hypovitaminosis D in Indian children and adolescents, an in-depth study on 3,127 apparently healthy Delhi schoolgirls (6-18 years) from the lower (LSES, n 1,477) and upper socioeconomic strata (USES, n 1650) was carried out. These girls were subjected to anthropometry and clinical examination for hypovitaminosis D. Girls randomly selected from the two strata (LSES, n 193; USES, n 211) underwent detailed lifestyle, dietary, biochemical and hormonal asessment. Clinical vitamin D deficiency was noted in 11.5 % girls (12.4 % LSES, 10.7 % USES). USES girls had significantly higher BMI than LSES counterparts. Prevalence of biochemical hypovitaminosis D (serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D < 50 nmol/l) was seen in 90.8 % of girls (89.6 % LSES, 91.9 % USES, NS). Mean intake of energy, protein, fat, Ca, vitamin D and milk/milk products was significantly higher in USES than LSES girls. Conversely, carbohydrate, fibre, phytate and cereal intakes were higher in LSES than USES girls. Physical activity and time spent outdoors was significantly higher in LSES girls (92.8 v. 64 %, P = 0.000). Significant correlation between serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D and estimated sun exposure (r 0.185, P = 0.001) and percentage body surface area exposed (r 0.146, P = 0.004) suggests that these lifestyle-related factors may contribute significantly to the vitamin D status of the apparently healthy schoolgirls. Hence, in the absence of vitamin D fortification of foods, diet alone appears to have an insignificant role.

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Mothers of preschoolers report using less pressure in child feeding situations following a newsletter intervention

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OBJECTIVE: To determine the impact of written intervention materials on child feeding practices of mothers and on physical activity behaviors of preschoolers. DESIGN: Mothers were divided into 3 groups: newsletter (n = 30), booklet (n = 31), and control (n = 31). Questionnaires were completed before and after a 12-week intervention. SETTING: Mail correspondence. PARTICIPANTS: White (90%), full-time mothers (76%) in their thirties (68%). INTERVENTIONS: Nutrition and activity information was provided as twelve 4-page weekly newsletters or one 52-page booklet. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Child feeding factors, physical activity practices. ANALYSIS: Child feeding factors were analyzed using Kruskal-Wallis and Wilcoxon. Physical activity practices were analyzed using 2-way chi-square and sign tests. The significance level was set at .0125. RESULTS: There was a significant decrease in the "pressure to eat" score for participants in the newsletter group (2.5 +/- 1.0 to 2.1 +/- 1.0, P < .01). No other differences in feeding practices were observed. At baseline, 43% of the mothers said their child spent at least 1 hour per day in active play, and 63% said their child watched television less than 2 hours per day. A significant increase in outdoor play was reported in the newsletter (P < .01) and control (P < .01) groups. CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS: This study is one of the first to indicate that child feeding practices may be modifiable.

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AIMS: To report three children displaying gastric metaplasia antral pyloric type of the small bowel mucosa. METHODS: Analysis of clinical, histopathological and immunohistochemical data. RESULTS: The first patient was a 14-year-old girl with history of chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction and chronic jejunitis; the second patient was a 6-year-old girl with a long-lasting jejunostomy; and the third patient was a 5-year-old girl with ileal-rectal anastomosis. The foci of gastric metaplasia were obvious with H&E-stained sections. The cells at the gastric metaplasia mucosa proved to be MUC-1 and sialyl-Tn positive by immunohistochemistry and they were in a pattern that was different from that of the adjacent mucosa; the cells were autofluorescent in H&E-stained sections. CONCLUSIONS: Gastric metaplasia of the small bowel mucosa in these cases seems to have resulted from chronic inflammation and persistent regenerative activity. This has rarely been reported outside Crohn disease, and if ever in children. [References: 6]
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T1 - Changes in lung function and airway inflammation among asthmatic children residing in a woodsmoke-impacted urban area
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KW - Particulate Matter/ae [Adverse Effects]
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N2 - Fine particulate matter (PM(2.5)) is associated with respiratory effects, and asthmatic children are especially sensitive. Preliminary evidence suggests that combustion-derived particles play an important role.
Our objective was to evaluate effect estimates from different PM(2.5) exposure metrics in relation to airway inflammation and lung function among children residing in woodsmoke-impacted areas of Seattle. Nineteen children (ages 6-13 yr) with asthma were monitored during the heating season. We measured 24-h outdoor and personal concentrations of PM(2.5) and light-absorbing carbon (LAC). Levoglucosan (LG), a marker of woodsmoke, was also measured outdoors. We partitioned PM(2.5) exposure into its ambient-generated (E(ag)) and nonambient (E(na)) components. These exposure metrics were evaluated in relation to daily changes in exhaled nitric oxide (FE(NO)), a marker of airway inflammation, and four lung function measures: midexpiratory flow (MEF), peak expiratory flow (PEF), forced expiratory volume in the first second (FEV(1)), and forced vital capacity (FVC). E(ag), but not E(na), was correlated with combustion markers. Significant associations with respiratory health were seen only among participants not using inhaled corticosteroids. Increases in FE(NO) were associated with personal PM(2.5), personal LAC, and E(ag) but not with ambient PM(2.5) or its combustion markers. In contrast, MEF and PEF decrements were associated with ambient PM(2.5), its combustion markers, and E(ag), but not with personal PM(2.5) or personal LAC. FEV(1) was associated only with ambient LG. Our results suggest that lung function may be especially sensitive to the combustion-generated component of ambient PM(2.5), whereas airway inflammation may be more closely related to some other constituent of the ambient PM(2.5) mixture.
The emergence of obesity, insulin resistance, and type 2 diabetes in children requires a rational, effective public health response. Physical activity remains an important component of prevention and treatment for obesity, type 2 diabetes, and insulin resistance. Studies in adults show cardiovascular fitness to be more important than obesity in predicting insulin resistance. We recently demonstrated that a school-based fitness intervention in children who are overweight could improve cardiovascular fitness, body composition, and insulin sensitivity, but it remains unclear whether accurate assessment of fitness could be performed at the school or outside of an exercise laboratory. To determine whether new methodology using measurement of cycling power could estimate cardiovascular aerobic fitness (as defined by VO2max) in middle school children who were overweight. Thirty-five middle school children (mean age 12 +/- 0.4 years) who were overweight underwent testing on a power sensor-equipped Cycle Ops indoor cycle (Saris Cycling Group, Fitchburg, WI) as well as body composition by dual x-ray absorptiometry and VO2max by treadmill determination. Insulin sensitivity was also estimated by fasting glucose and insulin. Maximal heart rate (MHR) was determined during VO2max testing, and power produced at 80%MHR was recorded. Spearman's rank correlation was performed to evaluate associations. Mean power determined on the indoor cycle at 80% of MHR was 129 +/- 77 watts, and average power at 80% MHR divided by total body weight was 1.5 +/- 0.5. A significant correlation between watts and total body weight was seen for VO2max (P = 0.03), and significant negative correlation was seen between watts/total body weight and fasting insulin (P < 0.05). Among middle school children who were overweight, there was a significant relationship between the power component of fitness and cardiovascular aerobic fitness (measured by VO2max). This more accessible and less intimidating field-based measure of power may prove useful in predicting changes in cardiovascular fitness. Thus, accurate assessment of childhood aerobic fitness may be achievable by measurement of power, possibly within the school environment, at substantially less cost and effort than laboratory-based measurements.
The aim of this study was to analyse the variation in the views of Finnish orthodontists on the indications for orthodontic treatment, timing of orthodontic assessment, and treatment methods used. The views were elicited by a questionnaire that was sent to all 146 specialist orthodontists under 65 years of age living in Finland in 2001. The response rate was 57 per cent. The association between an orthodontist's experience and timing of treatment was tested by Fisher's exact test. Stepwise logistic regression analysis was used to estimate the association between the demographic characteristics of orthodontists and the tendency to start Class II division I treatment early. Most orthodontists recommended that the first assessment of occlusion should be carried out before 7 years of age. A crossbite was mentioned as the most frequent indication for treatment in the primary and early mixed dentition, and a severe Class II division I malocclusion with an increased overjet as the most frequent indication in the late mixed dentition. Most respondents preferred early treatment, but there was a wide variation in the choice of appliances and in the timing of treatment of malocclusions other than crossbite and Class II malocclusions. A quadhelix, headgear, and the eruption guidance appliance were the most frequently used appliances in early treatment, with fixed appliances being most frequently used during the late mixed and permanent dentition phase. Orthodontists working full time in municipal health centres tended to prefer early treatment more often than those working part-time or outside health centres. There was no statistically significant association between an orthodontist's experience and timing of Class II division I and Class III treatment (P = 0.142 and P = 0.296, respectively). The preference for an early start in Class II division I treatment might be related to differing professional decisions, but no explaining factors could be found in the regression analysis.
This study examined the effects of beverage composition on the voluntary drinking pattern, body fluid balance and body temperature responses of heat-acclimatized trained girls exercising intermittently in outdoor conditions (WBGT = 30.9 +/- 0.2 degrees C). Twelve trained, heat-acclimatized girls (age = 10.6 +/- 0.2 years) performed three 3-h sessions, each consisting of four 20-min cycling bouts at 60% VO2max, alternating with 25-min rest. One of three beverages was assigned: unflavored water (W), flavored water (FW) or flavored water plus 6% carbohydrate and 18 mmol/l NaCl (CNa). Drinking was ad libitum. Total intake was similar among conditions (W = 953.3 +/- 107.8; FW = 1026.5 +/- 138.1; CNa = 906.4 +/- 107.5 g). A mild hypohydration occurred during the three conditions (W = -1.12%; FW = -0.95%; CNa = -0.74% BW, P > 0.05). Sweat loss, higher than previously reported for sedentary girls, was not different among conditions (W = 1,051.5 +/- 90.8; FW = 979.9 +/- 72.8; CNa = 1,052.7 +/- 52.6 g). The average amount of urine produced (W = 269.8 +/- 85.9; FW = 320.8 +/- 87.2; CNa = 320.8 +/- 52.8 g) was 73 and 68% lower [corrected] during CNa compared to [corrected] FW and W, respectively, [corrected] (CNa vs. FW, P < 0.05), CNa vs W, P = 0.06) [corrected] The increase in rectal temperature, heart rate and all perceptual variables did not differ among conditions. In conclusion, flavoring of the water and addition of 6% carbohydrate plus 18 mmol/l NaCl do not prevent mild hypohydration in trained, heat-acclimatized girls with high sweating rates. However, there is a tendency towards a greater fluid retention with the CNa beverage.
BACKGROUND: This study was commenced in 1999 with the aim of examining risk factors for autism using established population-based data for comparison. METHODS: Cases were ascertained using active surveillance and compared with birth data. Results: Four risk factors were found to be significantly associated with autism using binary logistic regression analysis; being male (adjusted odds ratio (OR) 4.7, 95% confidence interval (CI) 3.2-7.0), being born prematurely (adjusted OR 2.2, 95% CI 1.5-3.5), having maternal age >/=35 years (adjusted OR 1.7, 95% CI 1.2-2.4) and having a mother born outside Australia (adjusted OR 1.4, 95% CI 1.0-1.9). For analysis completed for pregnancies, rather than live births, multiple birth was also a significant risk factor for one or more children of the pregnancy to be affected by autism (adjusted OR 2.5, 95% CI 1.1-5.5). There was a statistically significant trend towards increasing risk with increasing risk factor 'dose' for gestational age (P = 0.019), multiple birth (P = 0.016) and maternal age (P < 0.001). For mother's country of birth the group with the highest risk were children of mother's born in south-east or north-east Asia. There was a non-significant trend towards a higher proportion of children with developmental disability having risk factors. CONCLUSION: Replication of risk factors from previous studies and a significant risk factor 'dose' effect add to growing
evidence that maternal and perinatal factors are low magnitude risk factors for autism. The association between
developmental disability and autism risk factors warrants further examination
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Between 4% and 25% of school-age children complain of recurrent abdominal pain
(RAP) of sufficient severity to interfere with daily activities. For the majority no organic cause for their pain can
be found on physical examination or investigation and although most children are likely managed by
reassurance and simple measures, a large range of interventions have been recommended. OBJECTIVES: To
determine the effectiveness of medication for recurrent abdominal pain in school-age children. SEARCH
STRATEGY: The Cochrane Library (CENTRAL) 2006 (Issue 4), MEDLINE (1966 to Dec 2006), EMBASE
LILACS (1982 to Dec 2006), SIGLE (1980 to March 2005), and JICST (1985 to 06/2000) were searched with
appropriate filters SELECTION CRITERIA: Studies on school age children with RAP (Apley or the Rome II
criteria for gastrointestinal diseases) allocated by random or quasi-random methods to a drug treatment vs.
placebo/ no treatment were included. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS: References identified by the
searches were screened against the inclusion criteria by two independent reviewers. Data was extracted and
analysed using RevMan 4.2.10. MAIN RESULTS: Three trials met the inclusion criteria. Symon et al report a
cross-over trial comparing pizotifen and placebo in 16 children with "abdominal migraine". Data before cross-
over was not available. Results for 14 children showed Mean fewer days in pain of 8.21 (95% CI 2.93, 13.48)
while taking the active drug. Kline et al compared peppermint oil capsules with placebo in a randomised trial in 50 children with RAP and IBS. 42 children completed the study. OR for improvement was 3.33 (95% CI 0.93-12.1) See et al compared famotidine with placebo in a randomised cross-over trial in 25 children with RAP and dyspepsia. OR for improvement before cross-over was 11 (95% CI 1.6, 75.5). AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS: This review provides weak evidence of benefit on medication in children with RAP. The lack of clear evidence of effectiveness for any of the recommended drugs suggests that there is little reason for their use outside of clinical trials. Clinicians may choose to prescribe drugs in children with severe symptoms that have not responded to simple management. However, if using drugs as a "therapeutic trial", clinicians should be aware that, RAP is a fluctuating condition and any "response" may reflect the natural history of the condition or a placebo effect rather than drug efficacy. [References: 90]
N2 - PURPOSE: Examine the effects of father-child involvement and neighborhood characteristics with young children's physical activity (PA) within a multilevel framework. DESIGN: Cross-sectional analysis of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort 1998. SETTING: Nationally representative sample. SUBJECTS: Data were available for 10,694 kindergartners (5-6 years; 5240 girls) living in 1053 neighborhoods. MEASURES: Parental report of child's PA level, father characteristics (e.g., time spent with child, age, education, socioeconomic status, hours worked), family time spent doing sports/activities together, and neighborhood quality (e.g., safety, presence of crime violence, garbage). Child weight status, motor skills, ethnicity, and television viewing were used as covariates. ANALYSIS: Multilevel structural equation modeling with children nested within neighborhoods. RESULTS: At the child level father-child time and family time doing sports together were positively associated with children's PA. At the neighborhood level parental perception of a neighborhood's safety for children to play outside fully mediated the effect of neighborhood quality on children's PA. Overall 19.1% and 7.6% of the variance in PA was explained at the child and neighborhood levels, respectively. CONCLUSIONS: Family-based interventions for PA should consider father-child time, with this contributing to a child's overall PA level. Further, neighborhood quality is an important predictor of PA only to the extent by which parents perceive it to be unsafe for their child to play outdoors.

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Asthma disproportionately affects inner-city, minority children in the U.S. Outdoor pollutant concentrations, including particulate matter (PM), are higher in inner-cities and contribute to childhood asthma morbidity. Although children spend the majority of time indoors, indoor PM exposures have been less extensively characterized. There is a public health imperative to characterize indoor sources of PM within this vulnerable population to enable effective intervention strategies. In the present study, we sought to identify determinants of indoor PM in homes of Baltimore inner-city pre-school children. Children ages 2-6 (n=300) who were predominantly African-American (90%) and from lower socioeconomic backgrounds were enrolled. Integrated PM(2.5) and PM(10) air sampling was conducted over a 3-day period in the children's bedrooms and at a central monitoring site while caregivers completed daily activity diaries. Homes of pre-school children in inner-city Baltimore had indoor PM concentrations that were twice as high as simultaneous outdoor concentrations. The mean indoor PM(2.5) and PM(10) concentrations were 39.5+/−34.5 and 56.2+/−44.8 microg/m(3), compared to the simultaneously measured ambient PM(2.5) and PM(10) (15.6+/−6.9 and 21.8+/−9.53 microg/m(3), respectively). Common modifiable household activities, especially smoking and sweeping, contributed significantly to higher indoor PM, as did ambient PM concentrations. Open windows were associated with significantly lower indoor PM. Further investigation of the health effects of indoor PM exposure is warranted, as are studies to evaluate the efficacy of PM reduction strategies on asthma health of inner-city children.
OBJECTIVE: The aim of this study was to examine the epidemiology and health system cost of children's falls resulting in hospitalisation in 2003 in Western Australia. METHODS: The Injury Cost Database was used to identify children who were admitted to hospital with a falls related injury. Adjusted incidence rate ratios (IRR) of hospitalisation were modelled using Poisson regression. In-patient hospital costs were assigned using the published DRG costs for Western Australia. These costs were then extrapolated to health system costs based on previously published relative proportions. RESULTS: When adjusted for other covariates in the model males had a 53% higher incidence of falls requiring hospitalisation compared with females. Aboriginal children had a 36% higher incidence compared with their non-Aboriginal counterparts, and the incidence of falls reduced with increasing age. The total cost of in-patient hospitalisation associated with children's falls in Western Australia was A$4,554,000 with an average cost of A$1876 per case. In children aged 0-4 years and 10-14 years the highest cost resulted from falls on the flat (slips and trips). However, in children aged 5-9 years injuries resulting from falls from playground equipment resulted in both the highest cost group (A$539,000) and the highest cost per case (A$1917). The total cost to the health system of children's falls in Western Australia in 2003 was estimated to be A$21.5 million, with the total cost to the community estimated at A$108.5 million. CONCLUSION: Children's falls impose a considerable burden and cost to both the health care system and the community. This study has provided information on where the burden of risk and the majority of costs lie, namely males, Aboriginal children and for children aged 5-9 years, unlike their younger and older peers, playground equipment.
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are compounds with two or more fused benzene rings produced by incomplete combustion of organic substances involved in natural and anthropogenic processes. Children are exposed to these compounds through inhalation, dietary ingestion, and, also, soil at the playground. It has been well established that PAHs have carcinogenic, mutagenic, and teratogenic effects. Considering possible health risks due to PAHs exposure among children, the present study was carried out in collaboration with the Pediatrics Department, King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow, to determine its exposure in children by estimating blood PAHs levels. Due to the variable composition of PAHs mixtures emitted from different environmental sources, any single compound or metabolite may not be representative of all exposure conditions. For these reasons, the measurement of blood PAHs levels as a possible biomarker, especially of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency, USA) priority list, has been proposed. Acenaphthylene, anthracene, phenanthrene, fluoranthene, naphthalene, pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, and benzo(a)pyrene were determined by HPLC-FD/UV. On the basis of the individual compound, the median (50th percentile) of naphthalene (19 ppb) was highest, however, benzo(a)pyrene (4.0 ppb) level was found to be lowest among all detected PAHs. The median level of total noncarcinogenic PAHs (113.55 ppb) was higher than the total carcinogenic PAHs (32.35 ppb) in blood samples of children. A significant correlation was found between period of time spent in the surrounding breathing zone of the cooking place and total noncarcinogenic PAHs (p < 0.05), while the blood carcinogenic PAHs level in children was found to be associated with lower status of their families (p < 0.05). It is speculated that there may be chances of health hazards through exposure to PAHs, those not yet declared hazardous and present at higher concentrations in the Indian environment. Further study with a larger sample size and accompanying environmental data is desired to validate the findings of this pilot study and strengthen the database of PAHs exposure in India.

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The objective of the study was to test for helminthes in sandboxes in day care centers in the city of Uberlandia, Southeastern Brazil in 2005. Fourteen private and 14 public day care centers with playgrounds were selected. One collection was carried out during the dry season (June and August), and the second one was in the rainy season (September and November). Samples were tested using Willis and Baermann methods. In the first collection, 17 (61%) day care centers were positive for helminthes larvae and 14 (50%) for eggs. In the second collection, 18 (64%) day care centers were positive for larvae and 10 (36%) for eggs. No influence of either season of the year or day care finance condition was seen.
PURPOSE OF REVIEW: Promotion of physical activity continues to be recommended as an essential component of obesity treatment and prevention interventions. This review explores recent updates in the area of physical activity promotion and its impact on the physical and mental health consequences of childhood obesity.

RECENT FINDINGS: Despite the availability of opportunities for physical activity in the school environment, namely recess and physical education classes, students do not appear to be meeting activity recommendations at school alone. Access to neighborhood parks may increase levels of physical activity and reduce time spent in sedentary behaviors at home. Less time spent watching television and in other sedentary behaviors such as playing videogames may contribute to higher rates of physical activity. Frequency of physical activity also appears to be related to improved mental health status, although the direction of this relationship warrants further exploration.

SUMMARY: Physical activity is an evidence-based intervention that offers benefits to both physical and mental health. Pediatric health care providers are encouraged to engage in discussions with patients and families on the topic of physical activity and to assist them in finding ways to incorporate activity into daily life. [References: 50]
PURPOSE: Although knee arthroscopy is described as minimally invasive, return to activity has been poorly quantitated. Our purpose is to test the hypothesis that most patients return to unrestricted activity within 4 weeks after knee arthroscopy. METHODS: After prospective power analysis, 72 consecutive patients who underwent arthroscopic knee partial medial meniscectomy, partial lateral meniscectomy, chondroplasty, loose body removal, or synovectomy (or some combination thereof) by a single surgeon were included. Patients with Workers' Compensation claims were excluded. Postoperative instructions were standardized. Patients completed a diary preoperatively and at 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24 weeks postoperatively indicating their highest International Knee Documentation Committee (subjective) level of activity, as well as whether activity was restricted for knee-related reasons. RESULTS: Preoperatively, 88% of patients described knee-related activity restriction. By 2 weeks postoperatively, only 74% described knee-related activity restriction, a significant difference (P = .039); this improved to 38% at 4 weeks and was only 4% at 20 weeks. In addition, 82% returned to light activity such as walking, housework, or yard work after 1 week, with 94% after 2 weeks and 100% after 4 weeks. CONCLUSIONS: Our results support the hypothesis: Most patients had no knee-related activity restriction 4 weeks after arthroscopy. LEVEL OF EVIDENCE: Level IV, therapeutic case series.
Polysulfone (PS) dosimeters have been employed to measure the erythemally effective UV exposure to the vertex, nose, cheek, chin and side facial sites of 45 volunteer high school students from Hervey Bay, Australia (25.3 degrees S 152.9 degrees E). The results of a series of 1 h outdoor sport trials (basketball and soccer) found the mean student facial exposure, determined as the arithmetic average of facial site exposures of unprotected students (no hat) to protected students (hat), varied from 140 +/- 82 J m(-2) (1sigma) to 99 +/- 33 J m(-2) (1sigma), respectively. All hourly student facial exposures recorded over the study period were found to exceed the National Health and Medical Research Council’s adopted safe daily limit of 30 J m(-2). Facial exposure relative to the received ambient UV increased to the nose at higher (winter) solar zenith angles (SZAs) compared with lower (summer) SZA ranges for both protected and unprotected students. The protection offered by the broad-brimmed hats was reduced significantly to the lower chin facial site at the higher SZA range, indicating that the style of hat used offers best protection in summer to the upper facial regions at most risk of receiving a high exposure when no hat protection is used. Variations to specific student facial exposure sites were measured between both basketball and soccer players. Variation in student facial exposure was further examined with respect to cloud cover and comparisons to manikin headform measurements were also made. The study results indicate that hats alone are not adequate forms of sun protection in a school environment. Schools aiming to achieve acceptable safe limits of facial exposure may need to further consider the effectiveness of hat protection with increasing SZA, cloud cover and head position relative to the sun that is specific to the scheduled outdoor activity.

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It is important to focus on children with respect to air pollution because (1) their lungs are not completely developed, (2) they can have greater exposures than adults, and (3) those exposures can deliver higher doses of different composition that may remain in the lung for greater duration. The undeveloped lung is more vulnerable to assault and less able to fully repair itself when injury disrupts morphogenesis. Children spend more time outside, where concentrations of combustion-generated air pollution are generally higher. Children have higher baseline ventilation rates and are more physically active than adults, thus exposing their lungs to more air pollution. Nasal breathing in adults reduces some pollution concentrations, but children are more typically mouth-breathers—suggesting that the composition of the exposure mixture at the alveolar level may be different. Finally, higher ventilation rates and mouth-breathing may pull air pollutants deeper into children’s lungs, thereby making clearance slower and more difficult. Children also have immature immune systems, which plays a significant role in asthma. The observed consequences of early life exposure to adverse levels of air pollutants include diminished lung function and increased susceptibility to acute respiratory illness and asthma. Exposure to diesel exhaust, in particular, is an area of concern for multiple endpoints, and deserves further research.

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A pilot observational exposure study was performed to evaluate methods for collecting multimedia measurements (air, dust, food, urine) and activity patterns to assess potential exposures of young children to pesticides in their homes. Nine children (mean age=5 years) and their caregivers participated in this study, performed in the Duval County, Florida, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Duval County Health Department. For all nine children, the total time reported for sleeping and napping ranged from 9.5 to 14 h per day, indoor quiet time from 0 to 5.5 h per day, indoor active time from 0.75 to 5.5 h per day, outdoor quiet time from 0 to 1.5 h per day, and outdoor active time from 0.5 to 6.5 h per day. Each home had one to three pesticide products present, with aerosols being most common. Pesticide inventories, however, were not useful for predicting pesticide levels in the home. Synthetic pyrethroids were the most frequently identified active ingredients in the products present in each home. Fifteen pesticide active ingredients were measured in the application area wipes (ND to 580 ng/cm²), 13 in the play area wipes (ND-117 ng/cm²), and 14 in the indoor air samples (ND-378 ng/m³) and the socks (ND-1000 ng/cm²). Cis-permethrin, trans-permethrin, and cypermethrin were measured in all nine homes. Chlorpyrifos was measured in all nine homes even though it was not reported used by the participants. All urine samples contained measurable concentrations of 3-phenoxybenzoic acid (3-PBA). The median 3-PBA urinary concentration for the nine children was 2.2 μg/l. A wide variety of pesticide active ingredients were measured in these nine homes at median concentrations that were often higher than reported previously in similar studies. These data highlight the need for additional observational studies in regions where pesticides are used in order to understand the factors that affect young children's exposures and the education/mitigation strategies that can be used to reduce children's exposures.
Compared with previous generations, children spend less time playing outdoors and have lower participation rates in active transport. Many studies have identified lack of neighbourhood safety as a potential barrier to children's physical activity. This review describes concerns regarding 'stranger danger' and road safety, and discusses empirical studies that examine associations between neighbourhood safety and physical activity among youth. Variability of perceptions of safety between parents and youth are examined; 'social traps' are identified; and physical/social environmental interventions aimed at improving neighbourhood safety are discussed. A research agenda is suggested for further study of perceived and objective measures of neighbourhood safety and their associations with children's physical activity. [References: 72]
BACKGROUND: Over the years schools have reduced physical education and recess time in favor of more academic instruction. Due to the drastic rise in obesity levels among children, some states have begun to mandate minimum amounts of physical activity (PA) that school children receive, causing schools to find alternative methods for increasing PA levels. Physical Activity Across the Curriculum (PAAC) is a 3-year randomized clinical trial incorporating moderate-intensity PA in elementary schools to reduce childhood obesity. This paper describes the rational, design, and methods of the PAAC intervention study. METHODS: Twenty-two elementary schools were randomized to either a control or intervention condition. In schools randomized to the intervention condition (PAAC), regular classroom teachers were taught how to incorporate PA into standard academic lessons. Teachers were asked to accumulate 90-100 min/week of PAAC each week throughout the 3-year study period. Schools randomized to the control group did not alter their teaching methods. Direct observation of PA levels in the classroom was collected weekly. Height and weight was measured twice a year to calculate BMI. RESULTS: Two years of the intervention have been completed and only one school has left the study. The remaining 21 schools are participating in the final intervention year. CONCLUSIONS: The results from the PAAC intervention may provide schools with an alternative method to increase PA levels in children and reduce childhood obesity.
Simultaneous indoor and outdoor PM10 and PM2.5 concentration measurements were conducted in seven primary schools in the Athens area. Both gravimetric samplers and continuous monitors were used. Filters were subsequently analyzed for anion species. Moreover ultrafine particles number concentration was monitored continuously indoors and outdoors. Mean 8-hr PM10 concentration was measured equal to 229 +/- 182 microg/m3 indoors and 166 +/- 133 microg/m3 outdoors. The respective PM2.5 concentrations were 82 +/- 56 microg/m3 indoors and 56 +/- 26 microg/m3 outdoors. Ultrafine particles 8-h mean number concentration was measured equal to 24,000 +/- 17,900 particles/cm3 indoors and 32,000 +/- 14,200 particles/cm3 outdoors. PM10 outdoor concentrations exhibited a greater spatial variability than the corresponding PM2.5 ones. I/O ratios were close or above 1.00 for PM10 and PM2.5 and smaller than 1.00 for ultrafine particles. Very high I/O ratios were observed when intense activities took place. The initial results of the chemical analysis showed that SO4(2-) accounts for the 6.6 +/- 3.5% of the PM10 and NO3(1) for the 3.1 +/- 1.4%. The corresponding results for PM2.5 are 12.0 +/- 7.7% for SO4(2-) and 3.1 +/- 1.9% for NO3-. PM2.5 SO4(2-) indoor concentrations were highly correlated with outdoor ones and the regression line had the largest slope and a very low intercept, indicative of no indoor sources of fine particulate SO4(2-). The results of the statistical analysis of indoor and outdoor concentration data support the use of SO4(2-) as a proper surrogate for indoor PM of outdoor origin.
This cross-sectional study, carried out over a period of 11 months, investigated the relationship between Toxocara seropositivity, socio-demographic and environmental variables in a pediatric population. Risk factors for Toxocara infection were assessed by direct interview of parent or guardian using a structured pre-tested questionnaire. Eosinophilia and presence of helminth eggs or protozoan cysts in a fecal smear were recorded. Diagnosis of Toxocara seropositivity in children was based on IgG Toxocara Microwell Serum Elisa Kits. The ELISA test was regarded as positive if the optical density was 0.3 units or above. Unadjusted and adjusted odds ratios were calculated to determine risk factors for disease. The proportion of children who were positive for Toxocara antibodies in the study population was 20%. Children being exposed to a puppy of less than 3 months at home, visiting a playground frequently, living in a poorly constructed house and dogs having access to playgrounds were significant risk factors on univariate analysis. Of these four variables, only the first three variables (OR 19, OR 4 and OR 3, respectively) remained significant risk factors on the multivariate model. Presence of eosinophilia in seropositive children was significantly higher than the seronegative group (77% vs 40%; p < 0.001). This study indicates that dogs contribute significantly to children being seropositive for toxocariasis in Sri Lanka. Implementation of public health programs specifically focused on anti-parasitic treatment of dogs is recommended.

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This study examined the effect of peer teaching at recess on improving disc-throwing skills for kindergartners to children in Grade 3. 167 boys and girls were instructed in basic disc-throwing skills, backhand and forehand throwing techniques, and peer teaching. The practice group (n = 73) was encouraged to practice with a disc using peer teaching for at least 10 min. during recess for 10 days. The control group (n = 94) took part in other activities without a disc. Two-way analysis of variance with repeated measures gave significant interaction of groups and tests for girls in Grade 3 as well as significant main effects between tests in kindergarten boys and Grade 2 boys and girls. This study suggests that peer teaching for disc-throwing skills is useful for girls in Grade 3 and may be more effective for girls than boys.
Only limited data are available on body surface potential distribution during atrial activation. The aim of this study was to establish the distributions and to analyze chosen quantitative parameters of atrial isointegral maps recorded using a limited 24-lead system in a young healthy population. A total of 166 subjects underwent a procedure of body surface potential mapping. Isointegral maps during the P wave were constructed and qualitatively and quantitatively evaluated. Three types of atrial activation in individual maps were found according to the different shape of the zero isointegral line and to mutual positions of extrema. The most frequently occurring type resembled the group mean maps and was in good agreement with published data obtained from full lead systems. The highest extrema were found in the young men group, while, surprisingly, the lowest values in the young women group. All minima and the majority of maxima were recorded outside the ranges of standard chest leads. The usefulness of the limited lead system to record isointegral P wave maps was shown and new data were presented that can be useful in noninvasive evaluation of atrial pathologies.

BACKGROUND: Due to the increasing occurrence of obesity and low physical activity (PA) reported in school children there is a need to investigate PA patterns of preschool children. Our aim was to identify the PA patterns of kindergarten children in comparison to teenagers and young adults.
of preschool children in comparison to the PA of teenagers and young adults. METHODS: PA of 104 Czech preschool children (aged 5-7 years), 1174 teenagers (aged 12-17 years) and 787 young adults (aged 18-24 years) was determined using Caltrac accelerometry. PA was evaluated on the basis of activity energy expenditure (AEE=kcal kg(-1) day(-1)). Subjects were monitored over 7 days to include a weekend. RESULTS: The AEE in preschool children was significantly higher in comparison to all age groups of teenagers and young adults during both weekdays and at the weekend (P<0.0001). On weekdays during leisure time, preschoolers were considerably more physically active than all categories of teenagers and young adults (P<0.001). Preschoolers show similarities in PA level between weekdays and weekends, unlike the older age groups. CONCLUSION: It seems to appear that organized daily PA (2x20 min of exercising on carpet, 50-70 min of walking outdoors) in preschool children along with enough space for spontaneous PA establishes prerequisites for their further healthy development.

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The increasing incidence of a variety of cancers after the Second World War confronts scientists with the question of their origin. In Western countries, expansion and ageing of the population as well as progress in cancer detection using new diagnostic and screening tests cannot fully account for the observed growing incidence of cancer. Our hypothesis is that environmental factors play a more important role in cancer genesis than it is usually agreed. (1) Over the last 2-3 decades, alcohol consumption and tobacco smoking in men have significantly decreased in Western Europe and North America. (2) Obesity is increasing in many countries, but the growing incidence of cancer also concerns cancers not related to obesity nor to other known lifestyle-related factors. (3) There is evidence that the environment has changed over the time period preceding the recent rise in cancer incidence, and that this change, still continuing, included the accumulation of many new carcinogenic factors in the environment. (4) Genetic susceptibility to cancer due to genetic polymorphism cannot have changed over one generation and actually favours the role of exogenous factors through gene-environment interactions. (5) Age is not the unique factor to be considered since the rising incidence of cancers is seen across all age categories, including children, and adolescents. (6) The fetus is specifically vulnerable to exogenous factors. A fetal exposure during a critical time window may explain why current epidemiological studies may still be negative in adults. We therefore propose that the involuntary exposure to many carcinogens in the environment, including microorganisms (viruses, bacteria and parasites), radiations (radioactivity, UV and pulsed electromagnetic fields) and many xenochemicals, may account for the recent growing incidence of cancer and therefore that the risk attributable to environmental carcinogen may be far higher than it is usually agreed. Of major concern are: outdoor air pollution by carbon particles associated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons; indoor air pollution by environmental tobacco smoke, formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds such as benzene and 1,3 butadiene, which may particularly affect children and food contamination by food additives and by carcinogenic contaminants such as nitrates, pesticides, dioxins and other organochlorines. In addition, carcinogenic metals and metalloids, pharmaceutical medicines and some ingredients and contaminants in cosmetics may be involved. Although the risk fraction attributable to environmental factors is still unknown, this long list of carcinogenic and especially mutagenic factors supports our working hypothesis according to which numerous cancers may in fact be caused by the recent modification of our environment. [References: 313]
OBJECTIVE: To describe the level of physical activity in adolescents born in 1993 in the city of Pelotas, Brazil, and to evaluate the effect of sociocultural variables on those levels. METHODS: A combined ethn-epidemiological methodology was employed. In the epidemiological study, 4 452 adolescents born in 1993 were interviewed. Physical activity level was evaluated by means of a questionnaire. Adolescents with fewer than 300 minutes of physical activity per week were classified as sedentary. The ethnographic study included 69 adolescents randomly selected from among all cohort participants. On average, three in-depth interviews were carried out (about one every 6 months), with mothers and adolescents being interviewed separately. RESULTS: The prevalence of a sedentary lifestyle was 48.7% (95%CI: 46.5 to 50.8) in boys and 67.5% (95%CI: 65.6 to 69.5) in girls (P < 0.001). The independent variable presenting the strongest association with physical activity level was the weekly frequency with which the adolescent met friends outside of school. The ethnographic study showed that boys have more social and family support to engage in physical activities in adolescence, but that many parents associate poor school performance with the amount of time spent outside the home. CONCLUSIONS: This study suggests that physical activity is often viewed as competing with family values in adolescence. This perspective should be explored in future studies and discussed with families so that physical activity may be adopted as a cultural norm.
On July 19, 2006, the director of a children's aquatic sports day camp notified the Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) of three campers who had received a diagnosis of cutaneous larva migrans (CLM), or "creeping eruption," a skin condition typically caused by dog or cat hookworm larvae of the genus Ancylostoma. MDCHD conducted an investigation to determine the source and magnitude of the outbreak and prevent additional illness. This report summarizes the results of that investigation, which identified exposure to cat feces in a playground sandbox as the likely source of infection. Although CLM outbreaks are reported rarely to the Florida Department of Health, evidence indicates that CLM is a potential health hazard in Florida. This disease cluster highlights the importance of appropriate environmental hygiene practices and education in preventing CLM.
OBJECTIVE: Children's physical activity (PA) has been studied extensively, but little information is available on those with disabilities. We sought to examine the PA of children with disabilities during physical education (PE) and recess while simultaneously documenting environmental conditions. METHOD: Five schools designed for students with four types of special needs (physical disability, mild intellectual disability, hearing impairment, and visual impairment) participated. We used the System for Observing Fitness Instruction Time (SOFIT) to code the PA of children in grades 4 to 6 during both PE and recess and to document teacher behavior and lesson context in PE. Observations were conducted during 2 school days over a 2-week period. RESULTS: Children accrued little moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) during PE (7.8 min) and recess (8.9 min). Activity levels varied across disability types, with differences attributed to lesson context and teacher behavior. Children with physical disabilities were the least active during both PE and recess. CONCLUSIONS: Children with disabilities accrue little PA at school. Increased PE frequency and lesson intensity, more PA opportunities during non-structured school time, and collaborations with home and community agencies are needed to reach PA recommendations.
This study of associations of sports participation with perceived and actual physical fitness, and total physical activity for 525 10- to 17-yr.-old boys and girls in groups of 10-11-yr. (56 boys and 64 girls), 12-13-yr. (68 boys and 68 girls), 14-15-yr. (70 boys and 71 girls), and 16-17-yr. (68 boys and 60 girls) was based on the Physical Activity Index derived from a questionnaire by Telama, Leskinen, and Young, and self-perceived endurance, strength, flexibility, and body composition. Questions about satisfaction with physical activity, participation in organized physical activity and competitions, or watching competitions were asked. Two EUROFIT tests were used, the 20-m endurance shuttle-run and sit-and-reach, plus the sum of 9 skinfold thicknesses. Children who participated in organized physical activity and in competitions had a higher Physical Activity Index. Passive watching of competitions was not related to children's physical activity or their perceived or measured motor abilities.
During the study Relationships of Indoor, Outdoor, and Personal Air (RIOPA*), 48-hour integrated indoor, outdoor, and personal air samples were collected between summer 1999 and spring 2001 in three different areas of the United States: Elizabeth NJ, Houston TX, and Los Angeles County CA. Air samples suitable for analyzing particulate matter 2.5 microm or smaller in aerodynamic diameter (PM2.5) were collected in 219 homes (twice in 169 homes). Indoor and outdoor air samples suitable for gas-phase and particle-phase organic analyses were collected in 152 homes (twice in 132 homes). Samples or subsets of samples were analyzed for PM2.5 mass, organic functional groups, elements, organic carbon (OC), elemental carbon (EC), gas-phase and particle-phase polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and chlordanes. Air exchange rate (AER), temperature, and relative humidity were measured for each residence; questionnaire data and time-activity information were collected from the participants. Median indoor, outdoor, and personal PM2.5 mass concentrations were 14.4, 15.5, and 31.4 microg/m3, respectively. Personal PM2.5 concentrations were significantly higher and more variable than indoor and outdoor concentrations. Several approaches were applied to quantify indoor PM2.5 of ambient (outdoor) and nonambient (indoor) origin, some using PM2.5 mass concentrations and others using PM2.5 species concentrations. PM of outdoor origin was estimated in three ways using increasingly accurate assumptions. Comparing estimates from the three approaches enabled us to quantify several types of errors that may be introduced when central-site PM concentrations are used as surrogate estimates for PM exposure. Estimates made using individual measurements produced broader distributions and higher means than those made using a single infiltration factor for all homes and days. The best estimate (produced by the robust regression approach) of the mean contribution of outdoor PM2.5 to the indoor mass concentration was 73% and to personal exposure was 26%. Possible implications of exposure error for epidemiologic assessments of PM are discussed below. Organic particulate matter was the major constituent of PM2.5 generated indoors. After correcting for artifacts, it constituted 48%, 55%, and 61% of PM2.5 mass inside study homes in Los Angeles, Elizabeth, and Houston, respectively. At least 40% but probably closer to 75% of this organic matter, on average, was emitted or formed indoors. Functional group analysis provided some insights into the composition and properties of the indoor-generated organic PM2.5. Chlordane, a very minor but mutagenic semivolatile organic mixture previously used as a termiticide, was found to be mostly of indoor origin. High emission rates were most frequently found in homes built from 1945 to 1959. Analysis of the change in gas-particle partitioning during transport of outdoor PAHs to indoor environments illustrated that chemical thermodynamics can alter the concentration and composition of outdoor PM as it is transported indoors. (This has been previously noted for nitrate [Lunden et al 2003].) In epidemiologic studies that rely on central-site monitoring data, such transformations may result in measurement error, and this possibility warrants further investigation.
The aim of this study was to obtain information about the mechanisms and types of injuries in school in Austria. Children between 0 and 18 years of age presenting with injuries at the trauma outpatient in the Department of Pediatric Surgery in Graz and six participating hospitals in Austria were evaluated over a 2-year prospective survey. A total of 28,983 pediatric trauma cases were registered. Personal data, site of the accident, circumstances and mechanisms of accident and the related diagnosis were evaluated. At the Department of Pediatric Surgery in Graz 21,582 questionnaires were completed, out of which 2,148 children had school accidents (10%). The remaining 7,401 questionnaires from peripheral hospitals included 890 school accidents (12%). The male/female ratio was 3:2. In general, sport injuries were a predominant cause of severe trauma (42% severe injuries), compared with other activities in and outside of the school building (26% severe injuries). Injuries during ball-sports contributed to 44% of severe injuries. The upper extremity was most frequently injured (34%), followed by lower extremity (32%), head and neck area (26%) and injuries to thorax and abdomen (8%). Half of all school related injuries occur in children between 10 and 13 years of age. There are typical gender related mechanisms of accident: Boys get frequently injured during soccer, violence, and
collisions in and outside of the school building and during craft work. Girls have the highest risk of injuries at ball sports other than soccer.

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N2 - AIMS: To examine whether there are any differences in sickness absenteeism between children in outdoor day care centres and regular day care centres and also to investigate whether other variables predict sickness absenteeism. METHODS: Data on sickness absence during a 4-week period together with several explanatory variables of 531 children in 32 regular and 37 outdoor day care centres were collected and included in the analysis. The data were analysed by generalized linear modelling. RESULTS: The overall frequency of sickness absence was 5.1%. There was no general significant difference between sickness absenteeism in regular and outdoor day care centres. Of the other possible explanatory variables only two were found to contribute significantly: age, with a negative relationship, and the interaction effect of a child with a chronic disease or disability going to an outdoor day care centre, with a positive relationship. CONCLUSIONS: The present study indicates that sickness absenteeism of a child without a chronic disease or disability is not affected by whether the child attends a regular or an outdoor day care centre. There seem to be no health benefits for children with
chronic diseases or disabilities to attend outdoor day care centres--there is in fact evidence that sickness absence for those children is higher in outdoor centres

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: A randomized controlled pilot study to test the hypothesis that increasing preschool children’s outdoor free play time increases their daily physical activity levels. METHODS: Physical activity was assessed by accelerometers for four consecutive school days in thirty-two Latino children (3.6+/−0.5 years) attending a preschool for low-income families. After two days of baseline physical activity assessment, participants were randomly assigned to an intervention (RECESS; n =17) or control (CON; n =15) group. The RECESS group received two additional 30-minute periods of outdoor free play time per day for two days. The CON group followed their normal classroom schedule. Between group differences in physical activity variables were tested with a Wilcoxon rank-sum test. RESULTS: There were no statistically significant differences between groups in changes from baseline in average total daily (CON, 48.2+/−114.5; RECESS, 58.2+/−74.6) and during school day (CON, 64.6+/−181.9; RECESS, 59.7+/−79.1) counts per minute, or total daily (CON, 0.4+/−
1.3; RECESS, 0.3+/−0.8) and during school day (CON, 0.6+/−2.1; RECESS, 0.5+/−0.8) percent of time spent in moderate to vigorous physical activity. CONCLUSIONS: Substantially increasing preschoolers' outdoor free play time did not increase their physical activity levels.

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N2 - CONTEXT: Introduction of a rapid response team (RRT) has been shown to decrease mortality and cardiopulmonary arrests outside of the intensive care unit (ICU) in adult inpatients. No published studies to date show significant reductions in mortality or cardiopulmonary arrests in pediatric inpatients. OBJECTIVE: To
determine the effect on hospital-wide mortality rates and code rates outside of the ICU setting after RRT implementation at an academic children's hospital. DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS: A cohort study design with historical controls at a 264-bed, free-standing, quaternary care academic children's hospital. Pediatric inpatients who spent at least 1 day on a medical or surgical ward between January 1, 2001, and March 31, 2007, were included. A total of 22,037 patient admissions and 102,537 patient-days were evaluated preintervention (before September 1, 2005), and 7257 patient admissions and 34,420 patient-days were evaluated postintervention (on or after September 1, 2005). INTERVENTION: The RRT included a pediatric ICU-trained fellow or attending physician, ICU nurse, ICU respiratory therapist, and nursing supervisor. This team was activated using standard criteria and was available at all times to assess, treat, and triage decompensating pediatric inpatients. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Hospital-wide mortality rates and code (respiratory and cardiopulmonary arrests) rates outside of the ICU setting. All outcomes were adjusted for case mix index values. RESULTS: After RRT implementation, the mean monthly mortality rate decreased by 18% (1.01 to 0.83 deaths per 100 discharges; 95% confidence interval [CI], 5%-30%; P = .007), the mean monthly code rate per 1000 admissions decreased by 71.7% (2.45 to 0.69 codes per 1000 admissions), and the mean monthly code rate per 1000 patient-days decreased by 71.2% (0.52 to 0.15 codes per 1000 patient-days). The estimated code rate per 1000 admissions for the postintervention group was 0.29 times that for the preintervention group (95% likelihood ratio CI, 0.10-0.65; P = .008), and the estimated code rate per 1000 patient-days for the postintervention group was 0.28 times that for the preintervention group (95% likelihood ratio CI, 0.10-0.64; P = .007). CONCLUSION: Implementation of an RRT was associated with a statistically significant reduction in hospital-wide mortality rate and code rate outside of the pediatric ICU setting.
BACKGROUND: "Outdoor school" is a method, which moves the teaching out into the open. There has been little research into the relationship between outdoor school, physical activity and improved fitness.

MATERIAL AND METHODS: We have compared the level of activity (measured as heart rate) in a class of sixth-grade pupils during an ordinary school day and a day outdoors. The pupils' heart rates were measured during the entire school day. RESULTS: The average heart rate for the pupils was 104 beats/minute during an ordinary school day and 136 beats/minute during a day outdoors. The average percentage of time with a heart rate \( \geq 160 \) beats/minute was 5% for an ordinary school day and 18% for a day outdoors (\( p < 0.001 \)).

INTERPRETATION: Outdoor school can result in a significant increase in physical activity compared to the level on ordinary school days. Thus, the organisation of outdoor school days may have a positive effect on pupils' aerobic capacity, which is an important factor in physical fitness.
A total of 422 children (211 boys and 211 girls) involved in the "Quebec en Forme" Project were tested for body weight, height, waist circumference, and sleep duration. As there was no gender interaction with the other factors, a partial regression of waist circumference on hours of sleep was performed for both genders combined, adjusting for age, sex, BMI, parental obesity, parental education, total annual family income, frequency of taking breakfast, watching television, playing videogames, computer use, and frequency of practicing sports activities outside of school. Sleep duration had an independent effect on waist circumference, with the correlation between these variables remaining significant after adjustment for BMI and the several other covariates (r = -0.17, p < 0.001). In conclusion, these results suggest that short sleep duration favors abdominal adiposity in children. This finding is of particular concern since abdominal obesity is an important feature of the metabolic syndrome.
time-use and weight status. METHODS: Subjects for the present cross-sectional study were drawn from an established longitudinal cohort and included eighty-four 5-year-old Australian children (36 males) originally recruited as infants in three local government areas of Melbourne. Children were weighed and measured, and body mass index (BMI; kg/m²) calculated. Over three to four complete 24-hour periods, parents completed the Children's Light Time-Use Diary to record their child's activities in 15-minute blocks and details about the context in which the activities took place, selecting from a list of predetermined options. RESULTS: The children studied were largely sedentary, with television viewing the most time-consuming activity outside sleep. Only 49% of children spent any time walking for transport or pleasure. Children spent a median of 71% of their time in activities that were likely to be physically active when outdoors, compared with 3% when indoors, but averaged only 110 minutes/day outdoors (excluding passive transport). The 11 overweight/obese children watched significantly more television than non-overweight children. CONCLUSION: The Children's Light Time-Use Diary appears to be a practical and informative tool, which may complement accelerometry as a tool relevant to future studies of the determinants of child overweight/obesity. Further validation studies and larger research trials seem warranted.

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T1 - Risk factors associated with St. Louis encephalitis seroprevalence in two populations from Cordoba, Argentina
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A1 - Farias,A.
A1 - Aguilar,J.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - Animals
KW - Antibodies
KW - Viral/bl [Blood]
KW - Argentina/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child
KW - Encephalitis Virus
KW - St.Louis/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Encephalitis
KW - St.Louis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Logistic Models
St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) is endemic in Argentina. The first outbreak was recorded in Cordoba during the late summer of 2005. This study analyzes the association between social and demographic factors and other variables related to exposure to mosquitoes with SLEV infection in 264 individuals who attended two health centers in the city of Cordoba during the period December 2004-January 2005. Multiple logistic regression models were used to estimate the risk coefficients. The seroprevalence was 12.9%, similar to that in previous reports. Risks of infection were associated with the presence of garbage dumps near dwellings, the practice of outdoor activities at night and place of residence. Risk for older people (60-80 years old) was moderate. The identification of risk factors related to SLEV infection would be useful to improve programs for vector control and community health.

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The use of acacia gum in end stage renal failure. [Review] [20 refs]

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OBJECTIVE: To describe a new model for the management of end-stage renal failure (ESRF) associated with longest period of dialysis freedom (4-year) achieved with this novel form of renal replacement therapy (RRT). The research was done in accordance with Helsinki declaration and approved the scientific committee in the hospital. Conservative management of chronic renal failure (CRF) can only be successful in nonterminal CRF, and patients with ESRF cannot sustain life in the absence of renal replacement therapy. A new regimen combining the traditional conservative management of CRF (dietary and pharmacologic) with addition of Acacia gum (AG) 1 g kg(-1) per day has been reported to provide patients with ESRF dialysis freedom. An 11-year-old girl with ESRF initially required four sessions of intermittent peritoneal dialysis to control uremic symptoms despite conservative measures. The parents refused further treatment by dialysis. Thereafter, she was managed with a new regimen combining the traditional conservative management of CRF with addition of AG. Four year dialysis and improved well-being was achieved. The chronicity of her illness was confirmed by the presence of small contracted kidneys, a finding that has not changed during the subsequent follow-up. During these 4 years she continued experiencing improved well-being and good participation in outdoor activities, had never been acidotic or experienced significant uremic symptoms. CONCLUSION: This is the longest period of dialysis freedom reported in children with ESRF. [References: 20]
a past event even when presented outside the original encoding context. Although research has shown that memory retrieval by young children can be initiated by physical cues and by highly specific verbal cues, the effect of less specific verbal cues is not known. Using a Visual Recognition Memory (VRM) procedure, we examined the effect of nonspecific verbal cues on memory retrieval by 4-year-old children. Our findings showed that nonspecific verbal cues were as effective as highly specific nonverbal cues in facilitating memory retrieval after a 2-week delay. We conclude that, at least by 4 years of age, children are able to use nonspecific verbal reminders to cue memory retrieval, and that the VRM paradigm may be particularly valuable in examining the age at which this initially occurs.

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T1 - Trends in physical activity behaviours and attitudes among South Australian youth between 1985 and 2004
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KW - Child
KW - Exercise/px [Psychology]
KW - Female
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities/px [Psychology]
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Physical Education and Training/td [Trends]
KW - Questionnaires
KW - South Australia
KW - Sports/td [Trends]
KW - Walking/px [Psychology]
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CY - Australia
N2 - Rising youth obesity is a serious public health concern. There is a widespread view that declining physical activity is contributing to this trend. A total of 929 young South Australians (age=9-15 years) were surveyed in 1985 and 2004 on usual physical activity in several contexts, including attitudes to physical activity. Eight of 10 South Australian schools participating in the 1985 Schools Health and Fitness Survey were revisited in 2004. Comparisons were made on: organised sport, active transport, physical education (PE), playground activity, vigorous physical activity (VPA), total leisure-time physical activity (LTPA), and attitudes to PE and school
sport. The questionnaire and method of administration were identical in both surveys. There were no differences between surveys in club and school sport participation, walking to school, and reported enjoyment of PE and school sport. In 2004 fewer children rode to school, but PE classes were more frequent. The percentage of children who 'sit and talk' during school breaks had increased, with a decreased percentage of older girls who 'run around' during school breaks. There was a significantly higher LTPA in MET.min in 2004 for boys, which was particularly evident at higher percentiles. There were no changes in mean or distribution of LTPA for the whole sample or girls. The percentage of respondents reporting >/=3 bouts of VPA in the previous week rose from 51% (1985) to 76% (2004). There is no consistent evidence of declining physical activity among South Australian youth. It is apparent that physical activity in some contexts has declined, while in other contexts levels are the same or higher than in 1985. This underscores the complex nature of physical activity and the influences on this behaviour.
Accidental burn injuries result in significant economic and public health burdens. The inappropriate use of gasoline and other accelerants has been identified in many studies as dangerous, yet it remains an all-too-common practice resulting in a significant number of injuries annually. Florida's unique climate permits outdoor recreational and maintenance activities, such as burning yard debris and other trash, throughout the year. Additionally, the hurricane season, lasting from June 1 through November 30, produces large amounts of waste in its wake. The purpose of this study was to examine the seasonal pattern of occurrence and develop an understanding of factors related to accelerant-related burn injuries with the goal of prevention. This nonexperimental research involved a retrospective quantitative observational study of data stored in the National Trauma Registry database. All burn patients admitted to the Tampa General Regional Burn Center as inpatients between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2005, were included. As with previous studies on the occurrence of accelerant-related injuries, young men were much more likely to suffer this type of injury. The hurricane season correlates with an increased number of accelerant related burn injuries, which differs somewhat from the seasonal variations in other regions. The size and severity of accelerant-related injuries vary significantly, as does the length of hospital stay. Accelerant use is frequently associated with trash/brush-related accidents. Hurricane seasons can produce an inordinately large amount of debris and therefore are related with an increased incident in this type of burn injury. The results of this study support the development of a community-based educational program directed at burn injury prevention, with special attention to the implications of the hurricane season.

The Science of the Total Environment

Levels of ultrafine particles in different microenvironments--implications to children exposure

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KW - Air Pollutants/an [Analysis]

KW - Air Pollution

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KW - Child

KW - Environmental Exposure/an [Analysis]

KW - Environmental Monitoring

KW - Greece

KW - Housing

KW - Humans

KW - Motor Vehicles

KW - Particle Size

KW - Particulate Matter/an [Analysis]

KW - Schools

KW - Vehicle Emissions
Indoor and outdoor ultrafine particles (UFPs) (0.01 to greater than 1 microm) concentration levels were examined in the area of Athens during cold period of 2003 and 2004. Seven primary schools, located in areas with different characteristics of urbanization and traffic density, as well as a typical suburban residence, were monitored. Moreover, in-vehicle concentration levels, while driving along major avenues and in the heavy-trafficked centre of Athens, were measured (mean route duration: 45 min). UFPs number concentration was monitored by condensation particle counter (model CPC 3007), with a logging time interval of 1 min. The highest mean indoor concentrations were observed in a small carpet-covered library and a teachers' office (8-hour mean equal to 52.6x10(3) particles/cm(3) and 50.2x10(3) particles/cm(3), respectively), at the same school unit. The highest outdoor concentrations (8-hour mean equal to 36.9x10(3) particles/cm(3) and 38.8x10(3) particles/cm(3)) were measured at two schools, both affected by heavy traffic. Finally, the highest in-vehicle concentrations (148.0x10(3)-173.0x10(3) particles/cm(3)) were measured in central commercial areas of Athens during, on average, 55 min drives. Indoor-to-outdoor concentration (I/O) ratios were below 1.00 at all sites. The largest ratio (0.88) was observed in the residence, during a day when there was cleaning activity in the room monitored. Outdoor concentrations diurnal cycles, both outside the schools and the residence, were closely related to traffic. Indoor concentrations inside schools were relatively stable in classrooms. Nevertheless, number concentrations exhibited variability when there were significant changes in room occupancy. Diurnal variation of indoor concentrations at the residence followed the respective outdoor one with a delay of 1 h or less, in the absence of strong indoor sources, indicating the major contribution of outdoor UFPs to the indoor concentration levels. The present work is the first effort to examine UFPs indoor and outdoor concentration levels in the area of Athens. The obtained concentration data give an insight on the concentration levels to which children may be exposed. They may be also very useful in epidemiological studies, in order to estimate children total personal exposure though the calculation of exposures received in different microenvironments. This kind of studies may contribute to the design of effective policies and mitigation measures for the protection of public health.
The purpose of this study was to identify the most common causes of head injury and associated symptoms of concussion in a population of school children (n=1,372,979). Using standardized injury report forms, we identified the mechanisms of head injury associated with various sports/recreation activities and assessed each injury for the presence of concussion symptoms. Head injury reports (n=7,765) were coded using the WHO's ICECI and ICD-10 E-codes. 1,338 Cases reported symptoms of concussion. The majority of head injuries occurred during School Free-Play/Recess (59.8%). Combative Sports and Wheeled Non-Motored Sports were the activities most often associated with concussion symptoms (rate of concussion (RC): 48.3% and 44.4%, respectively, p<0.001). School Free-Play/Recess and Physical Education Classes were significantly less likely to have head injuries associated with concussion (RC: 16.0%, p<0.001, and 12.4%, p=0.034, respectively). The most common causes of head injury were (1) Struck by an Object (24.9%) and (2) Falling on the Same Level (22.8%). Falling from a Transport was the only etiological code significantly associated with concussion symptoms after head injury (RC: 28.7%, p<.001). Results were similar when using the two coding structures in combination. Prevention efforts should focus on activities where children are moving at high speeds since these are more likely to cause a concussion when a head injury occurs.

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T1 - Healthy and safe school environment, Part I: Results from the School Health Policies and Programs Study 2006
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A1 - Fisher,C.J.
A1 - Greene,B.Z.
A1 - Hertz,M.F.
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KW - Child
BACKGROUND: Policies set at the state, district, and school levels can support and enhance a healthy and safe school environment. METHODS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducts the School Health Policies and Programs Study every 6 years. In 2006, computer-assisted telephone interviews or self-administered mail questionnaires were completed by state education agency personnel in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and among a nationally representative sample of school districts (n=461). Computer-assisted personal interviews were conducted with personnel in a nationally representative sample of elementary, middle, and high schools (n=1025). RESULTS: Most districts had adopted a policy on the inspection and maintenance of school facilities and equipment, and most schools had inspected and provided appropriate maintenance for each type of school facility and equipment during the 12 months preceding the study. Nearly all districts and schools had a comprehensive crisis preparedness, response, and recovery plan. Nearly all districts and schools prohibited tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drug use; fighting; weapons use; and weapon possession; but when students broke rules related to those behaviors, punitive measures were taken more often than provision of supportive services. Most schools did not reschedule outdoor activities to avoid times when the sun was at peak intensity, nor did they encourage the use of sunscreen before going outside. CONCLUSIONS: To provide students with a truly healthy and safe school environment in which learning can take place, more schools need to promote a positive school climate and reduce violence, injuries, and the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other substances. States and districts need to continue to provide policy and technical assistance in support of school efforts.
BACKGROUND: Comprehensive school-based physical activity programs consist of physical education and other physical activity opportunities including recess and other physical activity breaks, intramurals, interscholastic sports, and walk and bike to school initiatives. This article describes the characteristics of school physical education and physical activity policies and programs in the United States at the state, district, school, and classroom levels. METHODS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducts the School Health Policies and Programs Study every 6 years. In 2006, computer-assisted telephone interviews or self-administered mail questionnaires were completed by state education agency personnel in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and among a nationally representative sample of districts (n=453). Computer-assisted personal interviews were conducted with personnel in a nationally representative sample of elementary, middle, and high schools (n=988) and with a nationally representative sample of teachers of required physical education classes and courses (n=1194). RESULTS: Most states and districts had adopted a policy stating that schools will teach physical education; however, few schools provided daily physical education. Additionally, many states, districts, and schools allowed students to be exempt from participating in physical education. Most schools provided some opportunities for students to be physically active outside physical education. Staff development for physical education was offered by states and districts, but physical education teachers generally did not receive staff development on a variety of important topics. CONCLUSIONS: To enhance physical education and physical activity in schools, a comprehensive approach at the state, district, school, and classroom levels is necessary. Policies, practices, and comprehensive staff development at the state and district levels might enable schools to improve opportunities for students to become physically active adults.

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INTRODUCTION: The recreational use of trampolines has increased dramatically during the last 10 years. There has been a striking increase in the number of children presenting to fracture clinics with injuries associated with trampoline use. This increase in trampoline injuries has been reported in North America, but there has been a paucity of research in this area in Europe. METHODS: We prospectively recorded details of patients presenting to our institution, Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin (Dublin, Ireland), during the busy summer months of June, July, and August 2005. Details recorded included type and mechanism of injury, the mode of referral, treatment, inpatient days, outpatient visits, specific details relating to trampoline safety, and an analysis of the cost of medical care. RESULTS: There were 101 patients treated for trampoline-related injuries in 3 months from June to August 2005. This represented 1.5% of the total attendances to the emergency department. The average age was 8.5 years (range, 1.4-17.4 years). There were 55 fractures, 38 soft tissue injuries, 5 head injuries, and 5 neck injuries, with an average Pediatric Trauma Score of 11.4. Fifty seven percent (58/101) of patients were on the trampoline with at least 1 other person. Twenty patients (19.8%) were admitted to hospital requiring 71 inpatient days. Twelve patients were treated in theatre. There were 163 fracture clinic visits, 212 x-rays, and 2 magnetic resonance imaging scans. CONCLUSIONS: Trampolines are a high-risk activity with the potential for significant orthopaedic injury. In Ireland, we have recently seen a dramatic increase in pediatric trampoline-related injuries mirroring the trend in the United States during the last 10 to 15 years. We found that more than 1 individual on a trampoline is a major risk factor for injury, where the lightest person is 14 times more likely to be injured than the heavier. The lighter person also has a greater chance of being injured with smaller numbers on the trampoline. We reiterate the American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement advice that trampolines be used only in supervised training programs—never at home, in outdoor playgrounds, or in schools. The public should be made aware of the potential dangers of trampolines through public health campaigns, radio, and television.
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T1 - Young lungs at play: preventing children's exposure to secondhand smoke in outdoor play areas in a steps to a healthier NY County
A1 - Jacobson, M.
A1 - Beers, R.A.
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KW - Child
KW - Consumer Participation
KW - Environmental Exposure/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Health Promotion/og [Organization & Administration]
KW - Humans
KW - New York
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Program Development
KW - Recreation
KW - Tobacco Smoke Pollution/pc [Prevention & Control]
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T1 - Contribution of youth sport to total daily physical activity among 6- to 12-yr-old boys
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Medicine and science in sports and exercise
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N2 - PURPOSE: The purpose of this study was twofold: 1) to determine the contribution of organized youth sport to total daily physical activity (PA), and 2) to examine the contribution of daily recess and physical education (PE) to total daily PA. METHODS: Using a cross-sectional design, 119 children wore an accelerometer during a school day in which they participated in organized youth sport. A subsample (N=36) wore the accelerometer on a nonsport day to examine day-to-day differences in PA. Total daily PA and PA during youth sport, recess, and PE were estimated. The contributions of youth sport, recess, and PE were determined by dividing the amount of PA from each activity by the total daily amount of PA. RESULTS: Approximately 110 min of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) were achieved on the monitoring day. Youth sport contributed approximately 23% of the total MVPA, whereas PE and recess contributed almost 11 and 16%, respectively. Nearly half of the accumulated minutes of MVPA were attributed to unstructured activities (approximately 56 min). For the entire sample, approximately 52% of youth sport time was spent in either sedentary or light-intensity activities, whereas moderate and vigorous physical activity accounted for approximately 27 and 22% of the time, respectively. During a nonsport day, participants engaged in significantly more sedentary activity (P=0.02) and significantly less moderate (P=0.02) and vigorous activity (P<0.001) compared with the sport day. CONCLUSION: Participants in this study averaged 110 min of MVPA during a day in which they participated in youth sport. The additional amount of MVPA accumulated on the sport day (approximately 30 min) was not maintained on a nonsport day.
Giardiasis, a gastrointestinal illness, is caused by the protozoan parasite Giardia intestinalis. REPORTING PERIOD: 2003-2005. DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM: State, commonwealth, territorial, and two metropolitan health departments voluntarily reported cases of giardiasis through CDC's National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System. RESULTS: During 2003-2005, the total number of reported cases of giardiasis remained relatively stable. Reporting increased from 20,084 for 2003 to 20,962 for 2004 and then decreased to 20,075 for 2005. A total of 49 jurisdictions reported giardiasis cases; the number of areas reporting >15 cases per 100,000 population increased from four areas in 2003 to seven in 2005. Compared with other age groups, a greater number of case reports were received for children aged 1-9 years and for adults aged 30-39 years. Incidence of giardiasis was highest in northern states. Peak onset of illness occurred annually during early summer through early fall. INTERPRETATION: Transmission of giardiasis occurs throughout the United States, with increased diagnosis or reporting occurring in northern states. State incidence figures should be compared with caution because individual state surveillance systems have varying capabilities to detect cases. The seasonal peak in age-specific case reports coincides with the summer recreational water season and might reflect increased outdoor activity and exposures such as use of communal swimming venues (e.g., lakes, rivers, swimming pools, and water parks) by young children. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION: Giardiasis surveillance provides data to educate public health practitioners and health-care providers about the epidemiologic characteristics and the disease burden of giardiasis in the United States. These data are used to improve reporting of cases, plan prevention efforts, and establish research priorities.
T1 - Solar UVR exposure, concurrent activities and sun-protective practices among primary schoolchildren
A1 - Wright, C.Y.
A1 - Reeder, A.I.
A1 - Bodeker, G.E.
A1 - Gray, A.
A1 - Cox, B.
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N1 - Wright, Caradee Y. Reeder, Anthony I. Bodeker, Gregory E. Gray, Andrew. Cox, Brian
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KW - Child
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KW - Environmental Exposure/an [Analysis]
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KW - New Zealand
KW - Radiation Dosage
KW - Radiation Protection/mt [Methods]
KW - Schools
KW - Sunlight
KW - Sunscreening Agents
KW - Ultraviolet Rays
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SP - 749
EP - 758
JF - Photochemistry & Photobiology
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VL - 83
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CY - United States
N2 - Comprehensive measures of ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure, concurrent activities and sun-protective practices are needed to develop and evaluate skin cancer prevention and sun protection interventions. The UVR exposures of 345 primary schoolchildren at 23 schools around New Zealand were measured using electronic UVR monitors for 1-week periods over 12 weeks in 2004 and 2005. In addition, ambient UVR levels on a horizontal surface were measured on-site at each school. Children completed activity diaries during the period UVR measurements were made and provided information on their indoor and outdoor status and clothing and sun protection worn. Mean total daily UVR exposure (7:00-20:00 h NZST + 1) at the body location where the UVR monitors were worn was 0.9 SED (standard erythemal dose, 1 SED = 100 J m(-2)). This was 4.9% of the ambient UVR on a horizontal surface. Mean time spent outdoors was 2.3 h day(-1). Differences in children's UVR exposure could be explained in part by activity, where outdoor passive pursuits were associated with higher UVR exposure rates than outdoor active and outdoor travel pursuits. Compared with older children, the activities of younger children, although labeled the same, resulted in different UVR exposure patterns. UVR exposure rates were generally higher on weekdays compared with the weekend, confirming the important role of school sun protection and skin cancer prevention programs. High UVR exposure activities included physical education, athletics and lunch break
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Evaluation of playground injuries based on ICD, E codes, international classification of external cause of injury codes (ICECI), and abbreviated injury scale coding systems
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A1 - Heng, D.
A1 - Chen, J.
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KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Forms and Records Control/st [Standards]
KW - Humans
KW - International Classification of Diseases
KW - International Cooperation
KW - Male
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Singapore
KW - Wounds and Injuries/cl [Classification]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/et [Etiology]
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SP - 18
EP - 27
JF - Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health
JA - Asia Pac J Public Health
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IS - 1
CY - China
N2 - The survey is aimed to describe the epidemiology of playground related injuries in Singapore based on the ICD-9, AIS/ ISS and PTS scoring systems, and mechanisms and causes of such injuries according to E codes and ICECI codes. A cross-sectional questionnaire survey examined children (< 16 years old), who sought treatment for or died of unintentional injuries in the ED of three hospitals, two primary care centers and the sole Forensic Medicine Department of Singapore. A data dictionary was compiled using guidelines from CDC/WHO. The ISS, AIS and PTS, ICD-9, ICECI v1 and E codes were used to describe the details of the injuries. 19,094 childhood injuries were recorded in the database, of which 1617 were playground injuries (8.5%). The injured children (mean age=6.8 years, SD 2.9 years) were predo-minantly male (M:F ratio = 1.71:1). Falls were the most frequent in-juries (70.7%) using ICECI. 25.0% of injuries involved radial and ulnar fractures (ICD-9 code). 99.4% of these injuries were minor, with PTS scores of 9-12. Children aged 6-10 years, were prone to upper limb injuries (71.1%) based on AIS. The use of international coding systems in injury surveillance facilitated standardisation of description and comparison of playground injuries
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T1 - Safe play spaces to promote physical activity in inner-city children: results from a pilot study of an environmental intervention
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OBJECTIVES: We evaluated the effect of providing a safe play space on the physical activity level of inner-city schoolchildren. METHODS: In 1 of 2 matched neighborhoods, we opened a schoolyard and provided attendants to ensure children's safety. Over the next 2 years we directly observed the number of children and their physical activity levels in the school-yard, as well as in the surrounding intervention and comparison neighborhoods. We also surveyed children in the schools in the intervention and comparison neighborhoods regarding sedentary activities. RESULTS: After the schoolyard was opened, a mean of 71.4 children used it on weekdays and 25.8 used it on weekends during the school year. When observed, 66% of these children were physically active. The number of children who were outdoors and physically active was 84% higher in the intervention neighborhood than the comparison neighborhood. Survey results showed that children in the intervention school reported declines relative to the children in the comparison school in watching television, watching movies and DVDs, and playing video games on weekdays. CONCLUSION: When children were provided with a safe play space, we observed a relative increase in their physical activity. Provision of safe play spaces holds promise as a simple replicable intervention.
The ballistocardiogram (BCG) represents one of the most prominent sources of artifacts that contaminate the electroencephalogram (EEG) during functional MRI. The BCG artifacts may affect the detection of interictal epileptiform discharges (IED) in patients with epilepsy, reducing the sensitivity of the combined EEG-fMRI method. In this study we improved the BCG artifact correction using a multiple source correction (MSC) approach. On the one hand, a source analysis of the IEDs was applied to the EEG data obtained outside the MRI scanner to prevent the distortion of EEG signals of interest during the correction of BCG artifacts. On the other hand, the topographies of the BCG artifacts were defined based on the EEG recorded inside the scanner. The topographies of the BCG artifacts were then added to the surrogate model of IED sources and a combined source model was applied to the data obtained inside the scanner. The artifact signal was then subtracted without considerable distortion of the IED topography. The MSC approach was compared with the traditional averaged...
artifact subtraction (AAS) method. Both methods reduced the spectral power of BCG-related harmonics and enabled better detection of IEDs. Compared with the conventional AAS method, the MSC approach increased the sensitivity of IED detection because the IED signal was less attenuated when subtracting the BCG artifacts. The proposed MSC method is particularly useful in situations in which the BCG artifact is spatially correlated and time-locked with the EEG signal produced by the focal brain activity of interest.

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N2 - PURPOSE: To examine the variability in mobility of children with cerebral palsy (CP) within classification levels. METHODS: The subjects were 183 children with CP, ages six to 12 years, at Gross Motor
Function Classification System (GMFCS) levels II to IV. Parents reported their child's mobility methods in the home, school, and outdoors/community. Mobility methods were ranked using empirical data and reflect trunk and lower extremity motor control requirements. These ranks were used for Friedman analysis of variance and post-hoc analyses for each GMFCS level. RESULTS: Children within the same GMFCS level exhibited varying degrees of independence in mobility methods, which differed across setting. Children usually performed higher-ranked mobility methods (requiring the most gross motor control) at home, lower-ranked mobility methods at school, and the lowest ranked mobility methods in the outdoors/community. CONCLUSIONS: Contextual, environmental, and personal factors may explain these findings. Therapists are encouraged to examine contextual features in everyday settings when planning interventions to improve functional mobility.
This study compared the effects of circumscribed interests (CI) to less preferred (LP) tangible stimuli on the social behaviors of three children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Based on single subject design methodology, the CI experimental sessions resulted in longer durations of target-child initiated social interactions in comparison to LP sessions. In addition, latency of participant's initial social bids to peers was decreased when CI were present. The results suggest that embedding CI into dyadic play situations with typical peers can be used to increase the social behavior children with ASD direct toward typical peers. Future research should examine the specific environmental conditions that must be present in naturalistic settings to facilitate generalization of social behavior.
increased manufacturer efforts to improve recall return rates, a requirement by online auction sites that sellers verify non-recall status before item posting, and parental checks of government recall websites before item purchase. Investigation of parental understanding and awareness of recalls and the potential risks associated with recall announcements is needed.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: This study investigated the mediational role of team sports and other leisure occupations for boys ages 10 to 13 years in the relationship between physical coordination ability and perceptions of loneliness. METHOD: Sixty boys with developmental coordination disorder (DCD) and 113 comparison boys without DCD completed a self-report measure of loneliness. Parents recorded information on leisure involvement over 7 days. RESULTS: Boys with DCD recorded significantly higher loneliness and lower participation rates in all group physical activities, whether structured (e.g., team sports) or unstructured (e.g., informal outdoor play) than boys without DCD. An inverse relationship between physical coordination ability and loneliness was mediated by participation in team sports. No other leisure pursuits were found to be significant mediators. Childhood physical coordination difficulties were significantly associated with loneliness. CONCLUSION: Participation in team sports acted as one potential mechanism mediating the inverse relationship between physical coordination ability and loneliness in boys. Occupational therapists can act as advocates to support boys with DCD who choose to participate in team sports. Further investigations are recommended to determine aspects of team sports environments that promote an optimal fit among child, activity, and environment
OBJECTIVE: This study compared the participation in activities outside of formal school among Jewish and Druze Israeli children. It also examined the impact of gender and the interaction of culture and gender on participation. METHODS: Participants included 30 Jewish and 30 Druze children ages 8-10 years, who completed the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE). RESULTS: On most of the scales measured, the Jewish children showed a significantly higher participation level than the Druze children, and the Druze children performed more activities alone. The Jewish children demonstrated a higher enjoyment level than the Druze children on half of the scales. Some scales revealed higher participation by girls than by boys as well as a significant cultural group by gender interaction. CONCLUSION: Culture may have an impact on children's level of participation in the community. The CAPE was found to be a sensitive tool in elucidating differences between the Druze and Jewish children in community participation.
The aim of the study was to confirm the safety of an orodispersible grass allergen tablet 75,000 SQ-T (Grazax, ALK-Abello A/S, Horsholm, Denmark) in children aged 5-12 yr. The study was randomized, double-blinded and placebo-controlled. Sixty children aged 5-12 yr suffering from grass pollen-induced rhinoconjunctivitis (with or without asthma) from five centres in two countries (three in Germany and two in Spain) participated in the study. They were randomized at the ratio of 3:1 as receiving either Grazax or placebo.
tablet given sublingually once daily for 28 days outside the grass pollen season. A total of 810 treatment-related adverse events were reported in the Grazax group. The majority of these were local reactions in the mouth or throat and were mostly mild (71%) to moderate (27%) in severity and resolved within days. Thirty-five (78%) subjects treated with Grazax and five (33%) treated with placebo reported at least one treatment-related adverse event. Oral pruritus, throat irritation, mouth oedema and ear pruritus appeared as the most frequently reported treatment-related adverse events. 62% (28 of 45) of the actively treated subjects reported oral pruritus, 36% (16 of 45) throat irritation, 31% (14 of 45) mouth oedema and 22% (10 of 45) ear pruritus. Two actively treated subjects withdrew from the study: one subject due to four adverse events (moderate eye pruritus, moderate pharyngolaryngeal pain, moderate non-cardiac chest pain and moderate dysphagia) and one subject due to a serious adverse event (asthmatic attack). The subjects recovered completely from the events. In conclusion, in the present study, Grazax was in general tolerated in a paediatric population and considered suitable for further clinical investigations in children.
Issue Addressed: This study describes the trend in incidence of hospitalised falls from playground equipment of children aged 14 years or less in New South Wales (NSW) and considers the potential effectiveness of playground safety standards in reducing the impact of playground-related injuries. Method: Hospitalisations of children aged 14 years or less following a fall from playground equipment were identified from the NSW hospitalisation data for the financial years 1992/93 to 2003/04 and described. Results: During 1992/93 to 2003/04 there were 16,828 hospitalisations of children aged 0-14 years as a result of a fall from playground equipment, at a rate of 106.6 per 100,000 children. The incidence of hospitalisation increased from 83.3 to 130.3 per 100,000 children between 1992/93 to 2003/04. Males aged 5-9 years had the highest rate of hospitalisation at 198.4 per 100,000 children. Injury type varied by age group, but injuries to the elbow and forearm were common for all age groups. The rate of upper limb fractures that resulted in hospitalisation increased, while the rate of serious head injuries decreased. Conclusions: While severe head injuries have declined between 1992/93 to 2003/04, the increasing trend of upper limb fractures is of concern. Many factors need to be taken into account to assess the effectiveness of playground safety standards. The collection of exposure data is also crucial to be able to calculate the true risk associated with childhood falls from playground equipment.
Most research into effects of residential exposures on respiratory health has focused on allergens, moisture/mold, endotoxin, or combustion products. A growing body of research from outside the US, however, has associated chemical emissions from common indoor materials with risk of asthma, allergies, and pulmonary infections. This review summarizes 21 studies in the epidemiologic literature on associations between indoor residential chemical emissions, or emission-related materials or activities, and respiratory health or allergy in infants or children. Associations, some strong, were reported between many risk factors and respiratory or allergic effects. Risk factors identified most frequently included formaldehyde or particleboard, phthalates or plastic materials, and recent painting. Findings for other risk factors, such as aromatic and aliphatic chemical compounds, were limited but suggestive. Elevated risks were also reported for renovation and cleaning activities, new furniture, and carpets or textile wallpaper. Reviewed studies were entirely observational, limited in size, and variable in quality, and specific risk factors identified may only be indicators for correlated, truly causal exposures. Nevertheless, overall evidence suggests a new class of residential risk factors for adverse respiratory effects, ubiquitous in modern residences, and distinct from those currently recognized. It is important to confirm and quantify any risks, to motivate and guide necessary preventive actions. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: Composite wood materials that emit formaldehyde, flexible plastics that emit plasticizers, and new paint have all been associated with increased risks of respiratory and allergic health effects in children. Although causal links have not been documented, and other correlated indoor-related exposures may ultimately be implicated, these findings nevertheless point to a new class of little recognized indoor risk factors for allergic and respiratory disease, distinct from the current set of indoor risk factors. The available evidence thus raises initial questions about many common residential practices: for instance, using pressed wood furnishings in children's bedrooms, repainting infant nurseries, and encasing mattresses and pillows with vinyl for asthmatic children. The findings summarized here suggest a need for substantially increased research to replicate these findings, identify causal factors, and validate preventive strategies. [References: 103]
Elementary school children with normal intelligence and autism (n = 20), mental retardation and no autism (n = 24), and typical development (n = 37) were observed for 15 minutes during recess at school. Ten behaviors were scored as present or absent using the Playground Observation Checklist. Children with autism were distinguished from children with mental retardation and typical development by their social problems, whereas children with typical development and mental retardation did not differ significantly in social competency. The four social behaviors on the checklist correctly identified 94 percent of the children as having or not having autism. All of the children with autism and all of the typical children were correctly classified. Our pilot findings suggest that the Playground Observation Checklist has potential as a simple and clinically useful component of a comprehensive evaluation for possible autism.
Children ingest soil. The amount ingested varies with the child's behaviour, and daily ingestion rates have been calculated to be between 39 and 270 mg day\(^{-1}\). During play, children ingest soil both involuntarily and deliberately, and it can be assumed that the latter may result in ingestion of a larger soil particle size fraction and a larger soil mass than the former. Measurements of soil metal contents commonly display the total metal content, where soil sieved to <2 mm has been digested with strong acids. This procedure does not consider differences in metal contents between size fractions or ingested soil masses. Moreover, it does not consider the difference between bioaccessible and total metal content, possibly resulting in an incorrect evaluation of the potential health risks from soil intake. Intervention and guideline values are commonly calculated via tolerable daily intake values, in turn derived from toxicological studies where the contaminant is administered to a test animal in feed or water. It is then assumed that the bioavailability of a contaminant in soil equals the bioavailability in the matrix used in the toxicology study. However, the complexity and heterogeneity of soil often results in a lower bioavailability than from food or water. The current study investigated the bioaccessibility of soil As, Cd, Cr, Ni and Pb from two different particle size fractions representing deliberate (<4 mm) and involuntary (<50 microm) ingestion, as well as from two different soil masses representing deliberate soil intake; 2 g for a child with pica behaviour and 0.6 g for a non-pica child. The bioaccessibility was investigated using an in vitro digestion model and urban playground soils collected away from any pollution sources. The bioaccessibility (%) of the different metals increased in the order Ni=Cr=Pb<<As<Cd for the involuntary ingestion (<50 microm, 0.6 g) and pica behaviour (<4 mm, 2 g) scenarios, while the deliberate non-pica scenario (<4 mm, 0.6 g) displayed increasing bioaccessibility in the order Ni=Cr<Pb<As=Cd. The difference in bioaccessibility between elements was concluded to be due to differences in origin, sorption behaviour and pH dependence. The study also found that the bioaccessible amount of metal in ingested soil is not always related to particle size or to soil mass in soils with low contaminant levels. Factors such as pH dependence of the metal and the soil's clay content are also significant in determining bioaccessibility.
Purpose: To identify whether parental history of myopia and/or parent-reported children’s visual activity levels can predict juvenile-onset myopia. Methods: Survey-based data from Orinda Longitudinal Study of Myopia subjects from 1989 to 2001 were used to predict future myopia. Univariate and multiple logistic regression analyses were performed, and receiver operator characteristic (ROC) curves were generated. Differences among the areas under the ROC curves were compared using the method of multiple comparison with the best. Results: Of the 514 children eligible for this analysis, 111 (21.6%) became myopic. Differences in the third grade between eventual myopes and nonmyopes were seen for the number of myopic parents (P < 0.001) and for the number of sports and outdoor activity hours per week (11.65 ± 6.97 hours for nonmyopes vs. 7.98 ± 6.54 hours for future myopes, P < 0.001). Analysis of the areas under the ROC curves showed three variables with a predictive value better than chance: the number of myopic parents, the number of sports and outdoor hours per week, and the number of reading hours per week. After controlling for sports and outdoor hours per week and parental myopia history, reading hours per week was no longer a statistically significant factor. The area under the curve for the parental myopia history and sports and outdoor activities model was 0.73. A significant interaction in the logistic model showed a differential effect of sport and outdoor activity hours per week based on a child’s number of myopic parents. Conclusions: Parental history of myopia was an important predictor in univariate and multivariate models, with a differential effect of sports and outdoor activity hours per week based on the number of myopic parents. Lower amounts of sports
and outdoor activity increased the odds of becoming myopic in those children with two myopic parents more than in those children with either zero or one myopic parent. The chance of becoming myopic for children with no myopic parents appears lowest in the children with the highest amount of sports and outdoor activity, compared with those with two myopic parents.

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N2 - Over the last 10 years, the assessment and intervention for feeding and swallowing problems in infants and children have attracted increased attention on a national and international level. Increases in the population of children with dysphagia are due, in large part, to advances in medical and surgical management of at-risk term infants, improved medical support for viability of younger and smaller preterm infants, and increases in the number of children on the autism spectrum. Because of legislative initiatives, settings in which children are seen for assessment and intervention have shifted, with services provided more often in the natural environments of homes, daycares, preschools, and schools, as well as in hospitals and outpatient clinics in the United States. Assessment of infants and children with dysphagia continues to include clinical and instrumental evaluations with clinical assessment including a specific focus on the feeding environment. Speech-language pathologists are increasingly assuming consultative roles to support the needs of children in all settings. Areas for further research in the era of evidence-based practice include efficacy of oral exercises and other intervention strategies.
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BACKGROUND: A sedentary lifestyle among children is becoming increasingly common and has been linked to future risk of degenerative diseases. Urban residence has been suggested to be a contributing factor to a less active lifestyle; however, not all available studies support this link. In the present study we examined the physical activity patterns and sedentary behaviours of children living in urban and rural areas of Cyprus, where major demographic shifts have occurred the last decades. METHODS: We studied 1140 children (531 boys; 609 girls), aged 10-12 years, registered in 24 selected elementary public schools from five urban and rural districts of Cyprus. Children completed a semi-quantitative physical activity questionnaire regarding frequency and duration of everyday physical and sedentary activities. Weight and height of the children, as well as demographic and socioeconomic information was collected from children and their guardians. RESULTS: Rural children reported being slightly more active after school and occupied weekly with outdoors chores compared to urban children, who on the other hand reported engaging in sports on a weekly basis more than their rural peers (all p < 0.10). However, the average weekly time spent by urban and rural children on vigorous (8.6 +/- 4.7 and 9.1 +/- 4.8 h/w, respectively; p = 0.193) or moderate-to-vigorous (14.9 +/- 7.6 and 15.2 +/- 7.6 h/w, respectively; p = 0.612) activities, as well as total screen time, were not different. The distribution of children with regards to most other physical activity and inactivity pursuits was similar between urban and rural areas. CONCLUSION: We found no substantial differences in the physical activity habits and sedentary behaviours among children living in urban and rural areas of Cyprus. Hence public health awareness directed to enhance physical activity and decrease sedentary lifestyle among youngsters should focus equally to urban and rural children.
OBJECTIVE: The study aimed to evaluate differences between EEG and MEG analysis of early somatosensory evoked activity in patients with focal epilepsies in localizing eloquent areas of the somatosensory cortex.

METHODS: Twenty-five patients (12 male, 13 female; age 4-25 years, mean 11.7 years)
were included. Syndromes were classified as symptomatic in 17, idiopathic in 2 and cryptogenic in 6 cases. 10 patients presented with malformations of cortical development (MCD). 122 channel MEG and simultaneous 33-channel EEG were recorded during tactile stimulation of the thumb (sampling rate 769 Hz, band-pass 0.3-260 Hz). Forty-four hemispheres were analyzed. Hemispheres were classified as type I: normal (15), II: central structural lesion (16), III: no lesion, but central epileptic discharges (ED, 8), IV: lesion or ED outside the central region (5). Analysis of both sides including one normal and one type II or III hemisphere was possible in 15 patients. Recordings were repeated in 18 hemispheres overall. Averaged data segments were filtered (10-250 Hz) and analyzed off-line with BESA. Latencies and amplitudes of N20 and P30 were analyzed. A regional source was fitted for localizing S1 by MRI co-registration. Orientation of EEG N20 was calculated from a single dipole model. RESULTS: EEG and MEG lead to comparable good results in all normal hemispheres. Only EEG detected N20/P30 in 3 hemispheres of types II/III while MEG showed no signal. N20 dipoles had a more radial orientation in these cases. MEG added information in one hemisphere, when EEG source analysis of a clear N20 was not possible because of a low signal-to-noise ratio. Overall N20 dipoles had a more radial orientation in type II when compared to type I hemispheres (p=0.01). Further N20/P30 parameters (amplitudes, latencies, localization related to central sulcus) showed no significant differences between affected and normal hemispheres. Early somatosensory evoked activity was preserved within the visible lesion in 5 of the 10 patients with MCD. CONCLUSIONS: MEG should be combined with EEG when analyzing tactile evoked activities in hemispheres with a central structural lesion or ED focus. SIGNIFICANCE: At time, MEG analysis is frequently applied without simultaneous EEG. Our results clearly show that EEG may be superior under specific circumstances and combination is necessary when analyzing activity from anatomically altered cortex.
In support of planning efforts for the National Children's Study, we conducted a study to test field methods for characterizing pesticide exposures to 20 farmworker children aged 5-27 months old living in the Salinas Valley of Monterey County, California. We tested methods for collecting house dust, indoor and outdoor air, dislodgeable residues from surfaces and toys, residues on clothing (sock and union suits), food, as well as spot and overnight diaper urine samples. We measured 29 common agricultural and home use pesticides in multiple exposure media samples. A subset of organophosphorus (OP), organochlorine (OC) and pyrethroid pesticides were measured in food. We also analyzed urine samples for OP pesticide metabolites. Finally, we administered four field-based exposure assessment instruments: a questionnaire; food diary; home inspection; and a self-administered child activity timeline. Pesticides were detected more frequently in house dust, surface wipes, and clothing than other media, with chlorpyrifos, diazinon, chlorthal-dimethyl, and cis- and trans-permethrin detected in 90% to 100% of samples. Levels of four of these five pesticides were positively correlated among the house dust, sock, and union suit samples (Spearman's rho=0.18-0.76). Pesticide loading on socks and union suits was higher for the group of 10 toddlers compared to the 10 younger crawling children. Several OP pesticides, as well as 4,4′-DDE, atrazine, and dieldrin were detected in the food samples. The child activity timeline, a novel, low-literacy instrument based on pictures, was successfully used by our participants. Future uses of these data include the development of pesticide exposure models and risk assessment.

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N2 - The economic evaluation of psychosocial interventions is a growing area of research. Though time costs are central to the economist's understanding of social costs, these costs generally have been ignored by prevention scientists. This article highlights the need to measure such costs and then reviews the principles economists use in valuing time. It then considers the specific time costs that often arise in interventions designed to reduce behavior problems among children and youth. These include classroom time devoted to program activities, the time of parents or other caregivers, the time of teachers (outside of the classroom), and the time of volunteers. We consider the economic principles that govern how economists value these inputs and then apply these principles to data from an evaluation of a prominent intervention in the field, the Incredible Years Program. We find that the time costs are potentially rather large and consider the implications for public policy of ignoring them
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T1 - Addressing the issue of falls off playground equipment: an empirically-based intervention to reduce fall-risk behaviors on playgrounds
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OBJECTIVE: The present study evaluated the impact of an intervention to reduce fall-risk behaviors on playgrounds among children 6-11 years of age. METHODS: Children completed posters indicating risky playground behaviors they would and would not do. In the intervention group, video and audio presentations were used to expose children to injury occurrences so that injury vulnerability was communicated in a fear-evoking way. In the control group, children only completed the pre- and post-intervention measures. RESULTS: Significant decreases in intentions to risk-take were obtained in the intervention, but not the control group. Effectiveness did not vary with children's age or sex, but was greater for those scoring high in sensation-seeking. CONCLUSIONS: A fear-appeals approach proved successful to reduce intended fall-risk behaviors, particularly for children high in sensation-seeking whose risk-taking is motivated by affect arousal.
This study investigated possible changes in social play and initiations in eight boys (5 to 7-years-old) with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) who were moving from an old to a new school playground that was designed specifically to enhance playful peer interaction. Each boy was observed for half an hour over three occasions in the old, then the new setting. The playgrounds differed in design, spatial density and identity of potential play partners. As hypothesised, frequency of group play and overall social initiations increased significantly in the new setting. We discuss how playgrounds with appropriate levels of physical challenge and support for both structured, imaginative play and solitary observation may support peer interactions in children with ASD.
Sure Start is the UK government's flagship scheme for providing services to children and their families in deprived areas. This study aimed to examine the perceptions of statutory service providers about their experience of working with Sure Start professionals in one Nottinghamshire (UK) Sure Start programme, and to explore the extent to which there was a shared agenda and successful collaboration. A purposive sample of 18 statutory providers working within existing mainstream health, education and social care services were interviewed, between January and March 2005. Data were analysed through thematic content analysis. We found that although interviewees welcomed the additional input provided by Sure Start for the most vulnerable families, a number of tensions arose over key divergences between the philosophical positions of statutory providers and Sure Start. The most important tension was over Sure Start's philosophy of targeting resources on an entire geographical area. This was seen as antithetical to statutory providers' case-by-case approach, and raised questions about access and equity for families living outside Sure Start's boundaries. Sure Start's concentration on young children, and the time-limited nature of their services and activities, frustrated statutory providers who had a broader family focus, and a longer term perspective. The perceived under-resourcing of statutory services in comparison to Sure Start, and statutory providers' responsibility for 'selling' Sure Start services, strained a sense of equality between agencies and professionals, and undermined a sense of a shared agenda. We conclude that successful collaboration and a shared agenda depends upon a mutual understanding of the basic philosophy of service provision. The government's commitment to developing interprofessional collaboration will be furthered significantly by placing Sure Start services under the umbrella of statutory provision, and ensuring that the differing service philosophies are reconciled.
OBJECTIVE: This study aimed to compare moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and vigorous physical activity (VPA) in normal-weight and overweight boys and girls during school recess. RESEARCH METHODS AND PROCEDURES: Four hundred twenty children, age 6 to 10 years, were randomly selected from 25 schools in England. Three hundred seventy-seven children completed the study. BMI was calculated from height and weight measurements, and heart rate reserve thresholds of 50% and 75% reflected children's engagement in MVPA and VPA, respectively. RESULTS: There was a significant main effect for sex and a significant interaction between BMI category and sex for the percent of recess time spent in MVPA and VPA. Normal-weight girls were the least active group, compared with overweight boys and girls who were equally active. Fifty-one boys and 24 girls of normal weight achieved the 40% threshold; of these, 30 boys and 10 girls exceeded 50% of recess time in MVPA. Eighteen overweight boys and 22 overweight girls exceeded the 40% threshold, whereas 8 boys and 8 girls exceeded the 50% threshold. DISCUSSION: Overweight boys were significantly less active than their normal-weight male counterparts; this difference did not hold true for girls. Even though nearly double the number of normal-weight children achieved the 40% of MVPA during recess compared with overweight children, physical activity promotion in school playgrounds needs to be targeted not only at overweight but at other health parameters, as 40 overweight children met the 40% MVPA target proposed for recess.

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OBJECTIVE: The problem of overweight and obesity is not confined only to developed countries but is also widely prevalent in developing countries. The objective of this study was to assess the prevalence of overweight and obesity as defined by the International Obesity Task Force (IOTF) among school-age children in Hyderabad, India, and identify its associated factors.

RESEARCH METHODS AND PROCEDURES: A cross-sectional and institutional study, adopting a multistage stratified cluster sampling procedure, was carried out during 2003 on adolescents 12 to 17 years of age of both sexes from Hyderabad, India. RESULTS: The overall prevalence of overweight was 6.1% [95% confidence interval (CI): 4.2, 8.0] among boys and 8.2% among girls (CI: 6.0, 10.4); 1.6% and 1.0% were obese, respectively. The prevalence was significantly higher (p < 0.05) among adolescents who watched television > or =3 h/d (10.4%) or belonged to a high socioeconomic background (14.9%, p < 0.001), whereas it was significantly lower among those participating regularly in outdoor games > or =6 h/wk (3.1%, p < 0.004) and household activities > or =3 h/d (4.7%, p < 0.001). The logistic regression analysis revealed that the prevalence of overweight was 4 times higher among the adolescents of high socioeconomic status [odds ratio (OR): 4.1; CI: 2.25, 7.52], 3 times higher in those not participating in outdoor games (OR: 2.75; CI: 1.56, 4.72), and 1.92 times higher in those watching television > or =3 h/d (OR: 1.92; CI: 1.16, 3.18). DISCUSSION: This study confirmed the findings of earlier studies carried out in Western countries and emphasizes that regular physical exercise, doing household activities, regulated television viewing, and healthy eating behaviors could contribute to controlling overweight and obesity.
The entomological efficacy of using 25% deltamethrin EC insecticide-treated bednets (ITNs) was evaluated against the sandfly Lutzomyia longipalpis Lutz and Neiva (Diptera: Psychodidae), the principal vector of zoonotic visceral leishmaniasis (ZVL) in Latin America. A crossover field study in Amazon Brazil (Marajo Island, Para State) demonstrated that, compared with untreated nets, the insecticide increased the barrier effect of nets by 39% (95% confidence interval [CI] 34-44%), reduced human landing rates by 80% (95% CI 62-90%) and increased the 24-h mortality rate from 0% to 98% (95% CI 93-99%) inside ITNs. The presence of an ITN also reduced the human landing rate on unprotected persons outside the net in the same room by 56% (95% CI 52-59%), and increased 24-h mortality to 68% (95% CI 62-73%) compared to 0.4% (0.1-2.0%) in untreated houses. The reduction in human landing rates in ITN rooms was associated with a doubling in the proportion of sandflies alighting on walls compared with that in untreated rooms, which was attributed to insecticide-induced excito-repellency. There was no evidence that sandflies were diverted onto unprotected hosts. Human landing catches inside houses peaked between 19.00 hours and 23.00 hours and declined steadily to zero at 02.00 hours and thereafter. House-to-house questionnaires established that only 34% of households owned at least one net (median two, range 1-8), only 20% of the population slept under a net (33% of 0-5-year-old children), and the majority (73%) of the population slept in hammocks. Combined data pertaining to sleeping times for children and sandfly activity period indicate that > 50% of sandfly bites inside houses, and substantially more outside houses, were taken before a third of children were potentially protected by a net. This study demonstrates the clear entomological efficacy of ITNs against L. longipalpis in this endemic region. The effectiveness of ITNs at preventing ZVL infection and disease has still to be evaluated.
In the Gurage zone of central Ethiopia, the association between fly density and the occurrence of trachoma has been investigated across varying altitudes. The seasonal pattern of fly density in the area was also explored. When, over short sampling periods (10 min/child indoors and 10 min/child outdoors), hand nets were used to collect flies from the eyes of children aged 2-8 years, only Musca sorbens and M. domestica were caught. Almost all of the 13,147 ‘eye-seeking’ flies collected came from villages at low (<2000 m; 40.7%) or mid altitudes (2200-2500 m; 58.6%) with only 0.7% of them caught in the high-altitude villages investigated (at >3000 m). Musca sorbens predominated outdoors and M. domestica indoors. Almost all (99.3%) of the eye-seeking M. sorbens collected were caught outdoors whereas most (76.7%) of the M. domestica were caught indoors (P<0.0001 for each). The median numbers of flies caught, per child, per 10-min collection, in the low-, mid- and high-altitude villages were 9.5, six and zero, respectively, for M. sorbens, and eight, three and zero, respectively, for M. domestica. The altitudinal trends in these numbers of ‘eye-seeking’ flies matched those in
the prevalences of active trachoma among children aged 1-10 years, which were high in the villages at low (81.6%) and mid altitude (78.7%) but much lower (1.7%) in the high-altitude villages. In conclusion, trachoma is a common disease of public-health importance only in the low- and mid-altitude villages in the Gurage zone, where there are large numbers of eye-seeking flies, and not in the villages that lie >3000 m above sea level, where there is a dearth of such flies.
recorded demographic data, type of injury, mechanism and place of injury, heeling or street-gliding experience, use of safety equipment, methods of treatment, and intention to continue heeling or street gliding after recovery from injury. RESULTS: Over a 10-week period, 67 children suffered orthopedic injuries while using Heelys or Street Gliders. There were 56 girls and 11 boys with a mean age of 9.6 years. Upper limbs were the most common location of injury. Distal radius fractures were the most prevalent, followed by supracondylar fractures, elbow dislocations, and hand fractures. The majority of children suffered the injury while heeling or street gliding outdoors. Interestingly, 20% of the injuries happened while trying Heelys or Street Gliders for the first time, and 36% of the injuries occurred while learning (using 1-5 times) how to use them. None of the children used any sort of protective gear at the time of the injury. The majority of the injured children expressed their intention to continue heeling or street gliding after complete recovery from their injury. CONCLUSIONS: Our study shows that the majority of children with injuries from heeling or street gliding are girls. We recommend close supervision of children using Heelys or Street Gliders during the steep learning curve and usage of protective gear at all times. These new types of injuries have a serious impact on child health and constitute a burden for the pediatric orthopedic service.
PURPOSE: To examine the influences of ethnicity, parental myopia, and near work on spherical equivalent refraction (SER) and axial length (AL) in a population-based sample of 12-year-old Australian children. METHODS: Year-7 children in the Sydney Myopia Study (n = 2353, 75.3% response) underwent an ophthalmic examination including cycloplegic autorefraction (1% cyclopentolate) and ocular biometry (IOLMaster; Carl Zeiss Meditec GmbH, Jena, Germany). Data for parental myopia, ethnicity, near work, and outdoor activities were derived from questionnaires and were available for 1781 children. Optical prescriptions of parents were sought if the spectacles were used. RESULTS: The prevalence of myopia in the children increased with the number of myopic parents (7.6%, 14.9%, and 43.6% for no, one, or two myopic parents). In parallel, the mean SER (+/-SE of the mean) was more negative (0.70 +/-0.08, 0.34 +/-0.09, and -0.55 +/- 0.34 D), and the mean AL was longer (23.32 +/-0.05, 23.44 +/-0.06, and 23.62 +/- 0.16 mm) after adjustment for demographic and environmental factors. In multivariate analyses, odds of childhood myopia did not change with higher levels of near work (odds ratio [OR] = 1.01; 95% confidence interval [CI] = 0.99-1.03). Interactions between parental myopia and ethnicity were significant for SER and AL (both P < 0.0001), reflecting greater decreases in SER and greater increases in AL with the number of myopic parents in the children of East Asian ethnicity than in the children of European Caucasian ethnicity. In the nonmyopic children, there was no association between parental myopia and AL. CONCLUSIONS: In this sample, parental myopia was associated with more myopic SER and longer AL, with significant ethnic interactions.
BACKGROUND: Lumber treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) compounds has been used in residential outdoor wood structures and public playgrounds. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has conducted a probabilistic assessment of children's exposure to arsenic using the Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation model for the wood preservative scenario (SHEDS-Wood). The assessment relied on data derived from an experimental study conducted using adult volunteers and designed to result in maximum hand and wipe loadings to estimate the residue-skin transfer efficiency. Recent analyses of arsenic hand-loading data generated by studies of children actively involved in playing on CCA-treated structures indicate that the transfer efficiency coefficient and hand-loading estimates derived from the experimental study significantly overestimate the amount that occurs during actual play. OBJECTIVES: Our goal was to assess the feasibility of using child hand-loading data in the SHEDS-Wood model and their impact on exposure estimates. METHODS: We used data generated by the larger of the studies of children in SHEDS-Wood, instead of the distributions used by U.S. EPA. We compared our estimates of the lifetime average daily dose (LADD) and average daily dose (ADD) with those derived by the U.S. EPA. RESULTS: Our analysis indicates that data from observational studies of children can be used in SHEDS-Wood. Our estimates of the mean (and 95th percentile) LADD and ADD were 27% (10%) and 29% (15%) of the estimates derived by U.S. EPA. CONCLUSION: We recommend that the SHEDS-Woods model use data from studies of children actively playing on playsets to more accurately estimate children's actual exposures to CCA.

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CONTEXT: Standards have been developed for establishing reference intervals, but little is known about how intervals are determined in practice, interlaboratory variation in intervals, or errors that occur while setting reference intervals. OBJECTIVES: To determine (1) methods used by clinical laboratories to establish reference intervals for 7 common analytes, (2) variation in intervals, and (3) factors that contribute to establishment of "outlier" intervals. DESIGN: One hundred sixty-three clinical laboratories provided information about their reference intervals for potassium, calcium, magnesium, thyroid-stimulating hormone, hemoglobin, platelet count, and activated partial thromboplastin time. RESULTS: Approximately half the laboratories reported conducting an internal study of healthy individuals to validate reference intervals for adults. Most laboratories relied on external sources to establish reference intervals for pediatric patients. There was slight variation in intervals used by the central 80% of study laboratories, but some laboratories outside the central 80% had surprisingly low and high limits for their reference intervals. In some cases the intervals used by 2 laboratories had no overlap. For example, one laboratory considered a hemoglobin of 13.8 g/dL in a woman to be "low" while another considered the same value to be "high." Three percent of reference intervals contained a limit that qualified as an "outlier" using standard statistical tests; we could not identify any practice associated with adoption of outlier intervals. CONCLUSIONS: Many laboratories adopt reference intervals from manufacturers without on-site testing of healthy individuals. Reference intervals used by facilities that forgo on-site testing are not statistically different from intervals validated with on-site studies.
Because of their mouthing behaviors, children have a higher potential for exposure to available chemicals through the nondietary ingestion route; thus, frequency of hand-to-mouth activity is an important variable for exposure assessments. Such data are limited and difficult to collect. Few published studies report such information, and the studies that have been conducted used different data collection approaches (e.g., videography versus real-time observation), data analysis and reporting methods, ages of children, locations, and even definitions of "mouthing." For this article, hand-to-mouth frequency data were gathered from 9 available studies representing 429 subjects and more than 2,000 hours of behavior observation. A meta-analysis was conducted to study differences in hand-to-mouth frequency based on study, age group, gender, and location (indoor vs. outdoor), to fit variability and uncertainty distributions that can be used in probabilistic exposure assessments, and to identify any data gaps. Results of this analysis indicate that age and location are important for hand-to-mouth frequency, but study and gender are not. As age increases, both indoor and outdoor hand-to-mouth frequencies decrease. Hand-to-mouth behavior is significantly greater indoors than outdoors. For both indoor and outdoor hand-to-mouth frequencies, interpersonal, and intra-personal variability are approximately 60% and approximately 30%, respectively. The variance difference among different studies is much bigger than its mean, indicating that different studies with different methodologies have similar central values. Weibull distributions best fit the observed data for the different variables considered and are presented in this article by study, age group, and location. Average indoor hand-to-mouth behavior ranged from 6.7 to 28.0 contacts/hour, with the lowest value corresponding to the 6 to <11 year olds and the highest value corresponding to the 3 to <6 month olds. Average outdoor hand-to-mouth frequency ranged from 2.9 to 14.5 contacts/hour, with the lowest value corresponding to the 6 to <11 year olds and the highest value corresponding to the 6 to <12 month olds. The analysis highlights the need for additional hand-to-mouth data for the <3 months, 3 to <6 months, and 3 to <6 year age groups using standardized collection and analysis because of lack of data or high uncertainty in available data. This is the first publication to report Weibull distributions as the best fitting distribution for hand-to-mouth frequency; using the best fitting exposure factor distribution will help improve estimates of exposure. The analyses also represent a first comprehensive effort to fit hand-to-mouth frequency variability and uncertainty distributions by indoor/outdoor location and by age groups, using the new standard set of age groups recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for assessing childhood exposures. Thus, the data presented in this article can be used to update the U.S. EPA’s Child-Specific Exposure Factors Handbook and to improve estimates of nondietary ingestion in probabilistic exposure modeling.
Traumatic dental injuries and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder: is there a link?. [Review] [52 refs]

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KW - Functional Laterality
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Stress
KW - Psychological/co [Complications]
KW - Tooth Injuries/co [Complications]
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Traumatic dental injuries (TDIs) constitute a major cause of morbidity among children worldwide. Both TDIs and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are prevalent conditions with similar male-to-female predominance and similar age of presentation. While the commonest causes of TDIs have been identified as playground or sports accidents, a well-known feature of ADHD is accident proneness. Violence, another significant risk factor for TDIs, is more likely to be observed in conduct disorder, a common comorbidity of ADHD. Also, both TDIs and ADHD have been found to be associated with left-handedness. The presence of multiple dental trauma episodes (MDTE), as well as increased risk for non-dental injuries in children with TDIs indicates an underlying persistent condition, which resembles ADHD. Higher point prevalence of mental distress at age 30, found to be associated with increased lifetime prevalence of TDIs, may also be taken as an evidence of a background developmental disorder persisting into adulthood with various comorbidities. In conclusion, this review combines the results of several studies and explains the significance of ADHD as an underlying and predisposing factor for TDIs. Increased awareness and close collaboration between different disciplines involved are essential. [References: 52]
BACKGROUND: The prevalence of myopia in parts of South East Asia has risen dramatically over the past 1-2 generations, suggesting that environmental factors may be particularly important determinants of refractive development in these populations. AIM: To assess the contribution of familial factors (shared genes and/or shared family environment) to refractive error and ocular component dimensions of school-aged children in Singapore. METHODS: Data were available for 315 children who had one or more siblings also participating in the Singapore Cohort Study of the Risk factors for Myopia (SCORM). Refractive error and ocular biometric parameters were measured under cycloplegia at baseline when children were 7-9 years, and at yearly follow-up sessions for the next 3 years, using consistent clinical procedures. The time children spent performing a variety of nearwork-related tasks was obtained from questionnaires. Familial influences were assessed by calculating between-sibling correlations. RESULTS: After adjusting for age and sex, the between-sibling correlation in refractive error was 0.447 (95% CI 0.314 to 0.564), suggesting that familial factors account for 63-100% of the variation in the cohort. The between-sibling correlation for 1-year change in refractive error was similarly high, at 0.420 (95% CI 0.282 to 0.543). All ocular component dimensions were correlated significantly between siblings, especially for corneal curvature and vitreous chamber depth—the major structural determinants of refraction. The amount of time siblings spent engaged in nearwork tasks (reading, watching TV, playing video games, computing) and in outdoor activities was also highly correlated between siblings (p<0.001). CONCLUSION: Shared genes and/or shared environment are important factors in the refractive development of children in Singapore. Because the time spent in nearwork tasks is highly correlated between siblings, epidemiological studies will benefit from precise, quantitative measures of refractive error in parents and more distant relatives in order to begin to dissociate genetic and environmental sources of variation.
BACKGROUND: A relationship between the latitude related distribution of multiple sclerosis (MS) and exposure to sunlight has long been considered. Higher sun exposure during early life has been associated with decreased risk of MS. OBJECTIVE: Since Norway is an exception to the latitude gradient of MS prevalence, we tested here whether sunlight exposure or vitamin D-related dietary factors in childhood and adolescence are associated with the risk of MS. METHODS: Retrospective recall questionnaire data from 152 MS patients and 402 population controls born at and living at latitudes 66-71 degrees N were analysed by means of conditional logistic regression analysis accounting for the matching variables age, sex, and place of birth. RESULTS: Increased outdoor activities during summer in early life were associated with a decreased risk of MS, most
pronounced at ages 16-20 years (odds ratio (OR) 0.55, 95% CI 0.39-0.78, p = 0.001, adjusted for intake of fish and cod-liver oil). A protective effect of supplementation with cod-liver oil was suggested in the subgroup that reported low summer outdoor activities (OR 0.57, 95% CI 0.31-1.05, p = 0.072). Consumption of fish three or more times a week was also associated with reduced risk of MS (OR 0.55, 95% CI 0.33-0.93, p = 0.024).

CONCLUSION: Summer outdoor activities in childhood and adolescence are associated with a reduced risk of MS even north of the Arctic Circle. Supplemental cod-liver oil may be protective when sun exposure is less, suggesting that both climate and diet may interact to influence MS risk at a population level.
OBJECTIVE: We implemented a medical emergency team (MET) in our free-standing children's hospital. The specific aim was to reduce the rate of codes (respiratory and cardiopulmonary arrests) outside the intensive care units by 50% for >6 months following MET implementation. DESIGN: Retrospective chart review and program implementation. SETTING: A children's hospital. PATIENTS: None. INTERVENTIONS: The records of patients who required cardiorespiratory resuscitation outside the critical care areas were reviewed before MET implementation to determine activation criteria for the MET. Codes were prospectively defined as respiratory arrests or cardiopulmonary arrests. MET-preventable codes were prospectively defined. The incidence of codes before and after MET implementation was recorded. MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS: Twenty-five codes occurred during the pre-MET baseline compared with six following MET implementation. The code rate (respiratory arrests + cardiopulmonary arrests) post-MET was 0.11 per 1,000 patient days compared with baseline of 0.27 (risk ratio, 0.42; 95% confidence interval, 0.0.89; p = .03). The code rate per 1,000 admissions decreased from 1.54 (baseline) to 0.62 (post-MET) (risk ratio, 0.41; 95% confidence interval, 0-0.86; p = .02). For MET-preventable codes, the code rate post-MET was 0.04 per 1,000 patient days compared with a baseline of 0.14 (risk ratio, 0.27; 95% confidence interval, 0-0.94; p = .04). There was no difference in the incidence of cardiopulmonary arrests before and after MET. For codes outside the intensive care unit, the pre-MET mortality rate was 0.12 per 1,000 days compared with 0.06 post-MET (risk ratio, 0.48; 95% confidence interval, 0-1.4, p = .13). The overall mortality rate for outside the intensive care unit codes was 42% (15 of 36 patients). CONCLUSIONS: Implementation of a MET is associated with a reduction in the risk of respiratory and cardiopulmonary arrest outside of critical care areas in a large tertiary children's hospital.

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T1 - Long-term effects of a playground markings and physical structures on children's recess physical activity levels
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OBJECTIVE: The aim of the study was to investigate the impact of a playground redesign intervention across time on children's recess physical activity levels using combined physical activity measures and to evaluate the potential influence of covariates on the intervention effect. METHOD: Fifteen schools located in areas of high deprivation in one large city in England each received 20,000 pounds through a national 10 million pounds Sporting Playgrounds Initiative to redesign the playground environment based on a multicolored zonal design. Eleven schools served as matched socioeconomic controls. Physical activity levels during recess were quantified using heart rate telemetry and accelerometry at baseline, 6 weeks and 6 months following the playground redesign intervention. Data were collected between July 2003 and January 2005 and analyzed using multilevel modeling. RESULTS: Statistically significant intervention effects were found across time for moderate-to-vigorous and vigorous physical activity assessed using both heart rate and accelerometry. CONCLUSIONS: The results suggest that a playground redesign, which utilizes multicolor playground markings and physical structures, is a suitable stimulus for increasing children's school recess physical activity levels.
OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this study were to describe media access and use among US children aged 0 to 6, to assess how many young children fall within the American Academy of Pediatrics media-use guidelines, to identify demographic and family factors predicting American Academy of Pediatrics media-use guideline adherence, and to assess the relation of guideline adherence to reading and playing outdoors.

METHODS: Data from a representative sample of parents of children aged 0 to 6 (N = 1051) in 2005 were used. Descriptive analyses, logistic regression, and multivariate analyses of covariance were used as appropriate.

RESULTS: On a typical day, 75% of children watched television and 32% watched videos/DVDs, for approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes, on average. New media are also making inroads with young children: 27% of 5- to 6-year-olds used a computer (for 50 minutes on average) on a typical day. Many young children (one fifth of 0- to 2-year-olds and more than one third of 3- to 6-year-olds) also have a television in their bedroom. The most common reason given was that it frees up other televisions in the house so that other family members can watch their own shows (54%). The majority of children aged 3 to 6 fell within the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines, but 70% of 0- to 2-year-olds did not. CONCLUSIONS: This study is the first to provide comprehensive information regarding the extent of media use among young children in the United States. These children are growing up in a media-saturated environment with almost universal access to television, and a striking number have a television in their bedroom. Media and technology are here to stay and are virtually guaranteed to play an ever-increasing role in daily life, even among the very young. Additional research on their developmental impact is crucial to public health.

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KW - Cooperative Behavior
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The current study describes the assessment and treatment of the problem behavior of 3 individuals with autism for whom initial functional analysis results were inconclusive. Subsequent analyses revealed that the interruption of free-operant behavior using "do" requests (Study 1) as well as "do" and "don't" requests (Study 2) occasioned problem behavior. Initially, treatment involved differential and noncontingent reinforcement without interruption. To make the intervention more sustainable in the natural environment (where interruptions are unavoidable), a two-component multiple-schedule arrangement was used to progressively increase the period of time in which ongoing activities would be interrupted. During generalization sessions, the intervention was applied across a variety of contexts and therapists.

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T1 - Predicting functional change from preintervention measures in selective dorsal rhizotomy

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KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Motor Activity/ph [Physiology]
KW - Muscle Strength/ph [Physiology]
KW - Predictive Value of Tests
KW - Range of Motion
OBJECT: In this investigation the authors attempted to predict change in function following selective dorsal rhizotomy (SDR) and intensive physical therapy in patients with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy (CP) based on multidomain preintervention measures. METHODS: Data pertaining to 22 children with CP were collected before the SDR and again 20 months afterward. Although equations for predicting change in gait speed and function (such as the Gross Motor Function Measure) were derived, the 95% confidence interval (CI) widths were too broad to make accurate predictions that were clinically useful outside the study group. CONCLUSIONS: Future work should be focused on developing additional measures such as lower-extremity motor control and balance in an attempt to reduce the CIs to more clinically relevant values.
PURPOSE: To examine the association between children's physical activity and factors of the built environment. DESIGN: Cross-sectional study. Setting. Ten neighborhoods in six cities in the Netherlands. SUBJECTS: Four hundred twenty-two children (age range, 6-11 years; 49% male). MEASURES: Physical activity diary, neighborhood observations, and anthropometric measures. ANALYSIS: Univariate and multivariate linear regression analyses. RESULTS: According to univariate analyses adjusted for age, sex, body mass index, and highest level of maternal education, physical activity (> or = 3 metabolic equivalents) was significantly (p < .05) associated with the proportion of green space, with the residential density, with the general impression of activity-friendliness of the neighborhood, and with the frequency of certain types of residences (e.g., terraced houses), sports fields, water, dog waste, heavy traffic, and safe walking and cycling conditions (e.g., cycle tracks and 30-km speed zones) in the neighborhood. According to adjusted multivariate analyses, physical activity was best predicted by the frequency of parallel parking spaces in the neighborhood and by the general impression of activity-friendliness of the neighborhood (R^2 = 0.193). CONCLUSIONS: Children's physical activity is associated with certain modifiable factors of the built environment. Longitudinal studies should examine whether there is a causal relationship.
AIM: To investigate whether a modern lifestyle, with a high-energy intake and a low level of physical activity, influences fasting plasma glucose concentration in healthy children. METHODS: As a part of the prospective study 'All Babies in Southeast Sweden', 127 children from six preschool units chose to participate. The children, 56% girls and 44% boys, were 5-7 years old. Parents answered a questionnaire about their children's heredity, and physical exercise and eating habits. In the morning, before the children ate breakfast, fasting plasma glucose levels and weight, height and waist circumference were measured. RESULTS: Fasting plasma glucose levels varied between 3.7 and 6.1 mmol/L, with both mean and median values of 4.7 mmol/L. There was no association between fasting plasma glucose level and body mass index (BMI), eating habits or degree of physical exercise. BMI and waist circumference were significantly correlated (p < 0.01). Children who play outdoors most frequently had a significantly lower BMI (p < 0.05) and waist circumference (p < 0.01), whereas children who more often watch TV had a significantly higher BMI (p < 0.01). CONCLUSION: A modern lifestyle, with low levels of exercise and high-energy consumption, may explain the increasing weight and even obesity of otherwise healthy, preschool children, but does not influence their fasting plasma glucose levels.
AIM: The aim of the present study is to determine the effect of polluted environment on extrinsic of asthma and allergic diseases among school children. DESIGN: This is case and control study. SETTING: The study was carried out among school children living and attending the school in industrial and residential area during the period of October 2004 and June 2005. SUBJECTS: The study based on age, sex, and ethnicity of 716 cases (with asthma) and 716 controls (without asthma) school children living in both urban and in industrial polluted with oil refinery and chemical pollutant. METHODS: The International study of asthma and allergies in childhood (ISAAC) and some additional questionnaires were used to collect the data of the school children. The questionnaire included information about: socio-demographic characteristics; respiratory symptoms; associated respiratory illness; family history of allergic diseases among first-degree relatives of asthmatic children; behavioural factors which could be additive to asthma. Univariate and multivariate statistical analyses were performed. RESULTS: The proportion of children in the asthmatic group who reported symptoms was significantly higher than in non-asthmatic group (<0.0001). The asthmatic group reported that 47.5% of morning time breathlessness, shortness of breath (61.4%), wheeze after exercise (65.4%), phlegm (45.3%) and chronic cough (42.2%). Male asthmatics had a average age at onset of symptoms of 6.9% (+/-4.8%) years compared with female asthmatics who had higher age at onset of symptoms, 7.6 (+/-5.9). Male asthmatics also had longer duration of symptoms (7.5 +/- 4.9 in males and 6.4 +/- 4.6 years in females). Significantly odds ratios were found higher in asthmatic compared to controls for pneumonia, bronchitis, atopy (allergic rhinitis and atopic dermatitis), sinusitis, croup, parental asthmas, parental atopy including parental allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis and parental smoking (p < 0.0001). The logistic regression model showed that shortness of breath, bronchitis, pneumonia, sinusitis, parental asthma, allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, croup, pets ownership and parental smoking were significant risk factors for asthma. CONCLUSION: The present study provides some evidence that exposure to outdoor air pollutants increases the risk of childhood asthma and allergic diseases in school children. The results are consistent with the hypothesis that long term exposure to NOx and CO levels suggests that emissions from photochemical air pollution and oil refinery contributes to adverse health effects in Qatar.
BACKGROUND: Children may be at higher risk than adults from pesticide exposure, due to their rapidly developing physiology, unique behavioral patterns, and interactions with the physical environment. This preliminary study conducted in Ecuador examines the association between household and environmental risk factors for pesticide exposure and neurobehavioral development.

METHODS: We collected data over 6 months in the rural highland region of Cayambe, Ecuador (2003-2004). Children age 24-61 months residing in 3 communities were assessed with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire and the Visual Motor Integration Test. We gathered information on maternal health and work characteristics, the home and community environment, and child characteristics. Growth measurements and a hemoglobin finger-prick blood test were obtained. Multiple linear regression analyses were conducted.

RESULTS: Current maternal employment in the flower industry was associated with better developmental scores. Longer hours playing outdoors were associated with lower gross and fine motor and problem solving skills. Children who played with irrigation water scored lower on fine motor skills (8% decrease; 95% confidence interval = -9.31 to -0.53), problem-solving skills (7% decrease; -8.40 to -0.39), and Visual Motor Integration test scores (3% decrease; -12.00 to 1.08).

CONCLUSIONS: These results suggest that certain environmental risk factors for exposure to pesticides may affect child development, with contact with irrigation water of particular concern. However, the relationships between these risk factors and social characteristics are complex, as corporate agriculture may increase risk through pesticide exposure and environmental contamination, while indirectly promoting healthy development by providing health care, relatively higher salaries, and daycare options.

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T1 - Attitudes of mothers towards their child with Down syndrome before and after the introduction of prenatal diagnosis
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In 1970, before the introduction of prenatal diagnosis of chromosome anomalies, an unpublished questionnaire study concerning the social and emotional situation of mothers of children with Down syndrome was conducted in southern Germany. To assess the psychosocial impact of the availability of prenatal diagnosis on parents of genetically handicapped children, we re-evaluated and repeated the 1970 study over 30 years later. Although mothers’ feelings of guilt for having a child with disabilities remained on a low level, today’s mothers have a stronger feeling of being involuntarily segregated in society. On the other hand, they more often experience support and respect from outside, particularly through self-support groups; moreover, tendencies of active withdrawal from social life have decreased.
There is increasing evidence that the aerobic fitness performance of children is declining, at least in developed countries. To see if there was evidence of similar trends in a non-Western country, this study analysed data on 6-18-year-old Koreans tested between 1968 and 2000 using distance runs ranging from 600 to 1200 m. All existing data on the results of children's aerobic fitness tests in Korea were collated. In addition to six individual studies, very large datasets were available from the Korean Ministries of Education, and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Data on a total of 22,127,265 6-18-year-old children were available in the form of group means and standard deviations. Data were collated for each age x sex x test group, and performances were expressed as percentages of the fitted values for the year 1992 to standardise across tests, ages and sexes. All age x sex x test groups were then combined, and curves were fitted using weighted regression. A two-linear segment model best described the pattern of change ($r = 0.83$, $p < 0.001$). There was a relatively slow decline (0.26 % per year) in the aerobic performance of Korean children between 1968 and 1984. After 1984, however, there was a steep decline in performance, averaging 0.80 % per year. The rate of decline was greater in boys, younger children and children from outside the capital Seoul. Changes in running performance showed a similar pattern to changes in estimated body mass index. Compared to other countries, there has been a sharp decline in Korean children's performance on tests of aerobic fitness, which has been concurrent with increases in estimated body mass index.
BACKGROUND: In the past, effortful exercises were considered inappropriate for children with spastic cerebral palsy (CP) due to concern that they would escalate abnormalities including spasticity and abnormal movement patterns. Current scientific evidence indicates that these concerns were unfounded and that therapeutic interventions focused on muscle strengthening can lead to improved functional ability. However, few studies have examined the potential benefits of cardiorespiratory fitness exercises in this patient population.

METHODS/DESIGN: The rationale and design of a randomized controlled trial examining the effects of a stationary cycling intervention for children with CP are outlined here. Sixty children with spastic diplegic CP between the ages of 7 and 18 years and Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) levels of I, II, or III will be recruited for this study. Participants will be randomly assigned to either an intervention (cycling) or a control (no cycling) group. The cycling intervention will be divided into strengthening and cardiorespiratory endurance exercise phases. During the strengthening phase, the resistance to lower extremity cycling will be progressively increased using a uniquely designed limb-loaded mechanism. The cardiorespiratory endurance phase will focus on increasing the intensity and duration of cycling. Children will be encouraged to exercise within a target heart rate (HR) range (70-80% maximum HR). Thirty sessions will take place over a 10-12 week period. All children will be evaluated before (baseline) and after (follow-up) the intervention period. Primary outcome measures are: knee joint extensor and flexor moments, or torque; the Gross Motor Function Measure (GMFM); the 600 Yard Walk-Run test and the Thirty-Second Walk test (30 sec WT).

DISCUSSION: This paper presents the rationale, design and protocol for Pediatric Endurance and Limb Strengthening (PEDALS); a Phase I randomized controlled trial evaluating the efficacy of a stationary cycling intervention for children with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy.
BACKGROUND: During August-September 2004, four major hurricanes hit Florida, resulting in widespread power outages affecting several million households. Carbon monoxide (CO) poisonings during this period were investigated to identify ways to prevent future poisoning. METHODS: Medical records from ten hospitals (two with hyperbaric oxygen chambers) were reviewed to identify individuals diagnosed with unintentional CO poisoning between August 13 and October 15, 2004. Multiple attempts were made to interview one person from each nonfatal incident. Medical examiner records and reports of investigations conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission of six fatal poisonings from five additional
incidents were also reviewed. RESULTS: A total of 167 people treated for nonfatal CO poisoning were identified, representing 51 incidents. A portable, gasoline-powered generator was implicated in nearly all nonfatal incidents and in all fatal poisonings. Generators were most often located outdoors, followed by inside the garage, and inside the home. Telephone interviews with representatives of 35 (69%) incidents revealed that concerns about theft or exhaust most often influenced the choice of location. Twenty-six (74%) households did not own a generator before the hurricanes, and 86% did not have a CO detector at the time of the poisoning. Twenty-one (67%) households reported reading or hearing CO education messages before the incident. CONCLUSIONS: Although exposure to public education messages may have encouraged more appropriate use of generators, a substantial number of people were poisoned even when the devices were operated outdoors. Additional educational efforts and engineering solutions that reduce CO emission from generators should be the focus of public health activities.

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T1 - Extremely-low-frequency magnetic field exposure of children at schools near high voltage transmission lines
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N2 - Many epidemiological studies have investigated residential exposure to extremely-low-frequency magnetic field (ELF-MF) for children, but exposure at schools where children may stay up to 8 h every weekday was rarely considered. Between March and June 2004, we carried out a field study in Taipei City and County of northern Taiwan to explore ELF-MF exposure pattern among children at schools with high voltage transmission lines (HVTL) running through the campuses. One hundred and one children attending 14 schools with nearby HVTL (exposed group) and 123 children of 18 schools at least 100 m away from HVTL.
(unexposed group) were monitored for 24-hour personal ELF-MF exposure. Selected classrooms and playgrounds within the buffer regions (i.e., within 30 m of HVTL) and those away from the buffer regions were also assessed, using spot measurements, to determine the extent to which HVTL may contribute to the environmental exposure on campuses. Results show that the two groups didn't differ significantly for both mean exposure and proportion of exposure greater than 0.4 micro-Tesla (microT) estimated for 24 h. However, we noted that 17.8% of the exposed children had a personal mean exposure greater than 0.4 microT during school hours, significantly (p=0.011) higher than that (6.5%) estimated for the unexposed children. An even higher percentage (27.3%) was observed for 11 students with their classrooms intersecting the buffer regions. Playgrounds near buffer regions showed a significantly higher ELF-MF than the other areas of the exposed schools (0.70 vs 0.18 microT, p=0.043). The study demonstrates a wide range of exposures to ELF-MF among school children at campuses adjacent to HVTL. Children attending the exposed schools may have a higher chance of experiencing a mean exposure greater than 0.4 microT during school hours.

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T1  - Association between activity level and situational factors in children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder in elementary school
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The aim of this study was to determine whether the objective activity level of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) is associated with situational factors in elementary school. A total of 16 children with combined-type AD/HD (13 boys, 3 girls) and 20 controls matched for age and gender participated in the study. All the participants wore the objective measurement of activity level for 1 week while attending elementary school. The average activity levels were calculated for the morning and afternoon classes. The classes were categorized into four types: (i) in-seat classes, in which the participants were expected to learn quietly while sitting in their own seats; (ii) not-in-seat classes, in which the participants were not expected to sit in their seats; (iii) physical education classes; and (iv) lunch/recess periods. During the afternoon in-seat classes, the children with AD/HD were significantly more active than the controls. However, no significant differences based on the group (children with AD/HD or controls) were observed during the other morning or afternoon classes. These findings indicate that in naturalistic settings where the effects of situational demands involving inhibition and the effect of fatigue overlapped, the children with AD/HD exhibited an activity level that was different from that exhibited by the controls. Differences in the activity levels of children with AD/HD and normal controls were identified using an objective measurement of activity level when two situational factors overlapped.

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KW - Environmental Exposure/ae [Adverse Effects]
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KW - Lung Diseases/ci [Chemically Induced]
KW - Lung Diseases/di [Diagnosis]
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Ozone (O3) is known to induce lung function impairment and airways inflammation during episodes of photochemical smog. The aim of the present study was to assess the inflammatory effect of ambient O3 in healthy children using nitric oxide in exhaled air (eNO) as a noninvasive test. The study was performed on 6 groups of children (n = 11-15), aged 6.5 to 15 yr, who attended summer camps in rural areas of the south of Belgium in 2002. Ambient O3 concentrations continuously monitored in the camps ranged from 48 to 221 microg/m3 (1-h maximal concentration). Children remained outdoors during the experimental days, doing various recreational activities but no sports. Lung function tests (forced expiratory volume in 1 s [FEV1] and forced vital capacity [FVC]) and eNO were measured twice in each child in the morning and in the evening.

While lung function tests did not show any consistent pattern of decrease at these O3 levels, a highly significant increase in eNO was found in all subjects from an ambient 1-h O3 level of 167 microg/m3. A multivariate analysis did not reveal any influence of age, gender, height, weight, and body mass index (BMI) of the children. The threshold for this O3-induced increase in eNO estimated benchmark dose analysis was 135 microg/m3 for 1-h exposure and 110 microg/m3 for 8-h exposure. These observations suggest that ambient ozone produces early inflammatory changes in the airways of children at levels slightly below current air quality standards.
Children's touching and mouthing behaviors during outdoor play in urban residential yards were measured using video observations. Descriptions were made of children's outdoor residential play environments. Behaviors assessed were used to examine (1) validity of parental responses to questions on children's oral behaviors and outdoor play and (2) relationships of mouthing behaviors to blood lead levels (BLLs). Thirty-seven children aged 1-5 years were recruited for 2 h of video recording in their yard and blood lead measurement. Video assessments included hourly rates of hand touches to ground/walking-level surfaces (cement/stone/steel, porch floor/steps, grass, and bare soil) and oral behaviors. Parental questionnaires assessed their child's outdoor activities, behaviors, and home environment. The children were: mean 39 months; 51% male; 89% Hispanic; and 78% Medicaid or uninsured. Twenty-two children had a blood lead measured (mean 6 microg/dl). During taping, all children had access to cement, 92% to grass, 73% to bare soil, and 59% to an open porch. Children had frequent touching and mouthing behaviors observed (median touches/h: touches to surfaces 81; hand-to-mouth area (with and without food) 26; hand-in-mouth 7; and object-in-mouth 17). Blood lead was directly correlated with log-transformed rates of hand-in-mouth (Pearson's correlation, r=0.564, n=22, P=0.006) and object-in-mouth (Pearson's correlation, r=0.482, n=22, P=0.023) behaviors. Parental questionnaire responses did not accurately reflect children's observed oral behaviors, play habits, or play environment. These data confirm the direct relationship between hand-to-mouth activities and BLLs and fail to validate parental perceptions of their child's mouthing behaviors or outdoor play environment.
Ultraviolet radiation exposure is the dominant environmental determinant of all major forms of skin cancer; however, the nature of the association is incompletely understood. Existing instruments to capture sun exposure history tend to yield reproducible results, but the validity of these responses is unknown. To address this question, the authors examined the relation between responses to a standardized sun exposure instrument and histologic evidence of actinic damage in a population-based study of keratinocyte cancers from New Hampshire diagnosed from July 1, 1997, through March 31, 2000. A single study dermatopathologist histologically reviewed the adjacent skin of 925 skin cancer biopsies for the presence of solar keratoses and the extent of solar elastosis. The authors compared these measures with responses to a personal interview on history of sunburns, sunbathing, and time spent outdoors. Focusing on site-specific exposure, they found variables that estimated cumulative exposure related to histologic evidence of actinic damage. In contrast, measures of acute/intermittent exposure were generally unrelated to solar damage histologically. Findings suggest that cumulative, but not intermittent, measures of sun exposure derived from a personal interview appear to reflect a person's exposure history based on histologic evidence.
Environmental correlates of physical activity in youth - a review and update. [Review] [150 refs]

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N2 - Obesogenic environments are thought to underlie the increased obesity prevalence observed in youth during the past decades. Understanding the environmental factors that are associated with physical activity (PA) in youth is needed to better inform the development of effective intervention strategies attempting to halt the obesity epidemic. We conducted a systematic semi-quantitative review of 150 studies on environmental correlates of youth PA published in the past 25 years. The ANalysis Grid for Environments Linked to Obesity (ANGELO) framework was used to classify the environmental correlates studied. Most studies retrieved used cross-sectional designs and subjective measures of environmental factors and PA. Variables of the home and school environments were especially associated with children's PA. Most consistent positive correlates of PA were father's PA, time spent outdoors and school PA-related policies (in children), and support from significant others, mother's education level, family income, and non-vocational school attendance (in adolescents). Low crime incidence (in adolescents) was characteristic of the neighbourhood environment associated with higher PA. Convincing evidence of an important role for many other environmental factors was, however, not found. Further research should aim at longitudinal and intervention studies, and use more objective measures of PA and its potential (environmental) determinants. [References: 150]

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BACKGROUND: Epidemiological studies have documented large international variations in the prevalence of asthma, and 'westernization' seems to play an important role in the development of the disease. The aims of this study were to compare the prevalence of respiratory symptoms in migrant and nonmigrant children resident in Italy, and to examine the effect of length of time living in Italy. METHODS: Data were collected in a large cross-sectional study (SIDRIA-2) performed in 12 Italian centres, using standardized parental questionnaires. For the 29,305 subjects included in the analysis (6-7 and 13-14 years old), information about place of birth and parental nationality was available. RESULTS: There were 1012 children (3%) born outside of Italy, mainly in East Europe. Lifetime asthma and current wheeze were generally significantly less
common among children born abroad than among children born in Italy (lifetime asthma: 5.4% and 9.7% respectively, P < 0.001; current wheeze: 5.2% and 6.9%, respectively, P = 0.04). Lower risks for lifetime asthma (prevalence odds ratio, POR = 0.39; 95% CI: 0.23-0.66) and current wheeze (POR = 0.72; 95% CI: 0.47-1.10) were found for children who had lived in Italy <5 years, while migrant children who had lived in Italy for 5 years or more had risks very similar to Italian children. CONCLUSIONS: Migrant children have a lower prevalence of asthma symptoms than children born in Italy. Prevalence increased with the number of years of living in Italy, suggesting that exposure to environmental factors may play an important role in the development of asthma in childhood.

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T1 - Nevi in children: a practical approach to evaluation
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N2 - Education is the cornerstone of melanoma prevention. Well-child examinations are an excellent opportunity to educate patients and parents about melanoma risk factors and prevention. The only modifiable risk factor for the development of melanoma and acquisition of nevi is level of sun exposure. Every patient who is evaluated for a melanocytic lesion should be educated about sun avoidance during midday, protective clothing including long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and hats with brims, and playing in shaded areas when outdoors. Proper application and appropriate uses of sunscreen should also be reviewed
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T1 - Body mass index, physical activity and dietary behaviours among adolescents in the Kingdom of Tonga
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OBJECTIVES: To compare the prevalence of overweight and obesity among adolescents using international and ethnic-specific cut-off points and to examine patterns of physical activity and dietary behaviours. DESIGN: Cross-sectional analytical study. SETTING: Schools on Tongatapu, Vava'u and Hapa'ai islands in the Kingdom of Tonga. SUBJECTS: A total of 443 school students aged 11-16 years underwent anthropometric measures of height and weight and provided self-reported measures of physical activity and dietary behaviours. Results Mean body mass index (BMI) was higher among girls than boys (23.7 kg m\(^{-2}\) vs. 21.8 kg m\(^{-2}\)) and tended to increase with age. A total of 36.0% of boys and 53.8% of girls were overweight or obese using the international cut-off points, whereas 25.0% of boys and 37.6% of girls were classified in this way using Polynesian-specific cut-off points. Tinned mutton or beef was the food that most participants (56.9%) reported eating once or more per day. Over half of the young people did not eat taro, fruit or vegetables at least once per day. Regular physical activity outside of school hours was reported by 20.7% of respondents, and 58.2% watched 1 h or more of television per day. Physical activity participation was the only behaviour independently associated with a lower risk of overweight or obesity. Conclusions Using Polynesian-specific cut-off points for overweight and obesity the prevalence of these conditions was still among the highest found in adolescents. The prevalence of physical inactivity and poor dietary habits indicate that risk factors for chronic disease are well established during adolescence in Tonga.
OBJECTIVES: We investigated whether the Kidskin sun protection intervention increased children's body mass index by reducing the time spent outdoors at midday. METHODS: The Kidskin sun protection intervention involved 1614 Australian school children assigned to 1 of 3 groups: a control group, a moderate-
intervention group, or a high-intervention group. Schools in the control group received the standard health curriculum and schools in the intervention groups received a multicomponent intervention. Outcomes included time spent outdoors and nevus development (a marker of melanoma risk). Height and weight were measured at 3 time points. Body mass index was transformed into age- and gender-specific z scores; z scores at each age were modeled simultaneously. Time spent outdoors at ages 10 and 12 years was analyzed using a linear mixed effects modeling. RESULTS: The proportion of children who were overweight or obese increased with age. The moderate-intervention and control groups had a minimal increase in z score over time, and the z score for the high-intervention group decreased over time. There were no differences among groups with respect to total time outdoors at any age. CONCLUSIONS: It is possible to reduce the time children spend outdoors when ultraviolet radiation is high without producing an unfavorable effect on the children's body mass index.

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N2 - INTRODUCTION: The increasing prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents suggests a need to study the development in main predictors of obesity, like eating habits and physical activity. The objective was to describe self-reported vigorous physical activity versus physical inactivity among children
and adolescents over a period of 14 years, 1988-2002. MATERIAL AND METHODS: The study population was the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study among nationally representative samples of 11, 13 and 15 year old students in 1988, 1991, 1994, 1998, and 2002. The data collection used the standardised HBSC questionnaire which included items about vigorous physical activity (VPA) outside school hours per week. We defined physically inactivity as 0 hours of VPA per week and high activity as at least 7 hours of VPA per week. RESULTS: The prevalence of high activity was higher among boys than girls and increased by age. The prevalence of physically inactive students increased from 1988 to 2002, especially among the 15 year olds. The proportion of students with high activity decreased from 1988 to 2002, especially among the 15 year olds. CONCLUSION: A large proportion of children and adolescents do not comply with the national recommendations that children should be physically active at least 60 minutes per day. The physical activity level decreased from 1988 to 2002. There is a need for extraordinary efforts to increase physical activity among children and adolescents

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T1 - Fractures in New Zealand elementary school settings
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N2 - BACKGROUND: There is a need for greater international understanding of student safety in schools. This New Zealand study investigated the causes and school location of fractures sustained by students attending elementary school, with special emphasis on the types of fractures sustained following falls from playground equipment of various heights. METHODS: Over a 1-year period, 76 participating schools (with a combined roll of over 25,000 students) completed a questionnaire about the nature and circumstances of student fractures
sustained during regular school hours. RESULTS: Some 118 students sustained a total of 131 fractures. Injuries from playground equipment were no more frequent than those from general activities at school, and most were sustained in falls from heights less than 59 inches. Most fractures were to the upper limbs. Fractures were found to vary by gender and school size. CONCLUSIONS: The results are discussed in terms of the conditions and policies present in local schools, and the tension that exists in maintaining safety while offering appropriate challenges to students. Improvements in school safety may be more likely to result from a greater focus on the way that students interact at school, rather than on modifications to playground equipment.

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N2 - There is currently no "gold standard" for measuring lifetime sun exposure. Exploration of alternatives to self-reports is important for examining illnesses related to ultraviolet light exposure. Using skin replicas
obtained from 184 controls in a breast cancer case-control study (Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2004-2005), the authors compared self-reported indicators of lifetime sun exposure with two measures of cutaneous microtopography, the Beagley-Gibson system and skin line counts. With the Beagley-Gibson system, significantly increased odds ratios were found for age (odds ratio (OR) = 1.10, 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.05, 1.16), spending 7 days outside per week during the summer (OR = 3.33, 95% CI: 1.48, 7.50), and lifetime number of sunlamp sessions. Significantly decreased odds ratios were found for having darker skin, ever giving birth, and ever using sunlamps. With the skin line count approach, significant positive associations were found for age (OR = 2.31, 95% CI: 1.23, 4.35), age squared, duration of working in outdoor jobs (OR = 0.88, 95% CI: 0.79, 0.98), and average number of outdoor activities per week at ages 20-29 years (OR = 1.05, 95% CI: 1.00, 1.10). While the Beagley-Gibson method was associated with more variables than the skin line count method, both methods require further refinement before graded skin replicas can be recommended as a substitute for self-report measures.

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T1 - Acute hepatitis delta virus infection in Italy: incidence and risk factors after the introduction of the universal anti-hepatitis B vaccination campaign
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KW - Hepatitis B Vaccines/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Hepatitis B virus/im [Immunology]
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KW - Hepatitis Delta Virus/ip [Isolation & Purification]
BACKGROUND: Updates on the incidence of and risk factors for acute hepatitis delta virus infection in Italy, as well as in other countries, are lacking, and the impact of the mandatory anti-hepatitis B vaccination has not been evaluated. METHODS: We performed a case-control study within a population-based surveillance for acute viral hepatitis. RESULTS: During 1993-2004, 344 cases of acute hepatitis delta virus infection were reported. After a peak in 1993 (2.8 cases per 1 million population), the incidence decreased from 1.7 to 0.5 cases per 1 million population. Coinfections were prevalent. The decrease in incidence particularly affected young adults, and it paralleled the decrease in incidence of acute hepatitis B. In 1993, being an injection drug user (adjusted odds ratio [OR(adj)], 67.9; 95% confidence interval [CI], 18.1-254.5) or being a member of a household with a carrier of hepatitis B surface antigen (OR(adj), 14.8; 95% CI, 3.0-72.9) were the only independent predictors of infection. During 1994-2004, being an injection drug user (OR(adj), 36.8; 95% CI, 20.7-65.4), cohabitation with an injection drug user (OR(adj), 4.2, 95% CI, 1.7-12.3), hospitalization (OR(adj), 3.5; 95% CI, 1.9-6.6), receipt of dental therapy (OR(adj), 2.3; 95% CI, 1.4-3.6), promiscuous sexual activity (OR(adj), 2.2; 95% CI, 1.4-3.6), and receipt of beauty treatment (OR(adj), 2.0; 95% CI, 1.3-3.2) were independently associated with infection. CONCLUSIONS: Incidence of acute hepatitis delta infection is markedly decreasing in Italy. Undergoing invasive medical procedures, engaging in promiscuous sexual activity, and receiving beauty treatments are emerging, in addition to injection drug use, as important risk factors for infection. Further efforts are needed to increase vaccine coverage in high-risk groups and to implement the safety of invasive procedures performed both inside and outside health care facilities.
N2 - Play is essential to development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and youth. Play also offers an ideal opportunity for parents to engage fully with their children. Despite the benefits derived from play for both children and parents, time for free play has been markedly reduced for some children. This report addresses a variety of factors that have reduced play, including a hurried lifestyle, changes in family structure, and increased attention to academics and enrichment activities at the expense of recess or free child-centered play. This report offers guidelines on how pediatricians can advocate for children by helping families, school systems, and communities consider how best to ensure that play is protected as they seek the balance in children's lives to create the optimal developmental milieu.
OBJECTIVE: To identify eating and activity factors associated with school-aged children's onset of overweight and persistent overweight. DESIGN: Data were gathered at four time points between kindergarten entry and spring of third grade. Children were directly weighed and measured and categorized as not overweight (<95th percentile of body mass index) or overweight (≥95th percentile body mass index); parents were interviewed by telephone or in person. SUBJECTS/SETTING: Subjects were participants in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort, a nationally representative sample of children who entered kindergarten during 1998-1999. Children who weighed <2,000 g at birth, received therapeutic services before kindergarten, skipped or repeated a grade, or without complete height and weight data were excluded, resulting in 8,459 participants. Children with intermittent overweight were not examined (n=459); analyses addressed 8,000 children. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Three mutually exclusive groups of children were identified: never overweight, overweight onset, and persistent overweight. STATISTICAL ANALYSES PERFORMED: Multilevel, multivariate logistic regression analyses estimated the effects of eating and activity factors on the odds of overweight onset and persistent overweight above child sex, race, and family socioeconomic status. RESULTS: Children who watched more television (odds ratio [OR] 1.02) and ate fewer family meals (OR 1.08) were more likely to be overweight for the first time at spring semester of third grade. Children who watched more television (OR 1.03), ate fewer family meals (OR 1.08), and lived in neighborhoods perceived by parents as less safe for outdoor play (OR 1.32) were more likely to be persistently overweight. Child aerobic exercise and opportunities for activity were not associated with a greater likelihood of weight problems. CONCLUSIONS: This study supports theories regarding the contributions of television watching, family meals, and neighborhood safety to childhood weight status. When working with families to prevent and treat childhood weight problems, food and nutrition professionals should attend to children's time spent with screen media, the frequency of family mealtimes, and parents' perceptions of neighborhood safety for children's outdoor play.
We hypothesized that asthma symptoms and lung function of schoolchildren living in Athens urban area are adversely affected as compared to others living in a rural environment, over a period of 8 years. We recruited 478 and 342 children aged 8-10 years living within a short radius around the urban and rural area monitoring stations, respectively. Respiratory health was assessed by a parent-completed questionnaire in three phases: 1995-1996 (phase-1), 1999-2000 (phase-2), 2003-2004 (phase-3) and by spirometry in phases-1 and 2. Reported asthma and wheeze did not differ in the two areas, whereas cough was more prevalent in the urban area in phase-1. Children from the rural environment had lower levels of percent-predicted forced vital capacity (FVC%) in phase-1 and higher of percent-predicted-forced expiratory flow at mid-FVC (FEF(50)%) in both phases. Independent associations were detected between FVC% as well as FEF(50) % and residential area. High FVC% was associated with outdoor systemic athletic activities; there was lower FVC% growth in the urban versus the rural area. Nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide were higher in the urban area, whereas ozone concentrations differed less between the two areas. These results suggest that long-term exposure to urban environment is associated with sub-clinical airway narrowing and slower rate of FVC growth.
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T1 - Re-assessment of risk factors for sporadic Salmonella serotype Enteritidis infections: a case-control study in five FoodNet Sites, 2002-2003
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Active surveillance for laboratory-confirmed Salmonella serotype Enteritidis (SE) infection revealed a decline in incidence in the 1990s, followed by an increase starting in 2000. We sought to determine if the fluctuation in SE incidence could be explained by changes in foodborne sources of infection. We conducted a population-based case-control study of sporadic SE infection in five of the Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) sites during a 12-month period in 2002-2003. A total of 218 cases and 742 controls were enrolled. Sixty-seven (31%) of the 218 case-patients and six (1%) of the 742 controls reported travel outside the United States during the 5 days before the case's illness onset (OR 53, 95% CI 23-125). Eighty-one percent of cases with SE phage type 4 travelled internationally. Among persons who did not travel internationally, eating chicken prepared outside the home and undercooked eggs inside the home were associated with SE infections. Contact with birds and reptiles was also associated with SE infections. This study supports the findings of previous case-control studies and identifies risk factors associated with specific phage types and molecular subtypes.
OBJECTIVES: Exposure to chlorination by-products during pregnancy has been associated with reproductive outcomes but the evidence remains inconclusive. Levels of trihalomethanes, the most prevalent chlorination by-products, are high in some areas of Spain. Within the framework of a follow-up study in pregnant women, we describe: 1) the personal habits of water use and consumption, and 2) trihalomethane levels in the drinking water of the study areas.

METHODS: We performed a follow-up cohort study in pregnant women in Valencia (n = 800), Sabadell (n = 800), the Basque Country (n = 600), Asturias (n = 500), and Granada (n = 700). Interviews were conducted in the third trimester of pregnancy to obtain individual information on the sources and amounts of drinking water, and on the frequency of showering, bathing, and swimming pool attendance. Water samples were collected to analyze trihalomethane levels.

RESULTS: The main source of drinking water was bottled water, both inside and outside the home (82% and 94% of the women, respectively). Drinking water for cooking was mainly municipal (91%). Women preferred to take showers (98.2%) and did so, on average, 6.8 times/week for 11.7 minutes. A total of 58.5% of the women went to swimming pools during pregnancy, on average 9.4 times/month to outdoor swimming pools in the summer and 3.1 times/month the rest of the year for 32.6 and 21.7 minutes, respectively. Average trihalomethane levels ranged from 4 microg/l in the province of Granada to 117 microg/l in Sabadell.

CONCLUSION: These preliminary results suggest that the main routes of trihalomethane exposure during pregnancy are dermal absorption and inhalation. Ingestion is a minor exposure route.
OBJECT: The authors analyzed the effects of socioeconomic status (SES) and geographic variations on survival rates for adults and children with glioma, studying the data of 30,489 adults and 2940 children from the Cancer Registry in England and Wales. METHODS: The median survival time and crude survival rates for eight variables (age, sex, morphology, World Health Organization grade, tumor site, SES, geographic region, and period of diagnosis) were calculated using the Kaplan-Meier method. Distributions among different variables were compared using the chi-square test. Cox regressions were performed to estimate the hazard ratios (HR) to death. The median survival time and 1-, 5-, and 10-year crude survival rates for adults were 0.42 years and 29.1, 12, and 7.7%, respectively; the values for children were 9.33 years and 72.69, 54.32, and 49.5%, respectively. Similar gradients in SES from the south to the north exist in both populations (p < 0.001, chi-square test). Multivariate analyses revealed that all eight variables influenced survival in adults, including independent effects of sex (HR 0.94 for female, p < 0.001), SES (HR 1.03/quintile of deprivation, p < 0.001), and geographic region (HR 1.10 for outside southern England, p < 0.001). In children, only five of the eight variables affected survival; sex, SES, and geographic variation did not have an effect. CONCLUSIONS: Although age and tumor characteristics are well-known prognostic factors for both adults and children with glioma, SES and geographic variation also play significant roles in the survival of adults. The effects of SES and geographic variation may be directly related to the National Health Service in the United Kingdom.
This article describes the Australian Twin Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) Project (ATAP), the results of research conducted using this database and plans for future studies. Information has been actively collected from Australian families with twin children since 1991 for the ATAP database. The value of assessing siblings as well as twins is emphasized. Much work has gone into continuing the involvement of families in the study though this does become more difficult when twins reach maturity. The main focus of the project is ADHD in children and adolescents plus comorbid conditions including conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and generalized anxiety disorder. A major challenge has been how to retain continuity in the assessments, while at the same time covering changes in psychiatric classification, such as the move to Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (4th ed.; DSM-IV; American Psychiatric Association, 1994). Changes in the scale can affect the reports of twin similarity. Over the years, these twins have become part of other twin studies and future plans include linking different twin databases to investigate the relationships between childhood behavior and adult conditions. Recruitment, assessment and retention of twin families require a major commitment but create a significant resource for collaboration in areas outside the original aim.

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This study is aimed at assessing time dedicated to, motivation and involvement in physical activity on behalf of pre-adolescents. 802 students (49.3% boys and 50.7% girls; mean age: 12.6) attending 43 classes of 11 Brianza’s post-elementary schools. A questionnaire was prepared and administered to the involved sample. Classes took part in this study through randomized selection and data were analyzed using program Epi Info 6. Most of the respondents (60.1%) stay involved in sport because “it makes me feel good” and 32.4% because sport is “enjoyable and entertaining”. Pre-adolescents chose the sport in which they become engaged on the basis of personal inclination (40%), in order to share experiences and their free time with friends (15.4%); 13.7% declare to prefer sport to be practiced in team. (13.7%). The most practiced sport are: football (51.3% boys, 4.5% girls), volley (3.9%-36.4%), dance (0.8%-25.2%) e swimming (9.4%-14%). 80.8% in the sample practice physical activity in settings outside schools and, among these, 51.7% dedicate three or more hours weekly to extra-school activities. There are significant differences ($p < 0.05$) between males’ and females’ engagement in physical activity (mean value: 4.1 hours; males: 4.6 h, females: 3.5 h). Among pre-teens, 18% declare to be physically inactive at all; 15.7% do not take part in sport activities because afraid to be bullied or shamed by peers. Research show that males are significantly more involved in physical activity than females.
In settings in developing countries, children often socialize with multiple socializing agents (peers, siblings, neighbors) apart from their parents, and thus, a measurement of a child's social interactions should be expanded beyond parental interactions. Since the environment plays a role in shaping a child's development, the measurement of child-socializing agents' interactions is important. We developed and used a computerized observational software Behavior and Social Interaction Software (BASIS) with a preloaded coding scheme installed on a handheld Palm device to record complex observations of interactions between children and socializing agents. Using BASIS, social interaction assessments were conducted on 573 preschool children for 1 h in their natural settings. Multiple screens with a set of choices in each screen were designed that included the child's location, broad activity, state, and interactions with child-socializing agents. Data were downloaded onto a computer and systematically analyzed. BASIS, installed on Palm OS (M-125), enabled the recording of the complex interactions of child-socializing agents that could not be recorded with manual forms. Thus, this tool provides an innovative and relatively accurate method for the systematic recording of social interactions in an unrestricted environment.

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Exercise tolerance in a hot and humid climate in heat-acclimatized girls and women

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This study compared physiological responses associated with exercise tolerance in girls (G) and women (W) of similar fitness and heat acclimatization level during exercise in a hot and humid outdoor environment (33.4°C and 55.1% RH; WBGT = 29.9 ± 0.2 degrees C). Nine pre-menarcheal G (age = 11.3 yr) and nine W (age = 26.8 yr), matched for aerobic capacity and heat acclimatization level, performed a cycling session at 60% VO2max until fatigue. A sports drink was provided periodically to prevent dehydration. Tolerance time was not different between the groups (G = 56.9 ± 6.3, W = 76.5 ± 9.9 min, p > 0.05). During exercise, sweat rate (G = 9.1 ± 1.1, W = 12.0 ± 1.1 ml.m(-2).min(-1)), the increase in rectal temperature [T(re)] (G = 0.9 ± 0.1, W = 1.1 ± 0.1 degrees C), and heat storage (G = 10.6 ± 5.3, W = 20.5 ± 4.5 W.m(-2)) did not differ between the groups. At fatigue, T(re) (G = 38.2 ± 0.1, W = 38.4 ± 0.1 degrees C), heart rate (G = 167.3 ± 7.3, W = 171 ± 3.3 beats.min(-1)), stroke index (G = 48.3 ± 1.5, W = 52.4 ± 1.8 ml.m(2)), and forearm skin blood flow (G = 9.5 ± 1.3, W = 11.7 ± 1.5 ml.100 ml(-1).min(-1)) did not differ between the groups. Similar to women, the main reasons reported by girls to stop exercising in the heat were localized leg fatigue and gluteus muscle discomfort. We conclude that heat-acclimatized girls exhibit an adequate cardiovascular and thermoregulatory adjustment while exercising in a hot and humid outdoor environment when hypohydration is prevented.
Chloroisocyanurates are commonly added to outdoor swimming pools to stabilize chlorine disinfectants. The chloroisocyanurates decompose slowly to release chlorine and cyanuric acid. Studies conducted to determine if the chloroisocyanurates might be toxic to swimmers showed that they were not and that ingested cyanuric acid passed through the body unmetabolized. This fact was used to determine the amount of water swallowed during swimming activity. Fifty-three recreational swimmers, using a community swimming pool disinfected with cyanuric acid stabilized chlorine, participated in the study. The participants did not swim on the day before or after the test swim. The swimmers were asked to actively swim for at least 45 minutes and to collect their urine for the next 24 hours. Cyanuric acid was measured in pool water using high performance liquid chromatography.
liquid chromatography and porous graphitic carbon columns with UV detection. The urine sample assay required a clean-up procedure to remove urinary proteins and interfering substances. Results of the study indicate that non-adults ingest about twice as much water as adults during swimming activity. The average amount of water swallowed by non-adults and adults was 37 ml and 16 ml, respectively. The design for this study and the analytical methodology used to assay cyanuric acid in swimming pool water and human urine were effective for measuring the volume of water swallowed during swimming activity.

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KW - Fungemia/th [Therapy]
KW - Humans
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KW - Middle Aged
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Population-based surveillance for candidemia in Australia from 2001 to 2004 identified 1,095 cases. Annual overall and hospital-specific incidences were 1.81/100,000 and 0.21/1,000 separations (completed admissions), respectively. Predisposing factors included malignancy (32.1%), indwelling vascular catheters (72.6%), use of antimicrobial agents (77%), and surgery (37.1%). Of 919 episodes, 81.5% were inpatient healthcare associated (IHCA), 11.6% were outpatient healthcare associated (OHCA), and 6.9% were community acquired (CA). Concomitant illnesses and risk factors were similar in IHCA and OHCA candidemia. IHCA candidemia was associated with sepsis at diagnosis (p<0.001), death <30 days after infection (p<0.001), and prolonged hospital admission (p<0.001). Non-Candida albicans species (52.7%) caused 60.5% of cases acquired outside hospitals and 49.9% of IHCA candidemia (p = 0.02). The 30-day death rate was 27.7% in those ≥65 years of age. Adult critical care stay, sepsis syndrome, and corticosteroid therapy were associated with the greatest risk for death. Systematic epidemiologic studies that use standardized definitions for IHCA, OHCA, and CA candidemia are indicated.
BACKGROUND: Children engage in various physical activities that pose different injury risks. However, the lack of adequate data on exposure has meant that these risks have not been quantified or compared in young children aged 5-12 years. OBJECTIVES: To measure exposure to popular activities among Australian primary school children and to quantify the associated injury risks. METHOD: The Childhood Injury Prevention Study prospectively followed up a cohort of randomly selected Australian primary and preschool children aged 5-12 years. Time (min) engaged in various physical activities was measured using a parent-completed 7-day diary. All injuries over 12 months were reported to the study. All data on exposure and injuries were coded using the International classification of external causes of injury. Injury rates per 1000 h of exposure were calculated for the most popular activities. RESULTS: Complete diaries and data on injuries were available for 744 children. Over 12 months, 314 injuries relating to physical activity outside of school were reported. The highest injury risks per exposure time occurred for tackle-style football (2.18/1000 h), wheeled activities (1.72/1000 h) and tennis (1.19/1000 h). Overall, boys were injured more often than girls; however, the differences were non-significant or reversed for some activities including soccer, trampolining and team ball sports. CONCLUSION: Although the overall injury rate was low in this prospective cohort, the safety of some popular childhood activities can be improved so that the benefits may be enjoyed with fewer negative consequences.

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KW - Risk Factors
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OBJECTIVE: To identify risk factors for unintentional injuries due to falls in children aged 0-6 years.

DESIGN: A systematic review of the literature. METHODS: Electronic databases from 1966 to March 2005 were comprehensively searched to identify empirical research that evaluated risk factors for unintentional injuries due to falls in children aged 0-6 years and included a comparison group. RESULTS: 14 studies met the inclusion criteria. Studies varied by the type of fall injury that was considered (ie, bunk bed, stairway, playground or infant walker) and with respect to the quality of evidence. In general, major risk factors for the incidence or severity of injuries due to falls in children included age of the child, sex, height of the fall, type of surface, mechanism (dropped, stairway or using a walker), setting (day care v home care) and socioeconomic status. CONCLUSION: Despite a high burden, few controlled studies have examined the risk and protective factors for injuries due to falls in children aged 0-6 years. The only study to examine falls from a population health perspective suggests that age, sex and poverty are independent risk factors for injuries due to falls in children. [References: 28]
There is significant variation in practice patterns in managing congenital aortic valve stenosis. Review of medical literature reveals no significant information regarding the current practice methods in the treatment of a simple lesion such as aortic stenosis (AS). Therefore, this survey-based study was conducted in an attempt to better understand the uniformity or heterogeneity of practice in treating AS. A questionnaire was prepared to evaluate the style of management of AS. This survey was designed to assess the practice of follow-up visitations, type and frequency of investigative studies, pharmacological therapy, and exercise recommendations. Questions about therapeutic intervention included those of timing and type of intervention. Questionnaires were sent to all academic pediatric cardiology programs in the United States (48 program) and selected international programs from Europe, Asia, and Australasia (19 program). The total number of surveys sent out was 67, and the total number of respondents was 25 (37%), 15 (31%) from the United States and 9 (53%) from outside the United States. The definition of moderate AS varied among respondents. The range provided for mild AS was identified as that with a peak-to-peak pressure gradient of < 25-30 mmHg, peak instantaneous Doppler gradient of < 36-50 mmHg, or mean Doppler gradient of < 25-40 mmHg. On the other hand, severe AS was defined as that with a peak-to-peak gradient of > 50-60 mmHg, peak instantaneous Doppler gradient of > 64-80 mmHg, or mean Doppler gradient of > 45-64 mmHg. In assessing follow-up patterns, 84% of respondents recommended seeing patients with mild AS annually, the longest time of follow-up listed in the questionnaire, whereas 20% suggested follow-up every 6 months. There was no consensus among survey centers regarding follow-up of patients with moderate AS. For severe AS, 16% recommend immediate intervention, 16% arrange follow-up every 6 months, and 56 and 28% recommend follow-up in 3 and 1 month(s), respectively. In making the decision to proceed with biventricular versus univentricular repair in patients with AS in the neonatal period, many factors were considered. Ninety-two percent of respondents rely on mitral valve z score, 84% on aortic valve z score, 52% on left ventricle length, 48% on the presence of antegrade ascending aorta flow, and only 32% considered significant endocardial fibroelastosis as a factor. Rhodes score was used by 20% of respondents in decision making regarding the approach to management of this subset of AS. This study shows that there is consensus in the management of mild and severe forms of AS. As expected, disagreement is present in the definition, evaluation, and therapy of moderate aortic valve stenosis. There is a tendency for catheter intervention except in the presence of dysplastic aortic valve or moderate to severe aortic regurgitation. There is also disagreement regarding methods used to determine biventricular versus univentricular repair of a borderline hypoplastic left heart.

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Molds are eukaryotic (possessing a true nucleus) nonphotosynthetic organisms that flourish both indoors and outdoors. For humans, the link between mold exposure and asthma exacerbations, allergic rhinitis, infections, and toxicities from ingestion of mycotoxin-contaminated foods are well known. However, the cause-and-effect relationship between inhalational exposure to mold and other untoward health effects (eg, acute idiopathic pulmonary hemorrhage in infants and other illnesses and health complaints) requires additional investigation. Pediatricians play an important role in the education of families about mold, its adverse health effects, exposure prevention, and remediation procedures.
BACKGROUND: The alarming rise in childhood obesity has resulted in a number of bariatric surgical initiatives. To interpret the outcomes, a comparison with a nonoperative approach is prudent. METHODS: In 2003, 2004, and 2005, we measured the outcomes produced by an isolated summer camp in North Carolina for 74, 99, and 89 obese children and adolescents with a mean age of 12.7 +/- 2.3, 13.0 +/- 1.9, and 13.2 +/- 1.8 years and initial body mass index (BMI) of 33.1 +/- 5.7, 33.4 +/- 6.4, and 32.9 +/- 7.0 kg/m2, respectively. The camp featured a 1700/d caloric diet, daily aerobic and resistance weight training exercise, nutrition classes, and weekly sessions with a psychologist. The changes in weight, BMI, body shape measurements, and fitness level were assessed. The average length of stay was 4.3, 4.2, and 4.4 weeks, respectively, in 2003, 2004, and 2005. RESULTS: The BMI, body shape, and weight change measures significantly improved during each of the summers. The campers lost 1.6, 2.0, and 1.8 kg/wk during each of the 3 years. Their waist measurements decreased by 9.1 +/- 5.12 cm, 9.9 +/- 5.6 cm, and 8.1 +/- 5.8 cm. Significant improvements occurred in the timed sprints, .5-mile (0.8-km) run, and vertical jump. Of those campers staying for two summers, 4.4% continued to reduce their BMI despite growth, 56.5% maintained their BMI at less than the initial baseline measurement, and 39.1% increased their BMI to greater than the baseline. The co-morbidities also improved. One camper, aged 15 years, weighing 211 kg, progressed from being able to walk 3 steps to managing the 100-yard (91-m) dash in 42 seconds after losing 35 kg in 8 weeks. CONCLUSION: Diets, exercise, and behavioral modification are useful approaches in severely obese children that can, in some, produce significant albeit expensive long-term results. Recidivism is a problem. Surgical outcomes must compare favorably with these outcomes.
Objective: Obesity rates in young children are increasing, and decreased physical activity is likely to be a major contributor to this trend. Studies of physical activity in young children are limited by the lack of valid and acceptable measures. The purpose of this study was to calibrate and validate the ActiGraph accelerometer for use with 3- to 5-year-old children. Research Methods and Procedures: Thirty preschool children wore an ActiGraph accelerometer (ActiGraph, Fort Walton Beach, FL) and a Cosmed portable metabolic system (Cosmed, Rome, Italy) during a period of rest and while performing three structured physical activities in a laboratory setting. Expired respiratory gases were collected, and oxygen consumption was measured on a breath-by-breath basis. Accelerometer data were collected at 15-second intervals. For cross-validation, the same children wore the same instruments while participating in unstructured indoor and outdoor activities for 20 minutes each at their preschool. Results: In calibrating the accelerometer, the correlation between VO2 (ml/kg per min) and counts was r = 0.82 across all activities. The only significant variable in the prediction equation was accelerometer counts (R^2 = 0.90, standard error of the estimate = 4.70). In the cross-validation, the intraclass correlation coefficient between measured and predicted VO2 was R = 0.57 and the Spearman correlation coefficient was R = 0.66 (p < 0.001). Cut-off points for moderate- and vigorous-intensity physical activity were identified at 420 counts/15 s (VO2 = 20 mL/kg per min) and 842 counts/15 s (VO2 = 30 mL/kg per min), respectively. When these cutpoints were applied to the cross-validation data, percentage agreement, kappa, and modified kappa for moderate activity were 0.69, 0.36, and 0.38, respectively. For vigorous activity, the same measures were 0.81, 0.13, and 0.62. Discussion: Accelerometer counts were highly correlated with VO2 in young children. Accelerometers can be appropriately used as a measure of physical activity in this population.

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BACKGROUND: An estimated 2.7 million non-fatal unintentional sports and recreational injuries are treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments (EDs) annually. However, little is known about the number of sports and recreational injuries resulting from violent behavior. METHODS: Data for 2001-2003 on sports and recreational injuries were obtained from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program (NEISS-AIP)-a national sample of 66 U.S. EDs. National estimates and rates of persons treated for violence-related sports and recreational injuries in EDs are compared to those treated for unintentional sports and recreational injuries. Types of injuries and injury circumstances are described. RESULTS: During the study period, an estimated 6,705 (8.3 per 100,000; 95% confidence intervals (CI), 6.3-10.3) children and teenagers with violence-related sports and recreational injuries were treated in U.S. EDs annually, compared to 2,698,634 children and teenagers with unintentional sports and recreational injuries. Thus, violent behavior accounted for 0.25% of sports and recreational injuries. The highest incidence rate (13.6 per 100,000) for violence-related sports and recreational injuries was for children aged 10-14 years. Most patients with violence-related sports and recreational injuries were treated and released from the ED. A majority of those with violence-related sports and recreational injuries were injured to the head/neck region (52.2%), of which 24.1% were treated for traumatic brain injuries. Most violent injuries resulted from being pushed or hit (65.6%); the most common sports and recreational activity varied by age: playground (65.2%) for children < or =9 years; bicycling (26.7%) for 10-14-year-olds; basketball (45.3%) for 15-19-year-olds. CONCLUSIONS: National ED surveillance systems can provide useful information pertaining to prevention programs designed to reduce sports and recreational injuries resulting from violent behavior and unintentional causes.
The purpose of this study was to examine children's physical activity during recess and outside of school. Third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students (N = 270; 121 boys, age = 9.5 +/- 0.9 years; 150 girls, age = 9.6 +/- 0.9 years) wore sealed pedometers during a 15-minute recess period and outside of school for 4 consecutive school days. A factorial analysis of variance (grade by gender) was used to examine differences among grades and between genders for the following variables: recess activity time (RAT), recess step counts (RSC), out-of-school activity time (OAT), and out-of-school step counts (OSC). For all outcome variables, there were no significant interactions between grade and gender and no significant main effect for grade. A significant main effect for gender (F(1,264)= 73.1, p < .001) indicated that boys accumulated more RSC and OSC than girls (1268 +/- 341 vs 914 +/- 261 and 7229 +/- 2877 vs 5808 +/- 2059, respectively) and more RAT and OAT than girls (11.7 +/- 2.4 vs 9.4 +/- 2.2 and 77.3 +/- 28 vs 67.4 +/- 21, respectively). Boys spent 78% and girls spent 63% of their recess time engaged in physical activity. Outside of school, girls spent 20% and boys spent 25% of their time engaged in physical activity. RAT comprised 14% and 16% of total discretionary activity time for girls and boys, respectively. Boys in this study are more active during discretionary time periods compared to girls. Study participants spent the majority of their recess time engaged in physical activity.
OUTLOOK is a unit within North Bristol Trust which has been developing a psychosocial service for children, young people and adults with a different appearance resulting from congenital abnormalities such as cleft lip and palate and also burns and other forms of trauma. This study presents data collected from 29 children aged between 5 and 16 who received individual therapeutic interventions. The baseline assessment included a semistructured interview schedule, visual analogue scales and the CBCL (Achenbach, 1991) to provide the parents' view of their children's behaviour profile. Measures were repeated post intervention and at 6 months follow-up. The intervention consisted of four sessions of cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) including social skills and problem-solving components. Statistical analyses revealed significant outcomes on a range of measures. At 6 months follow-up children reported a reduction in the frequency of teasing and in the degree of distress it caused both in the classroom and in the playground. Parents reported reductions in their children's somatizing behaviour and levels of anxiety. These outcomes suggest that this approach represents an effective therapy for children with appearance-related psychological problems.

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In this paper, we investigate individuals' exposure to indoor air pollution. Using new survey data from Bangladesh, average hours spent by members of households in the cooking area, living area and outdoors in a typical day are combined with the estimates of pollution concentration in different locations in order to estimate exposure. We analyse exposure at two levels: differences within households attributable to family roles, and differences across households attributable to income and education. Within households, we relate individuals' exposure to pollution in different locations during their daily round of activities. We find high levels of exposure for children and adolescents of both sexes, with particularly serious exposure for children under 5 years. Among prime-age adults, we find that men have half the exposure of women (whose exposure is similar to that of children and adolescents). We also find that elderly men have significantly lower exposure than elderly women. Across households, we draw on results from a previous paper, which relate pollution variation across households to choices of cooking fuel, cooking locations, construction materials and ventilation practices. We find that these choices are significantly affected by family income and adult education levels (particularly for women). Overall, we find that the poorest, least-educated households have twice the pollution levels of relatively high-income households with highly educated adults. Our findings further suggest that young children and poorly educated women in poor households face pollution exposures that are four times those for men in higher income households organized by more highly educated women. Since infants and young children suffer the worst mortality and morbidity from indoor air pollution, in this paper we consider measures for reducing their exposure. Our recommendations for reducing the exposure of infants and young children are based on a few simple, robust findings. Hourly pollution levels in cooking and living areas are quite similar because cooking smoke diffuses rapidly and nearly completely into living areas. However, outdoor pollution is far lower. At present, young children are only outside for an average of 3 hours per day. For children in a typical household, pollution exposure can be halved by adopting two simple measures: increasing their outdoor time from 3 to 5 or 6 hours per day, and concentrating outdoor time during peak cooking periods.
A cross-sectional study in Ahwaz city, Islamic Republic of Iran, described children's indoor and outdoor play patterns. A total of 952 pupils aged 7 and 9 years and 942 parents completed questionnaires. Children's favourite activities were: playing football (22.3%), cycling (13.2%) and watching television (12.3%). This differed from those perceived by the parents who reported watching television (20.3%), playing football (13.3%) and playing in street (11.4%). Children reported their favourite places to play were: street (27.4%), park/playground (18.3%) and home (17.8%). There were significant differences in play patterns by age and sex. The play patterns of older children and boys exposed them to more hazardous situations than younger children and girls.

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BACKGROUND: Accumulating evidence suggests that reduced duration of pregnancy predicts increased risk of asthma, but the studies published have been inconsistent. OBJECTIVE: We sought to synthesize the evidence on the relation between preterm delivery and the risk of asthma later in life and to assess differences between the studies as potential sources for heterogeneity of the results. METHODS: We conducted a MEDLINE search (until the end of May 2005). The outcome was asthma. The determinant of interest was preterm delivery defined as a gestational age of less than 37 weeks. RESULTS: We identified 19 articles that provided estimates for the meta-analysis. The summary effect estimates for asthma (fixed-effects odds ratio, 1.074 [95% CI, 1.072-1.075]; heterogeneity P = .000; random-effects odds ratio, 1.366 [95% CI, 1.303-1.432]) showed an increased risk in relation to preterm delivery, with substantial heterogeneity between study-specific estimates. The effect of preterm delivery on asthma was stronger in cross-sectional studies; studies with broad outcome criteria, a small sample size, and a younger study population; and studies conducted in English-speaking populations, outside Europe, and published more recently. In metaregression, adjusting for other determinants, the effect estimate was significantly associated only with the mean age of the study population.

CONCLUSIONS: The weight of evidence shows that preterm babies have an increased risk of asthma compared with term babies. CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS: Recognition of prematurity as a determinant of asthma emphasizes the importance of active treatment of physiologic airflow obstruction and a need for special preventive measures against known environmental determinants of asthma in preterm babies. [References: 43]

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N2 - PURPOSE: To describe the sex-specific patterns of school children's daily pedometer-determined physical activity (PA) during physical education (PE), recess and lunchtime, and before and after school. METHODS: Eighty-one sixth-grade students (28 boys, age = 11.9 +/- 0.4 yr, BMI = 18.8 +/- 4.1 kg x m(-2); 53 girls, 11.8 +/- 0.5 yr, BMI = 20.2 +/- 4.6 kg x m(-2)) wore pedometers for four school days and were prompted to record steps accumulated at arrival and departure from school and during pre- and postrecess, lunchtime, and PE class. RESULTS: Boys took significantly (P < 0.001) more steps per day than girls: 16,421 +/- 5,444 vs 12,332 +/- 3,056 steps per day, and more steps during release time (e.g., before-school Delta = 1289 steps, recess Delta = 479 steps, lunchtime Delta = 608 steps, and after-school Delta = 1872 steps) but the same number of steps during structured PE classes (1429 +/- 567 vs 1410 +/- 445 steps; P = 0.87). Lunchtime PA represented the most important source of daily PA (15-16%) obtained during school hours for both boys and girls, whereas recess accounted for 8-9% and PE class accounted for 8-11% of total steps per day. Regardless, almost half of daily steps taken are attributable to after-school activities. CONCLUSION: These data provide greater understanding of sex-specific PA patterns and the relative contribution of distinct segments of the school day to school children's total PA.

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Infestation of rural houses by Triatoma infestans (Hemiptera: Reduviidae) in southern area of Gran Chaco in Argentina


The impact of control activities against Triatoma infestans (Klug) (Hemiptera: Reduviidae) in South America has a marked contrast within and outside the Gran Chaco region. Development of a geographic information system, as part of an improvement in control program activities, allowed analysis of the spatial pattern of house infestations by T. infestans before and after house spraying with deltamethrin in the San Martin Department (an arid Chaco region of central Argentina). The overall peridomestic infestation index decreased from 48.2 to 28.2% after insecticide application. House infestation was spatially clustered in regions with low or high infestation levels that were located east and southwest of the department, respectively. This pattern was detected both before and after the insecticide application. Three environmental variables calculated from a temporal series of MODIS imagery (average of night temperature, maximum of day temperature, and temporal variation of vegetation index) were capable of correctly discriminating 96% of the places belonging to either high or low house infestation observed after the insecticide application.
Twenty children received needle-stick injuries with a risk of exposure to human immunodeficiency virus type 1 during an incident in a primary school playground. All were counseled and offered human immunodeficiency virus postexposure prophylaxis. All 20 children started postexposure prophylaxis, and 19 attended for follow-up testing 3 months later. More than one-half of the children completed the full 4-week course of treatment. None of the 19 children tested seroconverted after the incident.
To evaluate the demographics and treatment of facial lacerations occurring in a paediatric patient cohort. We undertook a prospective study of 106 children who sustained a soft tissue facial injury and who presented to an Accident and Emergency department in a UK district general hospital supporting a population of 750,000. Approximately 31,000 are dependent children between the age of 0-12 years. Our results show that the majority of paediatric patients who sustained a facial laceration were male (62%). The frequency of this injury was greatest amongst males across all age groups. The majority of children above 3 years of age sustained their injury outdoors. The peak time for injury varied for different age groups. The 0-3 year olds sustained the highest incidence of injuries around 17:00 h. A bi-modal time pattern was seen in the 4-6 year age group, initially at 12:00 h with a second peak at 17:00 h. The most frequent aetiology was play. A significant finding was that 8% of the injuries that were managed resulted from a dog bite. Almost 50% of children above 4 years of age, who required primary closure of their laceration, were able to tolerate their treatment being performed under local anaesthesia. The pattern of facial lacerations in our study supports the results of previous studies. Our data has provided further insight into the presentation of these injuries. These studies are valuable in targeted injury
prevention programmes aimed at potentially reducing the nature, incidence and severity of facial soft tissue trauma in children in the UK

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KW - Organophosphorus Compounds/pd [Pharmacology]
KW - Organothiophosphorus Compounds/to [Toxicity]
KW - Rural Population
KW - Time Factors
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N2 - This study characterized exposures of eight children living in an agricultural community near potato fields that were treated by aerial application with the organophosphorus (OP) insecticide, methamidophos (O,S-dimethyl phosphoramidithioate). Exposure monitoring included air and deposition samples in the outdoor community environment, outdoor and indoor air samples at each residence, wipe samples of playground equipment, toys, indoor surfaces, and children's hands, and periodic urine samples. Monitoring occurred prior to, the day of, and 1 day following applications. Methamidophos deposition in the community was very low compared to deposition inside the boundaries of the treated fields. Community air concentrations increased from
0.05 microg/m3 (prespray) to 0.11 and 0.48 microg/m3 (spray day morning and afternoon, respectively), decreasing to 0.10 microg/m3 on the postspray day. Air concentrations outside residences followed a similar pattern; indoor levels did not exceed 0.03 pg/m3. Methamidophos residues were found on playground equipment following applications, but not on indoor residential surfaces. The median hand wipe levels increased from < 0.02 (prespray) to 0.08 microg/sample (spray day), decreasing to 0.05 microg/sample (postspray day). Median concentrations of the primary methamidophos urinary metabolite were 61 microg/l before 1100 hours on the spray day, 170 microg/l after 1100 hours on the spray day, and 114 microg/l on the postspray day. Spray day metabolite levels were correlated with time outside on the spray day (rs = 0.68), with spray day hand wipe levels (rs = 0.67), and with postspray day metabolite levels (rs = 0.64). Post-spray day metabolites levels were also positively associated with postspray day hand wipe levels (rs = 0.66). The documentation of children's exposure in this study does not necessarily mean that risks for these children were significantly altered, since nearly all children in the United States are exposed to some level of OP pesticides through dietary intake and other pathways. The association of metabolite levels with time spent outside, and the absence of methamidophos in homes indicates that children's exposures occurred primarily outdoors.
In 1975 the BCG vaccination policy in Sweden changed from routine vaccination of all newborn infants to selective vaccination of groups at higher risk. This report aims to evaluate the present BCG policy, with focus on the tuberculosis situation in Sweden during the period from 1989 to 2005. The population structure in Sweden has changed, with increasing numbers and proportions of people who were born outside Sweden, especially in countries with high prevalence of tuberculosis. BCG vaccination coverage fell from more than 95% before 1975 to less than 2% in 1976 to 1980, and then again increased to around 16% (corresponding to about 88% of the risk group recommended for vaccination). The increasing proportion of foreign born tuberculosis patients among all tuberculosis cases of illness in Sweden, and the high age-specific incidence of tuberculosis in the childbearing age groups in the foreign-born population, indicate the need to continue selective vaccination of children in families originating from countries with high tuberculosis incidence. The cumulative incidence of tuberculosis in the 30 cohorts born in Sweden after 1974 and observed to the end of 2004 was estimated at 0.5 cases per 100 000 person-years. Sweden still has one of the lowest incidences of tuberculosis in the world, which means a minimal average risk of infection for the majority of children born to Swedish parents. The observed increase of tuberculosis in 2005, partly attributed to an outbreak at a day nursery, is a reminder of the serious consequences of delayed diagnosis. Intensified active case finding is the most important action to prevent childhood tuberculosis, by means of eliminating the sources of infection to prevent transmission to the child population. Early detection and treatment of infected children is necessary to prevent development of serious disseminated tuberculosis.
Microlevel activity time series (MLATS) data were gathered on hand contact activities of 38 children (1-6 years old) by videotaping in primarily outdoor residential environments. The videotape recordings were then translated into text files using a specialized software called VirtualTimingDevice™. Contact frequency (contacts/h), duration per contact (s/contact), and hourly contact duration (min/h) were summarized for outdoor hand contacts with 15 distinct object/surface categories ("Animal", "Body", "Clothes/Towels", "Fabric", "Floor", "Food", "Footwear", "Metal", "Non-dietary Water", "Paper/Wrapper", "Plastic", "Rock/Brick", "Toys", "Vegetation/Grass", and "Wood") and two aggregate object/surface categories ("Non-dietary objects/surfaces" and "Total objects/surfaces"). For outdoor both hand contacts with "Total objects/surfaces", contact frequencies ranged from 229.9 to 1517.7 contacts/h, median durations/contact ranged from < 1 to 5 s, and hourly contact durations ranged from 42.6 to 102.2 m/h. The data were analyzed for significant differences in hand contact activities as a function of (1) age, (2) location, (3) gender, and (4) hand. Significant differences (P < or = 0.05) were found for all four factors analyzed. Hourly contact durations with "Non-dietary objects/surfaces" and "Total objects/surfaces" increased with age (P = 0.01, rs = 0.42 and P = 0.005, rs = 0.46, respectively), while contact frequencies and hourly contact durations with "Wood" decreased with age (P = 0.02, rs = -0.38 and P = 0.05, rs = -0.32, respectively). Location was found to affect contact frequencies and hourly contact durations with certain objects/surfaces. For example, contact frequencies and hourly contact durations with "Fabric" were higher indoors (P = 0.02 for both), while contact frequencies and hourly contact durations with "Vegetation/Grass" were higher outdoors (P = 0.02 and P = 0.04, respectively). Girls had longer hourly contact durations with "Footwear" (P = 0.02), "Non-dietary objects/surfaces" (P = 0.03), and "Total objects/surfaces" (P = 0.01) than boys. The right hand had longer hourly contact durations with objects that are often manipulated with the hand (e.g., "Toys" (P = 0.0002)), while the left hand had longer hourly contact durations with passively touched objects/surfaces (e.g., "Clothes/Towels" (P = 0.003) and "Floor" (P = 0.04))
We conducted a longitudinal study to assess the exposure of 23 elementary school-age children to pyrethroid pesticides, using urinary pyrethroid metabolites as exposure biomarkers. We substituted most of the children's conventional diets with organic food items for 5 consecutive days and collected two daily spot urine samples, first morning and before bedtime voids, throughout the 15-day study period. We analyzed urine samples for five common pyrethroid metabolites. We found an association between the parents' self-reported pyrethroid use in the residential environment and elevated pyrethroid metabolite levels found in their children's urine. Children were also exposed to pyrethroids through their conventional diets, although the magnitude was smaller than for the residential exposure. Children's ages appear to be significantly associated with pyrethroids exposure, which is likely attributed to the use of pyrethroids around the premises or in the facilities where older children engaged in the outdoor activities. We conclude that residential pesticide use represents the most important risk factor for children's exposure to pyrethroid insecticides. Because of the wide use of pyrethroids in the United States, the findings of this study are important for both children's pesticide exposure assessment and environmental public health.

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OBJECTIVE: The obesity epidemic disproportionately affects minority and poor children. Negative perceptions of neighborhood safety in poor communities may affect overweight by inhibiting children’s physical activity. This study investigates the degree to which parents in a poor inner city vs. a middle-class suburban community limit their children's outdoor activity because of neighborhood safety concerns. METHOD: Parents of children aged 5-10 years from an inner city family practice in a poor community and from a suburban pediatric practice in a middle-class community completed a 20-item questionnaire. Parents estimated the amount of their child's activity in various situations and indicated their level of anxiety concerning gangs, child aggression, crime, traffic, and personal safety in their neighborhood. RESULTS: Inner city children (n = 204) engaged in less physical activity than suburban children (N = 103) (P < 0.001). Inner city parents expressed much greater anxiety about neighborhood safety than suburban parents (P < 0.0001). In the inner city population, children’s physical activity levels were negatively correlated with parental anxiety about neighborhood safety (r = -0.18, P < 0.05). CONCLUSIONS: Inner city parents have high levels of anxiety about neighborhood safety. While these concerns may not entirely explain the discrepancy in activity levels between inner city and suburban children, a safe environment is crucial to increasing opportunities for physical activity.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 1212
T1 - Assessment of soil lead exposure in children in Shenyang, China
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A1 - Wang,J.D.
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Y1 - 2006/11//
N1 - Ren, H M. Wang, J D. Zhang, X L
Environmental pollution (Barking, Essex : 1987)
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KW - Age Factors
KW - Child
Soil lead pollution is serious in Shenyang, China. The paper brings together the soil work, the bioaccessibility, and the blood lead data to assess the soil lead exposure in children in Shenyang, China. Approximately 15.25% of the samples were above China Environment Protection Agency guideline concentration for soil Pb to protect human from health risk (350 mgkg(-1)). Pb concentrations varied among use scenarios. The main lead contamination sources are industry emission and automobile exhaust. Bioaccessibility also varied among use scenarios. Children, who ingested soil from industrial area, public parks, kindergarten playground, and commercial area, are more susceptible to soil lead toxicity. The industrial area soil samples presented higher bioaccessibility compared to the other use scenario soil samples contaminated by automobile exhaust. The result also suggested a most significant linear relationship between the level of Pb contamination and the amount of Pb mobilized from soil into ingestion juice. Soil pH seemed to have insignificant influence on bioaccessibility in the present study. Bioaccessibility was mainly controlled by other factors that are not investigated in this study. A linear relationship between children blood lead and soil intestinal bioaccessibility was present in the study. Children who are 4-5 years old are more likely to demonstrate the significant relationship between soil lead bioaccessibility and blood lead as their behaviors place them at greatest risk of soil lead toxicity, and their blood lead levels are more likely to represent recent exposure.

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English

KW - Child Behavior
KW - Preschool
KW - China
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Environmental Monitoring/mt [Methods]
KW - Environmental Pollution/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Humans
KW - Lead/bl [Blood]
KW - Soil Pollutants/bl [Blood]
KW - Urban Health
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 327
EP - 335
JF - Environmental Pollution
JA - Environ Pollut.
VL - 144
IS - 1
CY - England
N2 - Soil lead pollution is serious in Shenyang, China. The paper brings together the soil work, the bioaccessibility, and the blood lead data to assess the soil lead exposure in children in Shenyang, China. Approximately 15.25% of the samples were above China Environment Protection Agency guideline concentration for soil Pb to protect human from health risk (350 mgkg(-1)). Pb concentrations varied among use scenarios. The main lead contamination sources are industry emission and automobile exhaust. Bioaccessibility also varied among use scenarios. Children, who ingested soil from industrial area, public parks, kindergarten playground, and commercial area, are more susceptible to soil lead toxicity. The industrial area soil samples presented higher bioaccessibility compared to the other use scenario soil samples contaminated by automobile exhaust. The result also suggested a most significant linear relationship between the level of Pb contamination and the amount of Pb mobilized from soil into ingestion juice. Soil pH seemed to have insignificant influence on bioaccessibility in the present study. Bioaccessibility was mainly controlled by other factors that are not investigated in this study. A linear relationship between children blood lead and soil intestinal bioaccessibility was present in the study. Children who are 4-5 years old are more likely to demonstrate the significant relationship between soil lead bioaccessibility and blood lead as their behaviors place them at greatest risk of soil lead toxicity, and their blood lead levels are more likely to represent recent exposure.

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KW - Adolescent
Clinical abnormalities in cystathionine-beta-synthase (CBS) deficiency, a key enzyme in the trans-sulfuration pathway, associate with many eye disorders. However, little is known about this enzyme in the eye. The goal of this study is to examine the distribution of CBS in the various regions of the eye, including conjunctiva, cornea, iris, lens, vitreous, retina and optic nerve using fresh eyes from both pigs (6 months) and humans (4-82 years). We have found that pig eye showed the highest CBS protein presence in cornea, conjunctiva and iris, followed by retina and optic nerve. The whole lens had a relatively lower amount and vitreous body had none. CBS protein distribution in the human eyes showed a similar pattern, with high level in the anterior segments but much lower amount in retina and optic nerve. CBS in anterior segments remained high throughout the lifespan, but retinal CBS showed a trend of age-dependent increase. The presence of CBS in human and pig eye tissues was further confirmed by RT-PCR, CBS activity assay, both showed similar distribution profiles as the Western blot analysis. This is the first evidence of the presence of CBS enzyme in the eye outside of the lens, which indicates that a functional trans-sulfuration pathway may be present in various eye tissues.
Hippocampal sclerosis is the most common abnormality associated with medial temporal lobe epilepsy (MTLE). Converging evidence supports that hippocampal sclerosis progresses with time. However, it is unclear whether extrahippocampal atrophy in patients with MTLE, similarly to hippocampal sclerosis, is an unremitting progressive process. In this article, we investigate the relationship between duration of epilepsy and gray matter concentration reduction in patients with MTLE within and outside the hippocampus. We employed a voxel-based morphometry study of MRI of the entire brain of 36 patients with drug refractory MTLE and 49 neurologically healthy age-matched controls. We performed a voxel-based parametric and nonparametric investigation of the association between gray matter concentration, age and duration of epilepsy. We complemented the investigation by extracting the gray matter concentration of regions of interest (ROIs) within the limbic system, and we investigated the association between the gray matter concentration on the ROIs and duration of epilepsy. Patients with MTLE exhibited gray matter concentration reduction that is negatively correlated with the duration of epilepsy within the ipsilateral hippocampus, temporal lobes as well as extratemporal limbic structures that are closely connected with the hippocampus. In conclusion, longer duration of refractory epilepsy was associated with a more intense hippocampal and extrahippocampal atrophy in patients with MTLE. The mechanism of progressive neuronal damage in MTLE may be related to active seizure activity within a limbic network, and early seizure control may prevent further brain atrophy in patients with refractory MTLE.
The aim of this study was to ascertain the perceptions of parents, with first time major depression, regarding the social support for themselves and their children. Eighteen parents, with children under the age of 19, were interviewed on admission to an inpatient unit and of these 16 were followed up 1 year later. In addition, the severity of parents’ depression and their functional status was measured. The results showed that although the parents did regain their mental health and functional capacity to a certain extent, they nevertheless remained in a vulnerable position, increasing the strain on the whole family. The parents’ and their children’s social support was low and came mostly from outside the family. The parents were worried about their children,
due to problems related to the depressive episode as well as ordinary teenage rebellion. Important questions concerned practical problems such as whether there was someone to take care of the children if the parent is incapable of doing so. There were also concerns pertaining to how the changed family situation might interfere with the child's natural development or whether depression was a question of heredity. This highlights the need to investigate the importance of social support for the family as a whole when one of them suffers from depression. There is a need for improved treatment of parental depression to reduce symptoms such as decreased functional status that may impair parenting. The study also emphasises the need for healthcare practitioners to assess multiple aspects of social support so that care planning will target all relevant domains.

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T1 - Comparison of the experience sampling method and questionnaires to assess visual activities in pre-teen and adolescent children
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adolescent Behavior
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior
KW - Contact Lenses
KW - Eyeglasses
KW - Female
KW - Health Surveys
KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Male
KW - Microcomputers
KW - Myopia/px [Psychology]
KW - Parents
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Reading
KW - Refractive Errors/px [Psychology]
KW - Self-Assessment
KW - Sports
KW - Television
KW - Vision
KW - Ocular
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 483
EP - 489
JF - Ophthalmic & Physiological Optics
JA - Ophthalmic Physiol Opt.
A study was conducted to assess the feasibility of the experience sampling method (ESM) to quantify the daily visual tasks of children. METHODS: Thirty-one children (9-14 years old, 39% male) were randomly paged after school (four times per day) and on weekends (eight times per day) for seven consecutive days. When paged, the children completed a voicemail survey regarding the nature, duration, working distance and type of visual correction worn during the activity. Responses of the subjects were grouped into 14 categories. Before beginning the paging, each child and one parent also reported, via survey, the number of hours and working distance for several visual activities. RESULTS: The usable (complete voicemail responses) response rate was 87.1%. The most commonly reported activity category was watching television (17.8%). Other common responses included distance activities (12.5%), reading/studying (12.2%) and sports/outdoor activities (12.0%). Of the total number of responses, 25% were near work activities (reading/studying, computer use, near hobbies and playing Game Boy). The mean working distance (+/- S.D.) reported was 40.4 +/- 36.9 cm for reading/studying, 232.9 +/- 127.1 cm for watching television, 354.7 +/- 345.8 cm for distance activities and 438.5 +/- 421.0 cm for sports/outdoor activities. When comparing the ESM to surveys, the only significant difference was for the amount of time estimated to be spent in talking/conversation (p < 0.0001). No differences were found for any of the near work activities. CONCLUSIONS: The ESM provides a feasible way to quantify daily near work tasks in children.
BACKGROUND: Recent findings have shown that pluripotent stem cells exist in areas outside the bone marrow (BM). Moreover, it has been demonstrated that the appendix is important for the development of mucosal gut immunity, and hematopoietic progenitors have been isolated from animal and human appendices.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Non-inflamed appendices removed during laparotomy were processed and cultured until the appearance of adherent cells. Differentiations (performed under osteogenic, adipogenic, and myogenic conditions) were confirmed by immunohistochemistry and cytochemistry. Polymerase chain reaction and cytofluorimetric analyses were performed to evidence the presence of genes and protein specific lineages in appendix-derived mesenchymal stem cells (ADMCs).

RESULTS: ADMCs were present in non-inflamed appendices. ADMCs under osteogenic conditions differentiated in osteoblasts and showed increased alkaline phosphatase expression; at the gene level, we observed the expression of Core binding factor alpha 1 (Cbfa1) and osteocalcin in osteogenic induced ADMCs. Under adipogenic conditions, lipidic drops in the cytoplasm, expression of lipoprotein lipase (LpL), and peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma were observed; under myogenic conditions, myotubes expressing muscle specific proteins like desmin were formed. Myogenic regulatory factor 4 and MyoD were selectively induced in the ADMCs under myogenic conditions.

CONCLUSIONS: This study shows for the first time that mesenchymal stem cells can be isolated from normal appendices obtained from a pediatric and adult age group (0-18 years of age). This finding not only may further knowledge of the maturation of the intestinal immunesystem but also could indicate a new physiological role of the human vermiform appendix.
School-based asthma interventions delivered by nonschool staff have been successful but are limited in their reach because of the cost and effort of bringing in outside educators and their inability to establish improved communication about asthma between schools, families, and primary care providers (PCPs). To address these problems, Columbia University and the New York City Department of Education and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene undertook a randomized controlled trial to test the efficacy of a comprehensive school-based asthma program. In this intervention, school nurses were trained to facilitate the establishment of a preventive network of care for children with asthma by coordinating communications and fostering relationships between families, PCPs, and school personnel. PCPs also received training regarding asthma management. There was limited support for this model. While case detection helped nurses identify additional students with asthma and nurses increased the amount of time spent on asthma-related tasks, PCPs did not change their medical management of asthma. Few improvements in health outcomes were achieved. Relative to controls, 12-months posttest intervention students had a reduction in activity limitations.
due to asthma (-35% vs -9%, p < .05) and days with symptoms (26% vs 39%, p = .06). The intervention had no impact on the use of urgent health care services, school attendance, or caregiver's quality of life. There were also no improvements at 24-months postintervention. We faced many challenges related to case detection, training, and implementing preventive care activities, which may have hindered our success. We present these challenges, describe how we coped with them, and discuss the lessons we learned.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 1219
T1 - Validity and reliability of adult recall of past sun exposure in a case-control study of multiple sclerosis
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A1 - Ponsonby, A.L.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Age Distribution
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Interviews as Topic
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Multiple Sclerosis/pa [Pathology]
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Sex Distribution
KW - Sunlight/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Vitamin D/bl [Blood]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1538
EP - 1544
JF - Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention
JA - Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev
VL - 15
IS - 8
CY - United States
N2 - BACKGROUND: Measurement of past sun exposure through recall by adults has the potential for measurement error. We aimed to investigate aspects of validity and reliability of self-reported past sun exposure. METHODS: A population-based case-control study was conducted in Tasmania on 136 cases with multiple sclerosis and 272 age- and sex-matched community controls. Repeat interviews on 52 cases and 52 controls were done on average 11 weeks after the initial interview. Sun exposure was assessed by questionnaire and lifetime calendar. Other measurements included serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D, actinic damage, and skin phenotype. RESULTS: There was an association between recent sun exposure and serum vitamin D (time in the
sun: \( r = 0.22, P < 0.01 \); activities outside: \( r = 0.31, P < 0.01 \) for controls) and between lifetime sun exposure and actinic damage \([\text{correlation between} \ 0.34 \ (P < 0.01) \ \text{and} \ 0.17 \ (P = 0.01) \ \text{for controls}]\). The test-retest weighted kappa statistic of self-reported sun exposure ranged from 0.43 to 0.74. Recall of childhood/adolescent sun exposure by standardized questioning was no less reproducible than recall of recent adult sun exposure and no less reliable when made with the calendar method. Comparing the questionnaire and calendar method, the measures of childhood/adolescent sun exposure had a similar predictive validity for multiple sclerosis.

CONCLUSIONS: The results of this study provide further evidence that adults are able to recall past sun exposure with shown validity and reliability and present information about the possible reasons for the good reliability of recalled sun exposure measures

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Long-term personal exposure to traffic-related air pollution among school children, a validation study
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A1 - Wichmann J.
A1 - Janssen N.A.
A1 - Hoek G.
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The Science of the total environment
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Evaluation Studies. Journal Article. Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Air Pollutants/an [Analysis]
KW - Air Pollution/an [Analysis]
KW - Carbon/an [Analysis]
KW - Child
KW - Dust/an [Analysis]
KW - Environmental Monitoring/mt [Methods]
KW - Humans
KW - Netherlands
KW - Nitrogen Oxides/an [Analysis]
KW - Vehicle Emissions
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 565
EP - 573
JF - Science of the Total Environment
JA - Sci Total Environ
VL - 368
IS - 2-3
CY - Netherlands
N2 - Several recent studies suggest an association between long-term exposure to traffic-related air pollution and health. Most studies use indicators of exposure such as outdoor air pollution or traffic density on the street of residence. Little information is available about the validity of these measurements as an estimate of long-term personal exposure to traffic-related air pollution. In this pilot study, we assessed outdoor and personal exposure to traffic-related air pollution in children living in homes on streets with different degree of traffic intensity. The
personal exposure of 14 children aged 9-12 years to 'soot', NO(x) (NO and NO(2)) was assessed in Amsterdam between March and June 2003. Each child's personal exposure was monitored during four repeated 48-h periods. Concurrently, in- and outdoor NO(x) measurements were carried out at the school and at the home of each participating child. Measurements were supplemented by a questionnaire on time activity patterns and possible indoor sources. Flow-controlled battery operated pumps in a made-to-fit backpack were used to sample personal exposure to 'soot', determined from the reflectance of PM(2.5) filters. Exposure to NO(x) was assessed using Ogawa passive samplers. Children living near busy roads were found to have a 35% higher personal exposure to 'soot' than children living at an urban background location, despite that all children attended the same school that was located away from busy roads. Smaller contrasts in personal exposure were found for NO (14%), NO(2) (15%) and NO(x) (14%). This finding supports the use of 'living near a busy road' as a measure of exposure in epidemiological studies on the effects of traffic-related air pollution in children.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Effect of physical education and activity levels on academic achievement in children
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A1 - Pivarnik,J.M.
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A1 - Reeves,M.J.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Chi-Square Distribution
KW - Child
KW - Educational Measurement
KW - Educational Status
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Physical Education and Training/mt [Methods]
KW - Physical Fitness/ph [Physiology]
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JF - Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise
JA - Med Sci Sports Exerc
VL - 38
IS - 8
CY - United States
N2 - PURPOSE: This study was conducted to determine the effect of physical education class enrollment and physical activity on academic achievement in middle school children. METHODS: Participants were 214 sixth-grade students randomly assigned to physical education during either first or second semesters. Moderate and vigorous physical activity (MVPA) (number of 30-min time blocks) outside of school was assessed using the 3-d physical activity recall (3DPAR). The 3DPAR time blocks were converted to ordinal data with scores of 1 (no activity), 2 (some activity), or 3 (activity meeting Healthy People 2010 guidelines). Academic achievement was assessed using grades from four core academic classes and standardized test scores (Terra Nova percentiles).
RESULTS: Grades were similar regardless of whether students were enrolled in physical education during first or second semesters. Physical education classes averaged only 19 min of MVPA. Students who either performed some or met Healthy People 2010 guidelines for vigorous activity had significantly higher grades ($P < 0.05$) than students who performed no vigorous activity in both semesters. Moderate physical activity did not affect grades. Standardized test scores were not significantly related to physical education class enrollment or physical activity levels. CONCLUSION: Although academic achievement was not significantly related to physical education enrollment, higher grades were associated with vigorous physical activity, particularly activity meeting recommended Healthy People 2010 levels.

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T1 - Increasing children's physical activity levels during recess periods in elementary schools: the effects of providing game equipment
A1 - Verstraete, S.J.
A1 - Cardon, G.M.
A1 - De Clercq, D.L.
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Y1 - 2006/08/
N1 - Verstraete, Stefanie J M, Cardon, Greet M, De Clercq, Dirk L R. De Bourdeaudhuij, Ilse M M
N2 - BACKGROUND: During recess, children can be active on a daily basis, making it an important school environmental factor for the promotion of health-related physical activity. The aim of the present study was to investigate the effects of providing game equipment on children's physical activity levels during morning recess and lunch break in elementary schools. METHODS: Seven elementary schools were randomly assigned to the intervention group (four schools), including 122 children (75 boys, 47 girls, mean age: 10.8 +/- 0.6 years), and to the control group (three schools), including 113 children (46 boys, 67 girls, mean age: 10.9 +/- 0.7 years). Children's activity levels were measured before and three months after providing game equipment, using MTI accelerometers. RESULTS: During lunch break, children's moderate and vigorous physical activity significantly increased in the intervention group (moderate: from 38 to 50%, vigorous: from 10 to 11%), while it decreased in
the control group (moderate: from 44 to 39%, vigorous: from 11 to 5%). At morning recess, providing game equipment was effective in increasing children's moderate physical activity (from 41 to 45%), while it decreased in the control group (from 41 to 34%). CONCLUSION: Providing game equipment during recess periods was found to be effective in increasing children's physical activity levels. This finding suggests that promoting physical activity through game equipment provision during recess periods can contribute to reach the daily activity levels recommended for good health.

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T1 - Patterns of injury associated with routine childhood falls
A1 - Pitone, M.L.
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Y1 - 2006/07/
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Accidental Falls/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Craniocerebral Trauma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Craniocerebral Trauma/et [Etiology]
KW - Female
KW - Fractures
KW - Bone/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Bone/et [Etiology]
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Soft Tissue Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Soft Tissue Injuries/et [Etiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 470
EP - 474
JF - Pediatric Emergency Care
JA - Pediatr Emerg Care
VL - 22
IS - 7
CY - United States
N2 - OBJECTIVE: To identify the pattern of injuries associated with routine childhood falls. METHODS: Retrospective chart review of patients at most 12 years presenting to a children's hospital emergency department with complaint of a fall. Patients were classified into 3 age groups (<2, 2-4, and 5-12 years) and analyzed for the type of fall and diagnosis. RESULTS: Seven hundred eighty-seven patients were enrolled. Mean age was 5.7 years. Fifty-six percent were boys. The types of falls reported were categorized as a fall down steps, from patient's own height, from an object, and other. In all 3 groups, the most common fall was fall from an object (50%, 50%, and 48%, respectively). There were 91 (12%) patients in the younger-than-2-year-old age group and 235 (30%) in the 2- to 4-year-old age group. Both groups commonly fell from a bed/chair (35% and 25%, respectively). In the youngest group, the most frequent diagnosis was head injury (41%; odds ratio [OR], 5.0;
95% confidence interval [CI], 3.0-8.1). Children ages 5 to 12 years numbered 461 (58%) and most commonly fell from playground equipment (26%) sustaining a fracture (65%; OR, 3.1; 95% CI, 2.3-4.3). Of these, 77% were in the upper extremity (arm fracture; OR, 41; 95% CI, 22-79). CONCLUSIONS: In children who presented to a children's hospital emergency department with a fall, fall from an object was the most common type. Those younger than 2 years, most commonly fell from a bed/chair and sustained head injury. Children 5 to 12 years old were likely to fall from playground equipment and fracture their arm. These findings may be helpful to clinicians who evaluate routine childhood falls.
weakness, electromyographic results, neck and spine history, trauma, excessive overhead activity, recent surgery, vaccination, and illness) of all patients with PTS were reviewed. MR findings of diffuse high T2 signal intensity abnormality and fatty atrophy of muscles were evaluated to assess the pattern of nerve involvement. Structural causes (eg, ganglion cyst or other mass) of neurogenic high T2 signal intensity abnormality were excluded at MR imaging. RESULTS: Twenty-nine (97%) of 30 shoulders had suprascapular nerve involvement; in 15 (50%) shoulders, the involvement was limited to this nerve. Fifteen (50%) shoulders had axillary nerve involvement; in only one (3%) shoulder, the involvement was limited to this nerve. One shoulder (3%) had subscapular nerve involvement. Nine (30%) shoulders demonstrated focal muscular atrophy. Eleven (41%) of 27 patients also underwent electromyography; all of these patients demonstrated neuropathies that matched the patterns of neurogenic high T2 signal intensity abnormality seen at MR imaging. CONCLUSION: The suprascapular nerve was almost invariably involved (in 97% of shoulders) in patients with PTS. Axillary nerve involvement also was commonly observed (in 50% of shoulders). Subscapular nerve involvement was uncommon (in 3% of shoulders). RSNA, 2006
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - The effectiveness of low-cost soil treatments to reduce soil and dust lead hazards: The Boston lead safe yards low cost lead in soil treatment, demonstration and evaluation
A1 - Dixon,S.L.
A1 - McLaine,P.
A1 - Kawecki,C.
A1 - Maxfield,R.
A1 - Duran,S.
A1 - Hynes,P.
A1 - Plant,T.
Y1 - 2006/09//
Environmental research
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Boston
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Dust/an [Analysis]
KW - Environmental Exposure/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Floors and Floorcoverings
KW - Housing
KW - Humans
KW - Lead/ch [Chemistry]
KW - Lead/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Lead Poisoning/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Soil Pollutants/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Spectrometry
KW - X-Ray Emission
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 113
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JF - Environmental Research
The Boston lead safe yards low cost lead in soil treatment, demonstration, and evaluation was developed to explore the viability and effectiveness of low-cost soil interventions to reduce exposure to soil lead hazards. Buildings that had been abated for lead to Massachusetts’s deleading standards in the previous 5 yrs and met other program requirements were recruited for the evaluation. Following individual property assessments, yards were treated with application of ground coverings and ground barriers in 2000-2001 and followed up at 1 yr. The treatment cost ranged from 1095 dollars to 5643 dollars with an average of 2798 dollars. Soil lead levels at the building dripline, measured with a field-portable X-ray fluorescence analyzer (Niton Model 702 Spectrum Analyzer), dropped from 2021 PPM at baseline to 206 PPM at 1-yr follow-up. Most of the barrier treatments continued to block access to the lead-contaminated soil at 1yr. At the follow-up, few properties with grass treatment had areas that were completely bare, but 28% had more than a small amount of treated areas bare. Treatments were effective in reducing entryway dust lead in the rear of the building if the residents reported they had maintained the yard treatments. Each additional yard work activity reported was predicted to lower 1-yr floor dust lead loading at the rear common/main and dwelling unit entries by about 20%. Each additional 100 ft² of yard treated was predicted to lower 1-yr floor dust loading at the rear dwelling unit entry by 19%. Treatments did not show a dust lead effect at 1 yr in the front entryway of the building, but the investigators believe that this may be due to the effect of resident cleaning overshadowing the treatment effect.
This study examined whether the choice of interactors is influenced by indoor and outdoor situations. Peer relations among twenty-three-year-old, eighteen-four-year-old, and twenty-five-year-old children in an urban preschool in Japan were observed during indoor and outdoor free play situations. We analyzed the partners in the interactions, the number, and the stability of interactors. The Shannon-Wiener diversity index (H) was used to measure the stability of interactors. In outdoor situations, three-year-old and four-year-old children were involved with a diversity of interactors, while four-year-old children's preferred friends were stable. Five-year-old children showed a relation with stable interactors in both indoor and outdoor situations, choosing different interactors in each situation. In addition, the children who had few interactors in indoor situations increased their relations with interactors in outdoor situations. These results suggest that three-year-old and four-year-old children are affected by environmental factors that seem to stimulate the children's physiognomic perception, whereas five-year-old children make use of the environment. Opportunities for children to encounter various situations and meet various peers may facilitate the development of social relations.

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Arsenic from chromated copper arsenate (CCA)–treated wood, widely used in playgrounds and other outdoor equipment, can persist as surface residues on wood. This raises concerns about possible health risks associated with children playing on CCA-treated playgrounds. In a Pilot Study, 11 children (13–71 months) in homes with and without CCA-treated playgrounds were evaluated with post-exposure hand rinses and urine for total arsenic. Samples of wood, soil, and mulch, as well as synthetic wipes, were sampled for total arsenic. In non-CCA-treated playgrounds vs. CCA-treated playgrounds, respectively, wood arsenic was <2.0 mg/kg vs. mean arsenic 2370 mg/kg (range 1440–3270 mg/kg); soil arsenic was <3.0 mg/kg vs. mean arsenic of 19 mg/kg (range 4.0–42 mg/kg); mulch arsenic at one non-CCA-treated playground was 0.4 mg/kg vs. two CCA-treated playgrounds of 0.6 and 69 mg/kg. The arsenic removed using a synthetic wipe at non-CCA-treated playgrounds was <0.5 microg, while mean arsenic from CCA-treated wood was 117 microg (range 1.0–313). The arsenic mass from hand rinses for children who played at non-CCA-treated playgrounds was <0.2 microg, while mean arsenic mass was 0.6 microg (range <0.2–1.9) at CCA-treated playgrounds. Mean urinary total arsenic levels were 13.6 pg/ml (range 7.2–23.1 pg/ml) for all children evaluated, but there was no association between access to CCA-playgrounds and urinary arsenic levels. Arsenic speciation was not performed. This preliminary Pilot Study of CCA-treated wood playgrounds observed dislodgeable arsenic on 11 children's hands after brief periods of play exposure. Future efforts should increase the number of children and the play exposure periods, and incorporate speciation in order to discriminate between various sources of arsenic.
This paper describes the first author's attempt to collect data in a homeless shelter without attending to her role in the social class hierarchy of the organization. The author's egalitarian approach towards the homeless clients, and her lack of involvement in "staff-only" activities, transgress the social class norms within the organizational structure. While the author is successful in gaining the trust of the homeless clients, her approach alienates shelter staff, especially those in the higher echelons of the social hierarchy. The concepts of classism, world views, and Social Identity Theory, are utilized to discuss the dilemma faced by researchers who want to challenge, or work outside, a setting's status quo

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BACKGROUND: To more efficiently reduce social inequalities in mortality, it is important to establish which causes of death contribute the most to socioeconomic mortality differentials. Few studies have investigated which diseases contribute to existing socioeconomic mortality differences in specific age groups and none were in samples of the whole population, where selection bias is minimized. The aim of the present study was to determine which causes of death contribute the most to social inequalities in mortality in each age group in the whole population of Scania, Sweden. METHODS: Data from LOMAS (Longitudinal Multilevel Analysis in Skane) were used to estimate 12-year follow-up mortality rates across levels of socioeconomic position (SEP) and workforce participation in 975,938 men and women aged 0 to 80 years, during 1991-2002. RESULTS: The results generally showed increasing absolute mortality differences between those holding manual and non-manual occupations with increasing age, while there were inverted u-shaped associations when using relative inequality measures. Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) contributed to 52% of the male socioeconomic difference in overall mortality, cancer to 18%, external causes to 4% and psychiatric disorders to 3%. The corresponding contributions in women were 55%, 21%, 2% and 3%. Additionally, those outside the workforce (i.e., students, housewives, disability pensioners, and the unemployed) showed a strongly increased risk of future mortality in all age groups compared to those inside the workforce. Even though coronary heart disease (CHD) played a major contributing role to the mortality differences seen, stroke and other types of cardiovascular diseases also made substantial contributions. Furthermore, while the most common types of cancers made substantial contributions to the socioeconomic mortality differences, in some age groups more than half of the differences in cancer mortality could be attributed to rarer cancers. CONCLUSION: CHD made a major contribution to the socioeconomic differences in overall mortality. However, there were also important contributions from diseases with less well understood mechanistic links with SEP such as stroke and less-common cancers. Thus, an increased understanding of the mechanisms connecting SEP with more rare causes of disease might be important to be able to more successfully intervene on socioeconomic differences in health.
Metals occur naturally in soil, but contents are generally increased in the urban environment due to anthropogenic activities. The presence of elevated metals in soils of the urban environment has been recognized as an important source of metal intake in children and is linked to elevated metal levels in children's blood. Several metals have undesirable health effects, especially on children due to their still developing nervous system and small body volumes. Playgrounds are where urban children spend most of their time outdoors and are also where children most frequently come in contact with soil. Elevated contents of metals in playgrounds are therefore of great concern for children's wellbeing. This study investigates the soil metal content of 25 playgrounds located in different land use areas in urban Uppsala, Sweden's fourth largest city. Uppsala covers an area of approximately 100 km² and has a population of 136,000. The soil samples were analysed for 12 metals (Al, As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Fe, Hg, Mn, Ni, Pb, W, Zn) using aqua regia. Median metal contents were found to be 1.8, 3.4, 0.21, 32, 25, 2.5, 0.14, 494, 19, 26, 0.35 and 84 mg kg⁻¹ soil for each of the above metals, respectively. The median clay content was around 20% while the organic matter content was measured by loss on ignition at a median of 8%. The land use areas included industrial land, the city center, road verges, natural land and former industrial land. The results showed that land use did not have the expected large influence on the total metal contents of the soils tested. The clay content together with the age of the site proved to be a more important factor. Sites with elevated clay contents had in general elevated metal contents, which were explained by the relatively high adsorption capacity of clay particles. The soils at sites where land use had not been altered since the 1800s had increased metal contents compared to playgrounds constructed in the late 1900s. The immobility of metals once they had entered the soil system was the reason for increased metal content in soils of old playgrounds. It was concluded that in cities with few internal pollution sources, the soil characteristics of the site and the time the soil has been on-site to accumulate metal residues become important factors in determining the soil metal content.

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T1 - Interaction of lexical and grammatical aspect in toddlers' language

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This study examined the effect of lexical aspect on children's imitation accuracy of English tense-aspect morphology. Thirty-five typically developing children, ages 2;4 to 3;1, imitated sentence-pairs in which the same regular verb was used once in an activity (skip on the rug) and once in an accomplishment (skip out the door). Children imitated past-imperfective morphology equally well in accomplishments and activities, but they imitated past-perfective morphology with higher accuracy in accomplishments than activities. These findings suggest that children's early morphology development is influenced by lexical aspect conveyed at the sentence level, as predicted by the PROTOTYPE HYPOTHESIS.
Physical performance of 1,194 preschool children, ages 43 to 84 mo. was related to characteristics of physical growth, cognitive performance, and social variables. Correlations between measures of physical growth and physical performance and between motor and cognitive performance were positive and significant. Physical fitness, body coordination, and manual dexterity improved across age groups. Significant sex differences were found, although boys exceeded on some measures and girls on others. Children with older sisters or brothers performed better than only or first-born children, and children who participated in sports activities outside school outperformed those who did not.
OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this study were (1) to describe the auditory characteristics of children with autism relative to those of typically developing children and (2) to describe the test-retest reliability of behavioral auditory test measures with this population of children with autism. DESIGN: Audiometric data were obtained from 22 children diagnosed with autism and 22 of their typically developing peers. The audiologic test battery consisted of behavioral measures (i.e., visual reinforcement audiometry, tangible reinforcement operant conditioning audiometry, and conditioned play audiometry) and physiological measures (auditory brain stem response audiometry, distortion product otoacoustic emissions, and acoustic reflexes). RESULTS: Children with autism had physiologic test results equivalent to their typically developing counterparts. That is, no differences in auditory brain stem response audiometry, distortion product otoacoustic emissions, or acoustic reflex results were noted between the children with autism and typically developing children. However, behavioral measures revealed that about half of the children diagnosed with autism presented pure-tone averages outside of normal limits (i.e., >20 dB HL), although their response thresholds to speech were within normal limits. All behavioral test results were within normal limits (i.e., <=20 dB HL) for the typically developing children. In addition, test-retest variability was typically 15 dB or greater for children with autism as compared with variability of 10 dB or less for most of the typically developing children. CONCLUSIONS: Children with autism demonstrated essentially equivalent results on a battery of physiological auditory tests as those obtained from typically developing children. In addition, test-retest variability was typically 15 dB or greater for children with autism as compared with variability of 10 dB or less for most of the typically developing children. Furthermore, approximately half of the children with autism demonstrated behavioral pure-tone averages outside of the normal hearing range (i.e., >20 dB HL) despite having normal to near-normal hearing sensitivity as determined by other audiometric measures.
N2 - AIMS: The present study aims to assess the biological uptake in children of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons measured as 1-hydroxypyrene in urine from children living in city and rural residences. METHODS: 103 children living in Copenhagen and 101 children living in rural residences of Denmark collected urine samples Monday to Friday morning. Each day, the family filled in a printed diary that included questions about the time and activity patterns of the child. Multiple regression analyses were used to identify predictors of the excreted 1-hydroxypyrene level. RESULTS: During the week, the children excreted on average 0.07 [95% CI: 0.01-0.41] micromol urinary 1-hydroxypyrene per mol creatinine. Children living in urban residences excreted 0.02 [95% CI: 0.01-0.05] micromol more 1-hydroxypyrene than children living in rural residences. This was confirmed in the multiple regression analysis showing a 29% (95% CI: 2-64%) higher excretion among urban children than rural children. Moreover, the regression analysis showed that for each hour per day spent outside the children excreted 58% (1.58 [1.22-2.03]) more 1-hydroxypyrene in urine.

CONCLUSION: The present study indicates that children living in urban residences are more exposed to PAH than children living in rural residences. Time spent outdoors increased the excretion of 1-hydroxypyrene, which was most evident among urban children. Higher concentrations of ambient air pollution in urban areas may explain this finding. No influence of environmental tobacco smoke, cooking habits, and heating facilities was detected.

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BACKGROUND: Regular physical activity is strongly advocated in children, with recommendations suggesting up to several hours of daily participation. However, an unintended consequence of physical activity is exposure to the risk of injury. To date, these risks have not been quantified in primary school-aged children despite injury being a leading cause for hospitalization and death in this population. OBJECT: Our goal was to quantify the risk of injury associated with childhood physical activity both in and out of the school setting and calculate injury rates per exposure time for organized and non-organized activity outside of school. METHODS: The Childhood Injury Prevention Study prospectively followed a cohort of randomly selected Australian primary school- and preschool-aged children (4 to 12 years). Over 12 months, each injury that required first aid attention was registered with the study. Exposure to physical activity outside school hours was measured by a parent-completed 7-day diary. The age and gender distribution of injury rates per 10 000 hours of exposure were calculated for all activity and for organized and non-organized activity occurring outside school hours. In addition, child-based injury rates were calculated for physical activity-related injuries both in and out of the school setting. RESULTS: Complete diary and injury data were available for 744 children. There were 504 injuries recorded over the study period, 396 (88.6%) of which were directly related to physical activity. Thirty-four percent of physical activity-related injuries required professional medical treatment. Analysis of injuries occurring outside of school revealed an overall injury rate of 5.7 injuries per 10000 hours of exposure to physical activity and a medically treated injury rate of 1.7 per 10000 hours. CONCLUSION: Injury rates per hours of exposure to physical activity were low in this cohort of primary school-aged children, with <2 injuries requiring medical treatment occurring for every 10000 hours of activity participation outside of school.
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KW - Air Pollutants/ae [Adverse Effects]
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KW - Lung/ed [Growth & Development]
KW - Weather
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JF - Archives de Pediatrie
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N2 - The prevalence of asthma and allergic diseases has increased world-wide during the last quarter of the 20th century, particularly among children and adolescents. No change common to all sites where asthma has increased throughout the world has been identified, suggesting that this 'epidemic' phenomenon is likely due to multiple factors. The following have been most discussed: exposure to indoor and outdoor allergens, modification of the patterns of respiratory infections, decreasing trends of physical activity, evolution in the make-up of environmental irritants, including tobacco smoke and urban air toxicants. In this review, we point out the role of exposure to air pollutants, in addition to and in combination with other asthma enhancers or precipitators. Whereas concentrations of the 'classical' air quality indicators (SO2, CO) have more or less steadily decreased, asthma prevalence augmented in developed countries during the same period. However, the nature of the air pollution mix has deeply evolved, and should also be considered. Ambient air concentrations of industrial and house heating combustion sources of pollutants in the city have substantially decreased, but by contrast the concentrations of various ultrafine particles have increased. Now, there is in vitro and in vivo evidence that exposure to urban air particles, and particularly to diesel exhausts, elicits chronic oxidative stress and repeated inflammatory responses, so that they may enhance allergic inflammation and airway hyper-responsiveness. Several epidemiological studies suggested an association between traffic density close to places of children's residence and prevalence of respiratory symptoms, and more specifically of asthma or allergic rhinitis symptoms in them. Chronic exposure during infancy to traffic-related pollutants may accelerate or even provoke, among genetically sensitive subjects, disruption of the normal regulatory and repair processes eventually contributing to the increase of asthma incidence. [References: 47]
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T1 - Characteristics of 1494 pediatric burn patients in Shanghai
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To analyze the epidemiological characteristics of pediatric burn patients in Shanghai and to determine the targets for a pediatric burn prevention program, a retrospective review of all medical records of acute pediatric burn patients (age ≤14 years old) admitted to the Burn Center of the Ruijin Hospital between January 1980 and December 2002 was performed. Patient demographics, etiology of burn, mechanism of injury, extent and anatomical areas burned, number of operations, and length of hospital stay were recorded. A total of 1494 pediatric burn patients were admitted. Six hundred eighty-seven (46%) patients were from the migrant population (non-registered population of temporary workers from rural areas outside of Shanghai). Scalding was the main cause of pediatric burns in the age groups. Children 0-3-year-old were the most common victims of scalding, chemical burns, and contact burns. Domestic burns resulted in 1293 (86.5%) injuries followed by burns occurring while playing in public. The incidence of domestic burns has increased since the beginning of the study period, while the incidence of burns while playing in public has decreased. The median total body surface area was 4% for mild burns, 10% for moderate burns, and 18% for extensive burns. Predominant areas involved were the head, neck, anterior trunk, and right lower limb. Most children received conservative treatment, and their mean hospital stay was 16.1+/−12.2 days. There were 17 (1.1%) deaths, mostly due to sepsis (82.4%). Migrant children are the majority of burn victims since 1996. The education of burn prevention should focus on the migrant population in an industrializing city.
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KW - Parents
KW - Reproducibility of Results
KW - Speech Production Measurement
KW - Teaching/mt [Methods]
KW - Teaching/st [Standards]
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N2 - PURPOSE: The purpose of this study was to examine the effects of facilitating generalized use of teaching strategies by parents of children with autism within daily routines. METHOD: Five preschool children with autism participated in intervention with a parent within daily routines in the family's home. Parents learned to include 2 teaching strategies in target routines to address their child's communication objectives. Parent-child interactions in routines were videotaped for data coding and analysis. Proactive programming of generalization occurred by systematic selection of intervention routines and by embedding intervention in multiple routines. Generalization data were collected by measuring strategy use in untrained routines. A multiple baseline design across teaching strategies was used to assess experimental effects. RESULTS: All parents demonstrated proficient use of teaching strategies and generalized their use across routines. The intervention had positive effects on child communication outcomes. All parents perceived the intervention to be beneficial. CONCLUSION: Results from this study add to the limited body of evidence supporting parent-implemented interventions in natural environments with young children with autism spectrum disorder. Additional research that replicates this approach with children of varying ages and disabilities and families with diverse characteristics is needed to support the generality of these findings
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BACKGROUND: To compare the performance of clear and photochromic spectacle lenses in children and adolescents, with respect to visual acuity and satisfaction with day-to-day activities. METHODS: Fifty full-time spectacle wearers, aged 10 to 15 years, were randomly assigned to wear clear and Transitions photochromic spectacle lenses for two weeks each in a crossover fashion. Subjects were evaluated at screening, lens delivery and two weeks post-delivery. At each visit, distance and near visual acuity (VA, logMAR) were assessed and subjective questionnaires, using Likert scales, were administered. Parents/guardians also completed questionnaires at entry and exit from the study. RESULTS: There were no significant differences in VA between clear and photochromic lenses (p > 0.05) and no difficulties were encountered with completion of the questionnaires. Subjective evaluation of vision in bright sunlight and when playing sport was significantly better with photochromic compared to clear lenses (p < 0.05). There were no significant differences between lens designs in subjective performance indoors, such as in the classroom or when reading (p > 0.05). Forty-three subjects (88 per cent) chose to continue wearing photochromic lenses on conclusion of the trial. Thirty subjects (61 per cent) preferred photochromic over clear lenses due to reasons such as darkening in sunlight, better vision and less squinting in sunlight. Forty-three parents (88 per cent) rated the children's overall experience with photochromic lenses to be favourable or very favourable. CONCLUSION: Photochromic lenses can be successfully prescribed for children and adolescents aged 10 to 15 years. Clear and photochromic lenses were considered to be equivalent for indoor activities; however, photochromic lenses were significantly preferred over clear lenses for outdoor activities. Likert grading scales can be used effectively in questionnaires for children and adolescents and further development of questionnaires for use in clinical trials evaluating lens performance in children is warranted.
Seroepidemiological study of Rickettsia felis, Rickettsia typhi, and Rickettsia conorii infection among the population of southern Spain

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KW - Boutonneuse Fever/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Rickettsia Infections/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Rickettsia conorii
KW - Rickettsia felis
KW - Rickettsia typhi
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Seroepidemiologic Studies
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KW - Typhus
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N2 - Rickettsia typhi and Rickettsia conorii, the etiologic agents of, respectively, murine typhus and Mediterranean spotted fever, are recognized as frequent causes of fever of intermediate duration in southern Spain; in addition, in recent years Rickettsia felis has been detected in potential vectors in this area.
Nevertheless, limited data exist regarding the actual prevalence of past infection due to these three pathogens. In the present study, the prevalence of past infection due to R. felis, R. typhi, and R. conorii was determined in a representative population of southern Spain during 2002. In addition, the possible risk factors associated with exposure to these pathogens were investigated. An epidemiological survey was completed by all subjects included in the study. Serum samples were tested by indirect immunofluorescence assay. The prevalence of past infection due to R. felis, R. typhi, and R. conorii among the 504 total subjects was 6.5, 3.8 and 8.7%, respectively. In multivariate analysis, infection due to R. felis was independently associated with a high-risk occupation (one that required working outdoors in nature, close contact with domestic animals, or potential contact with rodents) (OR=5.8; 95%CI 2.1-15.6), while infection due to R. typhi was associated with older age (factor of 1.04 [95%CI 1.008-1.068]) and frequent insect bites (OR=10.3; 95%CI 2.3-45.5). Two factors were associated with infection due to R. conorii: a high-risk occupation (OR=9.3; 95%CI 3.7-23.2), and participation in outdoor activities (OR=7.2; 95%CI 1.4-38.5). The results confirm the widespread prevalence of past infection due to R. felis, R. typhi, and R. conorii in the population of southern Spain.

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KW - Cause of Death
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KW - Female
KW - Heart Diseases/cl [Classification]
KW - Heart Diseases/su [Surgery]
KW - Heart Transplantation/mo [Mortality]
KW - Heart Transplantation/pa [Pathology]
KW - Heart-Lung Transplantation/pa [Pathology]
KW - Humans
KW - Italy
KW - Lung Diseases/su [Surgery]
KW - Lung Transplantation/mo [Mortality]
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Physicians caring for heart and lung transplantation patients utilize routine follow-up biopsies on a prearranged schedule unrelated to the suspicion of a clinical diagnosis of rejection. Of course, biopsies are also performed outside the prearranged scheme at any time the clinician is puzzled by clinical suspicion of rejection or infections. Technical considerations are important in handling the biopsies; pathologists who are aware of bias produced by tissue processing are forced to serially section the samples to increase the sensitivity for detection of the pathological processes. During the 20 years since the first Italian cardiac transplantation was performed in our center, 600 patients have been transplanted and monitored with 12,386 endomyocardial biopsies. The overall 5-year mortality was 24.5% and 18.4% in pediatric populations; at 10 years, 34%, and at 19 years, 55%. There was a progressive decrease in mortality from 36.8% in 1985 to 1990 to 12% in the 1996 to 2000. During a decade of experience in lung transplantation from May 1995 to May 2005 (n = 129), all patients underwent surveillance bronchoscopy including transbronchial biopsy (n = 722) and bronchoalveolar lavage (n = 629). The ancillary techniques of immunohistochemistry and molecular analysis have allowed the pathologists to play a pivotal role in the pre- and posttransplant management of patients requiring thoracic organ transplantation.
BACKGROUND: Almost one-third of patients with bloodstream infections with Candida species (candidemia) have onset of disease that occurs outside of the hospital or ≤ 2 days after hospital admission (i.e., community-onset candidemia). We compared the characteristics of patients who developed candidemia by the timing of onset of infection. METHODS: Incident episodes of candidemia were identified through active, population-based surveillance in Connecticut and in Baltimore and Baltimore County, Maryland, during 1 October 1998-30 September 2000. The molecular subtypes of a sample of 45 Candida parapsilosis isolates were evaluated using Southern blots hybridized with the complex probe Cp3-13. RESULTS: Overall, 356 (31%) of the 1143 incident episodes of candidemia were classified as community-onset disease (occurring ≤ 2 days after hospital admission), and 132 (37%) were caused by Candida albicans, 89 (25%) were caused by Candida glabrata, 57 (16%) were caused by C. parapsilosis, and 53 (15%) were caused by Candida tropicalis. Community-onset disease was less likely to be associated with concurrent immunosuppressive therapy, recent surgery, or use of a central venous catheter, compared with inpatient disease. Among patients with community-onset disease, the median time from blood culture to initiation of antifungal treatment was 2.7 days, the 30-day case-fatality rate was 26%, and 262 patients (75%) had been hospitalized at least once in the previous 3 months. Although there were few differences between patients with very recent hospitalization (in the previous 1 month), less recent hospitalization (previous 1-3 months), and no documented past hospitalization, C. parapsilosis was more frequently associated with community-onset disease as hospitalization became more distant. C. parapsilosis strains tended to be unique to the patient, with little similarity found between strain types, on the basis of epidemiologic classification of patients. CONCLUSION: We report that community-onset candidemia is common and occurs in patients with extensive contact with the health care system. Disease caused by C. parapsilosis tends to involve unique strains.
BACKGROUND: Pediatric cardiopulmonary arrest (CPA) outside of the hospital has a very high mortality rate. OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the etiology and initial compromise of pediatric CPA cases in hopes of developing strategies to improve out-of-hospital resuscitation. METHODS: The Ontario Prehospital Advanced Life Support (OPALS) study was a large multicenter initiative to evaluate the impact of emergency medical services (EMS) programs on 17 communities with 40,000 critically ill and injured patients who were older than 11 years. As part of this study, the authors conducted a retrospective observational cohort study that included all children younger than 18 years of age with out-of-hospital CPA, during an 11-year period from 1991-2002. CPA was defined as patient being pulseless, apneic, and requiring chest compressions. Data were collected from ambulance call reports and centralized dispatch data and were reviewed by two independent investigators. RESULTS: There were 503 children with CPA in the sample. Mean age was 5.6 years (range, 0-17 yr); 58.4% of patients were male, and 37.8% were younger than 1 year of age. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) first was started by a bystander in 32.4% of cases, whereas 66.0% were unwitnessed arrests. Initial rhythms were asystole 77.2% of the time, pulseless electrical activity 16.4% of the time, and ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia 4% of the time. Annual incidence was 9.1/100,000 children. CPA was witnessed in 34.0% of cases; 80.7% of these were bystander-witnessed, and 18.1% were EMS-witnessed. Primary pathogenic cause of arrest was medical in 61.2% of cases, trauma in 37.2% of cases, and indeterminate in 1.6% of cases. Initial underlying physiologic compromise of witnessed arrests was judged to be respiratory in 39.8% of cases, sudden collapse (presumed electrical) in 16.4% of cases, progressive shock in 1.2% of cases, and indeterminate in 42.6% of cases. Presumed etiology was trauma, 37.6%; sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), 20.3%; and respiratory disease, 11.6%, most commonly. Survival to hospital discharge was 2.0%. CONCLUSIONS: This is one of the largest population-based, prospective cohorts of pediatric CPA reported to date, and it reveals that most pediatric arrests are unwitnessed and receive no bystander CPR. Those that are witnessed most often are caused by respiratory arrests or trauma. Trauma, SIDS, and respiratory disease are the most common etiologies overall. These data are vital to planning large resuscitation trials looking at specific
Interventions (i.e., increasing bystander CPR) and highlight the need for better strategies for prevention and early recognition

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KW - Aggression/ph [Physiology]
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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Dehydroepiandrosterone/me [Metabolism]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Intelligence/ph [Physiology]
KW - Leadership
KW - Male
KW - Principal Component Analysis
KW - Reference Values
KW - Regression Analysis
KW - Saliva/me [Metabolism]
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Social Dominance
KW - Testosterone/me [Metabolism]
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N2 - This study explores the potential relationship between social behavior (aggression, dominance, and affiliation) and testosterone, androstenedione, and DHEA measurements in 5-year-old children while also analyzing the moderating effect of IQ on the hormone-behavior relationship. 129 healthy normal Iberian children (60 boys and 69 girls) were videotaped in free play interactions in the school playground. Their
behavior was then evaluated with particular emphasis on aggression, government, and affiliation. Testosterone, androstenedione, and DHEA levels were measured using an enzyme immunoassay technique in saliva samples. A test (K-BIT) which provides an IQ measurement for children was also administered to subjects. The correlation analysis revealed a positive relationship between the behavioral factor of Provocation and androstenedione in boys, and a regression analysis indicated that this relationship was moderated in a positive direction by the subject's intelligence. In girls, we observed a positive relationship between testosterone and Affectivity, with this relationship being moderated in a negative direction by intelligence.
clinics and community agencies in Hartford, Connecticut. PARTICIPANTS: Convenience sample of 41 pediatric clinicians (93% white, 73% female) and 85 parents (100% minority, 88% female, 47% < 12 years education). PHENOMENON OF INTEREST: Identification, understanding, and management of anemia. ANALYSIS: Researcher pairs coded complete transcriptions. Recurrent themes were identified, which were then contrasted and compared between clinicians and parents. RESULTS: Both clinicians and parents were familiar with, but frustrated by the persistence of anemia. They noted time constraints and poor communication during office visits as contributing to the problem. Parents felt alarmed upon initial diagnosis; linked anemia with heredity, food patterns, and activity; reported culturally linked management strategies; but were uncertain of the seriousness. Health clinicians saw physiological processes as outside the parents' understanding and emphasized prevention through feeding recommendations. CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS: In order to address childhood anemia effectively, differing socio-cultural perspectives of clinicians and parents need to be incorporated into a unified health care plan. Nutritionists are well suited to collaborate on the health care team to effectively address this issue.
Ingestion of contaminated soil has been recognized as an important exposure pathway of cadmium (Cd) for humans, especially for children through outdoor hand-to-mouth activities. The effect of ageing process following the input of Cd into soil on the bioaccessibility of Cd in five typical soils of China was investigated using physiologically based in vitro test in this study. A sequential extraction procedure was employed with attempt to identify the bioaccessible fraction(s) of Cd in soils. The bioaccessibility of Cd in strongly acidic (approximately pH 4.5) soils reached nearly steady levels (76.5-76.9% and 52.0-52.6% in the gastric and small intestinal phases, respectively) after a sharp decline in the first week of ageing. In contrast, the bioaccessibility of Cd in higher pH (>6.0) soils was found to be much lower (53.3-72.7% and 29.9-43.4% in gastric and small intestinal phases, respectively) and took 2 weeks of ageing to reach steady levels. The freshly spiked Cd was more labile than native Cd. The main proportion of spiked Cd was found in exchangeable Cd which was higher in strongly acidic soils (68.6-71.8%) than in higher pH soils (53.4-61.4%) at day 120 after a sharp decline to the nearly steady state in the first 1 and 2 weeks, respectively. Significant correlations between Cd bioaccessibility and either water soluble and exchangeable Cd individually, or the sum of water soluble and exchangeable Cd throughout the incubation period for all soils, indicate that these forms of Cd are likely to constitute the main proportion of bioaccessible Cd in soils

OBJECTIVE: Children's physical activity levels are difficult to establish on a day-to-day or season-to-season basis. Most studies have attempted to measure reliability in habitual settings. This study investigated the
variability in children's physical activity during recess. METHODS: Fifteen boys and 19 girls (aged 6 to 11 years) from 2 schools in North West England wore heart rate monitors for 5 consecutive days in summer and winter terms to assess day-to-day and seasonal variability during school recess. Data were collected in 2004. Repeated measures ANOVA's and intraclass correlations (ICC) analysed the day-to-day and seasonal variability in children's moderate-to-vigorous (MVPA) and vigorous physical activity (VPA) data. RESULTS: There were no significant differences in children's MVPA and VPA across days and seasons. ICCs for MVPA across 2 days ranged from 0.75 to 0.85 in summer, and from 0.53 to 0.81 in winter. Three-day MVPA ICCs were 0.83 in summer and 0.71 in winter. CONCLUSIONS: The results revealed no significant variation in children's recess physical activity levels across days and seasons. Whilst children were free to choose their recess activities in school, the results suggested that children were relatively consistent in their choices, limiting physical activity variability.

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KW - Environmental Health
KW - Environmental Monitoring/mt [Methods]
KW - Humans
KW - Ozone/an [Analysis]
KW - Respiratory Tract Diseases/et [Etiology]
KW - Rural Population
KW - Schools
KW - Sports
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N2 - In spite of epidemiological evidence concerning vehicular air pollution and adverse respiratory/cardiovascular health, many athletic fields and school playgrounds are adjacent to high traffic roadways and could present long-term health risks for exercising children and young adults. Particulate matter (PM(1);0.02-1.0 microm diameter) number counts were taken serially at four elementary school athletic/playground fields and at one university soccer field. Elementary school PM1 measurements were taken over 17 days; measurements at the university soccer field were taken over 62 days. The high-traffic-location elementary school field demonstrated higher 17-day [PM1] than the moderate and 2 low traffic elementary school fields (48,890 +/- 34,260, 16,730 +/- 10,550, 11,960 +/- 6680, 10,030 +/- 6280, respective mean counts; p < .05). The 62-day mean PM1 values at the university soccer field ranged from 115,000 to 134,000 particles cm(-3). Lowest mean values were recorded at measurement sites furthest from the highway (approximately 34,000 particles cm(-3)) and followed a second-order logarithmic decay (R2 = .999) with distance away from the highway. Mean NO2 and SO2 levels were below 100 ppb, mean CO was 0.33 +/- 1.87 ppm, and mean O3 was 106 +/- 47 ppb. Ozone increased with rising temperature and was highest in the warmer afternoon hours (R = .61). Although the consequence of daily recess play and athletic activities by school children and young athletes in high ambient [PM1] conditions has not yet been clearly defined, this study is a critical component to evaluating functional effects of chronic combustion-derived PM exposure on these exercising schoolchildren and young adults. Future studies should examine threshold limits and mechanistic actions of real-world particle exposure.

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T1 - Emergency department visits among pediatric patients for sports-related injury: basic epidemiology and impact of race/ethnicity and insurance status
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OBJECTIVES: (1) To characterize the demographics and external causes of pediatric sports injury-related visits (SIRVs) to emergency departments (EDs). (2) To analyze the effect of race/ethnicity and insurance on SIRVs to EDs.

METHODS: A stratified random-sample cross-sectional survey of EDs in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey was conducted from 1997-2001; for patients younger than 19 years, we used all visits [n = 33,654; injury-related visits (IRVs) = 13,496, SIRVs = 2990]. We examined both the external cause codes and the actual verbatim text of all IRVs. National estimates of pediatric IRVs were obtained using the assigned patient visit weights in the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey databases and SUDAAN 9.1 software (SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC).

RESULTS: Sports injuries resulted in 2.5 million visits annually, or 23% of ED IRVs. Male sex, older age (6-18 years), and white race/ethnicity are associated with higher rates of SIRVs. Cycling, basketball, playground injuries, and football resulted in the largest numbers of ED SIRVs. Leading diagnoses for SIRVs included fractures and dislocations, sprains and strains, open wounds, and contusions. Hispanic race/ethnicity was associated with lower rates of SIRVs across all insurance types. After controlling for demographic factors and insurance, Hispanic children were less likely to have an SIRV than white children (odds ratio, 0.7; 95% confidence interval, 0.6-0.9). CONCLUSIONS: Sports and recreation are the leading causes of pediatric ED IRVs. Hispanic children, regardless of insurance status, had lower rates of SIRVs than white children, which helps explain the lower rate of nonfatal IRVs to EDs among Hispanic youth.

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In New Orleans, LA prior to hurricane Katrina 20-30% of inner-city children had elevated blood Pb levels > or =10 microg/dL and 10 census tracts had a median surface soil level of Pb >1000 mg/kg (2.5 times the U.S. standard). This project tests the feasibility of transporting and grading contaminated properties (n = 25) with 15 cm (6 in.) of clean Mississippi River alluvium from the Bonnet Carre Spillway (BCS) (median soil Pb content 4.7 mg/kg; range 1.7-22.8). The initial median surface soil Pb was 1051 mg/kg (maximum 19 627). After 680 metric tons (750 tons) of clean soil cover was emplaced on 6424 m2 (69 153 ft2), the median surface soil Pb decreased to 6 mg/kg (range 3-18). Interior entrance wipe samples were collected at 10 homes before and after soil treatment and showed a decreasing trend of Pb (p value = 0.048) from a median of 52 microg/ft2 to a median of 36 microg/ft2 (25th and 75th percentiles are 22 and 142 microg/ft2 and 12 and 61 microg/ft2, respectively). Average direct costs for properties with homes were $3,377 ($1.95 per square foot), with a range of $1,910-7,020, vs $2,622 ($0.61 per square foot), with a range of $2,400-3,040 for vacant lots. Approximately 40% (86,000) of properties in New Orleans are in areas of >400 mg Pb/kg soil and estimated direct costs for treatment are between $225.5 and $290.4 million. Annual costs of Pb poisoning in New Orleans are estimated at approximately $76 million in health, education, and societal harm. Urban accumulation of Pb is an international problem; for example, the new Government of Norway established a policy precedence for an isolated soil cleanup program at daycare centers, school playgrounds, and parks to protect children. New Orleans requires a community-wide soil cleanup program because of the extent and quantity of accumulated soil Pb. The post-Katrina benefits of reducing soil Pb are expected to outweigh the foreseeable costs of Pb poisoning to children returning to New Orleans.

N2 - In New Orleans, LA prior to hurricane Katrina 20-30% of inner-city children had elevated blood Pb levels > or =10 microg/dL and 10 census tracts had a median surface soil level of Pb >1000 mg/kg (2.5 times the U.S. standard). This project tests the feasibility of transporting and grading contaminated properties (n = 25) with 15 cm (6 in.) of clean Mississippi River alluvium from the Bonnet Carre Spillway (BCS) (median soil Pb content 4.7 mg/kg; range 1.7-22.8). The initial median surface soil Pb was 1051 mg/kg (maximum 19 627). After 680 metric tons (750 tons) of clean soil cover was emplaced on 6424 m2 (69 153 ft2), the median surface soil Pb decreased to 6 mg/kg (range 3-18). Interior entrance wipe samples were collected at 10 homes before and after soil treatment and showed a decreasing trend of Pb (p value = 0.048) from a median of 52 microg/ft2 to a median of 36 microg/ft2 (25th and 75th percentiles are 22 and 142 microg/ft2 and 12 and 61 microg/ft2, respectively). Average direct costs for properties with homes were $3,377 ($1.95 per square foot), with a range of $1,910-7,020, vs $2,622 ($0.61 per square foot), with a range of $2,400-3,040 for vacant lots. Approximately 40% (86,000) of properties in New Orleans are in areas of >400 mg Pb/kg soil and estimated direct costs for treatment are between $225.5 and $290.4 million. Annual costs of Pb poisoning in New Orleans are estimated at approximately $76 million in health, education, and societal harm. Urban accumulation of Pb is an international problem; for example, the new Government of Norway established a policy precedence for an isolated soil cleanup program at daycare centers, school playgrounds, and parks to protect children. New Orleans requires a community-wide soil cleanup program because of the extent and quantity of accumulated soil Pb. The post-Katrina benefits of reducing soil Pb are expected to outweigh the foreseeable costs of Pb poisoning to children returning to New Orleans.

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While studies of the physical activity habits of New Zealand children have been carried out, the findings have been restricted by the use of proxy and self-report measures and limited to total overall daily activity. Objective measurement of children's in-school and out-of-school physical activity using pedometry is likely to provide more accurate data on habitual daily activity. To date, no such data are available for New Zealand children. In the present study, children from school years 1-6 (girls, n=46; boys, n=45) at a New Zealand primary school wore a Yamax Digiwalker SW-200 pedometer to record school-based and out-of-school steps over a 3-day period. Mean daily steps for the overall sample were 14,333 (S.D.=4,110). Boys (X=15,606; S.D.=4,601) were significantly more active than girls (X=13,031; S.D.=3,079) (p=.00). Mean steps were also significantly higher in older age groups for both boys (p=.03) and in particular, girls (p=.00). Of note, for the overall sample, steps taken out of school made up 52.4% of total daily steps. Girls (53.6%) and boys (51.3%) took a similar proportion of their overall daily steps outside of the school environment. While a significant difference was found between the most and least active tertiles in steps taken during both during school hours (p=.00) and outside of school hours (p=.00), the most active third of the sample completed significantly more of their daily steps outside of school (55.1%) than did their least active (46.7%) counterparts (p=.00). These results suggest that physical activity outside of the school environment is a key contributor to a child's overall level of physical activity, reinforcing the need for interventions targeting the family and community as well as the school environment.
Outdoor air pollution and the indoor environment have been shown to cause or exacerbate childhood asthma. Allies Against Asthma coalitions implemented a broad range of activities to reduce or remediate indoor exposure to asthma environmental triggers for children with asthma including education and trigger remediation, physician and other health care provider education, and policy efforts to improve air quality in homes and schools. Outdoor environmental triggers were addressed through programs to increase education and awareness and efforts to change policies related to environmental conditions. Implementation of such efforts was complicated by the lack of safe and affordable housing and the amount of time and resources necessary to address policy change. Keys to success included promoting coordination and partnerships among coalition members, implementation of consistent messages, and building a broad and unified voice for policy change.

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Association of parental and children behaviors with the health status of preschool children

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BACKGROUND: Parental and children behaviors can be associated with health promotion and illness prevention in preschool children. METHODS: We interviewed mothers of 804 out of 1000 households with children aged 3 to 5 years randomly sampled in Tokyo, in 1997. Child health status was categorized as: "good", that is, good general health with no sick days; "poor", that is, fair to poor with frequent sick days; or "moderate". RESULTS: Good health status was associated with playing outside (OR=1.19, 95% CI: 1.03, 1.37) and family income (OR=1.38-1.78, depending on family income). Mothers of children with poor health were less likely to have good health behavior themselves (OR=0.76, 95% CI: 0.64, 0.90) and were more often sick (OR=1.55, 95% CI: 1.24, 1.94). CONCLUSION: Outdoor playing, good health practice of the mother and high income are associated with a better health status of urban preschool children.
BACKGROUND: The physical qualities of outdoor environments are important to trigger healthy behavior in children. We studied the impact of outdoor environments upon spontaneous physical activity and exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in 4- to 6-year-old children at 11 preschools in Stockholm county.

METHODS: In May-June 2004, pedometry and measurement of UV radiation were carried out on 197 children from 11 preschools in Stockholm county. Outdoor environments differed regarding vegetation, topography, space, and education. Ambient global UV radiation data were collected, free sky, and ground surface assessed. Arrival, in- and outdoor stay, and departure were recorded. For analysis, linear mixed model analysis was applied. RESULTS: In environments with trees, shrubbery, and broken ground, the mean step count/min was 21.5, and mean exposure to UV radiation as fraction of available UV during play outdoors 14.6%. In delimited environments with little vegetation, the mean step count/min was 17.7 and mean exposure fraction to UV radiation 24.3% (P < 0.001, crude). Step/min range was 8.9-30.0 (girls) and 8.8-37.2 (boys), UV radiation exposure range 4-60% (no difference between genders). CONCLUSION: Spacious preschool environments with trees, shrubbery, and broken ground trigger physical activity and yield sun protection in outdoor play. As many children attend preschool, access to such environments is recommended in community architecture.

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BACKGROUND: Describing adverse health effects and identifying vulnerable populations during and after a disaster are important aspects of any disaster relief operation. This study aimed to describe the mortality and related risk factors which affected the displaced population over a period of two and a half months after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami in an eastern coastal district of Sri Lanka.

METHODS: A cross-sectional household survey was conducted in 13 evacuation camps for internally displaced persons (IDP). Information on all pre-tsunami family members was collected from householders, and all deaths which occurred during the recall period (77 to 80 days starting from the day of the tsunami) were recorded. The distribution of mortality and associated risk factors were analysed. Logistic regression modelling using the generalized estimating equations method was applied in multivariate analysis.

RESULTS: Overall mortality rate out of 3,533 individuals from 859 households was 12.9% (446 deaths and 11 missing persons). The majority of the deaths occurred during and immediately after the disaster. A higher mortality was observed among females (17.5% vs. 8.2% for males, p < 0.001), children and the elderly (31.8%, 23.7% and 15.3% for children aged less than 5 years, children aged 5 to 9 years and adults over 50 years, respectively, compared with 7.4% for adults aged 20 to 29 years, p < 0.001). Other risk factors, such as being indoors at the time of the tsunami (13.8% vs. 5.9% outdoors, p < 0.001), the house destruction level (4.6%, 5.5% and 14.2% in increasing order of destruction, p < 0.001) and fishing as an occupation (15.4% vs. 11.2% for other occupations, p < 0.001) were also significantly associated with increased mortality. These correlations remained significant after adjusting for the confounding effects by multivariate analysis.

CONCLUSION: A significantly high mortality was observed in women and children among the displaced population in the eastern coastal district of Sri Lanka who were examined by us. Reconstruction activities should take into consideration these changes in population structure.
School represents a suitable setting for intervention programmes aiming to promote physical activity to benefit health. During the school day, physical education and school playtime offer children regular opportunities to engage in physical activity. However, there is growing concern that, internationally, curricular time allocated to physical education is not meeting statutory guidelines. The effectiveness of the playground environment to promote physical activity has been considered as a complementary setting to physical education. Physical activity guidelines state that children should engage in at least 1 hour of moderate intensity physical activity a day. Currently no empirically tested guidelines exist for physical activity levels during playtime. However, studies cited in this article indicate that playtime can contribute between 5-40% of recommended daily physical activity levels when no interventions have been utilised. The limited school-based investigations that have been reported in the literature suggest that boys engage in more physical activity during playtime than girls. Studies that have implemented intervention strategies in order to promote physical activity levels indicate that playtime can substantially contribute towards daily optimal physical activity guidelines. Energy expenditure and physical activity levels have increased during playtime following the implementation of playtime-based interventions. In order to advance knowledge of children's physical activity during playtime, a number of key issues for consideration in future research are detailed. Research on children's use of playtime to be physically active and the extent of the contribution of playtime to daily physical activity guidelines is warranted. [References: 59]
A probabilistic model (SHEDS-Wood) was developed to examine children's exposure and dose to chromated copper arsenate (CCA)-treated wood, as described in Part 1 of this two-part article. This Part 2 article discusses sensitivity and uncertainty analyses conducted to assess the key model inputs and areas of needed research for children's exposure to CCA-treated playsets and decks. The following types of analyses were conducted: (1) sensitivity analyses using a percentile scaling approach and multiple stepwise regression; and (2) uncertainty analyses using the bootstrap and two-stage Monte Carlo techniques. The five most important variables, based on both sensitivity and uncertainty analyses, were: wood surface residue-to-skin transfer efficiency; wood surface residue levels; fraction of hand surface area mouthed per mouthing event; average fraction of nonresidential outdoor time a child plays on/around CCA-treated public playsets; and frequency of hand washing. In general, there was a factor of 8 for the 5th and 95th percentiles and a factor of 4 for the 50th percentile in the uncertainty of predicted population dose estimates due to parameter uncertainty. Data were
available for most of the key model inputs identified with sensitivity and uncertainty analyses; however, there were few or no data for some key inputs. To evaluate and improve the accuracy of model results, future measurement studies should obtain longitudinal time-activity diary information on children, spatial and temporal measurements of residue and soil concentrations on or near CCA-treated playsets and decks, and key exposure factors. Future studies should also address other sources of uncertainty in addition to parameter uncertainty, such as scenario and model uncertainty

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T1 - Malaria prevention in The Gambia: patterns of expenditure and determinants of demand at the household level
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To provide a better understanding of (1) the amounts households in The Gambia spend on a wide variety of malaria prevention measures, (2) how expenditure fluctuates throughout the year and (3) the
main determinants of expenditure. METHODS: A random sample of 1700 households from the Farafenni region were interviewed about their expenditure on malaria prevention over the past 2 weeks. Interviews were staggered over 12 months. Expenditure was measured for bed nets, treating and repairing bed nets, aerosols, coils, indoor spraying, smoke and other prevention strategies such as drinking herbs and cleaning the outside environment. Results Expenditure on bed nets, including treatment and repair, constituted only 10% of total expenditure on malaria prevention. Every fortnight, households spent an average of 8.40 Dalasis (D) on coils, 4.20 D on indoor sprays, 3.09 D on smoke and 3.06 D on aerosols, together making up 81% of total fortnightly expenditure. Of the 442 households that did not own a bed net, 68% said it was because they could not afford one. Every 2 months, the same households spent an average of US 5 dollars, the equivalent to the cost of an insecticide treated bed net, on other forms of prevention. Total expenditure was 42% higher during the wet season than for the rest of the year. For every month of the year, coils were the dominant form of prevention expenditure. Wealth, age, occupation of household head, location of residence and month of the year were significant determinants of prevention expenditure. CONCLUSIONS: Households in The Gambia spend considerable amounts on a range of malaria prevention products and activities throughout the year. Bed nets represent a relatively small proportion of this expenditure even though they are perceived to be the most efficient and effective method of malaria control. A more concerted effort is needed to develop appropriate targeting strategies to encourage bed net use especially for children <5 years of age. Equal emphasis should be given to addressing barriers to purchasing nets such as their relative high upfront cost.
This review examines the evidence supporting an association between seeing smoking depictions in movies and adolescent smoking. The portrayal of tobacco use is common in movies and often modeled by movie stars who, from a social influences standpoint, should be powerful behavior change agents. The results of studies assessing audience responses to tobacco portrayal in movies are remarkably consistent in showing a moderate to strong association between seeing movie smoking and more positive attitudes toward smoking and adolescent smoking initiation. The population-based data include cross sectional samples from different regions of the United States, all supporting a movie smoking-teen smoking link. The two published longitudinal studies show an independent link between exposure to movie smoking at baseline and initiation in the future, with estimates of the effect size being remarkably consistent with their cross-sectional counterparts. Experimental research adds support by showing that scene depictions of smoking enhance positive views of smokers and increase intent to smoke in the future. Taken as a whole, this rich research base provides very strong support for the notion that movie smoking plays a role in smoking initiation among adolescents that warrants action at the individual and societal level. A major gap in our understanding is the impact of Hollywood movies on adolescents outside the United States. There is a real need for studies to be conducted in European and other populations to better understand the global reach of smoking in American film, since over half of box office revenues come from outside the United States. [References: 91]
INTRODUCTION: Currently, consensus is lacking on the indications for surgery in primary congenital unilateral hydronephrosis. OBJECTIVES: To analyze the clinical characteristics, treatment and outcome of severe asymptomatic primary congenital unilateral hydronephrosis (grades 3 and 4). PATIENTS AND METHODS: We performed a retrospective study of 98 neonates with severe primary congenital unilateral hydronephrosis. Diagnostic techniques consisted of ultrasound, renogram, and DMSA scan. RESULTS: The mean age at diagnosis was 24 days. The mean length of follow-up was 4 years. Forty-eight percent of cases were grade 3 and the remaining cases were grade 4. Fifty-six percent of the patients received conservative treatment. Forty-four percent underwent surgery. Surgical indications consisted of prolonged T1/2, reduced differential renal function and/or very severe hydronephrosis. The mean age at surgery was 5.5 months. In 94% of the patients who received conservative treatment, hydronephrosis resolved spontaneously. In this group, renal parenchyma and renal function were normal in all patients except two. In 97% of the patients who received surgical treatment, hydronephrosis was corrected or improved after pyeloplasty. At diagnosis, 19 kidneys had reduced function. In the postsurgical renogram, although T1/2 had markedly improved, 8 kidneys showed reduced function. DMSA performed in 63 patients belonging to both groups, outside the active phase of hydronephrosis, revealed 8 atrophic kidneys, 4 with moderately reduced renal size and function and 4 with scarring and normal renal size and function. During the study period, overall function was maintained in all patients and none developed hypertension. CONCLUSIONS: Severe congenital unilateral hydronephrosis resolves spontaneously in most patients. Consequently, clinicians increasingly adopt a conservative approach. The available diagnostic techniques cannot identify patients who will benefit from pyeloplasty. In general, accepted surgical indications are an increase in hydronephrosis and/or worsening of renal function. In our series, 15% of the patients with hydronephrosis had an irreversible lesion of variable severity, which in some patients seemed to have developed during embryogenesis. Kidneys at risk of presenting a lesion were those that had grade 4 hydronephrosis.
BACKGROUND: Acute pelvic pyomyositis is uncommon in non-tropical areas. OBJECTIVE: To summarize the clinical and MR findings in children with acute pelvic pyomyositis.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: We retrospectively identified 20 children (mean age 9.4 years) who were evaluated by MR and diagnosed with acute pelvic pyomyositis during the time period between January 2002 and June 2005. We reviewed clinical, laboratory, and imaging findings.

RESULTS: Fifteen of the 20 children had secondary pyomyositis associated with osteomyelitis (n=13), septic hip (n=4) or sacroiliitis (n=4); all were previously healthy except for one child with leukemia. Seven of the children with secondary pyomyositis underwent bone scintigraphy; three (43%) did not show pelvic abnormalities. Staphylococcus aureus was cultured in 13 of the 15 (87%) children. Five of the 20 children had primary pyomyositis. Three had underlying disease and two others were engaged in vigorous physical activity. Bone scintigraphies (n=2) were negative. Cultures were positive for S. aureus in three of the five (60%) children.

CONCLUSION: Septic hip should be the first diagnostic consideration in children with fever and acute hip pain. Pyomyositis should be considered if arthrocentesis is negative or there is clinical suspicion of infection outside the hip joint. MR is the preferred imaging modality for evaluating foci of pyomyositis, muscle abscesses, and additional foci of infection within the pelvis.
N2 - Mary Story, Karen Kaphingst, and Simone French argue that U.S. schools offer many opportunities for developing obesity-prevention strategies by providing more nutritious food, offering greater opportunities for physical activity, and providing obesity-related health services. Meals at school are available both through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's school breakfast and lunch programs and through "competitive foods" sold a la carte in cafeterias, vending machines, and snack bars. School breakfasts and school lunches must meet federal nutrition standards, but competitive foods are exempt from such requirements. And budget pressures force schools to sell the popular but nutritionally poor foods a la carte. Public discomfort with the school food environment is growing. But can schools provide more healthful food options without losing money? Limited evidence shows that they can. Although federal nutrition regulations are inadequate, they permit state and local authorities to impose additional restrictions. And many are doing so. Some states limit sales of nonnutritious foods, and many large school districts restrict competitive foods. Several interventions have changed school food environments, for example, by reducing fat content of food in vending machines and making more fruits and vegetables available. Interventions are just beginning to target the availability of competitive foods. Other pressures can also compromise schools' efforts to encourage physical activity. As states use standardized tests to hold schools and students academically accountable, physical education and recess have become a lower priority. But some states are now mandating and promoting more physical activity in schools. School health services can also help address obesity by providing screening, health information, and referrals to students, especially low-income students, who are at high risk of obesity, tend to be underinsured, and may not receive health services elsewhere.
BACKGROUND: The assembly of immunoglobulin genes during B cell development in the bone marrow is dependent on the expression of recombination activating genes (RAG) 1 and 2. Recently, RAG expression in peripheral blood IgD+ B cells outside the bone marrow has been demonstrated and is associated with the development of autoimmune diseases. OBJECTIVE: To investigate RAG expression in the CD5+ or CD5- IgD+ B cell compartment in childhood systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). METHODS: Using a combination of
flow cytometric cell sorting and reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction analysis of cDNA libraries generated from individual cells, the expression of RAG, VpreB, and CD154 mRNA by individual peripheral blood B cells of three paediatric SLE patients was examined in detail. RESULTS: While only one patient had a significantly increased frequency of RAG+ B cells in the CD5- cell population, all patients showed higher frequencies of RAG+ B cells in the CD5+IgD+ B cell population. The frequency of RAG+ IgD+CD5+/ B cells was reduced during intravenous cyclophosphamide treatment. In healthy age matched children, RAG expressing IgD+ B cells were hardly detectable. Coexpression of RAG and VpreB or CD154 mRNA could only be found in SLE B cells. CONCLUSIONS: RAG expression in peripheral blood B cells of SLE patients is particularly increased in the IgD+CD5+ B cell population. CD5+ and CD5- B cells in SLE have the potential to undergo receptor revision leading to the generation of high affinity pathogenic autoantibodies.
the emission of ammonia from indoor concrete wall in civil building and assess the health risk of people living in these buildings, the experimental pieces of concrete wall were first prepared by concreting cement and urea-based antifreeze admixtures to simulate the indoor wall in civil building in this work. Then environmental chamber was adopted for studying the effect of temperature, relative humidity and air exchange rate on emission of ammonia from experimental pieces of concrete wall. Also the field experiment was made at selected rooms in given civil buildings. Exposure and potential dose of adult and children exposed to indoor/outdoor ammonia in summer and in winter are calculated and evaluated by using Scenario Evaluation Approach. The results indicated that high air exchange rate leads to decreased ammonia concentration, and elevation of temperature causes increasing ammonia concentration and volatilizing rate in chamber. The complete emission of ammonia from the wall containing urea-based antifreeze admixtures needs more than 10 years in general. Ventilating or improving air exchange can play a significant role in reducing ammonia concentration in actual rooms in field experiments. Urea-based antifreeze admixtures in concrete wall can give rise to high exposure and potential dose, especially in summer. Generally, adults have a high potential dose than children, while children have personal average dose rate beyond adults in the same conditions.

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Children's exposure to arsenic and chromium from playground equipment constructed with chromated copper arsenate (CCA)-treated wood is a potential concern because of children's hand-to-mouth activity. However, there exists no direct measure of Cr levels on the hands of children after playing in such playgrounds. In this study we measured both soluble and total Cr on the hands of 139 children playing in playgrounds, eight of which were constructed with CCA-treated wood and eight of which were not. Children's age and duration of play were recorded. The hands of each child were washed after play with 150 mL deionized water, which was collected in a bag and subsequently underwent analysis of Cr and 20 other elements, using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry. Total average Cr on the hands of 63 children who played in CCA playgrounds was 1,112 +/- 1,089 ng (median, 688; range 78-5,875). Total average Cr on the hands of 64 children who played in non-CCA playgrounds was 652 +/- 586 ng (median, 492; range 61-3,377). The difference between the two groups is statistically significant (p < 0.01). Cr levels were highly correlated to both Cu (r = 0.672) and As (r = 0.736) levels in CCA playgrounds (p < or = 0.01), but not non-CCA playgrounds (r = 0.252 and 0.486 for Cu and As, respectively). Principal-component analysis indicates that Cr, Cu, and As are more closely grouped together in CCA than in non-CCA playgrounds. These results suggest that the elevated levels of Cr and As on children's hands are due to direct contact with CCA wood.

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KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Spleen/in [Injuries]
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BACKGROUND: Non-operative management of the great majority of blunt splenic injuries in children has become routine. Debate continues on the need for intensive care unit (ICU) admission, follow-up imaging and the duration of physical activity restrictions following injury. The purpose of this study was to review the recent experience of an Australian Paediatric Trauma Centre with splenic trauma to define current practice.

METHODS: A retrospective chart review of patients with splenic trauma admitted to the Children's Hospital at Westmead between November 1995 and December 2003. RESULTS: A total of 39 patients with blunt splenic trauma were identified: 20 (51%) were multiply injured. Thirty-three (85%) children were managed non-operatively. The most common initial imaging method was computed tomography (n = 28, 72%). Fourteen patients (36%) were admitted to the ICU with a mean length of stay (LOS) of 4.1 days (range 1-13 days). The overall mean LOS was 10.8 days (range 1-43 days). Nineteen patients (50%) had imaging studies performed after diagnosis but before discharge. Further post-discharge imaging was carried out in 21 cases (54%). There were no deaths, but 10 patients developed complications. The mean documented activity restriction was 7.4 weeks (range 1-16 weeks). CONCLUSION: The majority of children who had suffered blunt splenic trauma were safely managed non-operatively outside an ICU. In stable patients, there appeared to be no benefits associated with repeated imaging following the diagnosis of splenic trauma. Physical activity restriction in excess of 3-4 weeks did not appear to be warranted.

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T1 - The Stamp-in-Safety program: a behavioral intervention to reduce behaviors that can lead to unintentional playground injury in a preschool setting
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OBJECTIVE: To introduce and evaluate the Stamp-in-Safety program, a behavioral intervention designed to increase the quality of supervision by teachers on preschool playgrounds and to reduce the risk of unintentional child playground injury. METHODS: A quasi-experimental time series design was used, with observational techniques, to evaluate behavior on the playground before, during, and after the intervention as well as during a 6-month post-intervention assessment. RESULTS: Both applied behavior analysis techniques and inferential statistics suggest that the Stamp-in-Safety program resulted in behavioral changes likely to reduce the risk of child injury on the playgrounds of childcare centers. CONCLUSION: Results indicate promise for the Stamp-in-Safety program as a low-cost, easily implemented intervention to reduce pediatric playground injury risk at childcare centers. Suggestions for future research are offered.

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Mucolipidosis II (I-cell disease) and mucolipidosis IIIA (classical pseudo-hurler polydystrophy) are caused by mutations in the GlcNAc-phosphotransferase alpha / beta -subunits precursor gene.
N2 - Mucolipidosis II (MLII; I-cell disease) and mucolipidosis IIIA (MLIIIA; classical pseudo-Hurler polydystrophy) are diseases in which the activity of the uridine diphosphate (UDP)-N-acetylglucosamine:lysosomal enzyme N-acetylglucosamine-1-phosphotransferase (GlcNAc-phosphotransferase) is absent or reduced, respectively. In the absence of mannose phosphorylation, trafficking of lysosomal hydrolases to the lysosome is impaired. In these diseases, mistargeted lysosomal hydrolases are secreted into the blood, resulting in lysosomal deficiency of many hydrolases and a storage-disease phenotype. To determine whether these diseases are caused by mutations in the GlcNAc-phosphotransferase alpha/beta subunits precursor gene (GNPTAB), we sequenced GNPTAB exons and flanking intronic sequences and measured GlcNAc-phosphotransferase activity in patient fibroblasts. We identified 15 different mutations in GNPTAB from 18 pedigrees with MLII or MLIIIA and demonstrated that these two diseases are allelic. Mutations in both alleles were identified in each case, which demonstrated that GNPTAB mutations are the cause of both diseases. Some pedigrees had identical mutations. One frameshift mutation (truncation at amino acid 1171) predominated and was found in both MLII and MLIIIA. This mutation was found in combination with severe mutations (i.e., mutations preventing the generation of active enzyme) in MLII and with mild mutations (i.e., mutations allowing the generation of active enzyme) in MLIIIA. Some cases of MLII and MLIIIA were the result of mutations that cause aberrant splicing. Substitutions were inside the invariant splice-site sequence in MLII and were outside it in MLIIIA. When the mutations were analyzed along with GlcNAc-phosphotransferase activity, it was possible to confidently distinguish these two clinically related but distinct diseases. We propose criteria for distinguishing these two disorders by a combination of mutation detection and GlcNAc-phosphotransferase activity determination.
The interrupter technique is a noninvasive method for measuring air-flow resistance during tidal breathing. This method requires minimal cooperation, and is therefore promising for use in uncooperative children. The aim of this study was to evaluate applicability interrupter resistance (Rint) measurements in the assessment of exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB). Fifty children aged 5-12 years with mild to moderate asthma were tested by exercise challenge, consisting of free outdoor running for 6 min at 80-90% of maximal predicted heart rate for age. Rint, forced expiratory volume in 1 sec (FEV1), and peak expiratory flow (PEF) were measured before and 10 min after exercise. EIB was defined as a fall of 10% or more in FEV1 after exercise. The repeatability of Rint was assessed, and its response to exercise challenge was compared with current standardized methods. The mean intermeasurement coefficient of variation was 4.6% (SD, +/- 3.0%), and the repeatability coefficient was 0.056 kPa/l/sec. Eighteen (36%) of the 50 children had EIB after exercise challenge test. The area under the receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) curve was 0.953 (95% confidence interval, 0.853-0.992; P < 0.001), and the optimal Rint cutoff value was 15.2%, producing a sensitivity of 88.9% and a specificity of 96.9%. The positive and negative predictive values were 94.1% and 93.9%, respectively. The kappa value between FEV1 and Rint was 0.83. The repeatability of Rint measurements was good, and the results of exercise challenge tests using Rint measurements have excellent agreement with the current standardized methods to detect EIB. Considering that only minimal comprehension and coordination are needed without forced breathing technique, the Rint measurement can provide a useful alternative for assessment of EIB in children unable to perform reliable spirometry. (c) 2006 Wiley-Liss, Inc
BACKGROUND: Few studies have investigated the use of specific immunotherapy (SIT) for childhood seasonal allergic asthma. OBJECTIVE: We sought to examine the efficacy and safety of SIT with Alutard SQ grass pollen (Phleum pratense Alutard SQ; ALK-Abello, Horsholm, Denmark) in children with seasonal allergic asthma. METHODS: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study assessing the efficacy of grass pollen SIT over 2 pollen seasons was performed. Children (3-16 years) with a history of seasonal allergic asthma sensitized to grass pollen (P pratense) and requiring at least 200 microg of inhaled beclomethasone equivalent per day were enrolled. Subjects with symptomatic asthma or rhinoconjunctivitis outside the grass pollen season were excluded. The primary outcome measure was a combined asthma symptom-medication score during the second pollen season. Secondary outcome measures included end-point titration skin prick testing and conjunctival and bronchial provocation testing to allergen, sputum eosinophilia, exhaled nitric oxide, and adverse events. RESULTS: Thirty-nine subjects were enrolled. Thirty-five subjects provided data for analysis. The use of SIT was associated with a substantial reduction in asthma symptom-medication score compared with
that after placebo (P = .04). There were also significant reductions in cutaneous (P = .002), conjunctival (P = .02), and bronchial (P = .01) reactivity to allergen after SIT compared with that after placebo. The 2 groups had similar levels of airway inflammation, despite a trend toward less inhaled steroid use in the active group. No serious adverse events were reported, and no subjects withdrew because of adverse events. CONCLUSION: The study has shown that SIT is effective and well tolerated in children with seasonal allergic asthma to grass pollen.

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BACKGROUND: PEDIATRICS (ISSN Numbers: Print, 0031-4005; Online, 1098-4275). Published in the public domain by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Speech and language development is a useful indicator of a child's overall development and cognitive ability and is related to school success. Identification of children at risk for developmental delay or related problems may lead to intervention services and family assistance at a young age, when the chances for improvement are best. However, optimal methods for screening for speech and language delay have not been identified, and screening is practiced inconsistently in primary care. PURPOSE: We sought to evaluate the strengths and limits of evidence about the effectiveness of screening and interventions for speech and language delay in preschool-aged children to determine the balance of benefits and adverse effects of routine screening in primary care for the development of guidelines by the US Preventive Services Task Force. The target population includes all children up to 5 years old without previously known conditions associated with speech and language delay, such as hearing and neurologic impairments. METHODS: Studies were identified from Medline, PsycINFO, and CINAHL databases (1966 to November 19, 2004), systematic
reviews, reference lists, and experts. The evidence review included only English-language, published articles that are available through libraries. Only randomized, controlled trials were considered for examining the effectiveness of interventions. Outcome measures were considered if they were obtained at any time or age after screening and/or intervention as long as the initial assessment occurred while the child was < or =5 years old. Outcomes included speech and language measures and other functional and health outcomes such as social behavior. A total of 745 full-text articles met our eligibility criteria and were reviewed. Data were extracted from each included study, summarized descriptively, and rated for quality by using criteria specific to different study designs developed by the US Preventive Services Task Force. RESULTS: The use of risk factors for selective screening has not been evaluated, and a list of specific risk factors to guide primary care physicians has not been developed or tested. Sixteen studies about potential risk factors for speech and language delay in children enrolled heterogeneous populations, had dissimilar inclusion and exclusion criteria, and measured different risk factors and outcomes. The most consistently reported risk factors included a family history of speech and language delay, male gender, and perinatal factors. Other risk factors reported less consistently included educational levels of the mother and father, childhood illnesses, birth order, and family size. The performance characteristics of evaluation techniques that take < or =10 minutes to administer were described in 24 studies relevant to screening. Studies that were rated good to fair quality reported wide ranges of sensitivity and specificity when compared with reference standards (sensitivity: 17-100%; specificity: 45-100%). Most of the evaluations, however, were not designed for screening purposes, the instruments measured different domains, and the study populations and settings were often outside of primary care. No "gold standard" has been developed and tested for screening, reference standards varied across studies, few studies compared the performance of > or =2 screening techniques in 1 population, and comparisons of a single screening technique across different populations are lacking. Fourteen good- and fair-quality randomized, controlled trials of interventions reported significantly improved speech and language outcomes compared with control groups. Improvement was demonstrated in several domains including articulation, phonology, expressive language, receptive language, lexical acquisition, and syntax among children in all age groups studied and across multiple therapeutic settings. Improvement in other functional outcomes such as socialization skills, self-esteem, and improved play themes were demonstrated in some, but not all, of the 4 studies that measured them. In general, studies of interventions were small and heterogeneous, may be subject to plateau effects, and reported short-term outcomes based on various instruments and measures. As a result, long-term outcomes are not known, interventions could not be compared directly, and generalizability is questionable. CONCLUSIONS: Use of risk factors to guide selective screening is not supported by studies. Several aspects of screening have been inadequately studied to determine optimal methods, including which instrument to use, the age at which to screen, and which interval is most useful. Trials of interventions demonstrate improvement in some outcome measures, but conclusions and generalizability are limited. Data are not available addressing other key issues including the effectiveness of screening in primary care settings, role of enhanced surveillance by primary care physicians before referral for diagnostic evaluation, non-speech and language and long-term benefits of interventions, and adverse effects of screening and interventions. [References: 97]

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Sources of elemental mercury (Hg0) include old natural gas regulators, manometers, sphygmomanometers, thermometers, and thermostats. Causes of Hg0 spills include improper storage, container breakage, children playing with Hg0, the breakage of devices containing Hg0, and ritualistic use of Hg0. Inhalation is the primary exposure route for Hg0. Mercury released into the environment can enter lakes and streams, where bacteria convert it into methylmercury, which bioaccumulates in fish. Chronic exposure to Hg0 vapors can damage the kidneys and neurologic system. Short-term exposure to high levels of Hg0 vapors may cause lung damage, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, increases in blood pressure or heart rate, skin rashes, and eye irritation, among other effects. Minimizing Hg0 dispersal is important after an Hg0 spill. Tracking by shoes or apparel or vacuuming can spread Hg0, increasing airborne concentrations and cleanup costs. The Illinois Department of Public Health's response to an Hg0 spill depends on the size of the spill. Airborne concentrations after large spills are mapped with a mercury vapor analyzer (MVA). The cleanup begins with the spill site and any hot spots that were identified with the MVA. Hard surfaces can usually be cleaned, but contaminated porous items must be discarded. Leaving marginally contaminated items outdoors for a month or more during warm weather may dissipate the Hg0. After a cleanup, clearance sampling is conducted to determine if further cleanup is needed. The best way to prevent Hg0 spills is reduce its use. Key words: cleanup, elemental mercury, health effects, mercury, prevention, remediation, spill, spill management. [References: 25]
OBJECTIVE: To describe the characteristics of people under 60 years of age living in residential aged care in Victoria and to examine the occupational participation of younger residents in aged care facilities by measuring their social contact, participation in recreation and community access. METHODS: A survey was sent to the Directors of Nursing at all 803 Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care registered aged care facilities in Victoria. RESULTS: The survey had a 78% response rate and information was provided about the characteristics of 330 people under 60 years with high clinical needs residing in aged care facilities. This sample was extremely isolated from peers, with 44% receiving a visit from a friend less often than once per year. Sixteen per cent of residents participated in a recreation activity less than once per month and 21% went outside less than once per month. Of the sample, 34% almost never participated in any community-based activities such as shopping, leisure or visiting friends and family. CONCLUSION: Over one third of younger people in aged care are effectively excluded from life in our community. Most younger residents are socially isolated and have limited opportunities for recreation. Placement of younger people in aged care facilities is inappropriate, and alternative care models and settings are required.
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N2 - RATIONALE: Chronic exposure to indoor nitrogen dioxide (NO2) is a public health concern. Over half of U.S. households have a source of NO2, and experimental data suggest potential for adverse respiratory effects. OBJECTIVE: To examine associations of indoor NO2 exposure with respiratory symptoms among children with asthma. METHODS: NO2 was measured using Palmes tubes, and respiratory symptoms in the month before sampling were collected during home interviews of mothers of 728 children with active asthma. All were younger than 12 yr, lived at the sampled home for at least 2 mo, and had asthma symptoms or used maintenance medication within the previous year. MEASUREMENTS: Respiratory symptoms (wheeze, persistent cough, shortness of breath, chest tightness). RESULTS: Mean (SD) NO2 was 8.6 (9.1) ppb in homes with electric ranges and 25.9 (18.1) ppb in homes with gas stoves. In models stratified by housing type (a factor associated with socioeconomic status), gas stove presence and elevated NO2 were each significantly associated with respiratory symptoms, controlling for age, ethnicity, medication, mold/mildew, water leaks, and season of sampling. Among children in multifamily housing, exposure to gas stoves increased likelihood of wheeze (odds ratio [OR], 2.27; 95% confidence interval [95% CI], 1.15, 4.47), shortness of breath (OR, 2.33; 95% CI, 1.12, 5.06), and chest tightness (OR, 4.34; 95% CI, 1.76, 10.69), whereas each 20-ppb increase in NO2 increased both likelihood of any wheeze (OR, 1.52; 95% CI, 1.04, 2.21) or chest tightness (OR, 1.61; 95% CI, 1.04, 2.49), and days of wheeze (rate ratio (RR), 1.33; 95% CI 1.05, 1.68) or chest tightness (RR, 1.51; 95% CI 1.18, 1.91). CONCLUSION: Exposure to indoor NO2 at levels well below the Environmental Protection Agency outdoor standard (53 ppb) is associated with respiratory symptoms among children with asthma in multifamily housing.
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The assignment with chromosome banding techniques of the breakpoints of the recurrent translocation t(3;5) which leads to NP$	extsuperscript{M1}/$MLF1 gene fusion in myeloid malignancies has not been unequivocal. In order to assess whether this is due to uncertainty in interpretation of the observed banding pattern or whether it reflects true genomic heterogeneity, we decided to analyze the breakpoint positions using fluorescence in situ (FISH) techniques in eight patients with myeloid malignancies and rearrangements of chromosomes 3 and 5. In three patients, colocalization of the NPM1 and MLF1 spanning BACs was demonstrated and NPM1/MLF1 fusion shown by PCR in one while in the remaining cases breakpoints were located outside the NPM1 and MLF1 loci. Interestingly, loss of a copy of the NPM1 gene was found in three of these latter patients. This findings suggest that haploinsufficiency of NPM1 may play a role in subtypes of myelodysplasias and leukemias.
BACKGROUND: There are few effective sun-safety education programs for use in secondary schools. Project aims were to create a sun-safety curriculum for grades 6 to 8, and to test whether exposure to the curriculum would increase children's sun-protection behavior. DESIGN: A pair-matched, group-randomized, pre--post test, controlled trial was performed with middle schools as the unit of randomization. Teachers implemented the six-unit sun-safety curriculum in 2001-2003, and analyses were performed in 2003-2004. SETTING/PARTICIPANTS: A total of 2038 children from 30 middle schools in Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Self-reported sun-protection behavior using frequency ratings and diary. RESULTS: Compared to control schools, children receiving the curriculum reported more frequent sun protection (p=0.0035), and a greater proportion wore long-sleeved shirts during recess (p<0.0001) and applied sunscreen (p<0.0001). Exposure to the curriculum improved knowledge (p<0.0001), decreased perceived
barriers to using sunscreen (p=0.0046), enhanced self-efficacy expectations (p=0.0577) about sun safety, and reduced favorable attitudes toward sun tanning (p=0.0026 to <0.0001). In intent-to-treat analyses, the treatment effect was eliminated only under the most conservative assumptions about dropouts. CONCLUSIONS: Educational approaches to sun safety in middle school may be effective for improving children’s sun safety. Potential trial limitations include measuring short-term outcomes, focusing on young adolescents, using active parental consent, and testing in the American Southwest.

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As an important human exposure pathway of contaminants, soil ingestion is of increasing concern for assessing health risk from polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soils. A wide range of total PAH concentrations ranging from 0.112 microg g\(^{-1}\) to 27.8 microg g\(^{-1}\) in soils collected from different public sites, including gas stations, roadsides, bus stops, a kindergarten, primary and middle schools, a university and residential area, was detected. In general, total PAHs concentrations in soils from traffic areas were significantly higher than that from the other sites, indicating a dominant contribution from motor vehicles. Physiologically based in vitro tests were used to evaluate the oral bioaccessibility of PAHs in surface soil under different land uses in Beijing regarding both gastric and small intestinal conditions. It was found that the oral bioaccessibility of total PAHs in small intestinal condition, ranging from 9.2% to 60.5% of total PAHs in soil, was significantly higher than gastric condition, ranging from 3.9% to 54.9%. The bioaccessibility of individual PAHs in soils generally decreased with the increasing ring number of PAHs in both gastric and small intestinal conditions. However, the ratio of bioaccessibility of individual PAHs in gastric condition to that in small intestinal condition generally increased with increasing ring number, indicating the relatively pronounced effect of bile extract on improving bioaccessibility of PAHs with relatively high ring numbers characterized by their high K\(_{ow}\) values. The observation that bile extract at a level higher than critical micelle concentration could reduce the surface tension of digestive juice substantially, which may cause PAHs to be available for intestinal absorption, calls for more careful establishment of reliable soil criteria for PAHs, especially concerning the health of children who may ingest a considerable amount of PAH-contaminated soil via outdoor hand-mouth activities.
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N2 - PURPOSE: Decreased physical activity (PA) is likely a contributor to the rising prevalence of obesity in children. Lack of valid and acceptable measures of PA has been an issue in studies involving young children.

The Actical accelerometer is a promising tool for measurement of PA in young children. The purpose of this study was to calibrate and validate the Actical accelerometer for use with 3- to 5-yr-old children. METHODS: Eighteen preschool children wore an Actical accelerometer and a Cosmed portable metabolic system during a period of rest, while performing three structured activities in a laboratory setting (used for calibration), and during 20 min each of unstructured indoor and outdoor activities at their preschool (used for cross-validation).

Expired respiratory gases were collected, and oxygen consumption was measured on a breath-by-breath basis. Accelerometer data were collected in 15-s intervals. RESULTS: For the accelerometer calibration, the correlation between VO2 and counts was \( r = 0.89 \) across all activities. The calibration equation established was
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VO2 = \text{counts} \times 15 \text{s}^{-1} (0.01437) + 9.73 \quad (R^2 = 0.96, \text{SEE} = 3.02)
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The cut-point for moderate activity (20 mL x kg\(^{-1}\) x min\(^{-1}\)) was 715 counts x 15 s\(^{-1}\) (sensitivity 97.2%, specificity 91.7%), and the cut-point for vigorous activity (30 mL x kg\(^{-1}\) x min\(^{-1}\)) was 1411 counts x 15 s\(^{-1}\) (sensitivity 98.2%, specificity 61.1%).

For the cross-validation, the intraclass correlation coefficient was \( R = 0.59 \) and the Spearman correlation coefficient was \( R = 0.80 \) (\( P < 0.001 \)) between measured and predicted VO2. Percentage of agreement, kappa, and modified kappa for moderate activity were 0.73, 0.40, and 0.46, respectively. For vigorous activity, the same measures were 0.85, 0.26, and 0.71, respectively. CONCLUSION: The Actical accelerometer is a valid tool for measuring PA in young children.

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Physicians and public health professionals working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 8 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) received several telephone calls requesting information regarding the safety of recycled tire crumb as a playground surface constituent placed below children's play structures. There were no reported symptoms or adverse health effects in exposed children. The literature available on the safety and risk of exposure to crumb rubber constituents was limited and revealed no information quantifying exposures associated with product use. Callers were informed by the PEHSU that no evidence existed suggesting harm from intended use of the product, but gaps in knowledge about the product were identified and communicated. Here the case of crumb rubber on playgrounds is used as a model to present an approach to similar environmental medicine questions. From defining the question, to surveying traditional and nontraditional resources for information, synthesis of findings, and risk communication, the case provides a model to approach similar questions.
A 4-year longitudinal study is being conducted to evaluate potential changes to the environment and exposure of young children associated with the introduction of methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT) into Australia in 2001. The cohort consists of 57 females and 56 males, with an age range of 0.29-3.9 years. Samples are collected every 6 months from children in residences located at varying distances from major traffic thoroughfares in Sydney. Environmental samples include air, house, and daycare center dustfall, soil, dust sweepings, and gasoline; samples from the children include blood, urine, handwipes prior to and after playing outdoors, and a 6-day duplicate diet. All samples are analyzed for a suite of 20 elements using inductively coupled plasma methods. Results are presented for the first three 6-month sampling periods for lead (Pb) and manganese (Mn). For dustfall accumulation, expressed as metal concentration/m²/30 days, there was no significant difference between homes and daycare centers for either Pb or Mn, no significant change over the three sampling periods (time) for Pb or Mn, and a positive relationship between “traffic exposure” (traffic volume and proximity to the road) and Pb but not Mn. Lead concentrations in soil was a significant predictor for Pb in the house dustfall. For handwipes, the concentrations of Pb and Mn in wipes taken from children after playing outdoors was usually significantly greater than those for wipes taken prior to playing. There was no significant association between the concentrations of either Pb or Mn in handwipes and traffic exposure, and there was no significant association between Pb concentrations in the handwipes and gender, although the latter showed a marginally significant association for Mn (P = 0.053). Age was related to Pb level in the handwipes, with older subjects having higher Pb levels, and there were significant decreases in Pb and Mn concentrations over time. Dustfall accumulation was a significant predictor for Pb in the handwipes, and dust sweepings were a significant predictor of Mn in handwipes. Blood lead (PbB) concentrations ranged from 0.6 to 19 microg/dL (GM 2.6) (n = 269), and manganese in blood (MnB) ranged from 1.8 to 45 microg/L (GM 11.6) (n = 254). There was no significant difference between females and males for either mean PbB or MnB; over time there was a significant decline in PbB but no significant change in MnB. The only significant predictor for PbB was dustfall accumulation, although dietary intake may also be important, and the only significant predictor for MnB was Mn in handwipes prior to playing. At this early stage of the investigation we have not been able to detect any increases in Mn in these environmental samples or blood samples potentially associated with the use of MMT; in fact the Mn levels in handwipes declined over time.

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The mechanisms by which particulate matter (PM) produces adverse effects on the respiratory system, such as pulmonary dysfunction in children, are largely unknown. However, oxidative stress is thought to play an important role. Various chemical compounds in ambient particulate matter, including transition metals and aromatic organic compounds, may contribute to adverse effects through intrinsic generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS). It was hypothesized that ROS generation by PM, as determined through electron spin resonance (ESR) spectroscopy, may be negatively associated with pulmonary function in school children. PM(2.5), PM(10), and total suspended particulates (TSP) were sampled at the playgrounds of six elementary schools in the city of Maastricht, the Netherlands. All children (8-13 yr) from the six schools were asked to undergo spirometry. Multivariate linear regression models were constructed to evaluate associations between oxygen radical formation by PM and lung function. The radical-generating capacity per microgram PM correlated negatively to forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV(1)) and forced expiratory flow at 50% (FEF(50%)) of forced

vital capacity (FVC). The data indicate that chemical features that contribute to intrinsic generation of ROS may be relevant for PM risk assessment.

BACKGROUND: Most Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) provide some level of HIV testing for their populations and record demographic data for diagnosed cases of HIV and AIDS. These routine HIV data are usually held within the national Department/Ministry of Health or National AIDS Council. Summary HIV data can illustrate important trends in HIV infection over time and by age, gender and exposure. For some countries no other data are available to illustrate the extent and distribution of HIV infection in the region.

METHODS: Annual HIV and AIDS data were requested from all PICT reporting authorities disaggregated by year, age group, sex and exposure. Data were grouped to provide regional and sub-regional totals. Descriptive statistics were reported, including age-adjusted rates and trends. RESULTS: The first cases of HIV in the Pacific were reported in the mid-1980s in all three sub-regions (Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia). Many early cases were acquired either by men who have sex with men (MSM) or by recipients of blood products. Some early cases migrated from outside the region. Since then numbers have increased, with 12,169 HIV cases reported across the Pacific to December 2004, including 2,335 AIDS cases and 617 AIDS-related deaths. The majority have been observed in Papua New Guinea (PNG)--11,139 HIV, 1,926 AIDS and 353 AIDS deaths. Other countries with relatively high HIV rates are New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Guam and Kiribati. Fiji,
despite a high case count (182), has a mid-range rate of HIV infection due to its large population. Zero or very few cases have been reported in many other PICTs. Nearly two thirds of HIV cases have been diagnosed in the predominant risk group—young, sexually active adults. The ratio of male to female cases is 1.1 to 1 (2.5 to 1 excluding PNG), much lower than in countries like Australia (14.2) and New Zealand (5.5) where MSM predominates exposure. Rates of observed cases in women and young people are increasing with heterosexual contact being an increasingly important mode of spread. Other exposures include injecting drug use (mostly imported), perinatal transmission (rising more recently with increased heterosexual risk) and blood exposures.

DISCUSSION: Apart from Papua New Guinea (PNG), which is currently experiencing an exponential increase in HIV infection, observed rates for most of the Pacific are currently low, and are either static or rising very slowly. Low observed HIV prevalence in pregnant women lends some support for this observation. However, these data do not reflect the total HIV disease burden due to variable access to and uptake of testing, and incomplete notification. Several factors make the Pacific vulnerable to rapid spread such as close proximity to countries with high HIV prevalence, increasing migration, both in and outward, and expanding economic links with other regions. High levels of STIs and risk behaviours across the Pacific indicate significant potential for rapid spread where HIV is introduced. Efforts are currently under way to improve routine screening, complement with targeted surveillance surveys of at-risk and vulnerable groups. This expanded monitoring of HIV trends is designed to guide increasing efforts to prevent and control HIV in the region.

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BACKGROUND: Tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-a) is a proinflammatory cytokine that plays an immunomodulatory role in a variety of systemic and dermatologic diseases. Currently, three anti-TNF-a drugs are available in North America: infliximab (approved in the U.S. for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, ankylosing spondylitis, ulcerative colitis, and psoriatic arthritis), etanercept (approved in the U.S. for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and psoriasis), and adalimumab (approved for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis). OBJECTIVE: To review the current literature supporting alternative (and currently off-label) dermatologic uses of TNF-a antagonists.

METHODS: A MEDLINE search (1966-March 2005) was conducted using the keywords "infliximab," "etanercept," "adalimumab," "TNF inhibitors," and "off-label" to identify published reports of off-label dermatologic uses of TNF-a inhibitors. RESULTS: Anti-TNF-a therapies have been reported in the following dermatologic diseases: sarcoidosis, hidradenitis suppurativa, cicatricial pemphigoid, Behcet's disease, pyoderma gangrenosum, multicentric reticulohistiocytosis, apthous stomatitis, Sneddon-Wilkinson disease, SAPHO syndrome, pityriasis rubra pilaris, eosinophilic fasciitis, panniculitis, Crohn's disease, necrobiosis lipoidica diabeticorum, dermatomyositis, and scleroderma. The vast majority of these reports are in the form of individual case reports and small case series. Only two published randomized controlled trials involving the off-label use of a TNF inhibitor were found. CONCLUSIONS: A growing number of published reports suggest that anti-TNF-a therapies may be effective in the treatment of numerous inflammatory skin diseases outside their currently approved indications. [References: 67]
This article describes two community-based rehabilitation programs set up for disabled persons in Ghana and Benin in the early 1990s. Both programs were based on the model described by the World Health Organization but differed greatly with regard to implementation. This difference had great impact on the respective effectiveness, efficiency and viability. Analysis of 624 disabled persons ranging in age from 0 to 30 years showed better progress in the Beninese group for all areas considered with a resulting improvement in quality of life. Assessment of the cost-effectiveness indicated that spending was higher and less effective in Ghana for globally less benefit than in Benin. Data also suggested that differences in implementation impacted program viability since the Ghana program collapsed in 1999 while the Beninese program is ongoing. The authors speculate that the differences in the two programs were related to failure to observe the basic principles of any community development strategy in Ghana. For successful community response to difficult local situations, populations require technical assistance from outside sources. National authorities must provide players at both lower levels with the necessary resources including subsidies, training, salaries, planning, monitoring and legislation. These basic rules were largely applied in Benin but almost completely ignored in Ghana.
A total of 1,885 blood and stool samples of four main protozoan parasitic infections were retrospectively reviewed from January, 2000 to April, 2004. Eleven of the 1,350 stool samples were shown positive for Cryptosporidium and Giardia infections; one of the 5 cases was clinically diagnosed as gastrointestinal cryptosporidiosis, while 6 cases were giardiasis. In patients with giardiasis, children were among the high-risk groups, making up 66.7% of these patients. The common presenting signs and symptoms were: diarrhea (83.3%), loss of appetite (83.3%), lethargy (83.3%), fever (66.7%), nausea/vomiting (50.0%), abdominal pain (16.7%), dehydration (16.7%) and rigor and chills (16.7%). Metronidazole was the drug of choice and was given to all symptomatic patients (83.3%). For the blood samples, 28 of the 92 peripheral smears for Plasmodium spp infection were diagnosed as malaria. The age range was from 4 to 57, with a median of 32.5 years. The sex ratio (M:F) was 3.6:1, while the age group of 30-44 years was the most commonly affected in both sexes. The majority of patients were foreigners (60.7%) and non-professional (39%). Plasmodium vivax (71%) infection was the most common pathogen found in these patients, along with a history of traveling to an endemic area of malaria (31%). The predominant presenting signs and symptoms were: fever (27%), rigor and chills (24%), nausea/vomiting (15%) and headache (8%). Chloroquine and primaquine was the most common anti-malarial regimen used (78.6%) in these patients. The seroprevalence of toxoplasmosis in different groups was 258/443 (58%): seropositive for IgG 143 (32.3%); IgM 67 (15%); and IgG + IgM 48 (10.8%). The age range was from 1 to 85, with a mean of 34 (+/- SD 16.6) years. The predominant age group was 21 to 40 years (126; 28.4%). Subjects were predominantly male (142; 32%) and the Malay (117; 26.4%). Of these, 32 cases were clinically diagnosed with ocular toxoplasmosis. The range of age was from 10 to 56 years with a mean of 30.5 (+/- SD 12.05) years. The sex ratio (M:F) was 1:1.7. The majority were in the age group of 21 to 40 years, female (20; 62.5%), and Malay (17; 53%). They were also single (16; 50%), unemployed (12; 37%), and resided outside Kuala Lumpur (21; 65.6%). The more common clinical presentations were blurring of vision (25; 78%), floaters (10; 31%) and pain in the eye (7; 22%). We found that
funduscopic examination (100%) and seropositivity for anti-Toxoplasma antibodies (93.7%) were the main reasons for investigation. Choroidoretinitis was the most common clinical diagnosis (69%), while clindamycin was the most frequently used antimicrobial in all cases. Among HIV-infected patients, 10 cases were diagnosed as AIDS-related toxoplasmic encephalitis (TE) (9 were active and 1 had relapse TE). In addition, 1 case was confirmed as congenital toxoplasmosis.

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OBJECTIVES: To examine the trend over time, describe the disease categories treated, intervention success and outcomes of the children treated at home with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), non-invasive ventilation (NIV) and ventilation via tracheostomy (invasive ventilatory support, IVS) by the Respiratory Service at the Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland. METHODS: A retrospective review was undertaken of the Respiratory Service records from November 1991 to February 2004. RESULTS: Home CPAP, NIV or IVS was initiated in 160 children (89 boys, median age 6 years) in the study period. Sixty-nine (46 boys) remain on support and are still actively managed by the Starship Respiratory Service, of whom 46% live outside the Greater Auckland Region. Despite 42% of children being less than 5 years of age at initiation of therapy, institution of support failed in only 11%. The majority received treatment by non-invasive mask interface (68% (n = 108) CPAP, 29% (n = 47) NIV), with only 3% (n = 5) supported via tracheostomy. The numbers and complexity of support rose over the 12 years. Respiratory support was discontinued in 57% of cases, after a median of 12.5 months (range 3-52 months); in two-thirds, support was no longer required due to an improvement in the medical condition. The most common indication for support in current patients is respiratory parenchymal or airway disease followed by neuromuscular disease. Obesity is not a common indication. CONCLUSION: This review documents the increasing trend in children receiving respiratory support at home. Future planning and resources are needed to address this growing need.
What's for lunch? When's recess? The fight against obesity makes its way into schools

Promoting physical activity among children and adolescents: the strengths and limitations of school-based approaches
Paediatric overweight and obesity is recognised as one of Australia's most significant health problems and effective approaches to increasing physical activity and reducing energy consumption are being sought urgently. Every potential approach and setting should be subjected to critical review in an attempt to maximise the impact of policy and program initiatives. This paper identifies the strengths and limitations of schools as a setting for promoting physical activity. The strengths are: most children and adolescents attend school; most young people are likely to see teachers as credible sources of information; schools provide access to the facilities, infrastructure and support required for physical activity; and schools are the workplace of skilled educators. Potential limitations are: those students who like school the least are the most likely to engage in health-compromising behaviours and the least likely to be influenced by school-based programs; there are about 20 more hours per week available for physical activity outside schools hours than during school hours; enormous demands are already being made on schools; many primary school teachers have low levels of perceived competence in teaching physical education and fundamental movement skills; and opportunities for being active at school may not be consistent with how and when students prefer to be active.

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This study investigates the effects of Classwide Peer Tutoring (CWPT) and peer coaching on the peer social behaviors of children with ADHD. A single-subject, multiple-baseline design is used with three elementary-school students in Grades 3 and 4. Following a baseline period, CWPT is implemented in each student's classroom. During the second intervention phase, CWPT is continued and peer coaching is added. Peer social behaviors are observed in both academic and social settings, with a primary focus on intervention effects on the latter setting. Results suggest that students participating in CWPT are actively and positively engaged with their peers while carrying out the CWPT program in the academic setting. However, when only CWPT is implemented, increases in positive peer social behaviors are not observed in social settings. The addition of peer coaching results in enhanced social behaviors during recess and lunch.

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To assist standardization of procedures, facilitate comparisons, and help guide research efforts to optimally inform development of appropriately targeted interventions, there is a need to review methods used to quantify child and adolescent solar ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure, related outdoor activities and sun-protective practices. This holistic approach is essential for comprehensive research that will provide all-inclusive, informative and meaningful messages for preventive measures of harmful UV exposure. Two databases were searched and 29 studies were retrieved, and these studies report measurement or assessment techniques documenting UV exposure patterns and related outdoor activities. Polysulfone film badges were the main measurement instrument used in 10 studies, with questionnaire, survey data, observation, a model, electronic dosimeters, biological dosimeters, colorimeter and UV colouring labels used in the remaining studies. Methods used to record activities included self-report, parental report, a logbook and observation. Measurement duration and unit of UV exposure varied in most studies, but a method common to 15 studies was measured UV exposure as a percentage of ambient UV. The studies reviewed do not provide sufficient information for the development and evaluation of targeted youth sun protection programs. Studies are required which document precise UV exposure, concurrent activities and sun protection usage for children and adolescents. [References: 120]
Childhood exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun and a history of sunburns are risk factors for skin cancer. Because children spend time outdoors when they are at school, school sun protection policies are an important health issue, particularly in areas of the country with year-round warm and sunny climates, such as Florida. To better understand the sun protection policies and practices in South Florida schools, a sample (n = 51) of elementary and middle schools in Miami-Dade County public schools were surveyed as part of a CDC-funded cancer control program at the University of Miami. Of the principals and teachers surveyed, most (78%) knew about the county school system's guidelines for avoiding excessive heat exposure, which include two sun protection measures. Two-thirds reported that they shared these guidelines with teachers; 21% shared them with parents. Few schools monitor implementation of the guidelines, although 70% schedule outdoor activities to avoid peak sun hours. No schools required sunscreen, hats, or protective clothing. Physical education teachers and students spend an average of 4.5 and 0.6 hours per day outdoors, respectively. Improved school sun protection policies and monitoring of such policies is needed to reduce sun exposure and skin cancer risk for both students and staff. [References: 26]
Skin cancer is a large and growing problem in the United States. Sun and other ultraviolet (UV) light exposures play a key role in the development of skin cancer. Pediatricians can play an important role in counseling patients and are in a position to help educate children and their families about skin cancer. The purpose of this review is to familiarize pediatricians with the magnitude of the skin cancer problem and the evidence that ultraviolet light exposure, particularly indoor tanning, contributes to this problem. We reviewed the literature on ultraviolet light and skin cancer (based on a MEDLINE search of articles using the headings "ultraviolet light" and "skin cancer") and found that skin cancer is the most rapidly growing cause of cancer deaths in the United State. There is strong epidemiologic evidence for the relationship between UV exposure and nonmelanoma skin cancer and growing evidence for the relationship between indoor tanning and melanoma. We recommend that pediatricians counsel children and their parents about UV protection. Measures such as use of sunscreen and hats for outdoor play, both at home and in school, should be encouraged.

[References: 105]
Aim: Reports indicated that children are spending too much time being physically inactive during physical education classes and many school physical education programs are not meeting the recommendation. The purpose of this study was to investigate the physical activity levels in Portuguese indoor physical education classes.

Methods: The physical activity levels of 28 Portuguese 7th grade children were assessed by heart rate monitor during their indoor physical education classes. RESULTS: The study showed that much physical education class time had been wasted, and less than 70% of physical education class time had actually been used in classes. On average, 14.4 minutes of 45-min physical education classes and 27.9 min of 90-min physical education classes had been spent in MVPA with children's heart rates above 139 bpm; 6.7 min of 45-min physical education classes and 15.7 min of 90-min physical education classes had been spent in VPA with children's heart rates above 159 bpm. Children engaged in more MVPA, VPA, and continuous bouts of physical activity in 90-min physical education classes than those of 45-min physical education classes. There were no significant differences in activity levels between genders in co-educational indoor physical education classes.

Conclusions: This indoor PE class study supports the results that children are less active during school physical education classes. Both the quantity and the quality of school physical education needs to improve to encourage children to engage in a substantial amount of physical activity both inside and outside school.

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T1 - The effect of multicolor playground markings on children's physical activity level during recess
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KW - Color
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KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Motivation
KW - Physical Exertion/ph [Physiology]
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Schools
KW - Wales
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SP - 828
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JF - Preventive Medicine
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N2 - BACKGROUND: British children do not meet daily physical activity recommendations, and as yet no sustainable intervention has been reported to address their sedentary lifestyle. The purpose of this investigation was twofold: First, to examine whether painting playgrounds with multicolored markings would increase the percent of recess time spent in moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and vigorous physical activity (VPA) in girls and boys and second to quantify the contribution recess makes to national recommendations for young people's physical activity. METHODS: MVPA and vigorous physical activity (VPA) were measured using short wave heart rate telemetry. Physical activity levels were compared before and after playgrounds were painted in 4 intervention schools and compared to 4 matched schools with unmarked playgrounds. Schools were situated in areas of deprivation. Ninety-nine children completed the study. RESULTS: A significant interaction (group x time) was evident for MVPA and VPA. Time spent in MVPA and VPA increased significantly in intervention schools as a result of playground painting. Boys were more active than girls, and activity decreased with age, but neither difference reached significance. CONCLUSION: Multicolor playground markings can be a low-cost method of increasing children's daily physical activity levels in the short term. If these increases were sustained, then school playgrounds with multicolor markings would make a valuable contribution to physical activity recommendations for young people
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T1 - Measuring chromosome breaks in patients with thalassemia
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Iron-mediated oxidative stress plays an important role in the pathophysiology of thalassemia. Oxidative stress can cause lesions in DNA, including double-strand breaks. DNA damage, which is a cause of cancer (although not the only one), is recognized as deleterious. Unlike cancer, DNA damage can be assayed easily and relatively inexpensively in humans. In this study, a sensitive micronucleus assay was used to measure the frequency of chromosomal breaks in patients with alpha- and beta-thalassemia. The micronucleus test is based on the observation that a secondary nucleus (micronucleus) is formed around a chromosomal fragment, outside the main nucleus of a dividing cell. Micronuclei are readily apparent in red blood cells (RBCs), which otherwise lack DNA. We combined an immunomagnetic separation technique with single-laser flow cytometry to isolate and analyze reticulocytes in peripheral blood for the presence of micronuclei before these cells are removed by the spleen. Blood samples were obtained from patients with thalassemia and healthy volunteers. After immunomagnetic enrichment of CD71-positive reticulocytes, the cells were stained for micronuclei using the DNA dye 7-aminoactinomycin D (7-AAD) and evaluated by flow cytometry. Our findings indicate that higher levels of micronuclei frequencies are present in thalassemic RBCs.

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AIMS: To describe environmental and personal tick-preventive measures and their predictors, taken by a population living in a highly tick-endemic area. METHODS: Owing to the recent confirmation of human tick-borne encephalitis cases, vaccination against tick-borne encephalitis was offered to the population living in the endemic area through the use of leaflets and media campaigns. At the time of the initial dose, information and enrollment to this cohort study was carried out. Participants’ characteristics, frequency of tick-bites and preventive measures were included in questionnaires. Logistic analysis was used to determine behavioural differences in activities taken in order to prevent tick bites. CONCLUSION: In total, 70% of the permanent residents had themselves vaccinated before the next tick season. Of the studied participants 356/517 (69%) regularly took preventive measures in their environment and/or personally. Women in particular, and those
previously treated for a tick-borne disease, took significantly more preventive measures. When analysing all variables together, spending less time in a tick-endemic area and being tick-bitten during the latest tick season significantly increased the probability of taking preventive measures. After being tick-bitten, men were more inclined to start taking preventive measures than women. Awareness of the risks caused by living in a high tick-endemic area influenced the participant's daily life through preventive activities. Public health action should be considered, thus encouraging out-of-door activities for the population without anxiety as to the risks of contracting tick-borne disease after being tick-bitten

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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Consumer Product Safety
KW - Female
KW - Fractures
KW - Bone/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Bone/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Injury Severity Score
KW - Male
KW - Odds Ratio
KW - Play and Playthings/in [Injuries]
KW - Prevalence
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N2 - AIM: To compare the severity of fractures from playground equipment falls to the severity of fractures from standing height falls occurring on the playground. METHODS: This case control study used data on all children presenting to the Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto) from 1995 to 2002 with a fracture due to a playground fall. Cases were children who fell from a height off playground equipment. Controls were children
who fell from standing height on a playground. Fractures were major if they required reduction and minor if they did not. RESULTS: Fractures from equipment falls were 3.91 (95% CI 2.76 to 5.54) times more likely to require reduction than were fractures from standing height falls. CONCLUSIONS: Major fractures were strongly associated with falls from playground equipment, whereas minor fractures came from both play equipment and standing height falls. Efforts to prevent major fractures should target playground equipment and the impact absorbing surface beneath it.

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T1 - Percutaneous intramedullary decompression, curettage, and grafting with medical-grade calcium sulfate pellets for unicameral bone cysts in children: a new minimally invasive technique
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KW - Calcium Sulfate/ad [Administration & Dosage]
KW - Calcium Sulfate/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Curettage/mt [Methods]
KW - Decompression
KW - Surgical/mt [Methods]
KW - Drug Implants
KW - Female
KW - Femur/pa [Pathology]
KW - Femur/ra [Radiography]
KW - Femur/su [Surgery]
KW - Fibula/pa [Pathology]
KW - Fibula/ra [Radiography]
KW - Fibula/su [Surgery]
KW - Fluoroscopy
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Humans
KW - Humerus/pa [Pathology]
KW - Humerus/ra [Radiography]
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Several treatment options exist for unicameral bone cysts (UBCs), including observation, steroid injection, bone marrow injection, and curettage and bone grafting. These are all associated with high recurrence rates, persistence, and occasional complications. Newer techniques have been described, most with variable success and only short follow-up reported. Because of these factors, a new minimally invasive percutaneous technique was developed for the treatment of UBCs in children. Twenty-eight children with UBCs who underwent percutaneous intramedullary decompression, curettage, and grafting with medical-grade calcium sulfate (MGCS) pellets by the senior author (J.P.D.) between April 2000 and April 2003 were analyzed as part of a pediatric musculoskeletal tumor registry at a large tertiary children's hospital. Four patients were lost to follow-up, and the remaining 24 patients had an average follow-up of 21.9 months (range 4-48 months). Twelve patients were followed for at least 24 months. Six of the 24 children had received previous treatment of their UBC, most often at an outside institution. Follow-up was performed through clinical evaluation and radiographic review. Postoperative radiographs at most recent follow-up showed complete healing, defined as more than 95% opacification, in 22 of 24 patients (91.7%). One patient (4.2%) demonstrated partial healing, defined as 80% to 95% opacification. One patient had less than 80% radiographic healing (4.2%). All 24 patients returned to full activities and were asymptomatic at most recent follow-up. The only complication noted was a superficial suture abscess that occurred in one patient; this resolved with local treatment measures. The new minimally invasive technique of percutaneous intramedullary decompression, curettage, and grafting with MGCS pellets demonstrates favorable results with low complication and recurrence rates compared with conventional techniques. The role of intramedullary decompression as a part of this percutaneous technique is discussed.
A personalized, miniaturized air sampling system was evaluated to estimate the daily exposure of pediatric asthmatics to nitrogen dioxide (NO2). The lightweight device (170 g) uses a sampling pump connected to a solid sorbent tube containing triethanolamine (TEA)-impregnated molecular sieve. The pump is powered by a 9 V battery and samples air over a 24 h period at a collection rate of 0.100 L/min. After exposure, the solid sorbent is removed from the tubes for spectrophotometric analysis (Griess Assay). The lower detection limit of the overall method for NO2 is 11 microg/m3. The linearity, precision and accuracy of the sampler was evaluated. Different NO2 concentrations generated in the laboratory (range: 50 to 340 microg/m3) were simultaneously measured by the TEA tube samplers and colocated continuous chemiluminescent NO(x) analyzers (reference method). The coefficient of determination for the laboratory test derived from ordinary linear regression (OLR) was $r^2 = 0.99$ ($y(OLR) = 0.94 x -4.58$) and the precision 3.6%. Further, ambient NO2 concentrations in the field (range: 10-120 microg/m3) were verified with continuous chemiluminescent monitors next to the active samplers. Re-weighted least squares analysis (RLS) based on the least median squares procedure (LMS) resulted in a correlation of $r^2 = 0.68$ for a field comparison in Riverside, CA ($y(RLS) = 1.01 x -0.94$) and $r^2 = 0.92$ in Los Angeles, CA ($y(RLS) = 1.31 x -7.12$). The precision of the TEA tube devices was 7.4% (at 20-60 microg/m3 NO2) under outdoor conditions. Data show that the performance of this small active sampling system was satisfactory for measuring environmental concentrations of NO2 under laboratory and field conditions. It is useful for personal monitoring of NO2 in environmental epidemiology studies where daily measurements are desired.
BACKGROUND: A number of studies have observed associations between the amount of endotoxin in urban dust and chronic asthma severity, but a direct relationship between personal exposure to household endotoxin and acute asthma worsening has not yet been defined. OBJECTIVE: We sought to investigate the relationship between day-to-day changes in personal endotoxin exposure and asthma severity. METHODS: In the winter and spring of 1999 through 2000, endotoxin exposures were monitored in asthmatic schoolchildren by using portable, as opposed to stationary, monitors designed to measure inhalable and respirable particulate matter less than or equal to 2.5 and 10 microm in diameter. Children were followed with daily measurements of FEV(1) and asthma symptoms. RESULTS: Over a 24-hour period, median daily personal endotoxin exposures ranged from 0.08 EU/m(3) (measured at a particulate matter size range </=2.5 microm in diameter) to 0.37 EU/m(3) (measured at a particulate matter size range </=10 microm in diameter). Personal exposures were significantly (P < .001) higher than endotoxin measurements from either indoor or outdoor stationary monitors. Moreover, individual exposures did not correlate with stationary measurements, suggesting that exposures derived from sources in close proximity to the children's personal activities might be better correlated with disease severity. Increases in personal endotoxin exposures were associated with decreased FEV(1) values and increased symptoms. CONCLUSIONS: These findings demonstrate the importance of using personal monitoring to both measure and correlate endotoxin exposure with asthma severity.
Objective: Although the potential for life-threatening allergic reactions in children is a significant health concern for schools, there is little information about the circumstances surrounding anaphylactic events that occur in schools. The objectives of this study were to determine the incidence of anaphylaxis in schools, describe the circumstances around anaphylactic events, assess practices that are used to manage students with life-threatening allergies, and identify opportunities for improvement.

Methods: A total of 109 school districts in Massachusetts completed an Epinephrine Administration Form whenever epinephrine was administered at school. Data were collected from September 2001 to August 2003.

Results: Forty-eight school districts reported a total of 115 administrations of epinephrine during the 2-year reporting period. In 24% of the cases, the individual was not known to have a life-threatening allergy. Almost one third (31%) of the students who received epinephrine had allergies to multiple substances, and one quarter (25%) had an allergy to peanuts or tree nuts only. Twenty-two (19%) cases occurred outside the school building on the playground, traveling to and from school, or on field trips. The administration of epinephrine most often occurred in the health office by a registered nurse. The average time from onset of symptoms to administration of epinephrine was 10 minutes. In 92% of the cases, the student was transported to a medical facility via the emergency medical system.

Conclusions: Anaphylactic reactions in schools, although not frequent, are not uncommon events. A systematic review of anaphylactic events that required epinephrine administration identified opportunities for improvement in the treatment of students with life-threatening allergies.

Environmental Health Perspectives
We examined findings from five organophosphorus pesticide biomonitoring studies conducted in Washington State between 1994 and 1999. We compared urinary dimethylthiophosphate (DMTP) concentrations for all study groups and composite dimethyl alkylphosphate (DMAP) concentrations for selected groups. Children of pesticide applicators had substantially higher metabolite levels than did Seattle children and farmworker children (median DMTP, 25 microg/L; p < 0.0001). Metabolite levels of children living in agricultural communities were elevated during periods of crop spraying. Median DMTP concentrations for Seattle children and farmworker children did not differ significantly (6.1 and 5.8 microg/L DMTP, respectively; p = 0.73); however, the DMAP concentrations were higher for Seattle children than for farmworker children (117 and 87 nmol/L DMAP, respectively; p = 0.007). DMTP concentrations of U.S. children 6-11 years of age (1999-2000 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey population) were higher than those of Seattle children and farmworker children at the 75th, 90th, and 95th percentiles. DMTP concentrations for workers actively engaged in apple thinning were 50 times higher than DMTP concentrations for farmworkers sampled outside of peak exposure periods. We conclude that workers who have direct contact with pesticides should continue to be the focus of public health interventions and that elevated child exposures in agricultural communities may occur during active crop-spraying periods and from living with a pesticide applicator. Timing of sample collection is critical for the proper interpretation of pesticide biomarkers excreted relatively soon after exposure. We surmise that differences in dietary exposure can explain the similar exposures observed among farmworker children, children living in the Seattle metropolitan area, and children sampled nationally.
We report an autopsy case of an 11-year-old girl who suffered mechanical asphyxia from falling off the metal bars in the playground. This autopsy case is interesting because of the atypical trauma and lesions. To our knowledge there has been no similar published case reports in the forensic literature. The young age of the victim, the setting and the pattern of the injuries are rare in a fall at playground by a child.
developmental milestones. METHODS: Functional outcome in 10 children (12 upper extremities) who had previous pollicization for a congenitally absent or severely hypoplastic thumb were evaluated by standard radiographs, thumb total active range of motion, grip and pinch strength, parent questionnaire, modified Jebsen functional testing, and a pegboard Functional Dexterity Test. RESULTS: Grip strength was significantly less (p = 0.008) in the hands that had been operated on (mean, 2 kg) compared with the hands that had not been operated on (mean, 5.6 kg). Pinch strength was also significantly less (p = 0.008) in the hands that had been operated on (mean, 1.0 kg) compared with those that had not been operated on (mean, 2.1 kg). In most, hands that had been operated on and those that had not been operated on tested outside the 2-SD range of age-matched normals for pinch and grip strength and also for the Functional Dexterity Test. In contrast, total Jebsen Hand Function Test time was not significantly different from hands that had not been operated on, except that some subtests were significantly different, such as checker stacking (p = 0.016; mean difference, 7.2 seconds) and page turning (p = 0.031; mean difference, -10 seconds). The total active range of motion in hands that had been operated on and those that had not been operated on was also not significantly different. All children used their reconstructed thumbs in a normal pattern. Parent questionnaires revealed satisfaction with appearance and good social interactions. Functional activities showed greatest difficulty handling small objects, especially when simultaneous pinch strength was required, such as fastening buttons and small snaps. CONCLUSIONS: This study demonstrates the importance of evaluating multiple aspects of functional outcome for congenital hand problems and of using comparative age-appropriate validated norms. Pollicization is a rewarding procedure for children with thumb aplasia.

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JF - Journal of Sports Medicine & Physical Fitness
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N2 - AIM: The aim of this study was to examine the ability of 5- to 7-year-old female (n=16) and male (n=16) children to use perceived exertion in order to self-regulate their running intensity. An estimation-production paradigm was used to determine if 1) self-regulation of exercise using OMNI Scale could be administered in young children, 2) children were able to distinguish 3 different intermittent exercise intensities and 3) gender would differentiate the use of perceived exertion. METHODS: Children underwent 1) 1 estimation trial and 2) 3 production trials. During the estimation trial, perceived exertion was estimated at the end of each stage of an incremental running field test. Then, during the production test, the children were requested to run in random order 300 m bouts on an outdoor track at an exercise intensity based on their interpretation of levels 2, 6 and 10 of the OMNI Scale. Heart rate was continuously recorded during both trials. RESULTS: Heart rate did not differ significantly between estimation and production trials at the level 2 (124.1 SD 6 vs 125.3 SD 4 bpm), 6 (164.9 SD 5 vs 166.2 SD 6 bpm) and 10 (200.9 SD 8 vs 203.1 SD 8) of the OMNI scale. Furthermore, HR responses at OMNI 6 were significantly (p<0.05) higher than OMNI 2, and OMNI 10 were significantly (p<0.05) higher that OMNI 6. No significant difference was found between female and male children. CONCLUSIONS: The present investigation supports the view that the young female and male children tested in this study were able to use perceived exertion to self-regulate during intermittent running exercises.

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T1 - Perfluorinated sulfonamides in indoor and outdoor air and indoor dust: occurrence, partitioning, and human exposure
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KW - Octanols/an [Analysis]
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Perfluorinated alkyl sulfonamides (PFASs) which are used in a variety of consumer products for surface protection were investigated through a comprehensive survey of indoor air, house dust, and outdoor air in the city of Ottawa, Canada. This study revealed new information regarding the occurrence and indoor air source strength of several PFASs including N-methylperfluorooctane sulfonamidoethanol (MeFOSE), N-ethylperfluorooctane sulfonamidoethanol (EtFOSE), N-ethylperfluorooctane sulfonamide (EtFOSA), and N-methylperfluorooctane sulfonamidethylacrylate (MeFOSEA). Passive air samplers consisting of polyurethane foam discs were calibrated and used to conduct the indoor and outdoor survey. Indoor air concentrations for MeFOSE and EtFOSE (1490 and 740 pg m$^{-3}$, respectively) were about 10-20 times greater than outdoor concentrations, establishing indoor air as an important source to the outside environment. EtFOSA and MeFOSEA concentrations were lower in indoor air (40 and 29 pg m$^{-3}$ respectively) and below detection in outdoor air samples. For indoor dust, highest concentrations were recorded for MeFOSE and EtFOSE with geometric mean concentrations of 110 and 120 ng g$^{-1}$, while concentrations for EtFOSA and MeFOSEA were below detection and 7.9 ng g$^{-1}$ respectively. MeFOSE and EtFOSE concentrations in house dust followed levels in indoor air. However, resolution of the coupled air and dust data (for the same homes) was not successful using existing KoA-based models for surface-air exchange. The partitioning to house dust was greatly underpredicted. The difficulties with existing models may be due to the high activity coefficient of PFASs in octanol and/or a situation where the dust is greatly oversaturated with respect to the air due to components of the dust being contaminated with PFASs. A human exposure assessment based on median air and dust concentrations revealed that human exposure through inhalation (100% absorption assumed) and dust ingestion were approximately 40 and approximately 20 ng d$^{-1}$ respectively. However, for children the dust ingestion pathway was dominant and accounted for approximately 44 ng d$^{-1}$.
N2 - Wyoming experienced heavy West Nile virus (WNV) activity for the first time in 2003 and the area hardest hit was Goshen County. Little was known about the epidemiology of WNV in this region. This study describes the symptomatology of WNV and the association between certain behaviors and infection in Goshen County. Study participants were recruited from attendees of a health-fair sponsored by a local hospital, held October 1-3, 2003. A blood sample for WNV testing was obtained from each participant, and participants completed a questionnaire seeking information about the presence of specified symptoms consistent with WNV infection and risk factors possibly associated with infection. The samples were tested for anti-WNV IgM and IgG at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory. Eight-hundred sixty-nine residents of Goshen County participated, and 122 (14.0%) were seropositive for anti-WNV IgM or IgG. Sixty (59.4%) of 101 persons seropositive for anti-WNV IgM experienced at least one symptom in the previous 4 months consistent with WNV infection, compared with 323 (43.2%) of 747 seronegative persons, resulting in an attributable risk of WNV seropositivity of 16.2%. Of the many symptoms queried, muscle aches (OR 2.63, 95% CI 1.69-4.09), skin rash (OR 6.35, 95% CI 3.74-10.80), fever (OR 2.56, 95% CI 1.50-4.36), and muscle weakness (OR 2.33, 95% CI 1.34-4.02) were significantly associated with seropositivity on univariate analysis. By multivariate analysis, only skin rash remained significant. Risk factor analysis showed those spending > or =3 hours outside per day were more likely to be seropositive than those spending less time outside per day (p < 0.05). This study corroborates the belief that a minority of persons infected with WNV develop symptoms attributable to WNV, and also demonstrates that some symptoms are more significantly associated with infection than others.

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OBJECTIVE: To examine drowning deaths of young children in Victorian dams to identify common contributing factors in order to develop strategies for future prevention. DESIGN: Case records of children aged zero to five years from the State Coroner's Office Victoria were reviewed for the 13-year period 1989-2001. Cases where the child drowned in a dam were extracted for analysis. RESULTS: During the 13-year period there were 27 deaths; 11 occurred on farms, five on hobby farms and 11 on properties where it was not specified whether the property was a farm. Almost three quarters of the children were male and the majority were aged between one year and three years. Half of the incidents occurred on the weekend and nearly half occurred during the summer months. Five major factors were common among incidents: stage of the child's development; absence of carer supervision; child playing outside the house; dam within 300 metres of where the child was playing; and lack of effective barriers between the dam and the child. CONCLUSION: The coronial information examined identified patterns of behaviour by both carers and young children that contributed to these deaths. The results support the implementation of strategies such as the promotion of child safe play areas and targeted public awareness campaigns for rural and regional aquatic environments.
BACKGROUND: Fluoroquinolones are commonly used in the treatment of tuberculosis (TB) for drug-sensitive patients who are intolerant to first-line antituberculous agents or who are infected with drug-resistant organisms. Despite increasing use of these agents, there is little information on their tolerance outside of clinical trial settings. OBJECTIVES: To compare overall rate of major adverse events associated with levofloxacin-containing regimen to standard therapy. METHODS: Cases (levofloxacin-containing regimen) were matched by age and sex to their control subjects (standard first-line TB drugs). Eligible patients were identified from the provincial TB database from 2001 to 2004. Drug safety was assessed by evaluation of the nature of the adverse event, the likelihood of association with the study medications, and severity. Only major side effects, that is, those who had a severe or moderate adverse event that was categorized to be definitely, probably, or possibly related to the TB medications, were considered for the analysis. RESULTS: During the 3-year study period, 102 patients received levofloxacin, and 358 patients received first-line agents for treatment of active TB. There were no significant differences between the two groups except for indication (82% of patients in the levofloxacin group had an antecedent adverse event to first-line TB drugs, whereas 18% received levofloxacin because of resistance) and concurrent use of first-line drugs (majority of patients in the levofloxacin arm were not receiving concurrent isoniazid or rifampin). The rate of any major adverse event was almost half among those using levofloxacin as among those on standard therapies (rate ratio, 0.60; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.44 to 0.82). After adjustment for the differences in exposure of concomitant medications, the rate of any major adverse event was similar between the levofloxacin and control arms (adjusted rate ratio, 0.83; 95% CI, 0.66 to 1.03). Furthermore, there was no difference between the levofloxacin and control arms with respect to CNS (adjusted rate ratio, 0.94; 95% CI, 0.61 to 1.43), GI tract (adjusted rate ratio, 0.81; 95% CI, 0.58 to 1.13), skin (adjusted rate ratio, 0.65; 95% CI, 0.38 to 1.10), or musculoskeletal (MSK) [adjusted rate ratio, 0.87; 95% CI, 0.48 to...
1.60] related adverse events when adjusted for concomitant drugs. The results of the secondary analysis for the rate of major adverse events within the first 100 days were similar to the primary analysis. The time to the first major adverse event was similar between the levofloxacin group and the control group (adjusted hazards ratio, 1.01; 95% CI, 0.76 to 1.34). CONCLUSIONS: Concomitant use of a levofloxacin-containing regimen resulted in a similar rate of adverse events compared with conventional first-line regimens when used for treatment of active TB, despite a history of adverse events.

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T1 - Maturation of medial temporal lobe response and connectivity during memory encoding
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KW - Humans
KW - Image Processing
KW - Computer-Assisted/mt [Methods]
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging/mt [Methods]
KW - Male
KW - Memory/ph [Physiology]
KW - Models
KW - Psychological
KW - Neural Pathways/bs [Blood Supply]
KW - Neural Pathways/ph [Physiology]
KW - Neuropsychological Tests/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Oxygen/bl [Blood]
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The medial temporal lobe (MTL) plays an important role in memory encoding. The development and maturation of MTL and other brain regions involved in memory encoding are, however, poorly understood. We used functional magnetic resonance imaging to examine activation and effective connectivity of the MTL in children and adolescents during encoding of outdoor visual scenes. Here, we show that MTL response decreases with age whereas its connectivity with the left dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (PFC) increases with age. Our findings provide evidence for dissociable maturation of local and distributed memory encoding processes involving the MTL and furthermore suggest that increased functional interactions between the MTL and the PFC may underlie the development of more effective memory encoding strategies.

The role of factors related to early wheezing and their associations with subsequent development of asthma are controversial. We reevaluated 81 children who had been prospectively followed up since hospitalization for wheezing at less than 2 years of age. The baseline data on characteristics of the children,
family-related factors, and viral causes of wheezing were collected on entry into the study. At the median age of 12.3 years, current symptoms suggestive of asthma and allergy were recorded. As part of the clinical examination, an outdoor exercise challenge test and skin prick tests to common inhalant allergens were performed. Asthma, as indicated by current inhaled anti-inflammatory medication or repeated wheezing and positive result in the challenge test, was present in 32 (40%) children, and 90% of them were sensitized to at least one allergen. Early asthma-predictive factors were atopic dermatitis (odds ratio (OR), 3.5; 95% confidence interval (CI), 1.2-10.1) and the presence of specific IgE to inhalant allergens (OR, 11.3; 95% CI, 1.9-67.6). Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) identification during wheezing in infancy was relatively rare (20%) among later asthmatics compared with other or no viral identification (52%) or rhinovirus identification (58%). Since the prevalence of childhood asthma in our area is 4.0-5.0%, we conclude that the increased risk of asthma persists until the teenage years after hospitalization for wheezing in infancy. The risk was about 5-fold after respiratory syncytial virus-induced wheezing, and more than 10-fold after rhinovirus-induced wheezing in the present study. 2005 Wiley-Liss, Inc

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T1 - A national study of neighborhood safety, outdoor play, television viewing, and obesity in preschool children
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KW - Play and Playthings
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OBJECTIVE: To test the hypothesis that preschool children have a higher prevalence of obesity, spend less time playing outdoors, and spend more time watching television (TV) when they live in neighborhoods that their mothers perceive as unsafe. METHODS: In a cross-sectional survey in 20 large US cities, mothers reported the average daily time of outdoor play and TV viewing for their 3-year-old children, and the children's BMI was measured. Maternal perception of neighborhood safety was assessed with the Neighborhood Environment for Children Rating Scales; the scale score was used to divide children into tertiles of neighborhood safety. RESULTS: Of the 3141 children studied, 35% lived in households with incomes below the US poverty threshold. After adjustment for sociodemographic factors (household income and mothers’ education, race/ethnicity, age, and marital status), obesity prevalence (BMI ≥ 95th percentile) did not differ in children from the least safe to the safest neighborhood safety tertile (18% vs 17% vs 20%) or in weekday (160 vs 151 vs 156 minutes/day) or weekend (233 vs 222 vs 222 minutes/day) outdoor play time. Children who lived in neighborhoods that were perceived by their mothers as the least safe watched more TV (201 vs 182 vs 185 minutes/day) and were more likely to watch >2 hours/day (66% vs 60% vs 62%). TV viewing and outdoor play minutes were not significantly correlated to each other or to BMI. CONCLUSIONS: In a national sample of preschool children, mothers’ perception of neighborhood safety was related to their children's TV viewing time but not to their outdoor play time or risk for obesity.
From 1999-2003, the hygiene of 1061 environmental surfaces from shopping, daycare, and office environments, personal items, and miscellaneous activities (i.e., gymnasiums, airports, movie theaters, restaurants, etc.), in four US cities, was monitored. Samples were analyzed for fecal and total coliform bacteria, protein, and biochemical markers. Biochemical markers, i.e., hemoglobin (blood marker), amylase (mucus, saliva, sweat, and urine marker), and urea (urine and sweat marker) were detected on 3% (26/801); 15% (120/801), and 6% (48/801) of the surfaces, respectively. Protein (general hygiene marker) levels > or = 200 microg/10 cm² were present on 26% (200/801) of the surfaces tested. Surfaces from children's playground equipment and daycare centers were the most frequently contaminated (biochemical markers on 36%; 15/42 and 46%; 25/54, respectively). Surfaces from the shopping, miscellaneous activities, and office environments were positive for biochemical markers with a frequency of 21% (69/333), 21% (66/308), and 11% (12/105), respectively. Sixty samples were analyzed for biochemical markers and bacteria. Total and fecal coliforms were detected on 20% (12/60) and 7% (4/60) of the surfaces, respectively. Half and one-third of the sites positive for biochemical markers were also positive for total and fecal coliforms, respectively. Artificial contamination of public surfaces with an invisible fluorescent tracer showed that contamination from outside surfaces was transferred to 86% (30/35) of exposed individual's hands and 82% (29/35) tracked the tracer to their home or personal belongings hours later. Results provide information on the relative hygiene of commonly encountered public surfaces and aid in the identification of priority environments where contaminant occurrence and risk of exposure may be greatest. Children's playground equipment is identified as a priority surface for additional research on the occurrence of and potential exposure to infectious disease causing agents.
BACKGROUND: Minimally invasive surgery (MIS) has been adapted to virtually every kind of abdominal operation. Colorectal resections of any extent are possible. The reduction in local and systemic surgical trauma in MIS suggests this method could be valuable for rectal resection for Hirschsprung's disease.

METHOD: Diagnostic work-up is similar to that in open surgery. Three trocars are sufficient, and a fourth may be helpful. Dissection encompasses the entire aganglionic segment and is extended orally to normal bowel. After complete dissection down to the pelvic floor the bowel is everted transanally, resected in due length and the coloanal anastomosis sutured from outside. Since 1996 four children out of nine (age 11 weeks - 18 years) have been operated laparoscopically at our institution.

RESULTS: There were no intraoperative complications. Recovery time is impressively rapid. Oral intake may be begun on the first postoperative day and physical activity is rapidly restored. There are however problems typical to this method: anastomotic leakage, stricture formation, and the necessity of continuing dilation.

CONCLUSIONS: The feasibility of laparoscopic colorectal resections of any extent is unquestionable. Benefits for the patient seem evident. Prospective randomized studies to provide a higher level of evidence for the benefit of laparoscopy as compared to open technique are difficult to perform due to the small number of patients.

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Assessment of airborne organophosphorus pesticides in houses of young children (1-6 years old) and childcare facilities was conducted following pesticide applications in an agricultural community in Japan. Trichlorfon and fenitrothion, applied in two separate periods, were frequently detected from outdoor and indoor air. Dichlorvos, the primary degradation product of trichlorfon, was also detected after the application of trichlorfon. Both the outdoors and indoor concentration of applied pesticide were shown to increase with decreasing distance from the pesticide-applied farm. Indoor concentration of these pesticides significantly correlated with outdoor concentration (p=0.001 for trichlorfon and p=0.001 for fenitrothion), indicating infiltration of applied pesticide inside. Ratio of indoor to outdoor concentration (I/O ratio) of fenitrothion was higher for houses with windows open during the application than those with closed windows (median value: 0.74 vs. 0.16, p=0.003). However, a similar trend was not observed for trichlorfon as well as dichlorvos in the first period. Dichlorvos was found to have a higher I/O ratio than trichlorfon during the period, and clear correlation between indoor concentrations of dichlorvos and those of trichlorfon suggested increased decomposition of trichlorfon in the indoor environment. Daily inhalation exposure estimated by using the fixed measurement data and time-activity questionnaire ranged from 0 to 35 ng/kg/day for trichlorfon, from 0 to 26 ng/kg/day for dichlorvos, and from 0 to 44 ng/kg/day for fenitrothion. Median inhalation exposure from indoor air accounted for 74%, 86.3%, and 45% of the daily inhalation exposure, respectively. For kindergarteners or nursery school children, inhalation exposure at childcare facilities was comparable with or more than that at home, indicating that pollution level at childcare facilities had potential of high impact on children's exposure. Estimated daily inhalation exposures were inversely correlated to the proximity of their activity location to the pesticide-applied farm.

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The second phase of the SIDRIA study provides important information regarding the family characteristics of Italian children (6-7 years old) and adolescents (13-14 years old), and the frequency of risk factors for asthma and allergies, allowing comparisons between study areas according to differences in latitude (North, Centre, South) and urbanization level (metropolitan areas, with at least 500,000 inhabitants, and other areas). Parental education level was higher in metropolitan and central areas. The frequency of children and adolescents born abroad, and the percentage of mothers and fathers employed were higher outside metropolitan areas and there was an increase from the South to the North of Italy. This trend was paralleled by an increase in maternal age at child's birth and in the frequency of low birth weight and day care attendance. The frequency of breastfeeding was greater in children than in adolescents; the opposite was registered for passive smoking, with a frequency of exposure higher in adolescents than in children, especially in the Northern and Central areas.
even if the proportion of subjects having at least one parent who smokes was still high in both age groups. The prevalence of overweight children was striking, especially in the South where physical activity was less frequent and children had the unhealthy habit of consuming a lot of snacks and carbonated beverages. Frequency of exposure to traffic in the area of residence was particularly high, especially in the metropolitan areas.

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T1 - The impact of development and malaria control activities on its vectors in the Kinabatangan area of Sabah, East Malaysia
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N2 - A study was carried out from July 2001 until January 2003 in the Kinabatangan area of Sabah, part of Borneo island, where malaria used to be mesoendemic. Vector surveys determined that Plasmodium falciparum was the predominant species and Anopheles balabacensis the primary vector. Malaria cases have dropped drastically over the years but P. falciparum is still predominant. In the present study, Anopheles donaldi was the predominant species and was positive for sporozoites. Although An. balabacensis was present, none were infective. An. donaldi bite more outdoors than indoors and have a peak biting time from 18:00 to 19:00 h when most people are still out of their homes. An integrated malaria control programme along with area development has helped in the control of malaria and its vector.
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The UV-radiation in our environment is part of the electromagnetic radiation, which emanates from the sun. It is designated as optical radiation and reaches from 290-4,000 nm on the earth's surface. According to international definitions UV irradiation is divided into short-wave UVC (200-280 nm), medium-wave UVB (280-320 nm), and long-wave UVA (320-400 nm). Solar radiation which reaches the surface of the globe at a defined geographical site and a defined time point is called global radiation. It is modified quantitatively and qualitatively while penetrating the atmosphere. Besides atmospheric conditions, like ozone layer and air pollution, geographic latitude, elevation, time of the season, time of the day, cloudiness and the influence of indirect radiation resulting from stray effects in the atmosphere and reflection from the underground play a role in modifying global radiation, which finally represents the biologically effective radiation. The radiation's distribution on the body surface varies according to sun angle and body posture. The cumulative UV exposure is
mainly influenced by outdoor profession and recreational activities. The use of sun beds and phototherapeutic measures additionally may contribute to the cumulative UV dose.
thermographic EC analysis was conducted with and without prior solvent extraction of the soluble carbon fraction. Comparison of these two thermographic EC measurements clearly showed that method-related differences in the results, especially for indoor measurements, when high background loads of organic material were present (e.g. tobacco smoke), existed. Solvent extraction prior to EC determination was therefore appropriate. For the first winter measuring period, the EC concentration levels without solvent extraction in the indoor air were about 50% higher than those measured in the spring/summer period. In the second measuring period (i.e. spring/summer), the median EC concentrations after solvent extraction were 1.9 microg/m3 for smokers' apartments and 2.1 microg/m3 for non-smokers' apartments, with RPM concentrations of 57 and 27 microg/m3, respectively. Nursery schools showed high concentrations with median values of 53 microg/m3 for RPM and 2.9 microg/m3 for EC after solvent extraction. A significant correlation between the fine dust and EC concentrations (after solvent extraction) in the indoor and ambient air was determined. Outdoor EC values were also correlated with the average daily traffic volume. The EC ratios between indoor and ambient concentration showed a median of 0.8 (range: 0.3-4.2) in non-smoker households and 0.9 (range: 0.4-1.5) in smoker apartments. Furthermore, the EC/RPM ratio in indoor and ambient air was 0.01-0.15 (median 0.06) and 0.04-0.37 (median 0.09), respectively. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: In the absence of indoor sources a significant correlation with regard to respirable particulate matter (RPM) and elemental carbon concentrations between the indoor and ambient air of apartments was observed. The high degree of certainty resulting from this correlation underscores the importance of ambient air concentrations for indoor air quality. In nursery schools we found higher concentrations of RPM. An explanation of these results could be the high number of occupants in the room, their activity and the cleaning intensity.

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KW - Orientation
KW - Prognosis
KW - Self-Assessment
KW - Social Environment
KW - Socioeconomic Factors
BACKGROUND: Previously, our studies demonstrated language differences impacting academic performance among children with myelomeningocele and shunted hydrocephalus (MMSH). This follow-up study considers the environmental facilitators within families (achievement orientation, intellectual-cultural orientation, active recreational orientation, independence) among a cohort of children with MMSH and their relationship to language performance. METHODS: Fifty-eight monolingual, English-speaking children (36 females; mean age: 10.1 years; age range: 7-16 years) with MMSH were evaluated. Exclusionary criteria were prior shunt infection; seizure or shunt malfunction within the previous 3 months; uncorrected visual or auditory impairments; prior diagnoses of mental retardation or attention deficit disorder. The Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language (CASL) and the Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence (WASI) were administered individually to all participants. The CASL Measures four subsystems: lexical, syntactic, supralinguistic and pragmatic. Parents completed the Family Environment Scale (FES) questionnaire and provided background demographic information. Spearman correlation analyses and partial correlation analyses were performed. RESULTS: Mean intelligence scores for the MMSH group: full scale IQ 92.2 (SD = 11.9). The CASL revealed statistically significant difficulty for supralinguistic and pragmatic (or social) language tasks. FES scores fell within the average range for the group. Spearman correlation and partial correlation analyses revealed statistically significant positive relationships for the FES 'intellectual-cultural orientation' variable and performance within the four language subsystems. Socio-economic status (SES) characteristics were analyzed and did not discriminate language performance when the intellectual-cultural orientation factor was taken into account. CONCLUSION: The role of family facilitators on language skills in children with MMSH has not previously been described. The relationship between language performance and the families' value on intellectual/cultural activities seems both statistically and intuitively sound. Focused interest in the integration of family values and practices should assist developmental specialists in supporting families and children within their most natural environment.
BACKGROUND: Injury is a common cause of emergency department (ED) attendance but there are few data published on the spectrum of paediatric injury in a typical district general hospital (DGH). This study aimed to provide a complete picture of injury presentations to such a centre. METHODS: Prospective questionnaire study of consecutive paediatric attendances at a DGH ED in Scotland (annual attendance 53,500 patients) due to injury or poisoning. Paediatric in this context was defined as less than 14 years on the day of presentation. Admission rates were identified from the hospital information system and information on deaths was sought from the local Procurator Fiscal (the Scottish equivalent of the Coroner). RESULTS: One thousand three hundred and seventy-eight questionnaires were completed from a potential 10,697 eligible patients. Safety devices (helmets, belts, etc.) were in use in only 99 cases. Cycle helmets were used in 26% of cycle incidents and seat belts were used in 71% of car incidents. Adult supervision was present in 49% of incidents. Seventy-three percent of incidents at school were unsupervised. There were 5.6 admissions to hospital per day in the 0-13 years age group for all causes, with little seasonal variation in admission rates. There were three deaths during the year, two from SIDS and one due to choking, all in infants. CONCLUSION: Trauma is a common cause of ED attendance in children. Preventative measures are still underutilised and could make a significant impact on the incidence of children's injuries and possibly ED attendances. Cycle helmets could play a major role in injury prevention in school age children in this area.
Contemporary theories of dissociation and trauma for the most part have evolved outside of psychoanalysis. Psychoanalytic writings have also been regarded as being in opposition to trauma-based notions of human psychopathology. The specific psychoanalytic contribution—the emphasis on unconscious conflict and meaning—is for the most part excluded from the discourse on dissociation, often resulting in a 'mechanic' conceptualisation of trauma. In this paper, based on clinical material, the author argues in favour of including conflict, unconscious intention and personal meaning in understanding the kind of dissociation we see in cases of multiple personality pathology. Textual analysis of letters written to the analyst illustrates how events of abuse are defensively elaborated. The author demonstrates that patterns of affect regulation and dominant object-relational strategies can be captured through analysis of the discourse structure. She focuses on how an organised character pattern, revealed mainly through narrative style and the analyst's countertransference, serves protective purposes as well as wish-fulfillment. She argues that dissociation in the form of multiple personalities may imply an active, strategic agent.
OBJECTIVE: To determine the levels and patterns of physical activity in a sample of obese (> or = 99th percentile body mass index (BMI)) and nonobese (< 99th percentile BMI) children. DESIGN: Cross-sectional study. SETTING: Children were recruited from schools in Bristol and from the childhood obesity clinic, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. Children were instructed in the use of the accelerometer either while at school or in the clinic, and wore the instrument while carrying out their normal daily activities for 7 days. PARTICIPANTS: A total of 133 children (mean age 10.5 +/- 0.8 y). In all 11 (16.9%) of the 65 girls and 14 (20.6%) of the 68 boys were classified as obese (above the 99th percentile for BMI and corresponding to projected adult BMI of 30).

MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Objectively measured physical activity volume, intensity and pattern.

RESULTS: Obese children were significantly less physically active overall than their nonobese counterparts (31,844 +/- 13,200 vs 41,844 +/- 10,430 counts/h; 95% confidence interval 4407 to 15592; P=0.001). Similarly the obese children spent less time in physical activity of moderate or greater intensity than the nonobese children (9.9 +/- 3.9 vs 12.9 +/- 4.2 min/h; 95% confidence interval 1.15 to 4.80; P=0.002). Hourly patterns of activity indicated a tendency in obese children to be less active than nonobese children at times when activity was more likely to be determined by free choice, particularly outside of school time. CONCLUSIONS: Obese children demonstrated patterns of physical activity that may have contributed to and are likely to sustain their obesity. Minute-by-minute accelerometry is a valuable tool to investigate physical activity patterns in obese children. It can identify periods when intervention to increase activity may be most appropriate and provide an evidence base for specific exercise prescription in primary and secondary care.
OBJECTIVE: To demonstrate the important role of the anterior epitympanic recess (AER) in the surgery of noncholesteatomateous chronic inflammatory middle ear disorders. To establish selective criteria as to the indication of surgical intervention on the AER, aiming to create a permanent anterior aeration pathway for the attic. In addition, to point out the mandatory role of preoperative temporal bone computed tomography (CT) demonstrating whether the AER is involved and thus contributing, within the clinical context, to the indication for this surgery and its appropriate approach.

STUDY DESIGN: Prospective study on patients with persistent or recurring chronic inflammatory middle ear disease for at least 3 years, after failure of conventional medical or surgical treatments.

SETTING: Tertiary referral university centre.

PATIENTS: Between November 2002 and July 2003, every patient presenting with clinical findings suggestive of an AER pathology was included in this study.

SURGERY: Surgical approach of the AER during a mastoatticotomy and tympanoplasty with excision of the Cog and the tensor tympani fold, preserving the ossicular chain in almost all cases.

OUTCOME MEASURES: Absence of postoperative otorrhea, satisfactory otoscopic examination, and improvement in the air-bone gap postoperatively in case the presurgery hearing level was abnormal and not due to an ossicular chain abnormality.

RESULTS: Eight patients were included in the study. The preoperative CT scan showed AER
opacities in all patients that were either isolated or associated with a diseased meso- or hypotympanum or the mastoid cavity. The measurement of the relevant transverse diameter of the AER is proposed to evaluate preoperatively the distance between the Cog laterally and the facial nerve canal medially to minimize the risk of a perioperative injury. During the operation, we found granulation tissue and adhesions in the AER in all cases. A clinical follow-up 3 months after the intervention showed good local control in all patients, absence of otorrhea, and almost complete closure of the air-bone gap at audiometric evaluation. The last clinical follow-up in August 2004, a mean of 18 months after our intervention, did not reveal any relapse of symptoms in any case. CT control could be obtained in five of eight cases, within 13 to 21 months after the intervention, showing a seaerated tympanic cavity and AER. CONCLUSION: The AER plays a major role in sustaining some noncholesteatomateous chronic or recurrent inflammatory middle ear disorders that do not respond to conventional medical treatment. Definitive control of this pathology will be obtained by approaching the AER through an excision of the Cog and the tensor tympani fold, exenterating the inflammatory tissues, and creating a sufficient and permanent anterior atticomesotympanic communication. The indication for such a surgical approach is highly dependent on clinical findings correlated to temporal bone CT. Familiarity with the AER and its critical role should become part of every resident's training program in otology.

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T1 - Auditory brainstem implant (ABI): new frontiers in adults and children
Previous studies have considered only patients with neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2) older than 12 years as candidates for an auditory brainstem implant (ABI). Our study expands the potential criteria to include both children and adult subjects with other cochlear or cochlear nerve malfunctions who either would not benefit at all from a cochlear implant (eg, cochlear nerve aplasia or avulsion) or whose benefit was or would be severely compromised (eg, cochlear ossification, cochlear fracture).

**STUDY DESIGN:** In our department, over the period from April 1997 to September 2002, 29 patients, 20 adults and 9 children, were fitted with ABIs. Their ages ranged from 14 months to 70 years. Thirteen subjects had tumors, 10 NF2 and 3 solitary vestibular schwannoma, and 16 patients had a variety of nontumor (NT) cochlear or cochlear nerve diseases. A retrosigmoid-transmeatal approach was used in T and a retrosigmoid approach in NT patients. The electrode array was inserted into the lateral recess of the fourth ventricle and correct electrode positioning was monitored with the aid of electrically evoked auditory brainstem responses (EABRs).

**RESULTS:** Correct implantation was achieved in all patients. No complications were observed due to implantation surgery or related to ABI activation or long-term use. Auditory sensations were induced in all patients with various numbers of electrodes (from 5 to 15). Different pitch sensations were identifiable with different electrode stimulation. Closed-set word recognition, open-set sentence recognition, and speech tracking scores achieved by the patients are reported in detail. The auditory performance of the patients showed significantly better outcomes than controls (Multicentric European clinical investigations on ABI with NF2).

**CONCLUSION:** We have shown that the indications for the ABI can be extended to include NT patients with severe cochlear and/or cochlear nerve abnormalities. The degree of auditory benefit varies as a function of the underlying pathological conditions, with NT subjects exhibiting significantly better outcomes than the T patients.
As part of the Children's Total Exposure to Persistent Pesticides and Other Persistent Organic Pollutants (CTEPP) study, we investigated the exposures of preschool children to chlorpyrifos and its degradation product 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol (TCP) in their everyday environments. During this study, the participants were still able to purchase and apply chlorpyrifos at their homes or day care centers. Participants were recruited randomly from 129 homes and 13 day care centers in six North Carolina counties. Monitoring was performed over a 48-h period at the children's homes and/or day care centers. Samples that were collected included duplicate plate, indoor and outdoor air, urine, indoor floor dust, play area soil, transferable residues (PUF roller), and surface wipes (hand, food preparation, and hard floor). The samples were extracted and analyzed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. Chlorpyrifos was detected in 100% of the indoor air and indoor floor dust samples from homes and day care centers. TCP was detected at homes and day care centers in 100% of the indoor floor dust and hard floor surface wipe, in >97% of the solid food, and in >95% of the indoor air samples. Generally, median levels of chlorpyrifos were higher than those of TCP in all media, except for solid food samples. For these samples, the median TCP concentrations were 12 and 29 times higher than the chlorpyrifos concentrations at homes and day care centers, respectively. The median urinary TCP concentration for the preschool children was 5.3 ng/ml and the maximum value was 104 ng/ml. The median potential aggregate absorbed dose (ng/kg/day) of chlorpyrifos for these preschool children was estimated to be 3 ng/kg/day. The primary route of exposure to chlorpyrifos was through dietary intake, followed by inhalation. The median potential aggregate absorbed dose of TCP for these children was estimated to be 38 ng/kg/day, and dietary intake was the primary route of exposure. The median excreted amount of urinary TCP for these children was estimated to be 38 ng/kg/day, and dietary intake was the primary route of exposure. The median excreted amount of urinary TCP for these children was estimated to be 117 ng/kg/day. A full regression model of the relationships among chlorpyrifos and TCP for the children in the home group explained 23% of the variability of the urinary TCP concentrations by the three routes of exposure (inhalation, ingestion, dermal absorption) to chlorpyrifos and TCP. However, a final reduced model via step-wise regression retained only chlorpyrifos through the inhalation route and explained 22% of the variability of TCP in the children's urine. The estimated potential aggregate absorbed doses of chlorpyrifos through the inhalation route were low (median value, 0.8 ng/kg/day) and could not explain most of the excreted amounts of urinary TCP. This suggested that there were other possible sources and pathways of exposure that contributed to the estimated potential aggregate absorbed doses of these children to chlorpyrifos and TCP. One possible pathway of exposure that was not accounted for fully is through the children's potential contacts with contaminated surfaces at homes and day care centers. In addition, other pesticides such as chlorpyrifos-methyl may have also contributed to the levels of TCP in the urine. Future studies should include additional surface measurements in their estimation of potential absorbed doses of preschool children to environmental pollutants. In conclusion, the results showed that the preschool children were exposed to chlorpyrifos and TCP from several sources, through several pathways and routes.
This manuscript develops a conditional demand system for three activities (indoor chores and leisure, outdoor chores and active leisure, and outdoor inactive leisure), and considers how individuals' activity schedules respond to ozone pollution and asthma symptom severity. The data are for a sample of individuals living near Los Angeles. Our approach differs from earlier ones in that we use a system of equations that allows for correlations across activity types. The empirical results suggest that increased ozone levels have a statistically significant influence on the amount of time that asthmatics spend in one of the activities, even though the examined time period exhibited relatively low ozone levels. Elasticities are estimated to better indicate the sensitivity of humans' activity schedules to pollution levels, and the one ozone effect is shown to be fairly weak. This study adds to the existing literature on the influence of ozone on asthma and asthma sufferers, some of which finds a causal link while other studies do not. The study results are also of interest because the asthmatics in the sample are all adults, whereas some recent research showing a link between ozone and asthma has focused on children.
Increasing the relevance of health surveillance data for use and application remains a critical issue among users and stakeholders. However, methods for displaying and communicating health risk data could do more to enrich these data for use and application. There is too much focus on developers, users, and stakeholders and not enough focus on pathway models of disease and health. A greater focus on pathway models would help detail a wider explanation of the health problems across sectors and encourage better acceptance of responsibility for their occurrence within other sectors. Contextual enrichment of health data would encourage a shared theory among these players that would permit greater use and application. Better use of data and its translation into information and increased policy traction are likely to be achieved through processes that effectively: (1) establish a shared theoretical base for risk behaviour surveillance; (2) deliver data about the health and developmental status of individuals living in contexts over time; (3) maintain a systems approach to monitoring and surveillance that builds capacity for development, ownership, access to and dissemination of the data outside of the health system and (4) achieve sustainable partnerships that produce more intersectoral engagement.
Use of self-reported confidence ratings may be an efficient method for assessing recall bias. In this exploratory application of the method, the authors examined the relation between case-control status and self-reported confidence ratings. In 2002 and 2003, melanoma cases (n = 141) and controls (n = 143) aged 20-44 years residing in Ontario, Canada, estimated the amounts of time they had spent outdoors in summer activities when they were 6-11 years of age and indicated their confidence in the accuracy of each estimate. The generalized estimating equations extension of logistic regression was used to examine dichotomized confidence ratings (more confident vs. less confident) for activities reported for ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. Types of activity were associated with more confident reporting for both age strata; as the number of stable outdoor activity periods (total number of similar outdoor periods within each activity) reported by respondents increased, confidence decreased. Cumulative time spent outdoors was also associated with more confidence but reached statistical significance only for the age stratum 12-18 years. There was no statistically significant association between case-control status and self-reported confidence for either age stratum (6-11 years: odds
ratio = 0.91; 12-18 years: odds ratio = 1.32), which suggests an absence of recall bias for reported time spent outdoors.

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JF - Perceptual & Motor Skills
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N2 - 39 3- to 5-year-old children wore heart-rate monitors for 12 hr. on three consecutive days to examine physical activity patterns. Parent logs supplied additional information on type and location of activity. The highest number of accumulated minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity was recorded during the weekday (38.6 min.) and weekend (31.4 min.) afternoons, a time period when more activity occurred outdoors. Sustained activity was mostly short in duration, but many children (71%) accumulated recommended amounts of activity on the weekday, fewer (46%) on the weekend. Spearman rank correlations for weekday (r=.50, p=.004) and weekend (r=.58, p=.004) activity were significant. Considering health risk factors associated with physical inactivity, early educators must look to the essence of young children's physical activity patterns in designing programs. Large motor activity that is intense and that occurs outdoors is a good place to start.

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Multiple insertional events, restricted by the genetic background, have led to acquisition of pathogenicity island II(J96)-like domains among Escherichia coli strains of different clinical origins. We investigated the dissemination of pathogenicity island (PAI) II(J96)-like elements (hra, hly, cnf1, and pap) among 455 Escherichia coli isolates from children and adults with urinary tract infection (UTI), neonates with meningitis or colonized healthy neonates, and 74 reference strains by means of PCR phylogenetic grouping, ribotyping, and PCR analysis of virulence genes. Colocalization of these genes was documented by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis followed by Southern hybridization and long-range PCR (LRPCR) between the hra and the papG alleles. Site-specific insertion of the PAI was determined by LRPCR between hra and tRNA flanking sequences. hra, hly, and cnf1 were found in 113 isolates and consistently colocalized, constituting the backbone of PAI II(J96)-like domains. The prevalence of PAI II(J96)-like domains was significantly higher among UTI isolates than among neonatal meningitis and commensal isolates. These domains were restricted to a few ribotypes of group B2. In contrast to the consistent colocalization of hra, hly, and cnf1, the pap operon was varied: 12% of strains exhibited an allelic exchange of the papG class III allele (papGIII) for the papG class II allele (papGII) (only UTI isolates), and the pap operon was deleted in 23% of strains. No strains harbored papGIII outside the PAI, which appears to be the only source of this allele. PAI II(J96)-like domains were inserted in the vicinities of three different tRNAs—pheU (54%), leuX (29%), and pheV (15%)—depending on the genetic backgrounds and origins of the isolates. Multiple insertional events restricted by the genetic background
have thus led to PAI II(J96) acquisition. Specific genetic backgrounds and insertion sites may have played a role in additional recombination processes for E. coli adaptation to different ecological niches.

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KW - Hospitalization
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KW - Medicine/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
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N2 - AIMS: To investigate the epidemiological and clinical aspects of MRSA among inpatients and outpatients presenting to hospital. METHODS: Analysis of demographic, epidemiological, and clinical data collected on 385 children first identified as having MRSA between January 1998 and December 2003 in a 250 bed English
children's hospital. RESULTS: There were 267 inpatients and 118 outpatients. The number of new cases of MRSA declined from 72 in 1998 to 52 in 2003, whereas hospital activity increased. Ninety nine (37.1%) inpatients acquired MRSA outside the hospital; a further 90 occurred among 31 clusters of cases. One hundred and seventy eight (66.7%) inpatients were aged <2 years; cardiac services and paediatric & neonatal surgery accounted for 59.6% of cases. Dermatology and A&E accounted for 51.7% of outpatients; 73.8% of outpatients had recently previously attended the hospital. A total of 13.9% of inpatients with MRSA developed bacteraemia; MRSA accounted for 15% of Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemias. The risk of MRSA bacteraemia in colonised patients, and the proportion of S aureus bacteraemias that were MRSA, varied between specialties. Intravascular devices were the most common source of MRSA bacteraemia (63.4% of cases). The mortality rate was 7.3%. CONCLUSIONS: Enhanced surveillance of MRSA can identify at-risk patient groups, thus facilitating targeting of control measures. The absence of a link between numbers of cases of acquisition of MRSA and bacteraemia suggests that the rise in MRSA bacteraemia may not solely reflect an increase in MRSA prevalence in children in the UK. The need for larger epidemiological studies is emphasised.
The aims of this study were: (1) to observe participation in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) during school recess periods; (2) to determine the relative importance of physical activity during recesses to overall daily physical activity; and (3) to examine differences in physical activity between the sexes during unstructured recess periods. The participants were 22 school children (10 boys, 12 girls) aged 8 - 10 years (mean = 8.9, s = 0.7) in the third and fourth grades. Daily totals for the physical activity variables were calculated by summing the values for each hour of 14 h of physical activity measurements (08:00 to 22:00 h). Recess times (minutes) were as follows: morning 10:30 to 11:00 h and afternoon 15:30 to 16:00 h. We did not differences between boys and girls in daily total accelerometer counts or the overall time spent in MVPA. However, girls were significantly (P < 0.05) more involved (38%) in MVPA during recess time than boys (31%). Participation in MVPA during recess contributes significantly more (P < 0.05) for girls (19%) than boys (15%) to the total amount of physical activity suggested by international health-related physical activity guidelines, while the percentage of time engaged in MVPA during recess time at school accounts for a small amount of the daily MVPA (6% for boys and 8% for girls). The results of this study suggest that school recess time is an important setting to promote MVPA and contributes to daily physical activity in young children, especially in girls.
Little information exists about the daily lives of women who are grandmothers, and the differences in daily stresses based on caregiving status to grandchildren. This content analysis examines the stresses of 64 grandmothers as grouped by caregiver status (grandmothers raising grandchildren, grandmothers living in multigeneration homes, non-caregivers to grandchildren) as recorded in three-week diaries. The nature of salient issues and stressful interactions differed by caregiver groups. Grandmothers raising grandchildren reported more stresses related to grandchildren's routines, activities, and school progress, more time pressure, and difficult interactions with grandchildren. The diary entries of grandmothers in multigenerational homes reflected their supplemental role in childcare, and sometimes stressful interactions with other family members. Grandmothers with no routine caregiving to grandchildren reported more involvement with those outside the immediate family. Many general concerns about the well-being of the family represent commonalities in grandmothers despite differences in current caregiving roles to grandchildren.

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T1 - Sun protection initiatives in Cornwall
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KW - Skin Neoplasms/et [Etiology]
KW - Skin Neoplasms/pc [Prevention & Control]
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Recent evidence indicates that there are significant numbers of cases of malignant melanoma in the UK. In order to assess the current position with regard to sun awareness in Cornwall, a questionnaire survey of all state primary school heads (n = 123) and a survey of a random sample of GP practices (n = 9) was carried out. The data obtained were supported by visits to libraries and Tourist Information Centres at urban and rural centres--this enabled the identification of sun awareness literature. Key health professionals who worked within the field of health promotion were also contacted. The findings showed that in Cornwall public campaigns organized around the issue of sun protection took place only sporadically, although GP surgeries usually organize a display at the appropriate time of the year. None of the public places (e.g. Tourist Information Centres, libraries) surveyed had sun protection messages on display. It is concluded that insufficient sun awareness initiatives were being undertaken in Cornwall. Although most primary schools included sun awareness education in their curriculum in a form based on the Sun Awareness Guidelines produced by the Department of Health in 1995, few schools considered further measures to protect pupils on hot and sunny days. In particular the provision of shade, the scheduling of outdoor activities and the use of sunscreen and protective clothing were not standard.
In this prospective, open, clinical comparative study we analyzed impairments of cognitive activation occurring during, immediately before and immediately after epochs with epileptiform EEG discharges of 3 seconds or longer, in an attempt to establish whether cognitive slowing occurs in direct association with an epoch with epileptiform EEG discharges and whether cognitive impairments precede or follow such an epoch. All children were assessed with EEG/video (Brainlab) simultaneously with computerized neuropsychological testing (FePsy): a test for cognitive activation (simple visual and auditory reaction time measurement). Thirty-seven epochs with epileptiform EEG discharges without clinical signs of a seizure (subclinical epileptiform EEG discharges) were evaluated. The results showed a statistically significant and clinically relevant slowing (35% compared to the overall reaction time), occurring during the epoch with epileptiform EEG discharges (repeated measurement analysis of variance p = < .05; df = 3; F-value: 3.293). No statistically significant slowing was found for the periods 'post-discharge' or 'pre-discharge'. Type of discharge was important and effects on cognitive activation were found exclusively for generalized discharges. This effect was, however, also seen in the remaining period, outside the 'peri-discharge' periods and thus seemed to represent a more general effect of the type of epilepsy on cognitive activation. Our results show that the acute effect of short epileptiform EEG discharges (duration 4.14 sec; sd 1.38) may be impressive, causing impairment (slowing) of cognitive activation. This effect was limited to generalized discharges. This effect was not observed for focal discharges, even during longer periods with discharges. However, it is reassuring that this impact on cognitive activation is limited to the actual period in which the discharges occur and does not have 'post-discharge' effects. The risk of accumulating effects that may have longer-lasting repercussions on higher-order cognitive functions therefore seems to be negligible.
OBJECTIVE: To test the hypothesis that reduced exposure to common infections in the first year of life increases the risk of developing acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. Design and setting The United Kingdom childhood cancer study (UKCCS) is a large population based case-control study of childhood cancer across 10 regions of the UK. PARTICIPANTS: 6305 children (aged 2-14 years) without cancer; 3140 children with cancer (diagnosed 1991-6), of whom 1286 had acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL). MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: Day care and social activity during the first year of life were used as proxies for potential exposure to infection in infancy. RESULTS: Increasing levels of social activity were associated with consistent reductions in risk of ALL; a dose-response trend was seen. When children whose mothers reported no regular activity outside the family were used as the reference group, odds ratios for increasing levels of activity were 0.73 (95% confidence interval 0.62 to 0.87) for any social activity, 0.62 (0.51 to 0.75) for regular day care outside the home, and 0.48 (0.37 to 0.62) for formal day care (attendance at facility with at least four children at least twice a week) (P value for trend < 0.001). Although not as striking, results for non-ALL malignancies showed a similar pattern (P value for trend < 0.001). When children with non-ALL malignancies were taken as the reference group, a significant protective effect for ALL was seen only for formal day care (odds ratio = 0.69, 0.51 to 0.93; P = 0.02). Similar results were obtained for B cell precursor common ALL and other subgroups, as well as for cases diagnosed above and below age 5 years. CONCLUSION: These results support the hypothesis that reduced exposure to infection in the first few months of life increases the risk of developing acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.
A 1 week UV-exposure measurement and outdoor-activity pattern survey was conducted for elementary school children for four seasons at five sites in Japan, i.e. Sapporo (43 degrees 05' N, altitude 40 m), Tsukuba (36 degrees 05' N, 20 m), Tokyo (35 degrees 40' N, 45 m), Miyazaki (31 degrees 60' N, 40 m) and Naha (26 degrees 10' N, 5 m), and UV exposure was measured directly and estimated using outdoor-activity records. The study site with largest UV exposure was Miyazaki, a southern rural area. Comparing the results for boys and girls, UV exposure was larger in boys. UV exposure was large in spring and summer and small in winter. The total amount of UV exposure in spring and summer contributed 57.7-73.4% of total exposure for the year. As a whole, 8.1% and 1.8% of the schoolchildren were exposed to more than 1 minimum erythemal dose (MED) and 2 MED of solar UV in a day, respectively. The estimated yearly UV exposure ranged from 49 207 J/m2 in Miyazaki to 31 520 J/m2 in Tsukuba. The actual UV exposure correlated to potential UV exposure, estimated using outdoor-activity records and ambient UV irradiance, but the ratio differed by season and site. The yearly average of percent UV exposure to ambient UV on a horizontal plane ranged from 9.9% in Tokyo to 4.0% in Naha. In the questionnaire survey on outdoor-activity pattern, a short question "How long did you spend time outdoors between 0900 and 1500 h?" gives the best estimates of UV exposure

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OBJECTIVE: Safe storage of firearms has been recommended as a means of preventing gun-related pediatric injuries, yet few interventions have led to significant improvements in storage practices. This study examined a multifaceted community education campaign to promote safe handgun storage and the campaign’s impact on firearm locking and loading practices in households with children. METHODS: Beginning in 1997, a safe-storage campaign consisting of television and radio announcements, educational materials, billboards, and discount coupons for lock boxes was conducted in King County, Washington. The campaign evaluation used a quasi-experimental design and compared the intervention site with 9 control counties outside Washington State and west of the Mississippi River. Cross-sectional, random-digit-dial telephone surveys of handgun-owning households with children were conducted in all study counties both before the intervention in 1996 (n = 302) and again in 2001 (n = 255). The main analyses assessed whether greater improvements in household firearm-storage practices occurred between 1996 and 2001 in the intervention, compared with the control, counties. Primary outcomes were based on up to 3 handguns per household and included (1) all stored with trigger locks, lock boxes, or gun safes (formal locking devices), (2) all stored in lock boxes or gun safes, (3) any stored loaded, (4) any stored loaded without a formal locking device, and (5) any stored loaded and not in a lock box or gun safe. Data were also collected on up to 1 long gun per household; long-gun outcomes included (1) stored
with a trigger lock or gun safe and (2) stored loaded. RESULTS: Overall, handguns and long guns were generally more likely to be stored locked and less likely to be loaded in 2001 compared with 1996, with these trends seeming to be more consistent in the intervention county. Even so, more than one quarter of households with children and handguns in 2001 failed to store all of their handguns with a formal locking device, and up to 8% continued to possess at least 1 loaded handgun that was not stored with a formal device. The majority of households that stored their handguns with formal devices used lock boxes or gun safes. Storage of handguns in lock boxes or gun safes became more common in both the intervention (adjusted odds ratio [aOR]: 1.71; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 1.03-2.84) and control households (aOR: 1.66; 95% CI: 1.01-2.72) between 1996 and 2001. None of the other measured changes reached statistical significance, such as storing any household handgun loaded (aOR: 0.71; 95% CI: 0.35-1.42 [intervention]; aOR: 1.08; 95% CI: 0.58-2.00 [control]) or keeping any household handgun loaded and not stored in a lock box or gun safe (aOR: 0.59; 95% CI: 0.22-1.55 [intervention]; aOR: 0.67; 95% CI: 0.30-1.49 [control]). Moreover, the intervention county did not experience significantly greater overall improvements in household storage practices for handguns or long guns than did control counties. CONCLUSIONS: In both the intervention and control counties, households were more likely to lock all handguns in 2001 compared with 1996. After accounting for temporal trends, this educational campaign, combined with economic incentives to purchase lock boxes, did not seem to significantly change safe storage practices in households with handguns and children. Even if the campaign did result in small improvements in firearm safe storage, simultaneous national and state-specific gun-safety activities or legislative efforts may have drawn increasing attention to gun-related issues in the control counties, thereby making it more difficult to identify effects of our specific handgun storage intervention

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KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/et [Etiology]
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OBJECTIVE: Most children enjoy healthy childhoods with little need for specialized health care services. However, some children experience difficulties in early childhood and require access to and utilization of considerable health care resources over time. Although impaired motor function is the hallmark of the cerebral palsy (CP) syndromes, many children with this development disorder also experience sensory, communicative, and intellectual impairments and may have complex limitations in self-care functions. Although caregiving is a normal part of being the parent of a young child, this role takes on an entirely different significance when a child experiences functional limitations and possible long-term dependence. One of the main challenges for parents is to manage their child's chronic health problems effectively and juggle this role with the requirements of everyday living. Consequently, the task of caring for a child with complex disabilities at home might be somewhat daunting for caregivers. The provision of such care may prove detrimental to both the physical health and the psychological well-being of parents of children with chronic disabilities. It is not fully understood why some caregivers cope well and others do not. The approach of estimating the "independent" or "direct" effects of the care recipient's disability on the caregiver's health is of limited value because (1) single-factor changes are rare outside the context of constrained experimental situations; (2) assumptions of additive relationships and perfect measurements rarely hold; and (3) such approaches do not provide a complete perspective, because they fail to examine indirect pathways that occur between predictor variables and health outcomes. A more detailed analytical approach is needed to understand both direct and indirect effects simultaneously. The primary objective of the current study was to examine, within a single theory-based multidimensional model, the determinants of physical and psychological health of adult caregivers of children with CP. METHODS: We developed a stress process model and applied structural equation modeling with data from a large cohort of caregivers of children with CP. This design allowed the examination of the direct and indirect relationships between a child's health, behavior and functional status, caregiver characteristics, social supports, and family functioning and the outcomes of caregivers' physical and psychological health. Families (n = 468) of children with CP were recruited from 19 regional children's rehabilitation centers that provide outpatient disability management and supports in Ontario, Canada. The current study drew on a population available to the investigators from a previous study, the Ontario Motor Growth study, which explored patterns of gross motor development in children with CP. Data on demographic variables and caregivers’ physical and psychological health were assessed using standardized, self-completed parent questionnaires as well as a face-to-face home interview. Structural equation modeling was used to test specific hypotheses outlined in our conceptual model. This analytic approach involved a 2-step process. In the first step, observed variables that were hypothesized to measure the underlying constructs were tested using confirmatory factor analysis; this step led to the so-called
measurement model. The second step tested hypotheses about relationships among the variables in the structural model. All of the hypothesized paths in the conceptual model were tested and included in the structural model. However, only paths that were significant were shown in the final results. The direct, indirect, and total effects of theoretical constructs on physical and psychological health were calculated using the structural model.

RESULTS: The most important predictors of caregivers' well-being were child behavior, caregiving demands, and family function. A higher level of behavior problems was associated with lower levels of both psychological (beta = -.22) and physical health (beta = -.18) of the caregivers, whereas fewer child behavior problems were associated with higher self-perception (beta = -.37) and a greater ability to manage stress (beta = -.18). Less caregiving demands were associated with better physical (beta = .23) and psychological (beta = .12) well-being of caregivers, respectively. Similarly, higher reported family functioning was associated with better psychological health (beta = .33) and physical health (beta = .33). Self-perception and stress management were significant direct predictors of caregivers' psychological health but did not directly influence their physical well-being. Caregivers' higher self-esteem and sense of mastery over the caregiving situation predicted better psychological health (beta = .23). The use of more stress management strategies was also associated with better psychological health of caregivers (beta = .11). Gross income (beta = .08) and social support (beta = .06) had indirect overall effects only on psychological health outcome, whereas self-perception (beta = .22), stress management (beta = .09), gross income (beta = .07), and social support (beta = .06) had indirect total effects only on physical health outcomes. CONCLUSIONS: The psychological and physical health of caregivers, who in this study were primarily mothers, was strongly influenced by child behavior and caregiving demands. Child behavior problems were an important predictor of caregiver psychological well-being, both directly and indirectly, through their effect on self-perception and family function. Caregiving demands contributed directly to both the psychological and the physical health of the caregivers. The practical day-to-day needs of the child created challenges for parents. The influence of social support provided by extended family, friends, and neighbors on health outcomes was secondary to that of the immediate family working closely together. Family function affected health directly and also mediated the effects of self-perception, social support, and stress management. In families of children with CP, strategies for optimizing caregiver physical and psychological health include supports for behavioral management and daily functional activities as well as stress management and self-efficacy techniques. These data support clinical pathways that require biopsychosocial frameworks that are family centered, not simply technical and short-term rehabilitation interventions that are focused primarily on the child. In terms of prevention, providing parents with cognitive and behavioral strategies to manage their child's behaviors may have the potential to change caregiver health outcomes. This model also needs to be examined with caregivers of children with other disabilities.
There is a lack of high-quality information about the effectiveness of resuscitation interventions and international differences in structure, process and outcome after out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and cardiopulmonary resuscitation because data are not collected uniformly. An internet-based international registry could make such evaluations possible, and enable the conduct of large randomized controlled trials of resuscitation therapies. A prospective international cohort study was performed that included 571 infants, children and adults (a) who experienced cardiac arrest requiring chest compressions or external defibrillation, (b) outside the hospital in the study communities and (c) upon whom resuscitation was attempted by EMS personnel. Cardiac arrest was defined as lack of responsiveness, breathing or movement in individuals for whom the EMS system is activated for whom an arrest record is completed. All data were collated via a secure and confidential web-based method by using automated forms processing software with appropriate variable range checks, logic checks and skip rules. Median number of missing responses for each variable was 0 (interquartile range 0, 0). Twenty-seven percent of the patients had a first recorded rhythm of ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia, 60% had a witnessed arrest, and 34% received bystander CPR. Mean time from call to arrival on scene was 7.1+/−5.1 min. Six percent of the patients survived to hospital discharge. The resuscitation process was highly variable across centers, and survival and neurological outcome were also significantly and independently different across centers. This study shows that it is possible to collect data prospectively describing the structure, process and outcome associated with cardiac arrest in multiple international sites via the internet. Therefore, it is feasible to conduct adequately powered randomized trials of resuscitation therapies in international settings.
BACKGROUND: Recent studies suggest that parental sun protective behaviors and communication influence their adolescents. However, there is limited information on sun protection for parents of adolescents.

METHODS: A telephone-based, nationally representative prevalence study of sun exposure among youth, aged 11–18, and their parents living in households was conducted in 1998. Separate, independent responses were collected. Weighted prevalence estimates and 95% confidence intervals were estimated and presented for parents only (n = 1187). RESULTS: Approximately one-third of parents planned activities to avoid the sun and used sunscreen. Among parents who used sunscreen, 70% applied it while at the beach or pool, but not as often during other outdoor activities. Almost one-third of parents were participating in water or non-water recreational activities during their most serious sunburn. Differences in sun protection and sunburn experiences were observed by age, gender, sun sensitivity, race and ethnicity, and educational attainment. CONCLUSIONS: Parents have adopted sun protection habits, but have not surpassed national sun-protection goals. Combined use of sun protection behaviors may reduce sunburn prevalence and number of incident skin cancers. These data
may be useful for developing or enhancing current sun protection programs for effective sun protection that include parents and their adolescents

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Physical activity guidelines recommend children should engage in 60 min of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) a day. School recess presents an opportunity for children to be physically active during the school day. Limited research has investigated children's activity levels during recess and its contribution to physical activity recommendations. Moreover, no target for physical activity during recess has been set. METHODS: One hundred sixteen boys and 112 girls (aged 5-10 years) from 23 schools had their physical activity during recess quantified using a uniaxial accelerometer during three recess breaks on one school day. The percentage of time spent engaged in moderate, high, and very high intensity activity was calculated using existing thresholds. RESULTS: Boys engaged in more moderate, high, and very high intensity activity than girls. On average, boys and girls spent 32.9% and 23% of recess engaged in physical activity,
respectively. CONCLUSIONS: Boys engaged in higher intensity activities than girls. The results suggest that recess can contribute 28 min for boys and 21.5 min for girls toward the accumulation of recommended daily physical activity. However, the physical activity intensities that children engaged in were low during recess. On average, children in this study did not achieve 50% of recess time in physical activity. Interventions for increasing the physical activity of children in the playground are warranted.

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N2 - This paper reports the results of a longitudinal study of malaria incidence (1998-2002) among the Pakaanova (Wari’) Indians, Brazilian southwest Amazon region, based on data routinely gathered by Brazilian National Health Foundation outposts network in conjunction with the Indian health service. Malaria is present yearlong in the Pakaanova. Statistically significant differences between seasons or months were not noticed. A total of 1933 cases of malaria were diagnosed in the Pakaanova during this period. The P. vivax / P. falciparum ratio was 3.4. P. vivax accounted for 76.5% of the cases. Infections with P. malariae were not recorded. Incidence rates did not differ by sex. Most malaria cases were reported in children < 10 years old (45%). About one fourth of all cases were diagnosed on women 10-40 years old. An entomological survey carried out at two Pakaanova villages yielded a total of 3.232 specimens of anophelines. Anopheles darlingi predominated (94.4%). Most specimens were captured outdoors and peak activity hours were noted at early evening and just before sunrise. It was observed that Pakaanova cultural practices may facilitate outdoor exposure of individuals of both sexes and all age groups during peak hours of mosquito activities (e.g., coming to the river early in the
morning for bathing or to draw water, fishing, engaging in hunting camps, etc). In a context in which anophelines are ubiquitous and predominantly exophilic, and humans of both sexes and all ages are prone to outdoor activities during peak mosquito activity hours, malaria is likely to remain endemic in the Pakaanova, thus requiring the development of alternative control strategies that are culturally and ecologically sensitive.

N2 - We collected toenail and hair samples from 160 subjects, 83 males and 77 females, residing in Lahore city and its suburban areas in Pakistan, and examined the concentrations of arsenic, cadmium, lead and other metals
using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). The mean hair and toenail arsenic levels were 0.31 ppm and 0.70 ppm, respectively. The correlation coefficient between log-transformed values of hair and toenail arsenic levels was 0.16 (p=0.051). After excluding a subject with hair and toenail arsenic levels as high as 1.12 ppm and 4.72 ppm, respectively, the correlation coefficient was 0.27 (p=0.001). Arsenic levels observed in the present study were relatively higher than in most developed countries. Hair or toenail arsenic concentration was not affected by sex, area of origin, place of residence and education, but toenail arsenic levels increased with age (p=0.029). Fish consumption was inversely related to arsenic levels, suggesting that consumption of beans, which are the main staple of poor people living in the study area who cannot afford to eat fish frequently, may be the source of arsenic exposure among the residents of Lahore and its suburban areas. The mean hair and toenail cadmium levels in the present study were 0.08 ppm and 0.05 ppm, respectively. The correlation coefficient between log-transformed values of hair and toenail cadmium levels was 0.17 (p=0.034). Cadmium levels were lower compared to those reported from developed countries, including Japan. The mean hair and toenail lead levels were 3.53 ppm and 2.11 ppm, respectively. The correlation coefficient between log-transformed values of hair and toenail lead levels was 0.15, which was not statistically significant (p=0.055). When a female subject with toenail lead of 52.4 ppm was excluded, the correlation was 0.17 (p=0.036). Lead levels observed in the present study were similar to those reported from developed countries. In the present study, relatively high lead toenail values were observed among children. The levels of cadmium and lead in hair but not in toenails were higher among those living in central Lahore than among those living outside Lahore, suggesting that dust containing those heavy metals was attached to hair samples due to a typical urban environment with heavy traffic load, congested population and industrial activities.

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T1 - Clinical evaluation of subjective and objective changes in motor activity and attention in children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder in a double-blind methylphenidate trial
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The aim of this study was to determine drug-dependent effects on attention and motor activity in children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in a double-blind methylphenidate (MPH) trial using both subjective behavior ratings and objective measures of function. In particular, we were interested in the relationship between changes of those subjective and objective measures. A total of 44 ADHD children with the combined subtype completed a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover trial with 2 doses of MPH (0.25; 0.5 mg/kg body weight) and placebo. In each condition, computerized attention tasks were performed, teacher-behavior ratings were obtained, and actigraph data were collected in both clinical and naturalistic settings. Trend tests revealed linear effects of MPH dose on actigraph data in the test session (p = 0.02) and at school (p = 0.001), as well as on sustained attention (p < 0.001), while inhibitory control showed a quadratic dose-response curve (p < 0.001). Multivariate regression analyses revealed that changes of both, hyperactive-impulsive symptoms (28%) and inattentive symptoms (23%) could be explained by objective changes of motor activity. Thus, for clinical practice, it should be taken into account that behavior ratings of ADHD symptoms seemed to be predominantly influenced by changes of motor activity.
It has been suggested that there are significant overlaps between removals due to deregistration and removals arising because patients live outside the practice area. If this is true, it would mean that the current estimates of deregistration would need to be revised upwards. All outside-area removals for the calendar years 2001 and 2002 were reviewed and characterised by age, sex and Jarman score of the enumeration district of the patients' residence and distance from the practice. The average outside-area removal rate was just over one removal per practice per year. Removal rates were highest between the ages of 18 and 44 years; there were no significant differences between the sexes. Rates of removal increased exponentially with distance, although even at marked distances from the practice there were about 10 patients remaining on the list for each one removed. Residents in deprived areas were more likely to be removed, although because areas most distal to the practice tend to be affluent, overall there was a predominance of affluent patients among those who are removed. In Northern Ireland rates of outside-area removal are only slightly higher than those of deregistration. It is evident that GPs are exercising some discretion as to which of the outside-area patients they retain on their list. This has the potential to cause some misunderstanding and resentment among patients, as has been reported previously.

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY: This retrospective study was designed to evaluate the severity and nature of long-term sequelae of femoral neck fractures in children in relation to the strategy and technique of therapy.

MATERIAL: The study included 15 patients with a fracture of the femoral neck who, at the time of injury, had an opened proximal physis. The average age at the time of injury was 11.5 years (range, 4 to 16.3 years). There were eight boys and seven girls. Twelve children suffered injury due to a fall varying in gravity, two were knocked down by a vehicle, and one was injured as a co-driver in a car accident. The group involved no type I fracture, six type II, seven type III and two type IV fractures, as classified by the Delbet and Colonna system.

METHODS: All children were operated on within an average of 4.1 days after injury. The delay was caused by a late referral from an outside hospital or was due to associated complications. However, the majority of fractures were treated within 24 hours of injury. Surgery was carried out from the anterolateral approach. Miniarthrotomy was performed in 11 patients to remove hematoma and decompress the intra-articular space.

The methods of stabilization included Kirschner's wires in four children, compressive osteosynthesis using lag screws inserted extraphysically in 10 children and the combination of both methods in one child. No plaster of Paris spica or traction was applied after surgery.

RESULTS: The long-term results were evaluated at a minimum of 5 years after injury. The average follow-up was 9 years and 11 months, with the range from 5 years and 1 month to 15 years and 5 months, and 12 patients were involved. Six had a type II and six had a type III fracture. Ten patients were treated by arthrotomy. Stabilization of the fracture was performed with lag screws in nine children and Kirschner's wires in three patients. Both subjective and objective findings were evaluated by the modified Rattlif criteria. Concerning pain, eight (67%) children had excellent outcomes, three (25%) reported good outcomes and only one (8%) had a poor outcome. The activity following injury was subjectively evaluated as excellent by 11 (92%) patients and as good by one (8%) patient. None of the patients was noticeably limited in their activity, as compared with the pre-injury state. Objective findings were based on X-ray images and the range of hip motion. No or minimal radiographic changes were found in five (42%) patients and were assessed as excellent outcomes. A good outcome, i.e., a spherical head with a moderate neck deformity, was achieved in five (42%) patients. A poor outcome, i.e., avascular necrosis free of revitalization, but with collapse, on X-ray images was recorded in two (16%) patients. The values for the range of motion and limb-length discrepancy were excellent in eight (67%), good in two (16.5%) and poor in two (16.5%) patients. Poor objective and subjective findings were recorded in the patients who had not undergone miniarthrotomy.

DISCUSSION: A comparison with the literature data showed that the occurrence of each fracture type was in agreement with the reports of other authors. The finding of a higher frequency of type I fractures can be explained by a pathological slip due to hormonal changes. The opinions on treatment of these fractures have developed to the view that surgery is necessary in the early post-injury period, preferably with the use of compressive osteosynthesis or Kirschner's wires. However, subsequent immobilization in a plaster cast spica is not necessary. The subjective and objective findings were not exactly correlated due to differences in patients' age and different intervals between injury and treatment.

CONCLUSIONS: The authors recommend early surgery and stabilization by compressive osteosynthesis or Kirschner's wires, together with miniarthrotomy in order to decompress the articular space.

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The number of overweight and obese youth has increased in recent decades, yet few data assess how the lives of children have changed during the "obesity epidemic." Part 1 of this two-part study discussed trends in time use, studying at home, and media use. Part 2 focuses on transportation, physical education, and diet. Walking or biking for transportation can expend a large amount of energy, but active transportation is not a major source of physical activity for youth, averaging eight minutes a day in 2001, with little change over the past few decades. For adolescents, there was no clear trend in physical education during the past decade, but there are no data for after-school and day-care programs, which have become more important as children spend more time away from home. For younger children, time spent in organized sports and outdoor activities increased by 73 minutes per week between 1981 and 1997. Eating as a primary activity declined, suggesting a shift toward snacking or eating as a secondary activity. Statistically significant trends exist for carbohydrate intake, especially for chips/crackers/popcorn/pretzels (intake tripled from the mid-1970s to the mid-1990s) and soft drinks (intake doubled during the same period). Price and income data suggest possible economic reasons for these changes. The percentage of disposable income spent on food has declined continuously, and almost all of the decline has been represented by food consumed at home, yet today's disposable income buys more calories than it has in the past. Relative prices have encouraged shifts across food types. From a baseline of 100 during 1982-84, the price index for fresh fruit and vegetables increased to 258 by 2002 (far exceeding general inflation), whereas the price index for soft drinks increased only to 126 by 2002 (below general inflation)
Remediation of soil from lead-contaminated kindergartens reduces the amount of lead adhering to children's hands

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Risk related to contaminated soil is based on the oral intake of soil and dust among children. This exposure is a consequence of mouthing behaviour, which exposes children to whatever adheres to their hands or toys. This project compared hand exposure of children to lead following outdoor playground activities before and after an intervention. The intervention consisted of replacement of contaminated top soil from the most intensively used playground areas and coverage of bare soil with wood chips or grass. We included children from three kindergartens: one with very low levels of lead in soil and two kindergartens with an average lead concentrations in soil of 100-200 mg/kg. Measurements of lead in soil 5-7 weeks after interventions in two kindergartens verified that the interventions had effectively reduced the potential exposure to lead from the most intensively used areas of the playgrounds. The average lead concentration in soil after intervention was below 10 mg/kg. We found a good agreement between the average concentration of lead in soil and the amount of lead on the hands of the children. Thus, the exposure marker worked and had the advantage compared to a blood sample, that we could evaluate the effect of the interventions shortly after they were accomplished using a noninvasive method. The amount of lead on the hands measured in one of the two kindergartens after the remediation (0.73 microg) was not significantly different from the control kindergarten (0.58 microg). Children from the second kindergarten still had higher median exposures to lead (1.29 microg), but a large overlap
 existed with several children having lower amounts of lead on their hands than some children from the control kindergarten. Large variations in the amount of lead on hands were observed. Variations may reflect true differences in concentrations of lead in soil, but may also reflect different behavior and playing patterns. Our study demonstrated, that it was possible in a cost-effective way to reduce exposure significantly and to verify the effect with a sensitive, noninvasive method shortly after the interventions had been implemented.
Children's mouthing and food-handling activities were measured during a study of nondietary ingestion of pesticides in a south Texas community. Mouthing data on 52 children, ranging in age from 7 to 53 months, were collected using questionnaires and videotaping. Data on children's play and hand-washing habits were also collected. Children were grouped into four age categories: infants (7-12 months), 1-year-olds (13-24 months), 2-year-olds (25-36 months) and preschoolers (37-53 months). The frequency and type of events prompting hand washing did not vary by age category except for hand washing after using the bathroom; this increased with increasing age category. Reported contact with grass and dirt also increased with increasing age category. The median hourly hand-to-mouth frequency for the four age groups ranged from 9.9 to 19.4, with 2-year-olds having the lowest frequency and preschoolers having the highest. The median hourly object to mouth frequency ranged from 5.5 to 18.1 across the four age categories; the frequency decreased as age increased (adjusted R(2)=0.179; P=0.003). The median hourly hand-to-food frequency for the four age groups ranged from 10.0 to 16.1, with the highest frequency being observed in the 1-year-olds. Hand-to-mouth frequency was associated with food contact frequency, particularly for children over 12 months of age (adjusted R(2)=0.291; P=0.002). The frequency and duration of hand-to-mouth, object-to-mouth and food-handling behaviors were all greater indoors than outdoors. Infants were more likely to remain indoors than children in other age groups. The time children spent playing on the floor decreased with increasing age (adjusted R(2)=0.096; P=0.031). Parental assessment was correlated with hand-to-mouth activity but not with object-to-mouth activity. The highest combined (hand and object) mouthing rates were observed among infants, suggesting that this age group has the greatest potential for exposure to environmental toxins.
BACKGROUND: In pediatric chronic renal failure (CRF) optimal parathyroid hormone (PTH) concentrations that minimize renal osteodystrophy and maximize growth are unknown. The search for optimum concentrations has been complicated as currently used "intact" PTH (iPTH) assays cross-react with long carboxyl-terminal PTH fragments (C-PTH), which antagonize the biologic actions of 1-84 PTH. The purpose of this study was to investigate the relationship between PTH, the 1-84 PTH:C-PTH ratio and growth rate in children with CRF. METHODS: A total of 162 patients, median (range) age 9.9 years (0.3 to 17.1 years), were recruited: 136 with a glomerular filtration rate (GFR) <60 mL/min/1.73 m(2)[96 managed conservatively (CRF group) and 40 transplanted patients], and 26 dialysis patients. Over a median (range) period of 1.1 years (0.5 to 1.7 years), children attended five (three to 15) clinics at which iPTH, cyclase-activating PTH (CAP-PTH), and height were measured. RESULTS: Mean PTH concentrations were within the normal range for both assays for the CRF group and up to twice the upper limit of normal for the dialysis group; CAP-PTH 24.8 pg/mL and 59.9 pg/mL (normal range 5 to 39 pg/mL), iPTH 37.1 pg/mL, and 102.6 pg/mL, respectively (normal range 14 to 66 pg/mL). The patients grew normally (change in height standard deviation score per year (DeltaHtSDS) =-0.01). There was no relationship between PTH concentrations and DeltaHtSDS in any patient group. The 1-84 PTH:C-PTH ratio was lower in dialyzed patients (P= 0.003), with worsening renal function (P= 0.047) and with PTH concentrations outside the normal range (P= 0.01). There was a weak correlation between the 1-84 PTH:C-PTH ratio and the DeltaHtSDS (r= 0.2, P= 0.01). CONCLUSION: Normal range PTH concentrations were within the normal range for both assays for the CRF group and up to twice the upper limit of normal for the dialysis group; CAP-PTH 24.8 pg/mL and 59.9 pg/mL (normal range 5 to 39 pg/mL), iPTH 37.1 pg/mL, and 102.6 pg/mL, respectively (normal range 14 to 66 pg/mL). The patients grew normally (change in height standard deviation score per year (DeltaHtSDS) =-0.01). There was no relationship between PTH concentrations and DeltaHtSDS in any patient group. The 1-84 PTH:C-PTH ratio was lower in dialyzed patients (P= 0.003), with worsening renal function (P= 0.047) and with PTH concentrations outside the normal range (P= 0.01). There was a weak correlation between the 1-84 PTH:C-PTH ratio and the DeltaHtSDS (r= 0.2, P= 0.01). CONCLUSION: Normal range PTH concentrations are appropriate, allowing normal growth in children with CRF managed conservatively. C-PTH may be of clinical significance.
INTRODUCTION: Cultural competence is necessary in providing care to culturally diverse families. Numerous studies have emphasized similarities and differences between predetermined cultural groups, yet few have studied groups across cultures. This project aimed to investigate parenting concepts, which in this context pertains to philosophy of parenting and child care practices across cultures. METHOD: Using a grounded theory approach, ethnographic interviews of 46 families representing 27 countries were taped, transcribed, and analyzed. RESULTS: Similarities in parenting concepts were found among families. Teaching values and respect and the need for strict discipline were important. A sense of community, family, and spirituality/religion was strong. Television was viewed as educational and parents anticipated opportunities for jobs and higher education for their children. Parents were more inclined to use medical treatments than home remedies for acute illnesses, which may have been linked to the finding that their providers had a strong influence. Parents feared children playing alone outdoors; distrusted nonfamily babysitters; and felt conflicted between a desire for cultural preservation versus assimilation. DISCUSSION: Universal concepts in parenting philosophies and practices exist among culturally diverse families. Providers may approach anticipatory guidance by addressing global parental concerns that transcend culture in order to relieve time constraints and the overwhelming task of being knowledgeable about all cultures.

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There is little doubt that the cause of the increased prevalence and severity of asthma is multifactorial. Although the factors of allergen exposure and hygiene are almost certainly necessary for its development, there is a growing body of literature that implicates lifestyle change, specifically decreased physical activity, as a contributor to the increase in asthma prevalence and severity. Several literature reviews of exercise conditioning in patients with asthma have been published. These reviews and recent controlled trials emphasize that although many of the studies of exercise conditioning in asthmatic patients involved different methods and outcome measures, the overwhelming majority of studies demonstrated the capacity for asthmatic subjects to exercise safely and significantly improve their cardiovascular fitness and quality of life. There are several proposed pathophysiologic mechanisms responsible for the effects of decreased activity on the lung function of patients with asthma. A prescription for exercise has been endorsed for all asthmatic subjects by the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Thoracic Society. The allergy community has placed emphasis on medical therapy and allergen avoidance; in addition, exercise [correction] has not been formally incorporated into the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program guidelines. It is our belief that an exercise prescription should be part of the treatment for all cases of asthma. The real question is whether prolonged physical activity and, in particular, outdoor play of children plays a role in prophylaxis against persistent wheezing. If so, the decrease in physical activity might have played a major role in recent increases in asthma prevalence and severity. [References: 44]

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N2 - BACKGROUND: Mutations in the cardiac sodium channel, SCN5A, have been associated with one type of long-QT syndrome, with isolated cardiac conduction defects and Brugada syndrome. The sodium channelopathies exhibit marked variation in clinical phenotypes. The mechanisms underlying the phenotypical
diversity, however, remain unknown. Exonic SCN5A mutations can be detected in 20% of Brugada syndrome patients. RESULTS: An intronic mutation (c.4810+3_4810+6dupGGT) in the SCN5A gene, located outside the consensus splice site, was detected in this study in a family with a highly variable clinical phenotype of Brugada syndrome and/or conduction disease and in a patient with Brugada syndrome. The mutation was not found in a control panel of 100 (200 alleles) ethnically matched normal control subjects. We provide in vivo and in vitro evidence that the mutation can disrupt the splice donor site, activate a cryptic splice site, and create a novel splice site. Notably, our data show that normal transcripts can be also derived from the mutant allele. CONCLUSIONS: This is the first report of an unconventional intronic splice site mutation in the SCN5A gene leading to cardiac sodium channelopathy. We speculate that its phenotypical diversity might be determined by the ratio of normal/abnormal transcripts derived from the mutant allele.
The article describes the exposure pathways of cadmium in the Czech urban population. The data on Cd concentrations originated from the Environmental Health Monitoring System, which has been realized in 30 cities since 1994. The data on cadmium content in particular exposure pathways - diet, drinking water, ambient air and soil - were processed for the period 1994-2003. The estimate of the daily dietary intake for an average adult population amounted to 11-19 microg/d, i.e. 0.17-0.30 microg/kg bw/d, which represents 17%-30% of the PTWI (provisional tolerable weekly intake). The contribution from drinking water to the oral exposure is low; on average 0.5 microg/d. Potential exposure to airborne Cd was estimated at about 0.02 microg/d. The additional Cd intake from urban soil ingestion probable in small children was found to be insignificant based on Cd concentrations in the soil of kindergarten playgrounds. Biomonitoring outputs characterize the recent and life-long cadmium burden of the Czech population from general environment. In 1994-2003, the median blood Cd levels ranged in the interval 0.9-0.4 microg/l blood, in smokers being more than double that in non-smokers. Blood Cd levels detected indicate slightly decreasing trend as well as urine Cd levels (range of median values 0.44-0.28 microg/g creatinine). Since 1996 the levels in children have been found in more than 50% cases below the detection limit of the methods used. The estimated total cadmium intake in the Czech urban population does not signalize any increased risk of health impairment considering non-carcinogenic effects.
OBJECTIVES: This study was designed to explore whether parental activities such as repairing cars, welding, and rebuilding car batteries are risk factors for lead poisoning among Cuban refugee children in Miami-Dade County. METHODS: The authors performed a cross-sectional study of 479 children aged 12-83 months who had lived in Cuba during the six months prior to immigrating to the U.S. Lead levels were obtained, and parents provided information on demographics, home/neighborhood environment in Cuba prior to immigration, family/occupational factors prior to immigration, and child behavior factors. RESULTS: Of 479 children, 30 (6.3%) had elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs), defined as > or = 10 microg/dL, based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention action level. In multivariate analysis, racial/ethnic identification other than white, living in a home built after 1979, car repair in the home or yard, eating paint chips, and male sex were independently associated with EBLL. CONCLUSIONS: Risk factors for lead poisoning among immigrant children may differ from those among U.S.-born children. Screening of immigrant children who may have been exposed in their country of origin and education of immigrant parents about lead exposure hazards associated with activities such as car repair should be considered in the design of lead poisoning prevention and control programs.
The present study investigated the relationship between maternal appraisal styles, family risk status, and anger biases in children. Participants included 90 mothers and their children between 3-6 years of age. Eighty families were followed up 1 year later. Maternal appraisal styles were assessed via a naturalistic story-reading method, and Time 1 and Time 2 emotion biases included teacher ratings of anger and aggression, peer ratings of anger, as well as classroom and playground observations of anger. While discussing ambiguous stories with their children, mothers with higher scores on the family risk index utilized more hostile appraisals and fewer prosocial appraisals in their explanations. A higher proportion of hostile-to-prosocial appraisals was also related to higher-risk family status. Prosocial appraisals by mothers were inversely correlated with children's anger biases at school. When the appraisal balance in mothers' talk favored hostile appraisals, children tended to show higher levels of anger biases evidenced at school. Finally, a hostile balance of maternal appraisals was found to predict change in children's anger biases in the school with different effects in high- and low-risk families.
N2 - AIM: To assess the relative occurrence of non motor-vehicle knee injuries and identify important clusters that can be targeted for preventive interventions. METHODS: The study subjects covered 2167 children (0-14 years) who suffered non motor-vehicle knee injuries out of 66870 registered during a three-year period in an established Emergency Department Injury Surveillance System (EDISS). A more serious joint injury was identified in 263 (12%) children, whereas the remaining 1904 children had only soft tissue knee injuries. RESULTS: The incidence of non motor-vehicle knee injuries was estimated at 6.5 per 1000 children-years. Both the incidence of knee injuries and the male-to-female ratio increase with increasing age, reflecting the gender and age pattern of physical activity. Three clusters were identified: The first consisted of more serious knee injuries among older children, frequently resulting after a fall from stairs or a collision in school during winter months; the second cluster consisted of rather minor knee injuries occurring mostly among younger girls at home or in playgrounds, following a fall after stumbling or hit by an object while playing, especially during the summer; the third cluster comprised injuries among older boys, sustained mainly subsequent to overexertion in a sports area. CONCLUSION: Knee injuries tend to be more common among boys but more serious among girls. More and less serious knee injuries tend to fall into distinct clusters that could facilitate prioritization of preventive measures.

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OBJECTIVE: Glacial sports continue to be a popular form of wilderness activity, but no published studies have commented on this type of sport or focused on the injury patterns of glacial accidents. The objectives of this study were to investigate the types and frequency of injuries associated with a glacial-crevasse or ice-field fall. METHODS: The trauma registry data and radiology record system of a pediatric and adult level 1 trauma center were evaluated from January 1997 through August 2003. All admissions with injuries caused by a glacial-crevasse or ice-field fall were reviewed. RESULTS: During the 5 1/2-year period we identified 12 patients, of whom 9 (75%) were male. The average age was 30.2 years with an age range of 9 to 57 years. Six patients fell into glacial crevasses, and the other 6 slid down an ice field of a glacier. Leading diagnoses were head injury (44.6%), thorax injury (20.1%), and lower extremity injury (18.4%). Serious injuries were observed in 66.6% of the patients with a Glasgow Coma Scale of 3 to 8. CONCLUSIONS: A wide spectrum of injuries is associated with glacial accidents. They range from common extremity injuries with fracture or joint instability and peripheral frostbite to potentially life-threatening nonorthopedic trauma, which requires intensive clinical and radiological work-up. Injury prevention strategies should focus on wearing helmets to reduce head injuries and adequate clothing to forestall or prevent hypothermia, for these are the most severe and life-threatening injuries.
OBJECTIVES: To investigate and quantify fall height, surface depth, and surface impact attenuation as risk factors for arm fracture in children who fall from playground equipment. DESIGN: Unmatched case control study. SETTING: Five case hospitals and 78 randomly selected control schools. PARTICIPANTS: Children aged less than 13 years in Victoria, Australia who fell from school playground equipment and landed on their arm. Cases sustained an upper limb fracture and controls had minor or no injury. A total of 402 cases and 283 controls were included. INTERVENTIONS: Children were interviewed in the playground as soon as possible after their fall. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Falls were recreated on site using two validated impact test devices: a headform (measuring peak G and HIC) and a novel anthropometric arm load dummy. Equipment and fall heights, as well as surface depth and substrate were measured. RESULTS: Arm fracture risk was greatest for critical equipment heights above 1.5 m (OR 2.39, 95% CI 1.49 to 3.84, p<0.01), and critical fall heights above 1.0 m (OR 2.96, 95% CI 1.71 to 5.15, p<0.01). Peak headform deceleration below 100G was protective (OR 0.67, 95% CI 0.45 to 0.99, p = 0.04). Compliance with 20 cm surface depth recommendation was poor for both cases and controls. CONCLUSIONS: Arm fracture-specific criteria should be considered for future standards. These include surface and height conditions where critical headform deceleration is less than 100G. Consideration should also be given to reducing maximum equipment height to 1.5 m. Improved surface depth compliance and, in particular, guidelines for surface maintenance are required.
The increasing recognition of the benefits of early intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) stresses the importance of early identification of children who might benefit from those programs. However, in the early years of life it may be difficult to distinguish children with ASD from children with other developmental disorders. The aim of the present study was to identify behavioural patterns that could facilitate this differentiation. Prior to diagnostic assessment, 2- and 3-year-old children (n=30), all referred to a clinic for "possible autism", were observed in a semi-structured play interaction, and their parents were interviewed about the children's early development from 0 to 24 months. Following diagnostic assessment, the 17 children fulfilling the ICD-10 criteria for ASD were compared to the 13 children diagnosed with other developmental disorders (outside the autism spectrum). On the basis of parent reports only a few distinguishing signs of ASD were found before 24 months of age. On the basis of professional observations in a semi-structured play interaction several distinguishing signs were found for the 2- and 3-year-olds;微笑 in response, responds to name, follows pointing, looks to "read" faces, initiates requesting verbal and nonverbal behaviours, and functional play.
Purpose: To report the prevalence of pseudoexfoliation (PXF) and its associations with ocular diseases in a south Indian population. METHODS: This was a population-based, cross-sectional epidemiologic study in the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh (AP). A total of 10,293 subjects of all ages from one urban and three rural areas representative of the population of AP were interviewed and underwent a comprehensive ophthalmic evaluation. PXF was diagnosed on slit lamp biomicroscopy by the presence of white dandruff-like material in the pupillary margin, on the trabecular meshwork, and/or on the anterior lens capsule of one or both eyes.

RESULTS: The age-gender-area-adjusted overall prevalence of PXF was 0.69% (95% CI: 0.53-0.86). The prevalence of PXF increased with increasing age: 3.01% (95% CI: 2.45-3.80), in those 40 years of age or older, and 6.28% (95% CI: 4.80-7.76), in those 60 years of age or older. The prevalence of PXF was significantly higher among people whose occupation involved outdoor activities (adjusted odds ratio [OR], 2.14; 95% CI: 1.10-4.16). After adjustment for age, the prevalence of PXF was significantly higher in those with nuclear cataract (adjusted OR, 2.00; 95% CI: 1.13-3.54). PXF was significantly associated with blindness (adjusted OR, 2.19; 95% CI: 1.16-4.13). Fifteen (20.5%; 95% CI: 11.20-29.80) of those with PXF were blind, with age-
adjusted relative risk (RR) = 4.25 (95% CI: 4.01-4.51). Unilateral blindness (41.2%; 95% CI: 29.81-52.39) and visual impairment (45.21%; 95% CI: 34.29-57.13) were also more common with PXF. Four subjects (5.5%; 95% CI: 0.27-10.2) of those with PXF had glaucoma. The prevalence of PXF in those with glaucoma was 4.2%; (95% CI: 0.17-8.23). In general linear models, the estimated mean +/- SE of IOP with glaucoma and PXF was 24.14 +/- 1.41 mm Hg and was 18.94 +/- 0.26 mm Hg with glaucoma in the absence of PXF; the difference was statistically significant (P < 0.0001). CONCLUSIONS: The association of PXF with blindness and aging has public health implications for India. This is especially so considering the burden of cataract with aging and the association of PXF with cataract as well as complications of cataract surgery. The diagnosis of PXF may also be important in the management of glaucoma in this population

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Artemisinin combination therapies (ACTs) have been recommended for the treatment of malaria in countries where there is widespread resistance to commonly used antimalarial drugs. Several sub-Saharan African countries are, therefore, in the process of introducing ACTs in their malaria drug policies. However, there is limited information about the safety of ACTs outside South East Asia, where their use has been well documented. As with all other new medicinal compounds, the monitoring of a drug's safety or 'pharmacovigilance' is important, especially in areas where co-morbid conditions, such as HIV/AIDS, malnutrition and tuberculosis, are common. Because in most malaria endemic countries, particularly Africa, there are no pharmacovigilance programmes in place, it has been suggested that the introduction of ACTs offers an opportunity for these countries to put drug safety monitoring systems in place. Backed by the WHO Roll Back Malaria department and other international cooperating partners, five African countries, which are in the process of introducing ACTs (Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Zambia and Zanzibar), have drawn up action plans to introduce pharmacovigilance in their health sector. It is planned that once the safety monitoring of antimalarials has been established, these activities can then be extended to cover medicinal compounds used in other public health programmes, such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and the immunisation programmes. This article looks at the rationale for pharmacovigilance, the process of setting up monitoring centres and the challenges of implementing the project in the region.
Effect of sunscreen and clothing on the number of melanocytic nevi in 1,812 German children attending day care

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The number of melanocytic nevi is the most important risk factor for cutaneous melanoma. This 1998 cross-sectional study of 1,812 children aged 2-7 years from 78 day-care centers in Germany analyzed the protective effect of sunscreen and clothing on the number of melanocytic nevi. Total body nevi were counted, and pigmentary features were assessed. Parents underwent a standardized interview concerning their children's sun exposure and sun-protective behavior. Almost 95% of the children had used sunscreen previously. Children who used sunscreen and wore more clothing spent significantly longer periods on holidays in sunny climates (p < 0.001 and p = 0.006, respectively) and had a higher outdoor activity score at home (p < 0.001 and p = 0.012, respectively). Multivariate analysis adjusted for confounders showed no significant protective effects of...
applying sunscreen. Examination of the potential protective effect of clothing revealed an inverse dose-response correlation between the number of clothes worn at the beach or outdoor swimming pool and the number of melanocytic nevi (p < 0.001, adjusted for confounding). Randomized controlled trials are needed to confirm these results. Meanwhile, public education should aim to protect children primarily by sun avoidance and protective clothing, while sunscreen should also be used.
to amount of active play activities. Children watched an average of 1.7 hours per day of television. Health professionals must partner with parents to address childhood obesity.

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KW - Adolescent
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SP - 477
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JF - Respiratory Medicine
JA - Respir Med
VL - 99
IS - 4
CY - England
N2 - SETTING: The four hospitals and a tuberculosis clinic in the province of Zeeland, The Netherlands.
OBJECTIVE: To assess the usefulness of PPD antibody measurement in the diagnosis of tuberculosis in patients admitted to hospital. PATIENTS AND METHODS: Sixty-one patients presenting with active tuberculosis, and 215 control patients were included in the study. Initial serum PPD antibody titres were determined with a macrophage uptake Fluorescent antibody test (MuFat) to construct a discrimination model between Tuberculosis (TB) and non-TB. We also retrospectively collected clinical parameters of the TB patients at presentation. Univariate and multivariate logistic regression are used to identify variables predicting high antibody titres. RESULTS: In TB patients, the presence of clinical symptoms (OR=10.63) and the presence of at least two concurrent non-lymph node disease localizations outside thorax and abdomen (OR=13.94) are necessary and sufficient to predict high titres. The logistic model shows a significant contribution of the 2log
(titre) to the discrimination between TB and non-TB patients. At a cut-off value of 128, a specificity, sensitivity, and positive predictive and negative predictive values of 97%, 39%, 80% and 85%, respectively, are calculated in the study cohort. CONCLUSION: Our data suggest an application of the test at high cut-off values for timely diagnosis of difficult-to-diagnose TB patients. The results of this retrospective study will have to be confirmed in further prospective studies.

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T1 - Everybody else is: Networks, power laws and peer contagion in the aggressive recess behavior of elementary school boys
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KW - Hierarchy
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KW - Nonlinear Dynamics
KW - Peer Group
KW - Play and Playthings/px [Psychology]
KW - Poisson Distribution
KW - Poverty/px [Psychology]
KW - Power (Psychology)
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KW - Social Control
KW - Informal
KW - Social Facilitation
KW - Social Support
KW - Urban Population
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JF - Nonlinear Dynamics, Psychology, & Life Sciences
JA - Nonlinear Dynamics Psychol Life Sci
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CY - United States
N2 - This paper develops a simple random network model of peer contagion in aggressive behavior among inner-city elementary school boys during recess periods. The model predicts a distribution of aggressive behaviors per recess period with a power law tail beginning at two aggressive behaviors and having a slope of approximately -1.5. Comparison of these values with values derived from observations of aggressive behaviors...
during recess at an inner-city elementary school provides empirical support for the model. These results suggest that fluctuations in aggressive behaviors during recess arise from the interactions between students, rather than from variations in the behavior of individual students. The results therefore support those interventions that aim to change the pattern of interaction between students.
OBJECTIVE: To assess the impact on children's health of translating an evidence-based national intervention trial (Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health [CATCH]) to low-income elementary schools with primarily Hispanic students. DESIGN: An untreated, matched control group design with repeated dependent pretest and posttest samples was used. SETTING: Four El Paso CATCH and 4 control elementary schools in El Paso, Tex, along the US-Mexico border region. All had Title I status (most were low-income students). PARTICIPANTS: Participants were 896 third-grade children (473 control schools [224 girls and 249 boys] and 423 CATCH schools [199 girls and 224 boys]); 93% were Hispanic. INTERVENTION: Community-based implementation of the national CATCH program. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Risk of overweight or overweight, body mass index, waist-to-hip ratio, yards run in 9 minutes, passing rates for Fitnessgram national mile standards, moderate to vigorous physical activity and vigorous physical activity in physical education class, and percentage of fat and sodium in school lunches. RESULTS: Girls in control schools had significant increases in percentage of risk of overweight or overweight from third (26%) to fifth (39%) grades, as did girls in CATCH schools (30%-32%); however, the rate of increase for girls in the CATCH schools was significantly lower (2%) compared with the rate for control girls (13%). A similar pattern was seen for boys, with a rate of increase for boys in CATCH schools of 1% (40%-41%), which was significantly less than the 9% increase (40% to 49%) for control boys. CONCLUSIONS: The translation of the national CATCH program to low-income schools with Hispanic students successfully slowed the epidemic increase in risk of overweight or overweight seen in control school children. An emphasis should be placed on community organizing and evaluation feedback when implementing evidence-based school health programs in low-income Hispanic communities.
PURPOSE: To determine the accuracy of pedometer step counts and time during self-paced walking (SPW) and treadmill walking in children (5-11 yr). Two pedometers were assessed during SPW: Digiwalker SW-200 (DW200) and Walk4Life 2505 (WL), and four pedometers during treadmill walking: DW200, WL, Digiwalker SW-701 (DW701), and the Sun TrekLINQ (SUN). METHODS: Ten boys (8.3+/−1.5 yr) and 10 girls (8.9+/−1.7 yr) completed three single-lap SPW trials around an outdoor athletic track. Treadmill walking was performed at the following speeds: 40, 54, 67, 80, and 94 m.min⁻¹. During treadmill walking, each model was measured on the right and left sides. Pedometer steps and time and observed steps and time were recorded for all trials. RESULTS: Across SPW trials, there was high agreement on observed steps for both the DW200 and WL (intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) 0.985–0.997). For treadmill walking, at <or=54 m.min⁻¹, low interunit agreement (ICC<or=0.746) and low agreement between pedometer steps and observed steps (ICC<or=0.720) were detected for all models. For pedometer time, the WL exhibited a high level of agreement with observed during SPW (ICC 0.997-0.998). During treadmill walking, the WL was within 5.3% of actual time across all speeds, whereas time with the SUN did not come within 5% agreement until 80 m.min⁻¹. CONCLUSIONS: Findings are consistent with adult studies with step count underestimation during slow (<or=54 m.min⁻¹) walking. Low interunit agreement at slow speeds suggests variations in step count registry within models. The accuracy of time (WL), independent of step count accuracy and speed, suggests that time might be used in addition to steps to quantify the physical activity behavior of children.
This study aimed to investigate the relationship between 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D) and parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels in adolescent females residing in a northern climate. Concern regarding vitamin D status in this population is due to limited sunlight exposure in northern latitudes, decreased outdoor recreational activities, as well as decreased conversion in black girls from increased skin pigmentation. In this cross-sectional analysis, serum samples were assayed for 25(OH)D using competitive protein binding (CPB) assay and PTH with immuno-radiometric (RIA) procedures. Four hundred postmenarcheal females (12-18 years) residing in northeastern Ohio were recruited. Subjects were excluded if they had a history of bone, kidney, or liver disease, or used medications that affect bone. The primary goal was to determine serum 25(OH)D concentrations in relation to circulating PTH levels in a population of adolescent girls. The Spearman correlation test was used to compare PTH and 25(OH)D. Fit multiple split models were run to determine change in slope of the regression line when 25(OH)D and PTH were plotted. Analysis of variance was determined using modeled means with differences by race and season in the final model. Unadjusted mean serum 25(OH)D and PTH levels were 55.0+/−30.4 nmol/l and 39.4+/−20.6 ng/l, respectively. Blacks had lower 25(OH)D and higher PTH compared with non-blacks (P<0.0001), especially during the winter months. Decreasing 25(OH)D was inversely correlated with PTH (r=−0.314) (P<0.0001), and at concentrations of 25(OH)D < or =90 nmol/l, an increase in PTH was observed. Adolescents are at risk for decreased serum 25(OH)D concentrations, especially black girls. We found that the widely used cutoff for vitamin D deficiency is associated with increasing PTH levels and is below the inflection point for a change in the slope of the regression line. Our results support the need for further research to establish optimal vitamin D status in adolescent girls.
We studied hospital records of 750 consecutive Buruli ulcer patients in a highly endemic area in Amansie West, Ghana. Although more Buruli ulcer lesions were found on the right side of the body, comparison of lesions on arms and legs showed a bilaterally symmetrical distribution. Upper and lower extremities were affected equally by Buruli ulcers, if correction was made for differences in body surface area. Patients from outside the Amansie West district presented significantly more often with ulcerated lesions, which were more often located on a joint, than patients who lived in Amansie West, suggesting that longer travel distance might have caused delay. Our observations of a bilaterally symmetrical distribution of lesions on extremities and equal upper and lower extremity involvement are compatible with a mode of transmission that involves passive exposure of exposed body parts. An asymmetrical distribution of lesions was found in an earlier study, suggesting transmission by vegetation near the ground, through activities like farming or play. Perhaps, transmission in or near water, e.g. by bites of infected aquatic insects, might favour the pattern of distribution of lesions that we found.
Personal nephelometers provide useful real-time measurements of airborne particulate matter (PM). Recent studies have applied this tool to assess personal exposures and related health effects. However, a thorough quality control (QC) procedure for data collected from such a device in a large-scale exposure assessment study is lacking. We have evaluated the performance of a personal nephelometer (personal DataRAM or pDR) in the field. We present here a series of post hoc QC procedures for improving the quality of the pDR data. The correlations and the ratios between the pDRs and the collocated gravimetric measurements were used as indices of the pDR data quality. The pDR was operated in four modes: passive (no pump), active (with personal sampling pumps), active with a heated inlet, and a humidistat. The pDRs were worn by 21 asthmatic children, placed at their residences indoors and outdoors, as well as at a central site. All fixed-site pDRs were collocated with Harvard Impactors for PM2.5 (HI2.5). By examining the differences between the time-weighted average concentrations calculated from the real-time pDRs' readings and recorded internally by the pDRs, we identified 9.1% of the pDRs' measurements suffered from negative drifts. By comparing the pDRs' daily base level with the HI2.5 measurements, we identified 5.7% of the pDRs' measurements suffered from positive drifts. High relative humidity (RH) affected outdoor pDR measurements, even when a heater was used. Results from a series of chamber experiments suggest that the heated air stream cooled significantly after leaving the heater and entering the pDR light-scattering chamber. An RH correction equation was applied to the pDR measurements to remove the RH effect. The final R2 values between the fixed-site pDRs and the collocated HI2.5 measurements ranged between 0.53 and 0.72. We concluded that with a carefully developed QC procedure, personal nephelometers can provide high-quality data for assessing PM exposures on subjects and at fixed locations. We also recommend that outdoor pDRs be operated in the active mode without a heater and that the RH effect be corrected with an RH correction equation.
Children's perceptions of their home and neighborhood environments, and their association with objectively measured physical activity: a qualitative and quantitative study

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Environmental factors may have an important influence on children's physical activity, yet children's perspectives of their home and neighborhood environments have not been widely assessed. The aim of this study was to investigate children's perceptions of their environments, and to examine associations between these perceptions and objectively measured physical activity. The sample consisted of 147, 10-year-old Australian children, who drew maps of their home and neighborhood environments. A subsample of children photographed places and things in these environments that were important to them. The maps were analyzed for themes, and for the frequency with which particular objects and locations appeared. Physical activity was objectively measured using accelerometers. Six themes emerged from the qualitative analysis of the maps and photographs: the family home; opportunities for physical activity and sedentary pursuits; food items and locations; green space and outside areas; the school and opportunities for social interaction. Of the 11 variables established from these themes, one home and two neighborhood factors were associated with children's physical activity. These findings contribute to a broader understanding of children's perceptions of their environment, and highlight the potential importance of the home and neighborhood environments for promoting physical activity behavior.
T1 - Resurrecting free play in young children: looking beyond fitness and fatness to attention, affiliation, and affect. [Review] [59 refs]
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KW - Interpersonal Relations
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KW - Play and Playthings/px [Psychology]
KW - Problem Solving
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JF - Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine
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CY - United States
N2 - We have observed that the nature and amount of free play in young children has changed. Our purpose in this article is to demonstrate why play, and particularly active, unstructured, outdoor play, needs to be restored in children's lives. We propose that efforts to increase physical activity in young children might be more successful if physical activity is promoted using different language encouraging play-and if a different set of outcomes are emphasized-aspects of child well-being other than physical health. Because most physical activity in preschoolers is equivalent to gross motor play, we suggest that the term "play" be used to encourage movement in preschoolers. The benefits of play on children's social, emotional, and cognitive development are explored. [References: 59]
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T1 - Is physical fitness decreased in survivors of childhood leukemia? A systematic review. [Review] [38 refs]
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The aim of this review is to determine whether physical fitness, assessed by peak oxygen uptake (VO(2peak)) measurement, is reduced in survivors of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) compared to healthy children. A systematic literature search (up to June 2004) was performed using Medline, Sportdiscus, Cinahl, Embase, Cochrane and PEDro database and reference tracking. The VO(2peak) (ml kg(-1) min(-1)) reached during a maximal exercise test until volitional exhaustion was used as the main outcome for this review. In all, 17 studies were identified in the literature. Data from three studies (102 ALL survivors, age ranging from 7 to 19 years) were pooled in a meta-analysis. Although there was a significant heterogeneity between the included studies (P=0.0006), the standardized mean difference (SMD) value of -0.61 (P=0.07) indicated that VO(2peak) tended to be reduced in survivors of childhood ALL compared to healthy control subjects, that is, decrease of -5.97 ml kg(-1) min(-1) (95% confidence interval (CI): (-12.35, 0.41); P=0.07) or -13% (95 % CI: (-27, 0.004)). Physical fitness tends to be reduced in survivors of ALL during childhood, which suggests the need for this population group to engage in regular physical activities with the purpose of increasing their functional capacity. Although more research is needed, this functional improvement might ameliorate the quality of life of ALL survivors as physical and outdoors activities are an essential part of daily routine during childhood. [References: 38]
BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE: Waist circumference (W) has been shown to be a good predictor of cardiovascular risk. The aim of this study was to investigate whether physical activity (PA) is related to W in adolescents as previously shown in adults. DESIGN AND SUBJECTS: Cross-sectional population-based survey of 2,714 12-16-year-old adolescents from the eastern part of France. MEASUREMENTS: Body mass index (BMI) and W were measured. Structured PA, active commuting to and from school and sedentary activities (SED), for example television viewing, computer/video games and reading and different potential confounders (dietary habits, parental overweight, family annual income tax and educational level) were assessed by a questionnaire.

RESULTS: The adolescents had a mean BMI of 19.0±3.4 kg/m², and 20.2% of them were overweight, with no gender difference. Boys had a greater W than girls (67.6±9.1 vs 65.7±8.9 cm, P<0.0001). In all, 42% of the girls and 25% of the boys did not practice any structured PA outside school and less than 40% of the adolescents commuted actively to school more than 20 min/day. About one-third of the adolescents devoted more than 2 h/day to SED. In univariate analyses, BMI was negatively associated with structured PA but significantly only for girls (P<0.01) and positively associated with SED for both genders (P<0.0001 for girls, P<0.01 for boys). W was negatively associated with structured PA and positively associated with SED both in girls (P<0.0001 and P=0.03, respectively) and boys (P<0.01 and P=0.08, respectively). Multiple general linear models show that SED is associated with BMI, independently of structured PA, in both genders. On the other hand, structured PA was inversely associated with W, independently of SED. The inverse relation between structured PA and W persisted after additional adjustment on BMI, with a greater effect of PA for the adolescents with higher BMI. CONCLUSIONS: In 12-16-year-old adolescents, structured PA is inversely associated with W, an indicator of total adiposity but also more specifically of abdominal fat. This suggests that PA may have a beneficial effect on youth metabolic and cardiovascular risks, in particular in the presence of overweight.
Associations between average total personal exposures to PM2.5, PM10, and NO2 and concomitant outdoor concentrations were assessed within the framework of the Genotox ER study. It was carried out in four French metropolitan areas (Grenoble, Paris, Rouen, and Strasbourg) with the participation, in each site, of 60-90 nonsmoking volunteers composed of two groups of equal size (adults and children) who carried the personal Harvard Chempass multipollutant sampler during 48 h along two different seasons ("hot" and "cold"). In each center, volunteers were selected so as to live (home and work/school) in three different urban sectors contrasted in terms of air pollution (one highly exposed to traffic emissions, one influenced by local industrial sources, and a background urban environment). In parallel to personal exposure measurements, a fixed ambient air monitoring station surveyed the same pollutants in each local sector. A linear regression model was accommodated where the dependent pollutant-specific variable was the difference, for each subject, between the average ambient air concentrations over 48 h and the personal exposure over the same period. The explanatory variables were the metropolitan areas, the three urban sectors, season, and age group. While average exposures to particles were underestimated by outdoor monitors, in almost all cities, seasons, and age groups, differences were lower for NO2 and, in general, in the other direction. Relationships between average total personal exposures and ambient air levels varied across metropolitan areas and local urban sectors. These results suggest that using ambient air concentrations to assess average exposure of populations, in epidemiological studies of long-term effects or in a risk assessment setting, calls for some caution. Comparison of personal exposures to
PM or NO2 with ambient air levels is inherently disturbed by indoor sources and activities patterns. Discrepancies between measurement devices and local and regional sources of pollution may also strongly influence how the ambient air concentrations relate to population exposure. Much attention should be given to the selection of the most appropriate monitoring sites according to the study objectives.

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T1 - Study of young people attending an adolescent friendly centre
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KW - Socioeconomic Factors
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SP - 324
EP - 330
JF - Kathmandu University Medical Journal
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VL - 2
IS - 4
CY - Nepal
N2 - Adolescents are the individuals between the ages of 10 and 19 years and the youth are those between the ages of 15 to 24 years. World Health Organisation has therefore defined young people as individuals between the age group of 10 to 24 years. In our country Adolescents comprise more than one fifth (22%) of the total population. Therefore Family Health Division, Ministry of Health, established an adolescent friendly centre at Bir Hospital on 5th January 2002. This paper has tried to study and analyse the young population attending this centre at a fixed period of time. This study was carried out a. Find out the total number of adolescents. b. Estimate their male: female ratio. c. Find out their ethnicity, address, marital status, education, and occupation d. Learn what Health and Development problems these young people have. This is a cross sectional study done at Bir Hospital adolescent friendly centre for a period of one year. All young people (adolescents and youths) coming to this centre within the specified period are included in this study. OPD register was used to collect the data, which was obtained and analysed manually. Total of 956 young people were provided healthcare and counselling services from this centre. Out of them, only 9.21% were males. 887 (92.78%) of this population are adolescents, 69 (7.22%) are from 19 to 24 years age group and 880 (92.05%) of them are youth. Majority (28.56%) were Brahmins. 313 (32.74%) of these people were from outside the valley. 9 (10.23%) out of 88 boys and 384 (79.34%) out of 484 girls were married. 1.14% of boys and 14.63% of girls were illiterate. 4.55% of boys and 14.17% of girls had not completed the studies of standard five. 17.05% of boys and 47% of girls had not completed their school. 81.82% of boys and 38.36% of girls had joined the college. It also showed that 521
(54.50%) of these young people are students but 35.94% of girls are housewives. 278 (32.03%) girls presented with menstrual problems and 22.12% (192) came with pregnancy related problems and 15.27 % of these young people presented with the symptoms of various infections Twenty six (3%) girls came with features of anaemia and 22 (2.53%) girls had dropped in for family planning services. 20 (2.09%) of these young people had some psychological problem (mainly anxiety) and 9.62% of them had various types of skin problems. Adolescent friendly centre can play a vital role to support and help a good number of adolescents of the society. Key words: Adolescents, youths, and young people

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KW - Child
KW - Equipment Design
KW - Facial Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Female
KW - Fractures
KW - Bone/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Multiple Trauma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Odds Ratio
KW - Play and Playthings/in [Injuries]
KW - Prevalence
KW - Queensland/ep [Epidemiology]
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OBJECTIVES: This study examined the type of injury, fall heights and measures of impact attenuation of surfaces on which children fell from horizontal ladders and track rides. METHOD: All injured children who presented to two children's hospitals and received medical attention following a fall from a horizontal ladder or track ride in a public school or park during 1996--1997 were interviewed and the playground visited.

RESULTS: The number of children who fell from horizontal ladders and track rides and presented to hospitals with injury was 118. Of those children, 105 were injured when they hit the ground and data were available on 102 of those playground undersurfaces. Fractures to the arm or wrist were the most common injury. The median height fallen by children was 1930 mm, 73% of injuries were from falls greater than 1800mm. In 41% of sites, the surface was deficient in impact absorbing properties for the height of the equipment. Fractures were no more likely on loose surfaces than other surfaces, such as rubber matting (p = 0.556) but more prevalent on compliant than non-compliant surfaces. Relative to falls occurring on non-compliant surfaces, the odds of a fracture occurring on a compliant surface was 2.67 (95% CI 0.88-8.14). CONCLUSIONS: Modification of the height of horizontal ladders and track rides to 1800mm is preferable to removal of such equipment. The prevalence of fractures on compliant surfaces suggests that the threshold of 200g or 1000 head injury criteria (HIC) needs to be revisited, or additional test criteria added to take account of change in momentum that is not presently accounted for with either g-max on HIC calculations.

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PURPOSE: This study was conducted to compare the paternal rearing behavior and rearing stress level between fathers with a preschooler and fathers with school children so that it can be utilized as a basic source for developing parental rearing education programs. METHODS: A descriptive comparative method was conducted to identify the paternal rearing behavior and paternal rearing stress. Respondents were 361 fathers who had either preschoolers (n=189) or children of elementary age (n=172). RESULTS: Comparing the two group’s means, the rearing activity score and rearing stress there were significant differences. In the school children's group's father, 'outdoor activity' and 'guidance on discipline activity' were significantly higher than the other group. In the preschool children's fathers group, 'play interaction activity' was statistically significant higher than the other, and the child-part mean score of paternal rearing stress was significantly higher than the other group. The correlation between paternal rearing behavior and paternal rearing stress, indicates that more paternal rearing behavior means less paternal rearing stress. CONCLUSION: These results of this study will help design more effective rearing programs for fathers that have either preschool children or school children by providing the basic data for paternal rearing behaviors and paternal rearing stress.
INTRODUCTION: Childhood sun exposure is a major risk factor for skin cancer, the most common form of cancer in the United States. Schools in locations that receive high amounts of ultraviolet radiation have been identified as important sites for reducing excessive sun exposure. METHODS: The objective of this study was to determine the prevalence of sun protection policies, environmental features, and attitudes in public elementary schools in Hawaii. Surveys were sent to all (n = 177) public elementary school principals in Hawaii. Non-respondents were called three weeks after the initial mailing. The survey asked about sun protection policies, environmental features, and attitudes toward sun protection. The survey was designed to measure all seven components of Guidelines for School Programs to Prevent Skin Cancer, issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. RESULTS: Seventy-eight percent of schools responded to the survey. Only one school had a written school policy. Almost all schools (99.3%) scheduled outdoor activities during peak sun hours. School uniforms rarely included long pants (6.5%), long-sleeved shirts (5.1%), or hats (1.5%). Current policies did not support or restrict sun protection habits. Almost one third of those surveyed were in favor of a statewide policy (28.1%), and most believed excessive sun exposure was an important childhood risk (78.9%), even among non-white students (74.5%). CONCLUSION: Results of this study suggest the following: 1) school personnel in Hawaii are concerned about childhood sun exposure; 2) current school policies fail to address the issue; 3) most schools are receptive to developing sun protection policies and programs; and 4) students appear to be at high risk for sun exposure during school hours.

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Williams syndrome is a rare congenital disease in which the etiological locus is a micro-deletion in chromosome 7. Here, we describe the case of a 22-year-old male who was diagnosed with Williams syndrome at the age of 3 years. As a child, the patient exhibited patterns of behavior characteristic of this syndrome including hyperactivity, attention deficit, and over-friendliness. He also showed persistent interest in construction vehicles, playgrounds, and gloves. He became interested in gloves after watching a television program in which the heroine fought her enemies while wearing gloves. Watching pornographic movies allowed him to attach strong sexual significance to gloves when he was 19 years old. Since that time, he has assaulted women wearing gloves four times to rob them of the gloves. The current paper discusses both the role of the cognitive profile unique to Williams syndrome and that of environmental factors in the development of fetishism in this case.

A survey of 39 elementary schools was undertaken to determine indoor air concentrations of bioaerosols within a coastal, temperate climatic zone in British Columbia, Canada. This article reports the results for airborne bacteria. Determinants of exposure were grouped into environmental (outdoor temperature, relative humidity, season, weather), ventilation and comfort parameter (indoor relative humidity, temperature, indoor CO2 concentration, indoor fungal concentration), and occupancy (number of occupants, activity levels, occupancy patterns) variables. Regression modeling was used to evaluate the association between these factors.
and measured concentrations of indoor mesophilic bacteria. Naturally ventilated rooms (47% of the total rooms surveyed) had higher bacterial counts than mechanically ventilated rooms (geometric mean 325 vs. 166 CFU/m3, respectively, p < 0.001). In univariate analyses, bacterial counts were negatively correlated with supply and exhaust flow rates, air exchange rates, and the percentage of the day that occupants spent quietly sitting at their desks. Analysis of bacterial groups indicated various sources of the bacterial aerosol, with micrococci and staphylococci closely associated with occupancy variables, Bacillus with site and occupancy, and coryneform bacteria with site variables only. Approximately 60% of the variance in the outcome measurement of total bacteria was accounted for by indoor CO2, lower air exchange rate, the age of the building, signs of current or old moisture stains, room volume, indoor relative humidity, and occupant activity level in a multiple linear regression model, with ventilation factors accounting for 40% of the variance.

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T1 - Transcription factor AP-2gamma is a developmentally regulated marker of testicular carcinoma in situ and germ cell tumors
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English
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KW - Adolescent
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KW - Carcinoma in Situ/ge [Genetics]
KW - Carcinoma in Situ/me [Metabolism]
KW - Cell Differentiation
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - DNA-Binding Proteins/ge [Genetics]
KW - DNA-Binding Proteins/me [Metabolism]
KW - Female
KW - Gene Expression Regulation
KW - Developmental
KW - Neoplastic
KW - Germinoma/et [Etiology]
KW - Germinoma/me [Metabolism]
KW - Gonadal Dysgenesis/co [Complications]
KW - Gonadal Dysgenesis/pa [Pathology]
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Ovarian Neoplasms/ge [Genetics]
KW - Ovarian Neoplasms/me [Metabolism]
KW - Pregnancy
KW - Steroids/pd [Pharmacology]
KW - Testicular Neoplasms/ge [Genetics]
KW - Testicular Neoplasms/me [Metabolism]
KW - Transcription Factor AP-2
KW - Transcription Factors/ge [Genetics]
KW - Transcription Factors/me [Metabolism]
KW - Tretinoin/pd [Pharmacology]
KW - Tumor Markers
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N2 - PURPOSE: Transcription factor activator protein-2gamma (TFAP2C, AP-2gamma) was reported previously in extraembryonic ectoderm and breast carcinomas but not in the testis. In our recent gene expression study we detected AP-2gamma in carcinoma in situ testis (CIS, or intratubular germ cell neoplasia), precursor of testicular germ cell tumors. In this study we aimed to investigate the expression pattern of AP-2gamma and to shed light on this factor in germ cell differentiation and the pathogenesis of germ cell neoplasia.
EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN: We analyzed expression pattern of AP-2gamma at the RNA and protein level in normal human tissues and a panel of tumors and tumor-derived cell lines. In the gonads, we established the ontogeny of expression of AP-2gamma in normal and dysgenetic samples. We also investigated the regulation of AP-2gamma by steroids and retinoic acid. RESULTS: We detected abundant AP-2gamma in testicular CIS and in testicular germ cell tumors of young adults and confirmed differential expression of AP-2gamma in somatic tumors. We found that AP-2gamma expression was regulated by retinoic acid in an embryonal carcinoma cell line (NT2). The investigation of ontogeny of AP-2gamma protein expression in fetal gonads revealed that it was confined to oogonia/gonocytes and was down-regulated with germ cell differentiation. In some prepubertal intersex cases, AP-2gamma was detected outside of the normal window of expression, probably marking neoplastic transformation of germ cells. CONCLUSIONS: AP-2gamma is developmentally regulated and associated with the undifferentiated phenotype in germ cells. This transcription factor may be involved in self-renewal and survival of immature germ cells and tissue-specific stem cells. AP-2gamma is a novel marker of testicular CIS and CIS-derived tumors
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BACKGROUND: Chromated copper arsenate (CCA)-treated wood has been widely used for outdoor play structures. There is a growing scientific concern about children's exposure to the arsenic that leaches from these structures. The purpose of this study was to measure arsenic from CCA-treated wood play structures owned by the City of Toronto to guide an appropriate exposure reduction strategy.

METHODS: In the fall of 2002, 4 soil and 2 wood surface samples (dislodgeable arsenic) were collected from 217 play structures and analyzed for total arsenic content. Soil arsenic concentrations were compared to the federal soil guideline of 12 microg/g. Dislodgeable arsenic concentrations were compared to a Toronto Public Health-derived interim action level of 100 microg/100 cm².

RESULTS: Soil arsenic levels in samples taken from within one metre of CCA-treated wood were low (mean 2.1; range 0.5-10 microg/g). However, the means of the arsenic level in the composite soil samples taken from beneath an elevated platform were significantly greater (p<0.01) than the background soil sample and soil from within one metre of the CCA-treated wood (mean 20.3; range 12.4-47.5 microg/g). Composite soil samples exceeded the federal soil guideline of 12 microg/g at 32 play structures. Dislodgeable arsenic values varied widely (mean 41.9 microg/100 cm²; non-detectable to 521.5 microg/100 cm²). 32 play structures had dislodgeable arsenic levels that exceeded the interim action level. Mean arsenic concentrations on vertical surfaces were significantly higher than on horizontal surfaces (p<0.01).

DISCUSSION: Our soil analysis indicates that arsenic does not migrate laterally but accumulates under elevated platforms at levels that can exceed the soil guideline. Dislodgeable arsenic values varied greatly and were not a useful predictor of soil arsenic (R² = 0.0015).
Recognizing concealed health risks and pertaining high-risk groups is a cardinal task of the Public Health Services. As far as relevant environmental pollutions concerned protection of high-risk groups on the basis of appreciation of the average load and also of the 90th percentile is insufficient. Public health strategies must be found which also include protection of the most highly exposed 10% of the population. More than thousand years of mining and metallurgical engineering in the Harz mountains is the reason why heavy metal contamination in soil and air by arsenic, cadmium and lead is a problem in parts of the Harz region. Small children playing in soil with their "Pica-behaviour", hand to mouth contact, to the most endangered group. Therefore it was the duty of the District Community Physician to declare limit values for heavy metals and arsenic in the soil of child playgrounds. Experiences in Goslar/Harz region are reported.
OBJECTIVE: We examined relationships of eating patterns and reported energy intake (rEI) with BMI percentile in U.S. children. RESEARCH METHODS AND PROCEDURES: Two 24-hour dietary recalls from the Continuing Surveys of Food Intakes by Individuals 1994 to 1996 and 1998 (1005 boys, 990 girls) were averaged, and children were categorized into three age groups: 3 to 5 years (n = 1077), 6 to 11 years (n = 537), and 12 to 19 years (n = 381). Physiologically implausible reports due to reporting bias or abnormal intake (rEI outside +/-18% to 23% of predicted energy requirements; pER) were identified. RESULTS: rEI averaged 109 +/- 34% and 100 +/- 10% of pER in the total and plausible samples, respectively. EI was overreported more in younger children and underreported more in overweight older children. Children with plausible rEI (45.3% of sample) averaged 4.7 eating occasions/d, 589 kcal/meal, 223 kcal/snack, and 2038 kcal/d. rEI was not associated with BMI percentile in the total sample. In the plausible sample, rEI, meal portion size, and meal energy were positively associated with BMI percentile in boys 6 to 11 years and in children 12 to 19 years. No relationships were found in children 3 to 5 years and girls 6 to 11 years. Relationships were more consistent and stronger in the plausible compared with the total sample. DISCUSSION: Excluding implausible dietary reports may be necessary for discerning dietary associations with BMI percentile. EI and meal, but not snack, patterns may play a quantitatively greater role in weight regulation as children age.
Cerebral folate deficiency (CFD) can be defined as any neurological syndrome associated with low cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) 5-methyltetrahydrofolate (5MTHF), the active folate metabolite, in the presence of normal folate metabolism outside the nervous system. CFD could result from either disturbed folate transport or from increased folate turnover within the central nervous system (CNS). We report on a novel neurometabolic syndrome in 20 children, which we term 'idiopathic CFD'. Typical features became manifest from the age of 4 months, starting with marked unrest, irritability, and sleep disturbances followed by psychomotor retardation, cerebellar ataxia, spastic paraplegia, and dyskinesia; epilepsy developed in about one third of the children. Most children showed deceleration of head growth from the age of 4 to 6 months. Visual disturbances began to develop around the age of 3 years and progressive sensorineural hearing loss started from the age of 6 years. Neuroimaging showed atrophy of frontotemporal regions and periventricular demyelination in seven children, slowly progressive supratentorial and infratentorial atrophy in three children, and normal findings in the remainder.

Because active folate transport to the CNS occurs through receptor-mediated folate receptor protein 1 (FR1) endocytosis, DNA sequencing of the FR1 gene was performed and found to be normal. However, CSF protein analysis revealed a non-functional FR1 protein, suspected to result from either post-translational defects of FR1 protein N-glycosylation, the presence of folate antagonists with irreversible binding, or autoantibodies blocking the folate binding site of FR1. Oral treatment with 5-formyltetrahydrofolate (folinic acid) should be started in low doses at 0.5-1mg/kg/day, but in some patients higher daily doses of folinic acid at 2-3 mg/kg/day are required to normalize CSF 5MTHF values. This proposed treatment protocol resulted in a favourable clinical response in patients identified before the age of six years while partial recovery with poorer outcome was found beyond the age of 6 years. Careful clinical and EEG monitoring should be performed 1, 3, and 6 months after the beginning of treatment. After four to six months of folinic acid treatment, CSF analysis should be repeated in order to prevent over- or under-dosage of folinic acid. Secondary forms of CFD have been recognized during chronic use of antifolate and anticonvulsant drugs and in various known conditions such as Rett syndrome, Aicardi-Goutieres syndrome, 3-phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase deficiency, dihydropteridine reductase.
deficiency, aromatic amino acid decarboxylase deficiency, and Kearns-Sayre syndrome. The pathogenic link between these underlying specific disease entities and the observed secondary CFD has not been resolved.
Airway irritants such as ozone are known to impair lung function and induce airway inflammation. Clara cell protein (CC16) is a small anti-inflammatory protein secreted by the nonciliated bronchiolar Clara cells. CC16 in serum has been proposed as a noninvasive and sensitive marker of lung epithelial injury. In this study, we used lung function and serum CC16 concentration to examine the pulmonary responses to ambient O3 exposure and swimming pool attendance. The measurements were made on 57 children 10-11 years of age before and after outdoor exercise for 2 hr. Individual O3 exposure was estimated as the total exposure dose between 0700 hr until the second blood sample was obtained (mean O3 concentration/m3 times symbol hours). The maximal 1-hr value was 118 microg/m3 (59 ppb), and the individual exposure dose ranged between 352 and 914 microg/m3hr. These O3 levels did not cause any significant changes in mean serum CC16 concentrations before or after outdoor exercise, nor was any decrease in lung function detected. However, children who regularly visited chlorinated indoor swimming pools had significantly lower CC16 levels in serum than did nonswimming children both before and after exercise (respectively, 57 +/- 2.4 and 53 +/- 1.7 microg/L vs. 8.2 +/- 2.8 and 8.0 +/- 2.6 microg/L; p < 0.002). These results indicate that repeated exposure to chlorination by-products in the air of indoor swimming pools has adverse effects on the Clara cell function in children. A possible relation between such damage to Clara cells and pulmonary morbidity (e.g., asthma) should be further investigated.

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Reorganization of language-specific cortex in patients with lesions or mesial temporal epilepsy

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KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - Anterior Temporal Lobectomy
KW - Atrophy
KW - Brain Mapping/mt [Methods]
KW - Child
KW - Cohort Studies
KW - Dominance
KW - Cerebral/ph [Physiology]
KW - Epilepsy
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OBJECTIVE: To examine brain activation profiles for receptive language function, using magnetoencephalography (MEG), in patients with left hemisphere space-occupying lesions and patients with left temporal lobe epilepsy due to mesial temporal sclerosis (MTS) and to evaluate whether cross- and intrahemispheric plasticity for language varied as a function of lesion type or location. METHODS: Twenty-one patients with MTS and 23 lesional patients underwent preoperative language mapping while performing a word recognition task. The anatomic location of late activity sources was determined by co-registering MEG coordinates onto structural MRI scans. A language laterality index was calculated based on the number of activity sources in each hemisphere. The location of language-specific activity was examined in relation to its proximity or overlap with Wernicke's area. RESULTS: A higher incidence of atypical language lateralization was noted among patients with MTS than lesional patients (43 vs 13%). The majority of MTS patients with early seizure onset (before age 5) showed atypical language lateralization. In contrast, the precise location of receptive language-specific cortex within the dominant hemisphere was found to be atypical (outside of Wernicke's area) in 30% of lesional patients and only 14% of MTS patients. CONCLUSIONS: There is an increased probability of a partial or total displacement of key components of the brain mechanism responsible for receptive language function to the nondominant hemisphere in mesial temporal sclerosis patients. Early onset of seizures is strongly associated with atypical language lateralization. Lesions in the dominant hemisphere tend to result in an intrahemispheric reorganization of linguistic function.
Poor social functioning and limited play are characteristic of children with autism. Increasingly, education for children with autism is provided within mainstream settings, but given their particular difficulties, the adequate provision of educational services in such settings is challenging. This study presents observational data of the play behaviour and social interaction patterns of 10 children with autism in mainstream kindergartens and primary school playgrounds. The target children differed significantly in terms of their play and social interactions from typically developing children in the same settings. The adequacy of the provision of services for children with autism in mainstream provision is discussed.

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BACKGROUND: Trauma teams have been associated with improved survival probability of paediatric trauma patients. The present study seeks to estimate the use of trauma teams in Australian paediatric tertiary referral centres and describe their medical composition, leadership and criteria for activation. METHODS: Australian paediatric tertiary referral centres were identified. A structured questionnaire assessing the presence, composition and means of activation of a trauma team was mailed to the 'Director, Emergency Department' of all identified hospitals. Three months later, all hospitals were contacted by telephone to complete and verify data collection. RESULTS: Questionnaires were distributed to eight hospitals. Seven and a half per cent had an established trauma team. Hospitals without a trauma team claimed to have insufficient doctors to form a team and insufficient trauma caseload to justify a team. All trauma teams were potentially activated by prehospital paramedic data (field triage) and required a combination of anatomical, physiological and mechanistic criteria for activation. The two methods of mobilizing a trauma team were by dispatching a common call onto individual pagers (66%) or a specific trauma pager (33%) carried by trauma team members. Fifty per cent of hospitals had a two-tier, stratified trauma team response. All teams consisted of emergency, surgical and intensive care unit registrars. Trauma team leaders were emergency medicine specialists/registrars (33%), surgical registrars (33%) and non-defined (33%). Consultant surgeons were not members of any trauma team. Eighty-three per cent of trauma teams consisted of more junior members after hours. Fifty per cent of hospitals did not have a surgical registrar on site outside of business hours. Eighty-eight per cent of hospitals engaged in some form of trauma audit. CONCLUSIONS: Trauma teams are utilized by most Australian paediatric tertiary referral centres.
referral centres, with fairly uniform medical composition and criteria for activation. Paediatric surgeons presently have limited leadership roles and membership of Australian paediatric trauma teams

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T1 - Intervention centred on adolescents' physical activity and sedentary behaviour (ICAPS): concept and 6-month results
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the 6-month impact of a physical activity (PA) multilevel intervention on activity patterns and psychological predictors of PA among adolescents. The intervention was directed at changing knowledge and attitudes and at providing social support and environmental conditions that encourage PA of adolescents inside and outside school. SUBJECTS AND DESIGN: Randomised, controlled ongoing field trial (ICAPS) in middle-school's first-level adolescents from eight schools selected in the department of the Bas-Rhin (Eastern France) with a cohort of 954 adolescents (92% of the eligible students) initially aged 11.7+/−0.6 y. The 6-month changes in participation in leisure organised PA (LOPA), high sedentary (SED) behaviour (>3 h/day), self-efficacy (SELF) and intention (INTENT) towards PA were analysed after controlling for baseline measures and different covariables (age, overweight, socioprofessional occupation), taking into account the
cluster randomisation design. RESULTS: The proportion of intervention adolescents not engaged in organised PA was reduced by 50% whereas it was unchanged among control students. After adjustment for baseline covariables, LOPA participation significantly increased among the intervention adolescents (odds ratio (95% confidence interval) (OR)=3.38 (1.42-8.05) in girls; 1.73 (1.12-2.66) in boys), while high SED was reduced (OR=0.54 (0.38-0.77) in girls; 0.52 (0.35-0.76) in boys). The intervention improved SELF in girls, whatever their baseline LOPA (P<10(-4)) and INTENT in girls with no baseline LOPA (P=0.04). SELF tended to improve in boys with no baseline LOPA, without reaching statistical significance. When included in the regression, follow-up LOPA was associated with improvement of SELF in girls (P=0.02) and of INTENT in girls with no baseline PA (P<0.02). The intervention effect was then attenuated. CONCLUSION: After 6 months of intervention, ICAPS was associated with a significant improvement of activity patterns and psychological predictors, indicating a promising approach for modifying the long-term PA level of adolescents SN - 0307-0565 AD - Groupe d'Etudes en Nutrition, Faculte de Medecine, 67085 Strasbourg Cedex, France. chantal.simon@medicine.u-strasbg.fr UR - 15543228 ER -

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T1 - Assessment of different methods for diagnosing dental caries in epidemiological surveys
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Comparative Study. Journal Article
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KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - Child
KW - DMF Index
KW - Dental Caries/di [Diagnosis]
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KW - Dental Caries Activity Tests/mt [Methods]
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JF - Community Dentistry & Oral Epidemiology
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VL - 32
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N2 - AIMS: The aims of the study were: (i) to assess different clinical diagnostic methods of dental caries during epidemiological surveys; (ii) to determine which combinations of methods and diagnostic adjuncts show the best performances in epidemiological surveys when compared with examinations performed in a traditional dental setting (standard); (iii) to evaluate the influence of including noncavitated (NC) lesions in dental caries estimation. METHODS: Forty 12-year-old children were divided into low and moderate caries prevalence
The individuals were submitted to 12 epidemiological examinations (in an outdoor setting), which combined three methods (blade, mirror and mirror + CPI (Community Periodontal Index) dental probe) with or without diagnostic adjuncts (previous dental brushing and dental drying). The last examination was performed in a traditional dental setting (standard examination). The unit of measure was the DMFS (decayed, missing and filled surfaces) index according to WHO criteria. The variance analysis, Dunnet's and Tukey's tests were applied. RESULTS: For the DMFS analysis, the visual/tactile method, with or without diagnostic adjuncts, was the best method for both groups, presenting a performance higher than 90% when compared with the standard examination, except for the examinations without previous dental brushing for the low caries prevalence group. Previous dental brushing was more relevant than dental drying (P = 0.0054). All of the epidemiological examinations underestimated the NC diagnosis even with the association of diagnostic adjuncts when compared with the standard examination. CONCLUSION: The visual-tactile (for both groups) and the visual (mirror) methods plus dental brushing (for the moderate group) are appropriate for diagnosing cavitated lesions, but not NC lesions.
The concentrations and composition of airborne fungal spores in homes fitted with portable HEPA filtration units were examined to provide information to evaluate the importance of varying levels of fungal spores in residential environments in Perth, Australia. A novel method for simulating activity/impaction on carpeted environments was also investigated. Reductions in fungal (35%) and particulate (38%) levels were achieved in the air filter homes. Penicillium, Cladosporium and yeasts were the most common and widespread fungi recovered indoors and outdoors. Fungal range decreased over the study period but this could be due to an overall reduced dissemination of spores (less spores in the air).

The prevalence of overweight and obesity in children is increasing rapidly. This is alarming because obesity is associated with severe chronic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes mellitus. Obesity at young age is related to obesity at adult age. Consequently, the prevention of overweight from childhood onwards is an important issue. Apart from diabetes mellitus type 2 there is an increased risk of orthopaedic complications, respiratory problems, fertility problems, cardiovascular diseases and psychosocial consequences in the form of a...
negative self-image, emotional and behavioural problems and depression. Environmental and behavioural factors are regarded as the most important causes of the rapid increase in the prevalence of overweight and as the most important starting points for prevention. Most prevention programmes are still in the initial stages. Prevention programmes aimed at stimulating breast feeding and daily physical activity (playing outside) and the restriction of sweetened drinks and watching TV are very promising. With such preventive measures the involvement of both the school and the parents is important. [References: 38]
OBJECTIVES: Regular physical activity (PA) in young needs to be promoted to prevent obesity and subsequent diabetes. Influences of parental PA on adolescents’ activity level have been studied with discordant results and the effect of socioeconomic status (SES) on these relationships is not clarified. METHODS: Cross-sectional population-based survey of about 3000 12-year old French students and their parents. Familial associations were assessed with logistic regression models taking into account SES and children’s and parents’ corpulence. Sport involvement and sedentary behaviors were assessed by standardized questionnaires filled out separately by children and parents, the latter also reporting their educational data and family income tax.

RESULTS: Participation in structured PA outside school was higher for boys (74%) than for girls (58%, p<10-5) and a high sedentary behavior (watching television, playing computer/video games and reading > or =2h/day) was observed in one-third of the sample, both in boys and in girls. Children were more likely to participate in structured PA outside school when both parents practiced sport as compared to neither parent practicing it, with an odd ratio OR (95%CI) of 1.97 (1.4-2.8) for boys and 1.56 (1.2-2.1) for girls. Familial associations of inactivity were significant for boys only. A greater percentage of adolescents had a high level of sedentary behavior when both parents versus no parents watched television > 2h/day (OR 1.95 (1.52.6)). Parent-child physical activity relationships were not modified by the family SES or the children’s or parents’ weight status.

CONCLUSION: Parental involvement in sport is an important correlate of a young adolescent’s participation in structured PA outside school, whatever the family SES or corpulence of the family members.
N2 - Gut decontamination, the methods of extracorporeal elimination of poisons and antidote use are the specific measures in clinical toxicology. Statistically they are not often used in intoxicated patients. It is not known, in how many cases of poisoning treated outside toxicological units are they applied. Approximately 110 poisoned patients were hospitalised each year in the Specialist Hospital in Biala Podlaska in years 1993, 2001 and 2002. Gastric lavage was performed in about 50 percent of those cases, especially often in children up till third year of life and in the cases of poisoning with medical drugs. The Gut Decontamination Position Statement of AACT and EAPCCT, published in 1997, had no significant impact on use of decontamination procedures in our hospital. Haemodialyses were performed in 3-5% of poisoned patients. All those patients were poisoned with ethylene glycol or methanol. Only 4 specific antidotes were used in years 1993, 2001 and 2002. The most commonly used antidote was ethanol, despite its level is not measured in our laboratory. Recommendations for gut decontamination should be widely popularised. The use of activated charcoal may be in many cases more suitable as a gastric lavage. Safe and effective use of ethanol as an antidote in a hospital requires its measuring in own laboratory.
BACKGROUND: The atopic diseases asthma, atopic dermatitis, and allergic rhinitis are the most common chronic diseases in children, and their prevalence has increased recently in industrialized nations. Little is known about the genetic-environmental interaction factors driving such proliferation. OBJECTIVE: To investigate the relationships among genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors in the development of atopic diseases in high-risk children with the aim of developing evidence-based prevention strategies. METHODS: The Copenhagen Prospective Study on Asthma in Childhood is a single-center, birth cohort study of children of asthmatic mothers. Objective assessments begin at birth, with scheduled visits every 6 months and when acute symptoms manifest. Clinical outcomes comprise preasthma, asthma, atopic dermatitis, allergic rhinitis, allergy, lung function, and bronchial responsiveness. Exposure assessments comprise respiratory, intestinal, and skin microbiology; the child's diet; indoor and outdoor air quality; allergens; and indicators of lifestyle. Genetic characteristics of probands and parents are evaluated. Quality assurance follows Good Clinical Practice guidelines. RESULTS: Four hundred eleven infants of asthmatic mothers were enrolled at the age of 1 month. The children were born between August 2, 1998, and December 28, 2001. Compared with the Copenhagen population, mothers of the cohort population were less likely to have given natural childbirth. The households were slightly less affluent, with fewer children and fewer pets. Whites may be overrepresented. At age 2 years, 93% of the infants were still actively participating in the cohort. CONCLUSIONS: This longitudinal birth cohort study of high-risk Danish infants consists of objective phenotyping, detailed information on exposure, high data quality, and a high participant retention rate.
BACKGROUND: Injuries to the head comprise 20% to 39% of all school-related injuries. Head injuries among special education students have not been adequately described. OBJECTIVES: (1) To examine the incidence and characteristics of head injuries in children enrolled in special education and (2) to determine the factors that increase the risk of sustaining a head injury compared with an injury to another part of the body.

METHODS: Pupil Accident Reports for 6769 students enrolled in 17 of 18 special education schools in 1 large urban school district during the academic years 1994-1998 were reviewed, and information on the nature of injury, external cause, and activity was abstracted. Head-injured and nonhead-injured cases were identified and compared by race, sex, age, characteristics of injury, and disability category.

RESULTS: Six hundred ninety-seven injury events were reported during the 4-year study period. The overall injury rate was 4.7 injuries per 100 student-years. Two hundred five children (29.4%) sustained injuries to the head, and the rate of head injury was 1.3 injuries per 100 student-years. Falls were the leading cause of injury. Head injuries were most commonly associated with physical education and unstructured play and usually occurred on the playground. Disproportionately more head than nonhead injuries were sustained in the classroom (12% vs 8%) and the bathroom (9% vs 3%). Compared with children with emotional/mental disabilities, children with multiple disabilities had the highest risk of a head injury (incidence density ratio, 2.4 [95% confidence interval, 1.6-3.5]), followed by children with physical disabilities (incidence density ratio, 1.8 [95% confidence interval, 1.1-3.1]). There appeared to be no significant difference in the rate of head injury by sex and age.

CONCLUSIONS: Modifications of the classroom, bathroom, and playground environments might reduce the risk of head injuries in children enrolled in special education. Special modifications and increased supervision may, in particular, reduce the risk of head injury for children with physical and multiple disabilities.
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To compare, in the twin-island republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the prevalence of symptoms of asthma and rhinitis among children of primary school age who are exposed to household environmental tobacco smoke with the prevalence of these symptoms in their colleagues without this exposure.
METHODS: Between September and December 2002, questionnaires based on the instrument developed for the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood (ISAAC) were distributed, via the children in their schools, to parents of 6,611 Year 2 pupils (typically 6 years old) or Year 3 pupils (typically 7 years old) in 106 randomly selected schools in Trinidad and Tobago (5,511 pupils on Trinidad and 1,100 pupils on Tobago). We added to the standard ISAAC questionnaires two questions, one on household smoking and one on the ethnicity of the children. RESULTS: A total of 3,170 completed questionnaires were suitable for further analysis (2,618 from Trinidad and 552 from Tobago). On Trinidad 782 of the children (29.9%) lived in homes where one or both parents smoked, and 513 (19.6%) had other relatives in the household who smoked. On Tobago 94 of the pupils (17.0%) had parents who smoked, and 84 (15.4%) came from homes where other residents smoked. Parental smoking was significantly associated with wheezing (odds ratio (OR): 1.43; 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.11-1.83), exercise-induced wheezing (OR: 2.12; 95% CI: 1.59-2.82), nocturnal coughing (OR: 1.64; 95% CI: 1.37-1.97), and symptoms of rhinitis (OR: 1.35; 95% CI: 1.10-1.65) in the last 12 months as well as a history of hay fever/sinus problems (OR: 1.39; 95% CI: 1.11-1.74). Smoking in the home by adult residents other than parents was also significantly associated with all of these symptoms as well as a history of asthma (OR: 1.49; 95% CI: 1.13-1.97). In terms of ethnic differences, parental smoking was most prevalent in the homes of South Asian students, while smoking by other adults in the home occurred most commonly in the households of pupils of mixed race. CONCLUSIONS: Even in Trinidad and Tobago, which is a tropical
environment where more time is spent outdoors and homes have more open ventilation than in temperate climates, environmental tobacco smoke exposure is closely associated with an increased prevalence of symptoms of asthma and rhinitis in primary-school-aged children

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T1 - [Tuberculosis in the San Jose University Hospital in Popayan, Colombia, 1998-2000]. [Spanish]
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N2 - TB is a public health problem in the world. In Colombia the Health 100 Law caused changes in prevention programs. The TB control program was compromised too. The actions in relation with active looking and examination of respiratory symptomatic people has being lowering. This retrospective study describes the clinical, epidemiological and medical care characteristics of tuberculosis patients attended in the Hospital Universitario San Jose de-Popayan. The clinical expedients and laboratory registers were investigated. 120 cases of 187 registered patients were included; finally only 89 were tuberculosis cases: 39 pulmonary (43.8%) and 50 extrapulmonary (56.2%). The extrapulmonary forms were: miliar, 39 patients; pleural, 4; of lymph nodes, 3; osteoarticular, 2, and meningitis, 2 cases. 49% of patients were 15-59 years old, 28% more than 59; males 64%
and 65% coming from country areas. Ziehl Neelsen (ZN) smear was positive in 22% of 59 sputums of pulmonary TB and 20.2% of 94 extrapulmonary TB samples: mycobacteria culture positive in 14.3% of 14 pulmonary TB sputum, and 29.6% of 54 extrapulmonary TB samples. The media days into hospital/yard was 4-26 and the media days to begin tuberculosis treatment/yard was 4-8. In summary there are important request for TB medical care to universitary hospital, however the diagnosis is difficult and takes a long time while mycobacteria can be transmitted to hospital contacts. It is necessary to get a better efficiency of diagnostic tests in the hospital and appropriated survey of the cases that begin treatment

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T1 - Changing epidemiology of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in Finland
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KW - Incidence
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Data on methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) cases notified to the National Infectious Disease Register (NIDR) and antibiotic resistance profiles of MRSA isolates sent to the national reference laboratory between 1997 and 2002 were analysed. In addition, the diagnostic methods used for MRSA identification in Finnish microbiology laboratories, the number of MRSA screening specimens studied, and the MRSA situation in long-term care facilities in 2001 were reviewed. MRSA cases notified to the NIDR rose from 120 in 1997 to 597 in 2002 (from 2.3 to 11.5 cases per 100,000 population). The increase was greatest in elderly people and outside Helsinki metropolitan area, in the districts where the proportion of non-multiresistant strains was most prominent. The National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standard's guidelines for the oxacillin disk diffusion test were followed, except for the incubation temperature and time, which may have hindered detection of some MRSA strains. There was a wide geographic variation in the rates of MRSA, but this was not related to screening activity. MRSA isolates from long-term facilities accounted for more than half of the notifications to the NIDR in 2001.

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Environmental health perspectives
We measured volatile organic compound (VOC) exposures in multiple locations for a diverse population of children who attended two inner-city schools in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Fifteen common VOCs were measured at four locations: outdoors (O), indoors at school (S), indoors at home (H), and in personal samples (P). Concentrations of most VOCs followed the general pattern O approximately equal to S < P less than or equal to H across the measured microenvironments. The S and O environments had the smallest and H the largest influence on personal exposure to most compounds. A time-weighted model of P exposure using all measured microenvironments and time-activity data provided little additional explanatory power beyond that provided by using the H measurement alone. Although H and P concentrations of most VOCs measured in this study were similar to or lower than levels measured in recent personal monitoring studies of adults and children in the United States, p-dichlorobenzene was the notable exception to this pattern, with upper-bound exposures more than 100 times greater than those found in other studies of children. Median and upper-bound H and P exposures were well above health benchmarks for several compounds, so outdoor measurements likely underestimate long-term health risks from children's exposure to these compounds.
Increasing concerns over the use of wood treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) in playground structures arise from potential exposure to arsenic of children playing in these playgrounds. Limited data from previous studies analyzing arsenic levels in sand samples collected from CCA playgrounds are inconsistent and cannot be directly translated to the amount of children's exposure to arsenic. The objective of this study was to determine the quantitative amounts of arsenic on the hands of children in contact with CCA-treated wood structures or sand in playgrounds. We compared arsenic levels on the hands of 66 children playing in eight CCA playgrounds with levels of arsenic found on the hands of 64 children playing in another eight playgrounds not constructed with CCA-treated wood. The children's age and duration of playtime were recorded at each playground. After play, children's hands were washed in a bag containing 150 mL of deionized water. Arsenic levels in the hand-washing water were quantified by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry. Our results show that the ages of the children sampled and the duration of play in the playgrounds were similar between the groups of CCA and non-CCA playgrounds. The mean amount of water-soluble arsenic on children's hands from CCA playgrounds was 0.50 microg (range, 0.0078-3.5 microg). This was significantly higher (p < 0.001) than the mean amount of water-soluble arsenic on children's hands from non-CCA playgrounds, which was 0.095 microg (range, 0.011-0.41 microg). There was no significant difference in the amount of sand on the children's hands and the concentration of arsenic in the sand between the CCA and non-CCA groups. The higher values of arsenic on the hands of children playing in the CCA playgrounds are probably due to direct contact with CCA-treated wood. Washing hands after play would reduce the levels of potential exposure because most of the arsenic on children's hands was washed off with water. The maximum amount of arsenic on children's hands from the entire group of study participants was < 4 microg, which is lower than the average daily intake of arsenic from water and food.
This project determined asthma prevalence in a large school district, absentee rates, and potential effects of school nurse case management for student asthma over three years. Data were derived from an asthma tracking tool used by nurses in one school district for every student reported as having asthma by their parent. School nurses began collecting data in their schools in 1999-2000 when an asthma-management protocol was first developed. Nurses documented perceived asthma severity for each student, presence of medication and peak flow meters in school, and case management activities provided. This data base was cross matched with percentage of days students were absent for any illness. Prevalence of asthma, based on school nurse records of parent report, was between 5.1% to 6.2% during the three years. Between 13.5% and 15% were moderate or severe. Students with asthma were absent between one-half to one and one-quarter days more often than those without asthma. In year three, 39% of students with asthma had medication at school, and 12% had a peak flow meter. Contacting a parent was the nurse case management activity provided for the largest number of students (27% of students with asthma), followed by asthma education (16.5%), contact with physician (6%), and home visits (1%). Students who received at least one school nurse case management intervention were more likely the next year to have an asthma medication at school, to use a peak flow meter at school, and to have a change in asthma severity. School nurse case management activity had no association with student absences. Availability of medication and peak flow meters at school was low, suggesting standards of care for asthma were not followed. School nurse case management, when performed outside a project or intervention, offers a promising strategy to improve asthma management.
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N2 - OBJECTIVES/HYPOTHESIS: Although various options exist for restoration of the orbital defect in complex craniofacial resections, the aesthetic appearance and functional result of the orbit are optimized when the bony orbital architecture, orbital volume, and facial contour are specifically addressed. The study describes an approach using free tissue transfer for restoration of the native orbital aesthetic subunit. STUDY DESIGN: Retrospective case series. METHODS: Nineteen patients (male-to-female ratio, 14:5; mean age, 52 y [age range, 8-79 y]) in the study period between 1997 and 2001 had orbital defects that could be classified into one of the following categories: 1) orbital exenteration cavities only, 2) orbital exenteration cavities with resection of less than 30% of the bony orbital rim, or 3) radical orbital exenteration cavities with resection of overlying skin and bony malar eminence. Group 1 had reconstructions with fasciocutaneous forearm flaps; group 2, with osseocutaneous forearm flaps; and group 3, with osseocutaneous scapula flaps. RESULTS: Eighteen of 19 patients achieved a closed orbital reconstruction with restoration of the orbital aesthetic subunit. Among 16 patients with more than 4 months of follow-up, 10 patients had minimal or no resulting facial contour deformity and 8 patients engaged in social activities outside the home on a frequent basis. Five of the nine patients who were working before their surgery were able to return to work. CONCLUSION: Patients with complex midface defects involving the orbit can undergo free tissue transfer and have successful restoration of the native orbital aesthetic subunit without an orbital prosthesis
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T1 - Children's asthma experience and the importance of place
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Asthma is increasing dramatically among poor, inner-city children. Fourteen children with, and twelve without, asthma were interviewed and observed to examine how children with asthma understand their illness and how the asthma experience shapes their sense of place. Quantitative data showed no difference in objective preferences for particular places, but qualitative analysis showed important differences. We identified eight place-related themes, and on seven there were clear differences between children with and without asthma—offering freedom, being aesthetically pleasing, being comfortable, nature of social contact, being isolating, being familiar and being safe. Children experienced asthma as an interruption in daily life that influences time spent outside, being active and being with friends. Children with asthma are more sensitive to places that are 'dirty' or contain asthma triggers, are less likely to explore new or people-free places and emphasize family interactions, while children without asthma emphasize friendships and are sensitive to neighborhood violence.

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T1 - School-based opportunities for physical activity in West Virginia public schools
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BACKGROUND: Schools have the unique potential to provide numerous opportunities for promoting physical activity. This article describes findings from a statewide survey of opportunities for physical activity in West Virginia (WV) schools. The purpose was to provide baseline data for two of the WV Healthy People 2010 objectives related to schools and youth to identify priorities for action. METHOD: Survey questions were adapted from the 2000 School Health Policies and Programs Study (SHPPS), conducted by CDC. Random stratified sampling across school level and size resulted in a final sample of 296 elementary schools, 146 middle and junior high schools, and 124 high schools (total = 566). The overall response rate was 73%. RESULTS: Eleven percent of elementary, 2% of middle or junior high, and 31% of senior high schools met the SHPP's criterion of providing daily physical education. Ninety-four percent of elementary schools reported offering daily recess. Overall, 42.3% of schools provided student and community access to indoor facilities outside of normal school hours, while 80.7% of schools provided access to outdoor facilities beyond normal school hours. CONCLUSIONS: Survey results are being used to target increased physical education in elementary schools and increased opportunities beyond physical education at all school levels.
BACKGROUND: Each year, hundreds of children unintentionally kill or injure other children while playing with firearms in the United States. Although the numbers of these deaths and injuries are distressing, few prevention programs have been developed to prevent gun play among children. OBJECTIVE: This study compared the efficacy of 2 programs designed to prevent gun play among young children. DESIGN: A posttest-only, control group design with 2 treatment groups was used. Children were randomly assigned to 1 of 2 treatment groups or a control group. For all children who did not exhibit the skills after training, 1 in situ (ie, real-life situation) training session was conducted. SETTING: Participant recruitment, training sessions, and assessments were all conducted in the children's after-school program facility. PARTICIPANTS: Forty-five children, 6 or 7 years of age, were recruited for participation. INTERVENTIONS: The efficacy of the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program, developed by the National Rifle Association, and a behavioral skills training program that emphasized the use of instruction, modeling, rehearsal, and feedback was evaluated.

MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: The criterion firearm safety behaviors included both motor and verbal responses, which were assessed in a naturalistic setting and then assigned a numerical value based on a scale of 0 to 3. RESULTS: Both programs were effective for teaching children to verbalize the safety skills message (don't touch the gun, get away, and tell an adult). However, children who received behavioral skills training were significantly more likely to demonstrate the desired safety skills in role-playing assessments and in situ assessments than were children who received Eddie Eagle program training. In addition, in situ training was found to be effective for teaching the desired safety skills for both groups of children.

CONCLUSIONS: Injury prevention programs using education-based learning materials are less effective for teaching children the desired safety skills, compared with programs incorporating active learning approaches (eg, modeling, rehearsal, and feedback). The efficacy of both types of injury prevention programs for teaching the desired skills could be significantly enhanced with the use of in situ training. This program, when implemented with 6- and 7-year-old children, was effective in teaching the desired safety skills.
The purpose of this study was to develop a stair-climbing test to measure energy cost (EC) and mechanical efficiency (ME) in children with cerebral palsy (CP) to evaluate ambulation-related motor function and its changes after intervention or maturation. Five normally developed (ND) and 10 children with CP were tested. The gross ME (MEg) was calculated from the work done (W) and the total energy cost (oxygen consumption) measured while repeatedly ascending and descending four steps for approximately 5 min without subtracting the resting metabolic rate. The MEg was significantly lower in CP than ND (3% versus 20%, P < 0.001). The test was repeated in the 10 children with CP after a 4-month therapy recess. The MEg values correlated with the initial tests, with a small, significant increase of 2%. When calculating net ME (MEn) from W and the energy cost above resting, the correlation of MEn values before and after therapy was inferior to that using MEg values. Similarly, individual ME values obtained by estimating energy cost from the increase in heart rate (HR) during stair-climbing also correlated poorly, with large variability. These results show that MEg may be used to evaluate changes in motor function resulting from age-related development or therapy. MEg is as good or superior to MEn; the extra time required to obtain resting energy cost and heart rate values is not necessary when measurements are desired within the same individual.
OBJECTIVES: We examined the impact of relatively "green" or natural settings on attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) symptoms across diverse subpopulations of children. METHODS: Parents nationwide rated the aftereffects of 49 common after-school and weekend activities on children's symptoms. Aftereffects were compared for activities conducted in green outdoor settings versus those conducted in both built outdoor and indoor settings. RESULTS: In this national, nonprobability sample, green outdoor activities reduced symptoms significantly more than did activities conducted in other settings, even when activities were matched across settings. Findings were consistent across age, gender, and income groups; community types; geographic regions; and diagnoses. CONCLUSIONS: Green outdoor settings appear to reduce ADHD symptoms in children across a wide range of individual, residential, and case characteristics.
N2 - The match between ticks and pediatricians in Italy is usually a seasonal event related to the spring and summer trips and to the increasing of outdoor activity that sun and warm weather allow, both for children and ticks. So cared parents reach emergencies asking for tick removal but more often after the tick has yet been removed by empirical manoeuvres and after the killing and the destruction of the "enemy". We have scheduled, in the years 2002-2003, the 167 children that reached our unit for a tick bite; they where 92 males (mean age four years) and 75 females (mean age five years). Two of them had only a questionable tick bite but one had erythema on the lateral side of the left ankle, fever of obscure origin and weakness with generalised malaise. She was six years old and she lived with a dog on which, in more instances, ticks where found, but she never noticed ticks on her body. The dog had positive levels of anti rickettsial and anti borrelia antibodies but no evidence of conclamate illness. In this girl we found high titers of anti borrelia antibodies that WB testing confirmed to be anti B. burgdoferi. We diagnosed Lyme disease and treated the girl with amoxicillin (50 mg/kg/day) for three weeks achieving the complete relief of symptomatology till today. Three children with conclamate tick bite had positive levels of anti Rickettsia conorii antibodies with increasing levels at a twenty days control; two (aged four and five years) of them had a full symptomatology (tache noire, satellite lymphadenopathy, fever, and maculopapular erythema) for Mediterranean spotted fever; the latter (three years old) had an atypical form with the complete absence of maculopapular erythema. The therapy was clarithromycin (15 mg/kg/day) for three weeks. In Campania, in the years 2002/2003 on 167 children with tick bite that reached our unit, we found only four pathological correlable events; so are our ticks not infected? But we don't know how many children where tick bited and if there were other children with Lyme disease or Rickettsial disease because of the lack of a pediatric reference centre for "tick bite diseases" and the incomplete and late diffusion of knowledge on these diseases. Other Italian regions and such as Trentino Alto Adige, Veneto, and Friuli Venezia Giulia had a remarkable officially notified number of cases of Lyme disease and in Sicilia, Sardegna and Lazio there were numerous officially notified Rickettsial diseases. So we hope that Campania may be an happy island but we also think that a more effective cooperation between pediatricians and veterinarians and the creation of regional reference centres for tick bite diseases may arise a surveillance net to prevent the diffusion of these world wide emerging diseases and so that parents can achieve an univoque and useful information, the only way to defeat the fear of ignorance. [References: 0]
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N2 - A correlation of respiratory diseases to traffic related air pollution and noise was observed in an interview study. Since in that study the exposure was subjectively assessed, in the present field study nitrogen dioxide as indicator for vehicle exhausts and the mean night-time noise level were measured outside the children’s windows in representative locations. Based on these measurements each child was placed in one of the following categories: low, medium or high traffic immission (ambient emissions). The physician contacts due to bronchitis of 68 children were assessed retrospectively from the files of the participating paediatricians. Saliva samples were collected from all children and the cortisol concentration was estimated. Children under high noise exposure (L(night, 8h) = 54-70dB(A)) had in comparison to all other children significantly increased morning saliva cortisol concentrations, indicating an activation of the hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis. Analysing a subgroup of children without high noise exposure showed, that children with frequent physician contacts due to bronchitis did not have increased morning saliva cortisol. However, multiple regression analysis with stepwise exclusion of variables showed that bronchitis was correlated more closely to morning salvia cortisol than to traffic immissions. On the other hand, the rate of physician contacts due to bronchitis increased in a dose dependent manner and significantly with increasing traffic immissions. From these results it can be concluded that high exposure to traffic noise, especially at nighttime, activates the HPA axis and this leads in the long term to an aggravation of bronchitis in children. This seems to be more important than the effect of exhaust fumes on bronchitis symptoms. The results of the present study should be subjected to further investigation using specially designed studies
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T1 - Environmental prevention in atopic eczema dermatitis syndrome (AEDS) and asthma: avoidance of indoor allergens. [Review] [112 refs]
Indoor allergens represent an important precipitating factor for both asthma and atopic eczema dermatitis syndromes (AEDS). There is also accumulating evidence that sensitization to those allergens is associated with the onset of atopic disorders. Patients with AEDS present aeroallergen-specific T-cell responses associated with worsening of symptoms when exposed to specific aeroallergens. Furthermore, application of indoor allergens to the skin of patient with AEDS induces a local eczematous response in one-third of these patients. Exposure to high concentrations of mite allergens in early infancy have been demonstrated to be a risk factor for developing atopic dermatitis during the first 3 years of life. Moreover, a clear dose-response relationship has been documented between mite exposure and disease activity. Primary prevention of AEDS by avoiding indoor allergen exposure has been proved to be effective only when allergenic foods have also been avoided. Mite allergen avoidance in infants with AEDS and food allergy may however, prevent mite sensitization and the onset of asthma. Indoor allergen avoidance has been demonstrated to be effective in the majority of studies performed in patients with established AEDS. Negative results may be explained either by individual susceptibility variation, by long duration of disease with the consequent irreversible pathological changes in the target tissue or by exposure to allergens outside the house. Education of the patients and public consciousness of the problems are crucial for the efficacy of indoor allergen avoidance in allergic diseases. Copyright 2004 Blackwell Munksgaard [References: 112]
The objective of this study was to assess the risk of infection with Giardia intestinalis in children living in an area with artificial groundwater recharge and potable water reuse in Mexico City. Eligible wells and surrounding homesteads were defined by using a geographic information system. Five wells were tested for G. intestinalis cysts per 400 liters of water. A total of 750 eligible households were visited during two cross-sectional surveys. Stool samples were provided by 986 children in the rainy season study and 928 children during the dry season survey for parasitologic tests. Their guardians provided information on water, sanitation, hygiene, and socioeconomic variables. The prevalence rates of G. intestinalis infection were 9.4% in the rainy season and 4.4% in the dry season. Higher rates of infection were observed in older individuals (9.5% and 10.6%) and girls had a lower risk of infection than boys (odds ratio [OR] =0.55, 95% confidence interval [CI] = 0.34, 0.88 in the rainy season and OR = 0.47, 95% CI = 0.25, 0.90 in the dry season). During the wet season survey, a health risk was detected among those storing water in unprotected receptacles (OR = 4.00, 4.69, and 5.34 for those using uncovered jars, cisterns or tanks, and buckets, respectively), and bathing outside the dwelling, i.e., using a tap (OR = 1.93, 95% CI = 1.10, 3.39). A health risk was also detected among children from households with unsafe food hygiene practices (OR =2.41, 95% CI =1.10, 5.30) and those with no hand-washing habits (OR = 2.27, 95% CI = 1.00, 5.20). Groundwater reserves are at risk of fecal pollution, as indicated by the presence of G. intestinalis cysts. However, the endemic pattern of intestinal infection reflects low standards of personal hygiene and unsafe drinking water storage and food-related practices at household level. Prevention activities must address health education and environmental protection policies.
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Neoplasms/ra [Radiography]
KW - Neoplasms/rt [Radiotherapy]
KW - Neoplasms
KW - Radiation-Induced/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Second Primary/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Radiation Dosage
KW - Retrospective Studies
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N2 - PURPOSE: Recently, considerable attention has been directed toward computed tomography radiation doses (estimated 1 to 4 cGy) received by pediatric patients, because of the potential for increasing a pediatric patient's risk for developing a secondary malignancy. However, minimal attention has been given to the radiation exposure outside the treatment field resulting from the use of portal films to visualize surrounding anatomy. The objective of this study was to quantify the radiation dose from portal imaging delivered within and outside the radiation treatment field during a course of radiation therapy. METHODS AND MATERIALS: A retrospective review was conducted of the port film dose for 56 consecutive pediatric patients who underwent definitive radiation therapy between January 2001 and January 2002. Treatment locations were classified as brain, 27 patients; abdomen, 11 patients; extremities, 9 patients; pelvis, 6 patients; and thorax, 3 patients. Using the dose per monitor unit and total number of port films taken, the total port film dose for each patient was calculated. In addition, port film dose was quantified for 5 pediatric patients undergoing intensity modulated radiation therapy. RESULTS: The mean total port dose varied from a maximum of 46 cGy for brain to a minimum of 17 cGy for thorax. The mean total port dose as a percentage of prescribed dose was less than 1.25% for all locations in this study; however, most of the port dose is a result of the open-field dose from the double-
exposure technique. CONCLUSIONS: Care should be exercised while exposing port films of pediatric patients to minimize both the number of films and corresponding radiation exposure without compromising the quality of treatment delivery. Specifically, the number of monitor units used to image regions outside the treatment field should be kept to a minimum, because such exposure could lead to an increased risk of development of secondary neoplasms

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T1 - Photorefractive keratectomy for pediatric anisometropia: safety and impact on refractive error, visual acuity, and stereopsis
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Amblyopia/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Anisometropia/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Anisometropia/su [Surgery]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Corneal Topography
KW - Depth Perception/ph [Physiology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Hyperopia/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Lasers
KW - Excimer
KW - Male
KW - Myopia/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Photorefractive Keratectomy
KW - Pilot Projects
KW - Prospective Studies
KW - Safety
KW - Visual Acuity/ph [Physiology]
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JF - American Journal of Ophthalmology
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CY - United States
N2 - PURPOSE: To establish the safety and possible efficacy of excimer laser photorefractive keratectomy (PRK) for treatment of pediatric anisometropia. DESIGN: Interventional case series METHODS: This is a prospective, noncomparative interventional case series at an individual university practice of photorefractive
keratectomy in 11 children aged 2 and 11 years with anisometropic amblyopia who were unable or unwilling to use contact lens, glasses, and occlusion therapy to treat the amblyopia. The eye with the higher refractive error was treated with PRK using a standard adult nomogram. The refractive treatment goal was to decrease the anisometropia to 3 diopters or less. Main outcome measures were cycloplegic refraction, refractive correction, degree of corneal haze, uncorrected and best spectacle-corrected visual acuity, and stereopsis over 12 months.

RESULTS: All patients tolerated the procedure well. The mean refractive target reduction was -10.10 +/- 1.39 diopters for myopia and +4.75 +/- 0.50 diopters for hyperopia. The mean achieved refractive error reduction at 12 months for myopia was -10.56 +/- 3.00 diopters and for hyperopia was +4.08 +/- 0.8 diopters. Corneal haze at 12 months was minimal. Uncorrected visual acuity improved by 2 or more lines in 6 (75%) of the eight children able to perform psychophysical acuity tests. Best spectacle-corrected visual acuity improved by 2 lines in 3 (38%) of patients. Stereopsis improved in 3 (33%) of nine patients. CONCLUSIONS: Pediatric PRK can be safely performed for anisometropia. The refractive error response in children appears to be similar to that of adults with comparable refractive errors. Visual acuity and stereopsis improved despite several children being outside the standard age of visual plasticity. Photorefractive keratectomy may play a role in the management of anisometropia in selected pediatric patients

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T1 - Hepatitis A in Hispanic children who live along the United States-Mexico border: the role of international travel and food-borne exposures
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KW - Adolescent
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KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Female
KW - Food Microbiology
KW - Hepatitis A/eh [Ethnology]
KW - Hepatitis A/tm [Transmission]
KW - Hepatitis A Virus
KW - Human
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Mexican Americans
KW - Multivariate Analysis
KW - Risk Factors
OBJECTIVES: Hispanic children who live along the United States-Mexico border historically have had among the highest hepatitis A rates in the United States, but risk factors have not been well characterized. The objective of this study was to examine risk factors associated with acute hepatitis A virus (HAV) infection in Hispanic children who live along the United States-Mexico border in San Diego County, California.

METHODS: In this case-control study, hepatitis A cases among Hispanic children who were younger than 18 years reported from June 1998 through August 2000 were matched by age group and exposure period to Hispanic children who were susceptible to HAV infection. Participants and their families were interviewed about demographic information and potential sources of HAV infection, including attending child care, food and waterborne exposures, cross-border and other international travel, and travel-related activities. RESULTS: Participants included 132 children with hepatitis A and 354 control subjects. The median age of study participants was 7 years (range: 1-17). Sixty-seven percent of case patients traveled outside the United States during the incubation period, compared with 25% of the children without hepatitis A (odds ratio [OR]: 6.3; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 4.0-9.7); all children, except 1, had traveled to Mexico. In multivariate analysis, hepatitis A was associated with having eaten food from a taco stand or street food vendor (adjusted OR: 17.0; 95% CI: 4.1-71.1) and having eaten salad/lettuce (adjusted OR: 5.2; 95% CI: 1.3-20.1) during travel.

CONCLUSIONS: Hepatitis A among Hispanic children who live in an urban area of the United States-Mexico border is associated with cross-border travel to Mexico and food-borne exposures during travel. Travelers to areas where hepatitis A is endemic should receive hepatitis A vaccine before travel.

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T1 - Portable lead analyzer to locate source of lead
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OBJECTIVE: To investigate the sources of lead in the environment in children with elevated blood, with the help of a Field Portable X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer. METHODS: One hundred and seven school children were chosen for this study on a random basis, from Mangalore and Karnataka. Their blood lead was analyzed. Of the cases analyzed, 10 students whose blood lead level was more than 40 microg/dl were investigated using a field portable X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer. This is the first time such a device has been available for this purpose in India. RESULTS: The 'likely' source of lead exposure could be determined in eight cases which was from the immediate environment of the children like 'lead-based' paint on surfaces in the house, on playground and other exterior equipment; lead storage batteries, contaminated dust and soil and other lead-containing substances. CONCLUSION: The use of an X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer appeared to be useful in determining the source of lead.
Preventing habitual smoking by young people forms an important goal of health promotion in schools. In achieving this target, information is needed about the age at which smoking becomes a temptation for young people as well as knowledge about the attitudes that are associated with smoking. At two elementary schools and at one grammar school in a community of a former coalmining area, 985 German pupils aged 11-18 years were interviewed with the Youth Self Report (YSR) together with a questionnaire concerning their smoking habits. The rate of smoking among the pupils rose from the age group 11-15 years to the age group 16-18 years (in this age access to cigarettes is no longer restricted by law) from 12% to 63%; between the sexes there is no difference in smoking habits. According to the scales of the YSR in both types of school, smokers scored significantly higher on scales of "antisocial" and "aggressive behaviour". On the other hand non-smokers scored significantly higher on the scale "social problems". The significantly higher rate of smokers in both elementary schools compared with the corresponding rate in the grammar school will be interpreted by two interrelated explanations: the influence of lower social class as well as the lack of the deferred gratification pattern as an ingredient of the culture in elementary schools. The difference between smoking and non-smoking juveniles according to the scales of the YSR can be explained by the association of smoking behaviour with the juvenile culture of deviant groups on the one hand and by the attitudes of the non-smokers, who are more reluctant in joining peer groups. The results support a strategy for effectively preventing habitual smoking habits of juveniles in schools by combining youth activities inside and outside the schools.
A numerical method is presented to estimate the concentration of occupant-generated CO(2) for the (time-varying) occupancy typically found in nonforced ventilated elementary school classrooms. Here, the governing mass balance was solved numerically and compared to experimental measurements in order to estimate the respiration and (time-varying) infiltration rates. For the cases studied, we estimate an average CO(2) generation rate per child as 404 mg/min(-1). This is similar to estimates found in the literature for the age and activity level of elementary students, the classroom occupants. The average estimated infiltration rates were found to be larger than those measured from the decay of the tracer gas SF(6) under closed-door static conditions. The in-use infiltration rates were increased by additional air exchange due to people entering and leaving the room. In addition, we show that the difference (or error) between the instantaneous concentration of CO(2) and the time-averaged value recorded by a data-logging CO(2) monitor varies depending on the infiltration rate and sampling time. Therefore, the time interval selected for averaging may increase the overall error of the apparent CO(2) concentration. We conclude that the methods used to measure air exchange rates in naturally ventilated rooms underestimate the actual ventilation rate of a room under "in-use" conditions. However, even with the addition of uncontrolled outdoor air, the concentration of CO(2) in the classrooms studied was higher than recommended to meet air quality objectives.

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Patients aged over 12 years with neurofibromatosis type 2 are considered candidates for an auditory brainstem implant (ABI). This study extends the indication criteria of ABI to subjects with profound hearing loss due to damaged cochleas and/or cochlear nerves (CNs) following head injuries. In our department, over the period from April 1997 to November 2002, 32 patients, 23 adults and 9 children, were fitted with ABIs. Their ages ranged from 14 months to 70 years. These patients were suffering from a variety of tumor (13 subjects) and nontumor CN or cochlear diseases (19 subjects). Six patients, 5 adults and 1 child, had profound hearing loss following head injury. Their mean age was 25 years (range: 16-48 years). Five were male and 1 female. The retrosigmoid approach was used in all 6 patients. The electrode array was inserted into the lateral recess of the fourth ventricle and correct electrode positioning was monitored with the aid of electrically evoked auditory brainstem responses and neural response telemetry. Correct implantation was achieved in all patients. No complications were observed due to implantation surgery or related to ABI activation and stimulation of the cochlear nuclei. At activation, an average of 9.8 electrodes (range 5-13) were switched on without side effects. One to 6 electrodes were activated in the following sessions after time periods ranging from 2 to 16 months. All patients achieved auditory-alone-mode closed-set word recognition scores ranging from 40 to 100%; 3 had auditory-alone-mode open-set sentence recognition scores of 60-100%; 2 of these even had speech-tracking performance scores of 38 and 43 words, respectively, showing an ability to engage in normal conversation and converse over the phone. The present study demonstrates that the ABI is a useful rehabilitation instrument in subjects with damaged cochleas and/or CN avulsion following head injury who are unamenable or poorly responsive to auditory rehabilitation using cochlear implants. Copyright 2004 S. Karger AG, Basel

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This 5-year study demonstrated a statistically significant correlation between morbidity among children attending day-care centres and various weather parameters. The study was undertaken in south-central Sweden, where sharp seasonal contrasts in climatic and weather conditions occur. Illness-associated absence (IAA) decreased significantly when the weather was bright, sunny and warm, determined using average monthly weather parameters analysed over 60 months. This may be because good weather encourages outdoor activities which, in turn, reduce the risk of spreading respiratory tract infections as outdoor play areas are larger, body contact is less frequent, and any bacteria and viruses present will be readily dispersed. In multiple regression analysis, outdoor temperature was the most prominent parameter linked with IAA. This may reflect the behaviour of the staff with regard to various weather conditions. It is therefore to be recommended that children attending day-care centres should be allowed and encouraged to play outdoors when conditions allow.
OBJECTIVE: A recent case series study found that only 4.7% of 402 playgrounds in which arm fractures occurred in Victorian schools complied with the recommended 20 cm depth of tanbark. Tanbark depths at fall sites varied between 0-27 cm and the mean was 11.1 (5.0) cm. The purposes of the present study were to (1) measure impact attenuation properties of shallow and compacted depths of tanbark; (2) validate laboratory measurements with in situ data; (3) compare impact attenuation properties of compacted tanbark with an Australian manufactured rubber based surface material; and (4) study the impact performance of rubber and tanbark hybrid surfacing. METHODS: A standard test headform was dropped on tanbark and rubber surfaces in a laboratory setting to measure peak impact deceleration and head injury criterion (HIC) values. Variations in surface depth ranged from 2 cm-20 cm (tanbark) and 2 cm-9 cm (rubber). Drop height ranged from 0.5 m-2.5 m. RESULTS: Peak deceleration and HIC increased with increasing drop height and decreasing surface depth. Laboratory measurements at depths less than 8 cm overestimated peak deceleration and HIC values compared with in situ playground measurements. Impact attenuation of a 9 cm thick bilaminate rubber material was comparable to that of an 18 cm depth of compacted tanbark. Rubber-tanbark hybrid surfaces showed improved impact attenuation over individual surfaces. CONCLUSIONS: Compacted tanbark of depth less than 8 cm is ineffective in attenuating playground falls, resulting in excessive impact deceleration and HIC values. Shallow and compacted tanbark found in many Victorian school playgrounds poses a high risk for severe head injury. This calls for stricter enforcement of playground surface depth compliance.
OBJECTIVE: To assess compliance with current standards of playgrounds where children have sustained a fall-related arm fracture. DESIGN, SETTING AND PARTICIPANTS: Between October 2000 and December 2002, a consecutive prospective series of 402 children aged under 13 years who fell from playground equipment and sustained an arm fracture was identified by emergency department staff in five Victorian hospitals. Trained field testers measured playground equipment height, surface type and depth, and surface impact attenuation factors to determine compliance with safety standards. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Playground compliance with current Australian safety standards. RESULTS: Ninety-eight percent of playgrounds had a recommended type of surface material. The mean surface depth was 11.1 cm (SD, 5.0 cm) and the mean equipment height was 2.04 m (SD, 0.43 m). Although over 85% of playgrounds complied with recommended maximum equipment height and surface impact attenuation characteristics, only 4.7% complied with recommended surface depth. CONCLUSION: Playgrounds where children have sustained an arm fracture generally comply with all important safety recommendations except surface depth. Playground fall-related arm fracture requires specific countermeasures for prevention, distinct from head injury prevention guidelines.
Exposure to particulate matter (PM) air pollution has been shown to exacerbate children's asthma, but the exposure sources and temporal characteristics are still under study. Children's exposure to PM is likely to involve both combustion-related ambient PM and PM related to a child's activity in various indoor and outdoor microenvironments. Among 19 children with asthma, 9-17 years of age, we examined the relationship of temporal changes in percent predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 sec (FEV1) to personal continuous PM exposure and to 24-hr average gravimetric PM mass measured at home and central sites. Subjects were followed for 2 weeks during either the fall of 1999 or the spring of 2000, in a southern California region affected by transported air pollution. FEV(subscript)1 was measured by subjects in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Exposure measurements included continuous PM using a passive nephelometer carried by subjects; indoor, outdoor home, and central-site 24-hr gravimetric PM2.5 (PM of aerodynamic diameter < 2.5 microm) and PM10; and central-site hourly PM10, nitrogen dioxide, and ozone. Data were analyzed with linear mixed models controlling for within-subject autocorrelation, FEV1 maneuver time, and exposure period. We found inverse associations of FEV1 with increasing PM exposure during the 24 hr before the FEV1 maneuver and with increasing multiday PM averages. Deficits in percent predicted FEV1 (95% confidence interval) for given PM interquartile ranges measured during the preceding 24-hr were as follows: 128 microg/m3 1-hr maximum personal PM, -6.0% (-10.5 to -1.4); 30 microg/m3 24-hr average personal PM, -5.9% (-10.8 to -1.0); 6.7 microg/m3 indoor home PM2.5, -1.6% (-2.8 to -0.4); 16 microg/m3 indoor home PM10, -2.1% (-3.7 to -0.4);
7.1 microg/m3 outdoor home PM2.5, -1.1% (-2.4 to 0.1); and 7.5 microg/m3 central-site PM2.5, -0.7% (-1.9 to 0.4). Stronger associations were found for multiday moving averages of PM for both personal and stationary-site PM. Stronger associations with personal PM were found in boys allergic to indoor allergens. FEV1 was weakly associated with NO2 but not with O3. Results suggest mixed respiratory effects of PM in asthmatic children from both ambient background exposures and personal exposures in various microenvironments.

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P1 - Pediatrics
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Aptitude Tests
KW - Child Development
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cognition
KW - Computer Literacy
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Motor Skills
KW - Multivariate Analysis
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Social Class
KW - Software
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1715
EP - 1722
JF - Pediatrics
VL - 113
IS - 6
CY - United States
N2 - OBJECTIVES: To explore the association between early computer experience (both accessibility and frequency of use) and cognitive and psychomotor development among young children. METHODS: The participants were 122 preschool children enrolled in a rural county Head Start program in the United States during 2001-2002. The following tests were administered to the children: the Bender Visual Motor Gestalt Test; the Boehm Test of Basic Concepts, Third Edition Preschool; the Test of Gross Motor Development, Second Edition; and a short form of the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scales of Intelligence-Revised. Information pertaining to family characteristics and children's early computer experience was collected from parents. Both bivariate and multivariate analyses were used to assess the association between early computer experience and cognitive and motor development. RESULTS: Of the participating children, 53% had a computer at home. Among families who had a computer, 83% had children's software on the computer. According to parents' reports, 29% of these children played on the home computer on a daily basis, and an additional 44% of the children played on the computer at least weekly. Of those families who did not have a home computer, 49%...
reported that their children had access to a computer somewhere outside home. Among these children, 10% had
daily access to the computer and 33% had weekly access. The presence of a computer in the home was
significantly associated with the family's income and the educational attainment of the parents. There was no
gender difference in computer accessibility and frequency use among the participating children. Children who
had access to a computer performed better on measures of school readiness and cognitive development,
controlling for children's developmental stage and family socioeconomic status. The data in the current study
did not suggest a relationship between computer experience and visual motor or gross motor skills among the
participating children. CONCLUSION: The findings in the present study suggest that early computer exposure
before or during the preschool years is associated with development of preschool concepts and cognition among
young children. However, frequency of use did not reveal such a relationship; neither did the ownership of other
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - Arousal
KW - Brain/ph [Physiology]
KW - Child
KW - Consciousness
KW - Cross-Over Studies
KW - Electrocardiography
KW - Electroencephalography
KW - Evoked Potentials
KW - Visual/ph [Physiology]
KW - Visual
KW - Female
KW - Galvanic Skin Response
KW - Heart Rate
KW - Humans
KW - Intuition
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Pattern Recognition
KW - Photic Stimulation/m [Methods]
KW - Reaction Time/ph [Physiology]
KW - Time Factors
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OBJECTIVES: This study aims to contribute to a scientific understanding of intuition, a process by which information normally outside the range of conscious awareness is perceived by the body's psychophysiological systems. The first objective, presented in two empirical reports (Part 1 and Part 2), was to replicate and extend the results of previous experiments demonstrating that the body can respond to an emotionally arousing stimulus seconds before it is actually experienced. The second objective, to be presented in a forthcoming publication (Part 3), is to develop a theory that explains how the body receives and processes information involved in intuitive perception. DESIGN: The study used a counterbalanced crossover design, in which 30 calm and 15 emotionally arousing pictures were presented to 26 participants under two experimental conditions: a baseline condition of "normal" psychophysiological function and a condition of physiological coherence. Primary measures included: skin conductance; the electroencephalogram (EEG), from which cortical event-related potentials (ERP) and heartbeatevoked potentials (HBEP) were derived; and the electrocardiogram (ECG), from which cardiac decelerations/accelerations were derived. These measures were used to investigate where and when in the brain and body intuitive information is processed. RESULTS: The main findings presented here are: (1) surprisingly, both the heart and brain appear to receive and respond to intuitive information; (2) even more surprisingly, there is compelling evidence that the heart appears to receive intuitive information before the brain; (3) there were significant differences in prestimulus ERPs for calm versus emotional stimuli; (4) the frontal cortex, temporal, occipital, and parietal areas appear to be involved in the processing of prestimulus information; (5) there were significant differences in prestimulus calm/emotional HBEPs, primarily in the coherent mode; (6) there were significant gender differences in the processing of prestimulus information. Especially noteworthy is the apparent interaction between the HBEPs and ERPs in the females, which suggests that the heart modulates the ERP and that females are more attuned to intuitive information from the heart. CONCLUSIONS: Overall, our data suggest that the heart and brain, together, are involved in receiving, processing, and decoding intuitive information. On the basis of these results and those of other research, it would thus appear that intuitive perception is a system-wide process in which both the heart and brain (and possibly other bodily systems) play a critical role. To account for the study's results, Part 3 will develop a theory based on holographic principles explaining how intuitive perception accesses a field of energy into which information about "future" events is spectrally enfolded.
PURPOSE OF REVIEW: It is becoming increasingly clear that physical activity in children plays a critical role in growth and development, therapy for certain chronic diseases and disabilities, and in the pediatric origins of a variety of bone, metabolic, and cardiovascular diseases. New mechanistic insights have created the opportunity for a phase shift in understanding of the links between exercise and health in the context of the growing child.

RECENT FINDINGS: Exercise even in healthy children profoundly alters stress, immune, and inflammatory mediators including peripheral blood mononuclear cells and circulating pro- and anti-inflammatory cytokines (like interleukin-6). Moreover, exercise even in healthy adults stimulates the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and mediators that attenuate them. Oxidative stress, in turn, alters growth and stress mediators. Both ROS and stress/inflammatory factors interact with powerful growth mediators like growth hormone and insulinlike growth factor-I. These findings suggest specific ways in which the balance between pro- and anti-inflammatory, catabolic, and anabolic factors associated with exercise can influence health and growth in children.

SUMMARY: To address the current epidemic of physical inactivity and obesity in children and to optimize the therapeutic effects of exercise in children with disease and disability will require real changes in environments (eg, schools and playgrounds); innovative approaches to rehabilitation of children with chronic disease and disability; and enlightened training of child health professionals. Identifying novel exercise mechanisms involving stress, inflammation, and growth factors will help guide these efforts.

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This study investigated the use of computer-based intervention for enhancing communication functions of children with autism. The software program was developed based on daily life activities in the areas of play, food, and hygiene. The following variables were investigated: delayed echolalia, immediate echolalia, irrelevant speech, relevant speech, and communicative initiations. Multiple-baseline design across settings was used to examine the effects of the exposure of five children with autism to activities in a structured and controlled simulated environment on the communication manifested in their natural environment. Results indicated that after exposure to the simulations, all children produced fewer sentences with delayed and irrelevant speech. Most of the children engaged in fewer sentences involving immediate echolalia and increased the number of communication intentions and the amount of relevant speech they produced. Results indicated that after practicing in a controlled and structured setting that provided the children with opportunities to interact in play, food, and hygiene activities, the children were able to transfer their knowledge to the natural classroom environment. Implications and future research directions are discussed.
A program of childhood lead poisoning prevention was conducted in six cities of Silesia, the most industrialized region of Poland. We analyzed records of 11,877 children aged 24-84 months, tested between 1993 and 1998, to assess children's exposure to lead and associations of blood lead levels (BLL) with season of sampling, questionnaire data, and environmental levels of lead. Air lead concentrations and lead fallout, as measured in the ambient air monitoring system, were below current Polish air quality standards and gradually decreased. The geometric mean (GM) BLL was 6.3 microg/dL (range from 0.6 to 48 microg/dL), and >13% of children had BLL > or =10 microg/dL. Mean BLL declined from 6.8 microg/dL in 1993-1994 to almost 5.5 microg/dL in 1998. GM BLL in spring and summer ('nonheating' season) months were 10% higher than BLL in children tested in fall and winter ('heating' season), although air lead concentrations were lower in nonheating and higher in the heating season. For both the heating and nonheating seasons, there was a significant increase in the mean BLL with increasing air lead concentrations. Poor housing (odds ratio (OR): 1.82; 95% CI: 1.4, 2.3), two or more siblings in the family (OR: 3.12; 95% CI: 2.6, 3.7), lack of recreational trips outside the region (OR: 1.66; 95% CI: 1.47, 1.89), and the time child spent outdoors were associated with elevated BLL. Variables found to affect BLL in the Silesian children should be used to propose criteria to improve identification of children at risk and to focus prevention activities more effectively.
Physical activity causes acute physiological and long-term adaptive responses in the body. It is a protective factor for coronary heart disease (CHD) in adults. It has been assumed that children younger than 8 years of age may be in general active enough and there would be hardly any relationships between physical activity and CHD risk factors in early childhood. One hundred and fifteen children (age 4-7 years) participated in this physical activity study during three consecutive years. Physical activity was examined twice a year with a special-purpose physical activity diary. CHD risk factors were measured during annual health care visits in the Specific Turku Coronary Risk Factor Intervention Project (STRIP). We found that physical activity was related to CHD risk factors in early childhood. Among the girls, low activity playing was related to a higher BMI. At the mean age of 6 years, high activity playing was negatively related to serum total cholesterol (r=0.32*) and positively to the high-density lipoprotein (HDL)/total cholesterol ratio (r=0.37**). The negative relationship between high activity playing and triglycerides was highest (r=0.32*) at the mean age of six. Among 4-year-old boys, playing outdoors correlated positively with serum HDL cholesterol concentration (r=0.29*) and the HDL/total ratio (r=0.35**). At the age of 5 years, physically active playing correlated positively with systolic blood pressure (r=0.25*). Playing outdoors and high activity playing already have important health-maintaining effects in 4-7-year-old children. These positive effects differ between genders. (*P<0.05 **P<0.01)
This paper summarizes a series of analyses of clustered, sequential activity/location data collected by Harvard University for 160 children aged 7-12 years in Southern California (Geyh et al., 2000). The main purpose of the paper is to understand intra- and inter-variability in the time spent by the sample in the outdoor location, the location exhibiting the most variability of the ones evaluated. The data were analyzed using distribution-free hypothesis-testing (K-S tests of the distributions), generalized linear modeling techniques, and random-sampling schemes that produced "cohorts" whose descriptive statistical characteristics were evaluated against the original dataset. Most importantly, our analyses indicate that subdividing the population into appropriate cohorts better replicates parameters of the original data, including the interclass correlation coefficient (ICC), which is a relative measure of the intra- and inter-individual variability inherent in the original data. While the findings of our analyses are consistent with previous assessments of "time budget" and physical activity data, they are constrained by the rather homogeneous sample available to us. Owing to a general lack of longitudinal human activity/location data available for other age/gender cohorts, we are unable to generalize our findings to other population subgroups.
PURPOSE: To study the incidence of open globe injuries and the outcome in children, and to study the risk factors for post-traumatic endophthalmitis. METHODS: Paediatric patient population. Retrospective analysis of 72 consecutive cases of open globe injury over 3 years (January 1998 to December 2000).

RESULTS: The cause of trauma was sports related (n = 18), home-made bow and arrow (n = 16), household kitchen injuries (n = 10), cracker injuries (n = 7) and other miscellaneous outdoor activities (n = 16). In 5 children the cause could not be ascertained. Visual acuity of > or = 3/60 in the injured eye at the last follow-up examination was recorded in 37 of 70 patients (52.86%) whose visual acuity could be tested. The final visual acuity was significantly poorer in eyes where primary repair was delayed beyond 24 hours of injury (P < 0.05). Post-traumatic endophthalmitis developed in 39 of 72 (54.16%) eyes. Bow and arrow and household injuries (P < 0.5) and eyes in which primary repair was delayed beyond 24 hours of injury (P < 0.01) had a higher risk of endophthalmitis in univariate analysis. In multivariate analysis delayed repair was the only significant risk factor for the occurrence of endophthalmitis (P = 0.014). CONCLUSION: Delayed repair, bow and arrow injuries and household injuries were associated with significantly higher risk of endophthalmitis. The incidence of endophthalmitis can be reduced by early referral of trauma cases and parental supervision.
T1 - Gross motor capability and performance of mobility in children with cerebral palsy: a comparison across home, school, and outdoors/community settings

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N2 - BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Mobility of children with cerebral palsy (CP) has generally been examined in terms of capability (what a child can do) in a controlled environment, rather than performance (what a child does do) in everyday settings. The purpose of this study was to compare gross motor capability and performance across environmental settings in children with CP. SUBJECTS: The subjects were 307 children with CP, aged 6 to 12 years, who were randomly selected across Ontario, Canada. METHODS: Children were grouped by capability (the highest of 3 items achieved on the Gross Motor Function Measure). Performance was measured via a parent-completed questionnaire on usual mobility methods in the home, at school, and in the outdoors or community. RESULTS: There were statistically significant differences in performance across settings for children in all capability groups. Children who were capable of crawling performed crawling more at home than at school or in the outdoors or community. Children who were capable of walking with support performed walking with support more at school than in the outdoors or community. Children who were capable of walking alone performed walking alone more at home than at school or in the outdoors or community, and more at school than in the outdoors or community. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION: The results provide evidence that children with CP with similar capability demonstrate differences in performance across settings. The results suggest that physical therapists should examine performance in the settings that are important to the child’s daily life

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Online pediatric information seeking among mothers of young children: results from a qualitative study using focus groups

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BACKGROUND: Prenatal and postnatal periods are times when many women actively seek health information from multiple sources, including the Internet. However, little is known about how pregnant women and mothers of young children seek and process online pediatric health information. OBJECTIVE: To explore why and where mothers of young children look for online health information and how they determine if the information they receive is trustworthy.

METHODS: Focus groups were conducted in a Southeastern US city to provide an in-depth exploration of web-related behaviors and beliefs among mothers who work inside and outside of the home. Data from the focus groups were coded using deductive and inductive coding schemes and content was analyzed for the existence of themes.

RESULTS: Twenty mothers of young children participated in four focus groups. Most participants sought information on the Internet during pregnancy and nearly all sought online information after their child was born, primarily to diagnose or treat pediatric conditions and to seek advice on parenting and development. Participants mainly used commercial information websites for health information and many expressed disdain for commercial product websites. Many also expressed concerns about the reliability of health information on the web and described strategies for determining how much they trust each website.

CONCLUSIONS: Women appear to be high information seekers during pregnancy and the first few years following delivery, and this period represents an important window of time for providing online health information. Participants suggested that online information sources and motives for providing online information should be clear in order to increase perceptions of trust. Participants expressed preference for online clinical health information that is presented by clinical professionals, and online parenting advice that is presented from other parents.

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OBJECTIVES: The authors measured and recorded the physical (outdoor playing) and mental (home study) activity behavior and blood pressure amongst school going children and observed their association with the blood pressure levels. METHOD: It was a cross sectional school-based study from 12 primary schools; selected by stratified random sampling. Participants included 2250 children aged 10 years and above. Explanatory variables were age, sex, outdoor playing (hours/ day) and home study (hours/ day). Outcome variables were mean and standard deviation (SD) of systolic and diastolic blood pressures in various activity groups. Statistical tools used were proportions, correlation co-efficient (r), coefficient of determination (r²) and Regression analysis. RESULTS: 47.8% boys and 2.5% girls were engaged in outdoor playing for more than two hours. No trend was observed for systolic blood pressure (SBP) in both the sexes in various activity groups of outdoor playing. Both mean diagnostic blood pressure (DBP) and mean BMI showed decreasing trend in boys. Mean BMI had an inverse relationship with outdoor playing in girls. Correlation of age and weight with both SBP and DBP was highly significant in both the sexes and in all the age groups except that of the 15-year age. Both SBP and DBP were not associated with home study in all sex and age groups except the age group of 10 and 12 years. Both SBP and DBP were significantly associated with the outdoor playing taking the whole sample as one group, but not in different sex or age groups; except that the SBP was significantly correlated with outdoor playing in 10 to 13 years age groups in boys. CONCLUSION: Boys spent twice the time in outdoor playing than girls. They were spending more time on outdoor playing than on home study. Conversely girls spent more time in home study. A weak negative correlation was observed between outdoor playing and blood pressures. Less time spent in physical activities by the girls may have contributed to their higher BMI. They need behavior change communication for involvement in physical activities.

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Associations between specific serum IgE response and 6 variants within the genes IL4, IL13, and IL4RA in German children: the German Multicenter Atopy Study


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N2 - BACKGROUND: Among many published studies of specific IgE response or atopy, only a few showed positive marginal effects for 6 potentially functional single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs; C-590T in the IL4 gene, C-1055T and Arg130Gln in the IL13 gene, and Ile50Val, Ser478Pro, and Gln551Arg in the IL4RA gene). SNPs were commonly considered individually, and therefore the true effect could be masked by other genes or environmental factors. OBJECTIVE: We tested the relationship between these 6 SNPs and sensitization to food, mite, cat, and outdoor allergens in unrelated German children drawn from the Multicenter Atopy Study. Gene-gene and gene-environment interactions were also evaluated. METHODS: Multiple logistic regression models were used for the analyses of 4 sensitization outcomes. RESULTS: The variant C-1055T was significantly associated with increased risk of sensitization to food and outdoor allergens, with odds ratios of 3.49 (95% CI, 1.52-8.02) and 2.27 (95% CI, 1.04-4.94), respectively. The effects of the TT genotype on food sensitization appear to depend on variants in the IL4RA gene, in which marginally significant interaction terms were observed. Significant evidence supported an interaction between exposure to maternal smoking and variant Gln551Arg on risk of cat sensitization. In addition, we found that the effect of variant C-590T on sensitization to mite depended on Der p 1 allergen levels in carpet dust samples. CONCLUSIONS: These findings not only suggested that variants in the IL4, IL13, and IL4RA genes play an important role in controlling specific IgE response but also strengthened our understanding of gene-gene and gene-environment interaction on the development of specific sensitization in this study population.
A 12-month, population-based, case-control study of Campylobacter infections was conducted at Foodborne Disease Active Surveillance Network surveillance areas during 1998-1999. Of 858 Campylobacter isolates tested for antimicrobial susceptibility to the fluoroquinolone ciprofloxacin, 94 (11%) were resistant. Travel outside of the United States was reported by 27 (42%) of 64 patients with fluoroquinolone-resistant Campylobacter infection and by 51 (9%) of 582 patients with fluoroquinolone-susceptible Campylobacter infection (odds ratio [OR], 7.6; 95% confidence interval [CI], 4.3-13.4). When patients with domestically acquired fluoroquinolone-resistant Campylobacter infection were compared with matched healthy control subjects in a multivariate analysis, those infected were 10 times more likely to have eaten chicken or turkey cooked at a commercial establishment (18 [55%] of 33 case patients vs. 7 [21%] of 33 controls; matched OR, 10.0; 95% CI, 1.3-78). Although travel outside of the United States was associated with fluoroquinolone-resistant Campylobacter infection, most infections among study participants were domestically acquired. This study provides additional evidence that poultry is an important source of domestically acquired fluoroquinolone-resistant Campylobacter infection. Control measures should include efforts to improve food handling in commercial establishments.
To determine risk factors for sporadic Salmonella serotype Heidelberg diarrheal disease, we conducted a population-based case-control study in 5 Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet) surveillance areas in 1996-1997. Forty-four case patients and 83 control subjects matched by age and telephone exchange were asked about exposures during the 5-day period before onset of illness in the case patient. Risk factors for infection were evaluated using conditional logistic regression analysis. Eating eggs prepared outside the home remained the only significant risk factor for illness (matched odds ratio [MOR], 6.0; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.2-29.6). The population-attributable fraction of S. Heidelberg infections associated with eating eggs prepared outside the home was 37%. Eliminating the risk associated with out-of-home egg consumption could substantially reduce the incidence of S. Heidelberg infections. Control measures to prevent S. Heidelberg infection should include advising consumers to avoid eating undercooked eggs and educating food handlers about proper egg handling and cooking.
The case for the universal application of 'safer surfacing' in playgrounds is assessed in terms of absolute risk, cost-benefit, and qualitative factors, and found to be open to question on each front. In parallel, it is noted that members of the child welfare and play communities are increasingly of the view that playgrounds are losing their appeal for children, which in turn has its own health, safety and developmental consequences. In part, this loss of attractiveness may have linkages with the recent concern over play safety and the imposition of measures such as 'safer surfacing'. It is proposed that the drive for play safety, which has existed for some 20 years, should be succeeded by a more holistic approach which, rather than considering play safety in isolation, acknowledges the importance of all attributes of play including child safety both on and off playgrounds, potential beneficial aspects of childhood risk exposure, adventure, and play value.
OBJECTIVE: This study aimed to identify self report questionnaire measures of parent attributes and behaviors that have relevance for understanding injury risk among children 2-5 years of age, and test a new Parent Supervision Attributes Profile Questionnaire (PSAPQ) that was developed to measure aspects of protectiveness and parent supervision. METHODS: Naturalistic observations were conducted of parents' supervision of children on playgrounds, with questionnaires subsequently completed by the parent to measure parent education, family income, parent personality attributes, attributes relevant to parent supervision, and beliefs about parents' control over the child's health status. These measures were then related to children's risk taking and injury history. RESULTS: Visual supervision, auditory supervision, and physical proximity were highly intercorrelated, indicating that parents employed all types of behaviors in service of supervision, rather than relying predominantly on one type of supervisory behavior. Physical proximity was the only aspect of supervision behavior that served a protective function and related to children's risk taking behaviors: parents who remained close to their children had children who engaged in less risk taking. On questionnaires, parents who reported more conscientiousness, protectiveness, worry about safety, vigilance in supervision, confidence in their ability to keep their child safe, and belief in control over their child's health had children who showed less risk taking and/or experienced fewer injuries. The new PSAPQ measure was associated with specific aspects of supervision as well as children's risk taking and injury history. CONCLUSIONS: This study reveals several parent attributes and behaviors with relevance for child injury risk that can be measured via self report questionnaires, including the new PSAPQ.
BACKGROUND: Keeping young children physically active is an important strategy to promote their health and well-being. To our knowledge, survey measures of physical activity in preschool-aged children are unavailable. Time spent playing outdoors is a potential surrogate measure of physical activity in preschoolers, but parental-report measures of outdoor playtime have not been evaluated. OBJECTIVE: To compare a direct measure of physical activity in preschool-aged children with 2 parental-report measures of children's outdoor playtime. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Three days of recording with a 3-dimensional accelerometer were used to directly measure physical activity in 250 preschool-aged children. We calculated each child's average vector magnitude per minute while awake. Parental report of outdoor playtime was measured in 2 ways: (1). the score from a checklist used to record outdoor playtime over 3 days and (2). a recall of the usual minutes of daily outdoor playtime during the prior month. We calculated Spearman rank correlation coefficients among these 3 measures. RESULTS: The mean age of the children was 44 months, 87.7% were white, and 12.3% were black. Parents reported that their children spent a mean (+/−SD) of 146 (+/−113) minutes playing outdoors each day. Physical activity as measured by the accelerometer was significantly correlated to the time spent playing outdoors, as measured by the checklist (r = 0.33, P <.001) and recall (r = 0.20, P =.003). CONCLUSION: Parental-report measures of outdoor playtime were significantly correlated to a direct measure of physical activity in preschool-aged children, and are worthy of future evaluation as a survey measure.
An ozone (O3) exposure study was conducted in Nashville, TN, using passive O3 samplers to measure six weekly outdoor, indoor, and personal O3 exposure estimates for a group of 10- to 12-yr-old elementary school children. Thirty-six children from two Nashville area communities (Inglewood and Hendersonville) participated in the O3 sampling program, and 99 children provided additional time-activity information by telephone interview. By design, this study coincided with the 1994 Nashville/Middle Tennessee Ozone Study conducted by the Southern Oxidants Study, which provided enhanced continuous ambient O3 monitoring across the Nashville area. Passive sampling estimated weekly average outdoor O3 concentrations from 0.011 to 0.030 ppm in the urban Inglewood community and from 0.015 to 0.042 ppm in suburban Hendersonville. The maximum 1- and 8-hr ambient concentrations encountered at the Hendersonville continuous monitor exceeded the levels of the 1- and 8-hr metrics for the O3 National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Weekly average personal O3 exposures ranged from 0.0013 to 0.0064 ppm (7-31% of outdoor levels). Personal O3 exposures reflected the proportional amount of time spent in indoor and outdoor environments. Air-conditioned homes displayed very low indoor O3 concentrations, and homes using open windows and fans for ventilation displayed much higher concentrations.
A genomewide screen in a four-generation Dutch family with celiac disease: evidence for linkage to chromosomes 6 and 9

OBJECTIVES: Celiac disease is caused by the interaction of multiple genes and environmental factors. Inheritance of the disease shows a complex pattern with a 10% sibling recurrence risk. The HLA-region is a major genetic risk locus in celiac disease, but genes outside this region are expected to contribute to the disease risk as well. The aim of this study was to identify the loci causing celiac disease in one large Dutch family with apparent dominant transmission of the disease. METHODS: The family comprised 17 patients in four generations, with possible transmission of the disease by both grandparents. Microsatellite markers evenly spread over all chromosomes were genotyped and linkage analysis was performed using both dominant and recessive disease models and a model-free analysis. RESULTS: Disease susceptibility in the family was linked to the HLA-region (lod score of 2.33) and all patients were HLA-DQ2. A dominantly inherited non-HLA locus with a maximum lod score of 2.61 was detected at 9p21-13, which was shared by 16 patients. Model-free analysis identified another possible non-HLA locus, at 6q25.3, which was shared by 14 patients (p = 0.01).
Neither of these regions was detected in a genomewide screen in Dutch affected sibpairs, but the 9p21 locus has been implicated in Scandinavian families. CONCLUSIONS: Two potential non-HLA loci for celiac disease were identified in this large Dutch family. Our results provide replication of the Scandinavian 9p21 locus, and suggest that this locus plays a role in celiac disease patients from different Caucasian populations.

Little is known about the impact of intestinal transplantation on development of the infant brain. In this study we report four neurodevelopmental studies on children receiving either liver or intestinal/multivisceral transplants. Our preliminary investigation examined the pretransplant status of 27 infants, who were either liver or intestinal/multivisceral candidates, using the Bayley Scales of Infant Development. A second study examined 23 infants after liver or intestinal/multivisceral transplant. A third study included pre- and posttransplant evaluations on 5 multivisceral infant transplants. In the fourth study, 10 children were tested several years after intestinal/multivisceral transplantation. Some children are able to achieve a normal development. However, even several years posttransplant most children can still experience significant cognitive delays. Children...
receiving a transplant during infancy may also suffer severe motor delays. Infants undergoing intestinal/multivisceral transplantation show significantly more cognitive delays than those undergoing single-organ liver transplantation. In addition, multivisceral transplanted infants are more likely to continue to be severely developmentally delayed at the time of hospital discharge. With improved survival rates for infant transplants, both cognitive and motor development must be evaluated to determine the need for early intervention. In addition, educating families on the importance of compliance with intervention services outside the hospital is essential to maximize long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes for these infants.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: The objectives of our study were to assess biomechanics associated with feet-first free falls in 3-year-old children and to investigate the influence of impact surface type and fall height on key biomechanical measures associated with injury risk. METHODS: Repeatable feet-first free fall experiments were conducted in a laboratory mock-up environment using an instrumented Hybrid II 3-year-old test dummy. Impact surface type and fall height were varied to examine their influence on biomechanical measures. RESULTS: Feet-first falls from short distances (27 in.) (0.69 m) were found to have a low risk of contact-type
head injury, regardless of impact surface type. When comparing different types of impact surfaces in a 27 in. (0.69 m) fall, head acceleration associated with falls onto playground foam was significantly less than that associated with falls onto wood, linoleum or padded carpet. For falls onto playground foam, femoral compressive loads and bending moments were found to significantly increase as fall height increased.

CONCLUSIONS: Impact surface type and fall height were found to influence biomechanics associated with injury risk in feet-first free falls as assessed through experimental mock-ups using an instrumented child test dummy. Feet-first falls from short distances (27 in.) (0.69 m) were associated with a low risk of contact-type head injury as assessed using HIC, irrespective of impact surface type.

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OBJECTIVE: To provide reliable and comparable information on major injury (MIJ) (Injury Severity Score (ISS) > 15) by establishing a comprehensive and Utstein-style compliant registry of all occurrences in a defined geographical area. METHODS: Prospective, population-based, 12-month study targeting the 1,200,000 inhabitants of the Italian region Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG). Deliberate self-harm was excluded. RESULTS: The total number of MIJ cases was 627, the resulting incidence 522 per million per year. Trauma was mostly blunt (98.4%). Young (15-44 years) adults (54.8%) and males (78.6%) were most affected. Leading mechanisms of injury were traffic accidents (81%) and falls (9.1%). Most events occurred in rural (80.9%) areas despite one third of the regional population living in major urban centres. Summer and weekends carried the highest frequency. The mean ISS (\( n = 455 \)) was 30.0, median 25. On-scene vital parameters were often subnormal, e.g. 53.9%, GCS < 14. The Emergency Medical System was nearly always activated (98.4%). The time intervals were within standards although in part susceptible of improvement. The percentage of direct triage to the definitive hospital was 79.8%. Overall mortality was 45.6% or 238 per million per year. Most fatalities were found already dead (171/300) and no trimodal distribution was verified. Only 1.5% of the patients found alive died outside hospital. Mean GOS was 4.4 +/- 1 (S.D.), median 5. CONCLUSION: A considerable amount of information on MIJ in FVG has been gathered, of both local and general interest because it can help to assess the local trauma system and also, given the relative scarcity of prospective, population-based information on MIJ, contribute to scientific research.

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OBJECTIVE: To assess the impact of a 6 months nutrition education and physical activity intervention on primary school children through changes in adiposity and physical fitness. DESIGN: Longitudinal school-based controlled evaluation study. SUBJECTS: Children from 1st to 8th grade, 2141 in intervention and 945 in control schools. INTERVENTION: Nutrition education for children and parents, 'healthier' kiosks, 90 min of additional physical activity (PA) weekly, behavioral PA program and active recess. MEASUREMENTS: Adiposity indices (BMI, BMI Z-score, triceps skinfold thickness (TSF), waist circumference and physical fitness (20 m shuttle run test and lower back flexibility). RESULTS: Positive effect on adiposity indices (except TSF) was observed in boys (P<0.001 for BMI Z), while both physical fitness parameters increased significantly in both boys (P<0.001 for each test) and girls (P<0.0001 for each test). A differential effect in BMI Z was observed according to baseline nutritional status. CONCLUSIONS: This intervention showed a robust effect on physical fitness in both genders and decreased adiposity only in boys.

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CCA-treated wood is widely used in the fabrication of outdoor decks and playground equipment. Because arsenic can be removed from the surface of CCA-treated wood both by physical contact and by leaching, it is important to determine whether children who play on such structures may ingest arsenic in quantities sufficient to be of public health concern. Based on a review of existing studies, it is estimated that arsenic doses in amounts of tens of micrograms per day may be incurred by children having realistic levels of exposure to CCA-treated decks and playground structures. The most important exposure pathway appears to be oral ingestion of arsenic that is first dislodged from the wood by direct hand contact, then transferred to the mouth by children's hand-to-mouth activity. The next most important pathway appears to be dermal absorption of arsenic, while ingestion of soil that has become contaminated by leaching from CCA-treated structures appears to be of lesser importance, except possibly in the case of children with pica. Considerable uncertainty, however, is associated with quantitative estimates of children's arsenic exposure from CCA-treated wood. Priorities for refining estimates of arsenic dose include detailed studies of the hand-to-mouth transfer of arsenic, studies of the dermal and gastrointestinal absorption of dislodgeable arsenic, and studies in which doses of arsenic to children playing in contact with CCA-treated wood are directly determined by measurement of arsenic in their urine, hair, and nails.

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Kidskin was a sun-protection intervention study involving 1776 children attending 33 primary schools in Perth, Western Australia. There were three study groups: a control group, a moderate intervention group and a high intervention group. In addition to receiving a specially designed curricular intervention (1995-1998), the moderate and high intervention groups received an environmental intervention aimed at creating SunSmart schools (1996-1998). The environmental intervention focused on encouraging implementation of 'No hat, no play' policies and reducing sun exposure at lunchtime. In 1995 and 1998, observational methods were used to measure children's lunchtime sun exposure (i.e. polysulfone film badges) and hat wearing (i.e. video-taping of children). The proportion of children wearing broad-brimmed hats or legionnaire caps increased in seven of the eight high intervention schools between 1995 and 1998. In three schools, however, the impact was very positive with almost all children wearing these hats in 1998. There was no improvement in wearing these types of hats in either the moderate intervention group or the control group. In terms of sun exposure, there were only small non-significant differences among the three groups in terms of lunchtime sun exposure. The Kidskin program had a positive effect on hat wearing in the playground, but did not change children's use of shade at lunchtime. In this study, disseminating policy guidelines to schools using a mail-only strategy was ineffective, even when combined with an awards program. More information on 'champions' who bring about change in schools is required.
The relation among children's evening activities, behavioral characteristics, and activity of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenocortical axis was assessed in normally developing children ages 7 to 10 years. Salivary cortisol at bedtime was compared on evenings when children had structured activities outside of the home with unstructured evenings at home in relation to parental reports of children's behavioral characteristics. Participating in evening activities, particularly sport activities, was associated with small increases in bedtime cortisol levels in boys but not in girls. Differences in cortisol on activity versus no-activity nights were negatively related to children's social isolation. These results show that in studies with children, nights on which participants engage in sport activities should be avoided when collecting ambulatory measures of salivary cortisol concentrations.
STUDY DESIGN: A prevalence survey of 101 randomly selected elementary schools in the Israel Central District. OBJECTIVES: To identify and describe risk factors for low back pain that exist in the elementary school environment. SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND DATA: Recent surveys report a high prevalence of low back pain in children and adolescents that increases with age, with a correlation between low back pain in adolescence and that experienced in adulthood. Environmental risk factors have been associated with the development of low back pain in children. Because of the significant amount of time children spend in their school environment, risk factors need to be identified in this environment. METHODS: A questionnaire, completed by school nurses, measured risk factors among 10,000 children in elementary schools in Israel. These included backpack and student weight, the availability of storage facilities, the appropriateness of chair and desk height to student height, seating arrangements during frontal lessons, and physical activity at recess. RESULTS: Between 30% and 54% of students carried >15% of their body weight. Nearly 15% of the first graders and 20% of sixth graders had inappropriate chairs. In 74% of the classes, students sat with their side facing the teacher and in 35% students sat with their backs. In 6% of schools, no physical activity is offered at recess. CONCLUSIONS: Shortcomings were found in all areas investigated. There is an urgent need for health promotion programs to increase awareness and reduce risks in the school environment.
The aim of this study was to determine the prevalence of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) use among children with cancer who had received or were receiving treatment at a large hospital in the UK, including the identification of the most commonly used therapies and parental motives for doing so. Using a cross-sectional survey design, questionnaires were sent to parents of paediatric patients diagnosed with cancer. Of the 49 respondents, 32.7% reported using some type of CAM. The most commonly used therapies included multivitamins, aromatherapy massage, diets and music as therapy. Most children had used more than one therapy. Many of the factors that motivated parents to use CAM were related to helping or supporting their child's medical treatment. The main benefits identified from using CAM included increased confidence, pain relief and relaxation. The longer the time since diagnosis the more children tended to use CAM. The reasons for parents not using CAM included the child doing well and therefore not seeing the need for CAM use; not being aware of CAM; CAM not being offered and lack of information available. Parents identified a need for more information to be available both at ward level and for information about CAM to be discussed by medical staff, particularly at the start of treatment. The results indicate that CAM is frequently used by children and young people with cancer and that their use plays a substantial role in helping children through their conventional cancer treatment.
Internal and external noise surveys have been carried out around schools in London, UK, to provide information on typical levels and sources to which children are exposed while at school. Noise levels were measured outside 142 schools, in areas away from flight paths into major airports. Here 86% of the schools surveyed were exposed to noise from road traffic, the average external noise level outside a school being 57 dB L(Aeq). Detailed internal noise surveys have been carried out in 140 classrooms in 16 schools, together with classroom observations. It was found that noise levels inside classrooms depend upon the activities in which the children are engaged, with a difference of 20 dB L(Aeq) between the "quietest" and "noisiest" activities. The average background noise level in classrooms exceeds the level recommended in current standards. The number of children in the classroom was found to affect noise levels. External noise influenced internal noise levels only when children were engaged in the quietest classroom activities. The effects of the age of the school buildings and types of window upon internal noise were examined but results were inconclusive.

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In minority populations, those who do not maintain normal weight outnumber those who do; thus, overweight is often the community norm. Compared to many white populations, minority populations are transitioning from poverty, food scarcity, and jobs that require significant amounts of energy expenditure. This may mean food and activity habits of both black and Latino populations may have been developed during a more physically-active era. Caloric restriction and leisure-time physical activity are not routine in minority communities. In these communities, there are often few supermarkets that carry fresh produce, many fast food establishments and small grocery stores that sell high-fat, energy-dense foods, and high neighborhood crime rates that discourage outdoor activities and limit safe places for walking and bicycling, including school routes. Although specific dietary and activity behaviors related to weight control ultimately are undertaken by individuals, our current environment makes such individual choices difficult when it contains substantial barriers to establishing healthy lifestyles. Substantial environmental changes need to be made, especially in minority communities. [References: 31]
Studies in Caucasian populations have shown that a significant percentage of childhood extremity fractures occur at the playground. There are no comparable studies in Asian populations. Thus this study sets out to determine the pattern of playground related extremity fractures in Asian populations and to suggest modifications to prevent or reduce these injuries. This study involved a retrospective review of 390 patients with these fractures who visited our Department from May 1997 to December 1998. This accounted for 19.5% of all fractures seen in the same period. The largest age group affected were the five through 12-year-old patients with a male to female ratio of 2:1. Monkey bars or upper body devices were the most common cause (66%). The most common fracture was supracondylar fractures (43%). Further studies to determine the actual dimensions of playground equipment will be carried to ascertain with greater certainty the safety of these equipment in our playgrounds.
500 m from the site of the smeltery, there were several areas where the Finnish limit value for soil Pb, i.e. 300 mg/kg, was exceeded. In the recently built areas, the surface soil has been replaced and soil remediation has taken place in schoolyards and the playgrounds of children's day-care centres. Lead content in household dust was clearly elevated in the contaminated areas. In approximately 20 years, after the smeltery was closed in 1984, the lead concentrations of the fruits and berries in local gardens have decreased to one-tenth. In some samples, the limit values are still exceeded. The lead concentration in ambient air is now 50 times lower than in the 1970s. The blood lead level of the children living in the area is slightly but statistically significantly higher than that of the children in the control areas. The critical blood lead level, i.e. 10 microg/100 ml, was not exceeded in any of the children examined. The average and maximum lead concentrations of 63 analysed blood samples were 2.2 and 5 microg/100 ml, respectively. In contrast, the average and maximum blood lead levels of school children in 1981 were 6.7 and 13.0 microg/100 ml, respectively. The risk reduction measures undertaken during the past 20 years are described

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We studied 604 suspected snakebite cases seen at the peripheral snakebite treatment centre, Damak, Eastern Nepal from January to December 2000 using pre-designed proforma. Seventy-five per cent of the patients were in the age group 11-40 years. The common victims were farmers (44.2%) and housewives (31.7%). The bite was commonly encountered during farming (29.4%), working in the field (16.2%), walking (13.7%) and feeding cattle (9.2%). Sixty-five per cent were bitten during outdoor and agriculture related activities. Bite during sleep was recorded in 7%; 62% had sustained bite in lower limb. Forty-two per cent of the victims arrived at the treatment centre within 2 hours of being bitten. Fourteen patients arrived 7 hours after being bitten and six were dead on arrival. A common local practice (seen in 56.7%) was to eat chillies to confirm envenomation. Application of a tourniquet, often multiple, was the common (90%) first aid measure. Neurotoxicity was present in 11% (n=66) of the victims. Five had local features of envenomation. No case of coagulopathy was recorded. Reaction to anti-snake venom was noticed in 28.16% (n=20). Two patients died during treatment. Mortality among patients with features of neurotoxicity was 3%
Two Finnish cohorts, comprising 56 children with severe early-onset obesity (relative weight for height greater than or equal to +70% before age 10) and 252 morbidly obese adults (body mass index, ≥ 40 kg/m²), were screened for melanocortin-4 receptor (MC4R) mutations. We identified a pathogenic mutation (S127L) in one child, causing severe early-onset obesity. We describe the phenotype of this particular mutation for the first time. We also identified a novel (I226T) polymorphism in the coding and two new variations (-439delGC and 1059C>T) outside the coding region of the MC4R gene. Three previously described polymorphisms (V103I, T112M, and I125L) were identified. In vitro functional studies of variants T112M, S127L, and I226T supported a pathogenic role of the S127L mutation, because signaling properties of the receptor in response to the MC4R agonists alpha-MSH, beta-MSH, and gamma(1)-MSH were impaired. The S127L mutation did not affect receptor inhibition by the antagonist agouti-related protein. Localization of the three variant receptors was similar to that of wild type. In conclusion, a pathogenic MC4R mutation was found among subjects with severe early-onset obesity but not among morbidly obese adults. Impaired function of the S127L receptor was due to reduced activation, not a defect of protein transport to the cell membrane.
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KW - Hypoglycemic Agents/du [Diagnostic Use]
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N2 - Congenital hyperinsulinism (CHI) is related to two main histological pancreas anomalies: focal adenomatous hyperplasia and diffuse beta-cell hypersecretion. Pharmacological tests to measure acute insulin responses (AIR) to peripheral i.v. injections of glucose, calcium, and tolbutamide have been reported as potential means to distinguish between these histological forms. In patients with defects in ATP-sensitive potassium channels, tolbutamide will fail to induce insulin release in affected portions of the pancreas, whereas calcium gluconate will enhance insulin release through spontaneously active voltage-gated Ca(2+) channels. Consequently, in focal CHI patients, calcium should promote AIRs from the lesion, whereas tolbutamide should act to promote insulin secretion from the healthy region of the pancreas (outside the focal hyperplasia). We therefore studied AIRs to calcium and tolbutamide stimulation tests in 16 children with focal (n = 9) or diffuse (n = 7) CHI before pancreatic surgery. We found hypervariable AIRs to glucose and calcium stimulation in both focal and diffuse CHI patients. AIRs to tolbutamide stimulation were found modest in focal CHI patients, which might account for beta-cell quiescence in the healthy portion of the pancreas of these patients. We conclude that AIRs to calcium and tolbutamide stimulation tests are not sufficient to differentiate the focal from the diffuse CHI patients.
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OBJECTIVE: Approximately six million children with disabilities attend school in the United States. Cognitive and physical limitations may compromise their ability to handle environmental hazards and hence increase their risk for injury. The objective of this study was to describe the epidemiology of school related injury among children enrolled in 17 special education schools in one large, urban school district. DESIGN: Altogether 6769 schoolchildren with disabilities were followed up from 1994-98. Injury and population data were collected from pupil accident reports and existing school records. Associations were estimated through generalized estimating equations. RESULTS: A total of 697 injuries were reported for a rate of 4.7/100 students per year. Children with multiple disabilities had a 70% increased odds of injury compared with the developmentally disabled (odds ratio (OR) 1.7, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.3 to 2.3). The physically disabled (OR 1.4, 95% CI 1.0 to 1.9) had a modest increased odds of injury. Cuts, bruises, and abrasions composed almost three fourths of all injuries; almost half of these injuries were to the face. Falls (34%) and insults by other students (31%) were the most common external causes. More than a fourth of injuries were sports related, and 21% occurred on the playground/athletic field. Injury patterns differed across disabilities. CONCLUSIONS: Although limited to one school district, the population studied is the largest cohort thus far of schoolchildren with disabilities. With this large study base, potentially high risk groups were identified and circumstances of injury described. This information is imperative for developing and improving school based injury prevention measures.
BACKGROUND: Overexposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) in childhood is a major risk factor for skin cancer. Shady environments are recommended as one method of protection. METHODS: Environmental exposure to UVR and environmental protection were assessed by dosimeter measurements on 64 children aged 1-6 years at two geographically close and topographically similar pre-schools outside Stockholm. Outdoor play constructions of site 1 (34 children) were mainly exposed to the sun, and those of site 2 (30 children) were mainly shaded. Dosimetry was carried out during 11 work days in May-June 2002 under clear weather conditions. The reliability of dosimeters was tested with meteorologically modelled data from SMHI, and with stationary dosimeters exposed to free sky, and compared with other UV instruments. The differences between children's outdoor stays were adjusted for. RESULTS: The children's average daily exposures were approximately 200 J(CIE)/m(2) erythemally effective UVR. The average relative UVR exposure (% total available UVR 08:30-18:30) was 6.4% (7.0% at site 1, 5.7% at site 2). Fractions of available UVR during outdoor stay were 14.4% (both sites), 15.3% (site 1), and 13.3% (site 2). In terms of relative differences, 5-6-year-old children at site 2 were exposed to 41% less UVR, and 1-4-year-old children 6% less than those at site 1. CONCLUSION: The difference can be explained by the children's outdoor pre-school environments, and the behaviors linked to these environments. It is recommended to consider the attractiveness of shady environments in the design of children's pre-school playgrounds, particularly if these are extremely exposed to the sun.
This paper summarizes numerous statistical analyses focused on the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Consolidated Human Activity Database (CHAD), used by many exposure modelers as the basis for data on what people do and where they spend their time. In doing so, modelers tend to divide the total population being analyzed into “cohorts”, to reduce extraneous interindividual variability by focusing on people with common characteristics. Age and gender are typically used as the primary cohort-defining attributes, but
more complex exposure models also use weather, day-of-the-week, and employment attributes for this purpose. We analyzed all of these attributes and others to determine if statistically significant differences exist among them to warrant their being used to define distinct cohort groups. We focused our attention mostly on the relationship between cohort attributes and the time spent outdoors, indoors, and in motor vehicles. Our results indicate that besides age and gender, other important attributes for defining cohorts are the physical activity level of individuals, weather factors such as daily maximum temperature in combination with months of the year, and combined weekday/weekend with employment status. Less important are precipitation and ethnic data. While statistically significant, the collective set of attributes does not explain a large amount of variance in outdoor, indoor, or in-vehicle locational decisions. Based on other research, parameters such as lifestyle and life stages that are absent from CHAD might have reduced the amount of unexplained variance. At this time, we recommend that exposure modelers use age and gender as “first-order” attributes to define cohorts followed by physical activity level, daily maximum temperature or other suitable weather parameters, and day type possibly beyond a simple weekday/weekend classification.

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KW - B-Lymphocyte
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The differential diagnosis of cutaneous B-cell infiltrates with follicular pattern of growth is one of the most vexing problems in dermatopathology. In this study we focused on histopathologic, immunophenotypic, and molecular differential diagnostic criteria between Borrelia burgdorferi (Bb)-associated lymphocytoma cutis (LC), primary cutaneous follicle center cell lymphoma (FCCL), and primary cutaneous marginal zone lymphoma (MZL) with reactive germinal centers (GCs). A total of 47 patients were included in the study, including 12 cases of LC (M:F = 2:1; mean age: 38.0; median: 31; range: 9-75), 29 cases of FCCL (M:F = 1.2:1; mean age: 57.5; median: 57; range: 24-97), and 6 cases of MZL (M:F = 1:1; mean age: 63.8; median: 67.5; range: 38-86). In all cases complete phenotypic data were available. In addition, the IgH gene rearrangement and the t(14;18) were analyzed using the polymerase chain reaction technique (PCR) in 41 (FCCL = 27, LC = 10, MZL = 4) and 18 cases (FCCL = 15, LC = 2, MZL = 1), respectively. Histology revealed in all cases of FCCL one or more atypical feature of the follicles including the lack of or a reduced mantle zone, lack of polarization, tendency to confluence, and absence of tingible body macrophages. In most cases of Bb-associated LC, the GCs were devoid of mantle zone, lacked polarization, and revealed tendency to confluence as well, but all cases showed the presence of several tingible body macrophages. In MZL, follicles showed typical features of reactive GCs. Immunohistology revealed a reduced proliferative activity of neoplastic follicles as detected by MIB-1 antibody in 23 of 29 cases of FCCL (79.3%), but only in 1 case of LC (8.3%). Proliferation of the GCs was normal in all cases of MZL. Positivity for CD10 and/or Bcl-2 was found in small clusters outside the follicles in 19 cases of FCCL (65.5%), and in 3 cases of LC (25%), but in no case of MZL. The intensity of CD10 staining on follicular cells on average was stronger in cases of FCCL, but overlapping features could be observed. Finally, staining for Bcl-2 protein was consistently negative on GC cells in cases of LC and MZL, and was positive on a variable proportion of the cells in 8 cases of FCCL (28.6%). Molecular analyses showed no evidence of the t(14;18) in all cases tested. Analysis of the IgH gene rearrangement revealed a monoclonal pattern in 1 of 10 cases of LC (10%), 14 of 27 cases of FCCL (51.9%), and 2 of 4 cases of MZL (50%) tested. In summary, Bb-associated LC and FCCL show sometimes overlapping histopathologic, immunohistochemical, and molecular features, whereas follicles in MZL show clear-cut aspects of reactive GCs. Absence of tingible body macrophages within follicles, reduced proliferation of the follicles as detected by immunohistology, presence of positivity for Bcl-2 protein within follicular cells, and monoclonality by PCR are the main criteria suggestive of malignancy. Diagnosis of cutaneous infiltrates of B lymphocytes with follicular growth pattern should be achieved by integration of clinical data with histopathologic, immunohistochemical, and molecular features of the lesions.
BACKGROUND: We examined the relationship between overweight in preschool children and three environmental factors—the proximity of the children’s residences to playgrounds and to fast food restaurants and the safety of the children’s neighborhoods. We hypothesized that children who lived farther from playgrounds, closer to fast food restaurants, and in unsafe neighborhoods were more likely to be overweight. METHODS: This was a cross-sectional study of 7,020 low-income children, 36 through 59 months of age living in Cincinnati, OH. Overweight was defined as a measured body mass index $> or \approx$95th percentile. The distance between each child’s residence and the nearest public playground and fast food restaurant was determined with geographic information systems. Neighborhood safety was defined by the number of police-reported crimes per 1,000 residents per year in each of 46 city neighborhoods. RESULTS: Overall, 9.2% of the children were overweight, 76% black, and 23% white. The mean (+/− SD) distances from a child’s home to the nearest playground and fast food restaurant were 0.31 (+/− 0.22) and 0.70 (+/− 0.38) miles, respectively. There was no association between child overweight and proximity to playgrounds, proximity to fast food restaurants, or level of neighborhood crime. The association between child overweight and playground proximity did not differ by neighborhood crime level. CONCLUSIONS: Within a population of urban low-income preschoolers, overweight was not associated with proximity to playgrounds and fast food restaurants or with the level of neighborhood crime.
This study was conducted to identify and evaluate the degree of appropriateness of children’s playground standards and the level of compliance with the current safety specifications of the playgrounds in Elazig city in Turkey. This was accomplished by on-site observation and measurement in the total of 24 playgrounds present in this city centre. It was determined that 83.3% of the playgrounds were next to a street and in 60% of these playgrounds there were no fences or any barrier to keep children from running into the street. In 87.5% of playgrounds the surfacing was not in proper depth and good order. Separate playgrounds for different ages were provided in only 12.5% of the playgrounds. In 62.5% of the playgrounds children were supervised to make sure they were safe. There was unsafe equipment in 95.8% of the playgrounds. In 83.3% of the playgrounds there were sharp edges, pinch points, or playground debris that might injure a child. The findings of the present study indicate that nearly all of the playgrounds in Elazig city center do not meet the criteria for playground standards and are not in compliance with the current safety specifications and need improvement.
Childhood overweight is a significant and growing health problem in the US and other parts of the world. Secular trend data in the US suggest that children have become substantially heavier over the last several decades and that their risk for a number of health problems is increasing as a result. Defining obesity in children has been difficult as assessing body fat is expensive and impractical. Body mass index (BMI), derived from weight and height, is used as a surrogate indicator in adults. In children, the consensus is to use BMI percentiles statistically derived from a reference population. There is evidence that the prenatal, early childhood, and adolescent periods are critical in the development of obesity but the mechanisms involved are yet to be elucidated. The recent rapid increase in childhood overweight and obesity is attributed to the modern obesogenic environment. Changes in dietary constituents including higher derivation of energy from nutritionally poor and energy dense foods, increased sweetened drink consumption, larger portion sizes, and more frequent intake of food outside the home have been associated with poorer diets and higher weights. Further, physical activity has reduced with decreases in school physical education classes and organized sports, fewer opportunities to expend energy for daily living activity due to more mechanization, lower frequency of walking and biking, and greater use of sedentary activities for leisure. Television watching remains the most common activity for children. There are significant health outcomes associated with childhood obesity, including the presence of cardiovascular risk factors, and greater prevalence of various medical problems including insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes mellitus, the metabolic syndrome, orthopedic problems, and pseudotumor cerebri. Of further concern is the increased risk for obesity in adulthood with its attendant co-morbidities. Interventions are imperative but not widely studied. The most effective interventions include comprehensive behavioral management, dietary modification, and exercise. Family-based interventions have been most successful at maintaining long-term weight loss. School-based interventions have the potential to significantly impact childhood overweight as large numbers of children can be reached. However, such programs require long-term follow-up and are expensive. Very low calorie diets, pharmacotherapy, and surgery remain experimental options for children. More recently, metformin has shown promise in promoting weight loss and improving insulin sensitivity among adolescents. Combining multiple approaches for treatment, addressing obesity-promoting sociocultural practices and policies, and focusing on prevention strategies will be necessary to address this epidemic. [References: 145]
Protein losing enteropathy (PLE) is a gastrointestinal disorder that is associated with excessive loss of plasma protein into the gut resulting from abnormal mucosal permeability. The disease is usually caused by inflammation. The loss of protein in PLE is a nonselective process affecting albumin, globulin and transferrin. Abdominal scintigraphy with human serum albumin marked by Tc99m seems to be an easy and sensitive method for diagnosing PLE. An 4-year-old girl was presented to an outside Pediatric Department due to hypoproteinemia and recurrent pneumonia which had caused several prior hospitalizations. The laboratory tests revealed hypoproteinemia, hypoalbuminemia, low level of IgG, sideropenia, and a decreased level of T lymphocytes. The loss of protein into the gut was confirmed by fecal clearance of alfa-1 antitrypsin. Only nonspecific inflammation was detected by biopsy of the small intestine. These clinical and laboratory findings,
quickly decreasing IgG and albumin levels in spite of i.v. supplementation and the lack of proteinuria permitted PLE diagnosis. The abdominal scintigraphy was planned to assess and localise protein losing through GIT and for strategy of possible surgical treatment. Abdominal dynamic scintigraphy was performed immediately after the injection of 300 MBq Tc99m human albumin. 90 images were taken within 180 minutes. Delayed abdominal images were obtained 6 and 24 hours after the tracer injection. Anterior abdominal scintigraphy showed pathological activity of Tc99m-albumin in small bowel in the upper left segment of the abdomen in the 40th minute after injection. Extensive accumulation of albumin was seen in the 160th minute. Delayed images, after 3 and 6 hours, revealed translocation of the tracer into the lower right abdominal segment. The further passage and tracer concentration was detected in ascendant and transverse colon. Based on the laboratory tests and scintigraphic images the girl was suspected to have segmental lymphangiectasia of small intestine and was qualified for laparatomy and, possibly, for surgical resection of the pathologically changed bowel. However, diffuse pathological changes revealed in the guts during the operation, rendered the operation impossible. Tc99m-labelled human serum albumin scintigraphy may be considered the method of choice in the diagnosis of protein-losing enteropathy. However, in this test the assessment of the enteropathy dimension is difficult and surgical treatment should be planned with caution

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T1 - An analysis of a developmentally delayed young girl. Coordinating analytic and developmental processes
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Developmental Disabilities/px [Psychology]
KW - Female
KW - Gender Identity
KW - Humans
KW - Psychoanalytic Therapy/mt [Methods]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 89
EP - 111
JF - Psychoanalytic Study of the Child
JA - Psychoanal.Study Child
VL - 58
CY - United States
N2 - Clinical material is presented from a multi-year treatment of a five-year-old girl with a variety of developmental interferences, making it necessary to consider whether standard technique would suffice. History includes the fact that she was adopted five days after birth and told as early as possible about her adoption; she was placed in a restrictive brace from four months to twenty months because of congenital hip displasia. Sandy's ability to let in the outside world was limited by her intense denial, not looking, not taking in, and by her detachment. Her passivity—whether a defense (modeled on her experience of physical restraint) or an arrest—was a formidable obstacle to the development of active transference moments. I use this case as an opportunity to look at the role of developmental sequences in the context of the analytic process. While I consciously did not do anything different than I would with any child analytic patient, I intuitively stressed certain kinds of interventions
Children under the age of 18 account for almost half of the world's population, with most living in developing countries. Young people are especially sensitive to acute and chronic environmental conditions and 43% of environmental diseases occur in the 12% of the world's population under age 5. The main environmental threats to the health of children in developing countries are inadequate access to clean water for drinking and hygiene, exposure to air pollution: primarily indoors and secondarily outdoors, risk of accidents and wounds, and poisoning due to toxic products. Recent data suggest that the number and diversity of environmental risk factors affecting child health is increasing as a result of increasing malnutrition, pollution, and violence and consequently that the level of health and quality of life of future generations will decrease. Due to the complexity of the interactions between environmental factors and socio-economic determinants, the epidemiological transition model is poorly suited to analyzing and predicting the concurring risks of infectious disease and chronic disease (diabetes, cancer...). This article presents a number of recommendations for training health professional, developing environmental reference centers, implementing risk assessment, coordinating decentralized activities and policy, and involving parents and children in the decisional process with emphasis on divulgating study findings and developing interfaces between the various stakeholders. [References: 80]
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting Systems
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Encephalitis
KW - Japanese/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Hypersensitivity/et [Etiology]
KW - Hypersensitivity/im [Immunology]
KW - Japanese Encephalitis Vaccines/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Nervous System Diseases/et [Etiology]
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EP - 697

JF - Immunology & Allergy Clinics of North America
JA - Immunol Allergy Clin North Am
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CY - United States

N2 - The JEV widely is used in Asian countries each year and is an important vaccine for travelers to the East from other parts of the world. JE virus is a zoonotic disease with natural reservoirs and cannot be eliminated. Although a declining incidence of JE has been observed in Asia because of reduced transmission by agricultural approaches and vaccination, the most important control measure now, and in the future, is vaccination of humans against JE. The inactivated vaccine, produced from infected mouse-brain-derived tissue, is the only commercially available vaccine. There are several concerns with the use of this vaccine. It is expensive, requires two or three doses to achieve protective efficacy, and, in practice, requires further booster doses to maintain immunity. The apparent increase in allergic reactions in the first part of the 1990s has set focus on the safety of the JEV. A cheap, live attenuated SA 14-14-2 vaccine is used almost exclusively in China and parts of Korea, but there have been no trials of SA 14-14-2 vaccine outside JE endemic countries. The vaccine seems to be highly efficient, and few adverse events have been observed; however, PHK cells are used for the production of this vaccine, and these cells are not approved by the WHO. A satisfactory cell substrate is needed. A committee under the WHO has proposed that for the live JEV, there should be validity of the assays for retrovirus when applied to PHK cell substrate and validity of the mouse assays for neurovirulence. Further information should be reviewed on the long-term follow-up of recipients of the vaccine. Several new types of vaccines have reached
the phase of clinical trials; however, studies remain to be completed. Until a new vaccine is available, the priority of surveillance of adverse events and the continuous reporting of such events to the users of the vaccines must be of importance. This fact is highlighted by the possibility of the varying frequency of adverse events with different batches over the years. The WHO offers information and recommendations for vaccines in the EPI and issues a series of updated papers on other vaccines that are of international public health importance (eg, JEV). The development of alternative efficient, safe, and appropriately priced JEVs is recommended, as is intensified surveillance of adverse events. Prospective vaccine studies of safety may be limited because of sample size and because rare adverse events may not be detected. Several new initiatives have been taken to improve surveillance of adverse events to vaccines within the past 10 years. In Japan, there is an increasing awareness of the importance of efforts taken to improve vaccine safety, and surveillance of adverse events and possibilities of compensation for vaccine-related injuries are in place. In Vietnam, a database to detect adverse events after vaccination has been established; the project involves active visits to data collectors at the vaccination sites. Comparative studies of adverse events, such as one recent study from Japan and the United States, are important for the evaluation of the reporting systems. The reporting rate for JEV adverse events from Japan was approximately one order of magnitude lower than that in the United States. Japan had strict predefined reporting criteria and time limits for observations. If time limits for the observation are too strict (eg, defining a possible neurologic reaction to occur within 1 week after vaccination), later reactions will not be included (eg, if ADEM is elicited by a vaccine, the symptoms cannot be expected to occur until weeks after the vaccination). The passive surveillance systems have limitations with an underreporting of adverse events, depending on clinical seriousness, temporal proximity to vaccination, awareness of healthcare workers, and tradition of reporting particular events. In developed countries, surveillance of adverse events is formalized, although not necessarily optimal. An increase in reporting would be expected when the reporting of adverse events is mandatory. Reports have been sent to VAERS, the Vaccine Safety Datalink Project, and the European Union Pharmacovigilance System. A Brighton collaboration has been implemented to enhance comparability of vaccine safety data. Public health authorities in specific countries, such as the CDC in the United States and the National Advisory Committee in Canada, regularly have published information on the JE situation in Asia and the preventive measures to be taken, including information on the vaccines and adverse reactions. The conventional recommendation is that travelers should be vaccinated if they will spend more than 1 month in a JE endemic area or in areas with epidemic transmission with even shorter periods. Although the risk for JE for short-term travelers is considered small (1 case per 1 million travelers per year), sporadic cases, including deaths, have been reported among tourists traveling to endemic areas. Risk for travelers in rural districts in the season of risk is considerably higher (range, 1 case per 5000 travelers to 1 case per 20,000 travelers per week). Doctors who advise travelers should be updated on the latest JE occurrences in Asia. Updates on the JE situation can be found on bulletins at http://www.promedmail.org or are available from the WHO or CDC. The allergic reactions primarily described after vaccination with the inactivated mouse-brain-derived JEV have been observed in several countries during the 1900s. Allergic reactions, including the mucocutaneous and neurologic reactions reported after JE vaccination, may vary in frequency, and these reactions should be evaluated meticulously yearly. This step enables recommendations, including information on possible side effects, to be given in an optimal way. [References: 76]
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English

KW - MEDLINE
KW - Australia
KW - Child Day Care Centers/ut [Utilization]
KW - Child Day Care Centers
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Environment Design
KW - Environmental Monitoring/mt [Methods]
KW - Epidemiological Monitoring
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Protective Clothing/ut [Utilization]
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Skin Neoplasms/et [Etiology]
KW - Skin Neoplasms/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunburn/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Sunburn/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunlight/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Sunscreening Agents/ut [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Time Factors

N2 - Sun exposure in childhood is 1 of the risk factors for developing skin cancer, yet little is known about levels of exposure at this age. This is particularly important in countries with high levels of ultraviolet radiation (UVR) such as Australia. Among 49 children 3 to 5 years of age attending child care centers, UVR exposure was studied under 4 conditions in a repeated measures design; sunny days, cloudy days, teacher's instruction to stay in the shade, and a health professionals instruction to apply sunscreen. Three different data collection methods were employed: (a) completion of questionnaire or diary by parents and researcher, (b) polysulphone dosimeter readings, and (c) observational audits (video recording). Results of this study indicated that more than half the children had been sunburnt (pink or red) and more than a third had experienced painful sunburn (sore or tender) in the last summer. Most wore short sleeve shirts, short skirts or shorts and cap, that do not provide optimal levels of skin protection. However, sunscreen was applied to all exposed parts before the children went out to the playground. Over the period of 1 hr (9-10 a.m.) the average amount of time children spent in full sun was 22 min. On sunny days there was more variation across children in the amount of sun exposure received. While the potential amount of UVR exposure for young children during the hour they were outside on a sunny day was 1.45 MED (Minimum Erythemal Dose), they received on average 0.35 MED, which is an insufficient amount to result in an erythemal response on fair skin even without the use of sunscreen.

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T1 - Influence of diagnostic adjuncts to the measurement of caries prevalence at different caries thresholds
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OBJECTIVES: To determine the influence of diagnostic adjuncts (dental brushing and drying) in dental caries diagnosis. To analyse the underestimation levels in epidemiological examinations when compared to traditional dental setting examinations. To evaluate the influence of including noncavitated (NC) carious lesions in the estimation of the disease.

PARTICIPANTS: 51, 12-year-old children.

INTERVENTIONS/METHODS: Four epidemiological exams performed in an outdoor setting and one performed in a traditional dental setting (visual-tactile method associated or not with diagnostic adjuncts).

MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: DMFS (Decayed, Missing and Filled Surfaces) index, according to the WHO criteria.

RESULTS: When compared to exams carried out in a traditional dental setting, the epidemiological examinations showed no significant statistical differences for the DMFS score (p>0.05), presenting underestimation levels lower than 10% (except for the low prevalence caries group in the WHO exam). For the DMFS, previous dental brushing was more relevant than previous dental drying, although drying was the most important resource for NC diagnosis (p<0.05).

CONCLUSION: The visual/tactile method, with or without diagnostic adjuncts, can diagnose cavitated lesions efficiently, but not NC lesions. However, for the low caries prevalence group, the implementation of dental brushing prior to an exam could be suggested.
Viral pathogens are the most common causes of gastroenteritis in the community. To identify modes of transmission and opportunities for prevention, a case-control study was conducted and risk factors for gastroenteritis attributable to norovirus (NV), Sapporo-like virus (SLV), and rotavirus were studied. For NV gastroenteritis, having a household member with gastroenteritis, contact with a person with gastroenteritis outside the household, and poor food-handling hygiene were associated with illness (population attributable risk fractions [PAR] of 17%, 56%, and 47%, respectively). For SLV gastroenteritis, contact with a person with gastroenteritis outside the household was associated with a higher risk (PAR 60%). For rotavirus gastroenteritis, contact with a person with gastroenteritis outside the household and food-handling hygiene were associated with
a higher risk (PAR 86% and 46%, respectively). Transmission of these viral pathogens occurs primarily from person to person. However, for NV gastroenteritis, foodborne transmission seems to play an important role.
Propagation of interictal epileptiform activity can lead to erroneous source localizations: a 128-channel EEG mapping study

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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Brain Mapping
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Diagnostic Errors
KW - Electrodes
KW - Electroencephalography/is [Instrumentation]
KW - Epilepsies
KW - Partial/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Partial/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Partial/su [Surgery]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging/mt [Methods]
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Models
KW - Neurological
KW - Signal Processing
KW - Computer-Assisted
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EP - 319

N2 - The relationship between interictal epileptiform activity and the epileptogenic zone is complex. Despite the fact that intraspike propagation may occur, the peak of the spike is often used as indicator of the site of ictal onset. In this investigation, spatio-temporal segmentation was used to demonstrate this intraspike propagation and to determine at which time point the voltage pattern corresponded best to the epileptogenic zone. Sixteen
patients with focal epilepsy were recorded with 125-channel EEG. Between one and five different map
topographies were identified during the rising phase of the spike. A distributed source model (EPIFOCUS) was
used to localize the source of each map, and the distance from the EPIFOCUS maximum to the anatomic lesion
was calculated. In only 3 of 16 cases was the entire rising phase of the spike accounted for by one single map. In
another five patients, several maps were obtained, although all were located within the epileptogenic lesion. In
the remaining eight patients, however, parts of the rising phase had locations outside the epileptogenic lesion.
On the average, 80% of the rising time had within lesion locations the most reliable time period being halfway
between onset and peak. The results illustrate that intraspike propagation has to be considered in source
localizations, and they also illustrate the usefulness of spatio-temporal segmentation for visualizing this
propagation.
research in this area. Randomised controlled trials (RCT) that targeted activity or inactivity, that followed up children or adolescents for at least 1 year and that included an objective weight-related outcome measure were included. Trials were appraised using previously published criteria (Harbour & Miller, 2001), and literature search strategies described previously (Reilly et al. 2002) were updated to May 2002. A total of four new RCT, two new systematic reviews and one meta-analysis were identified. The evidence base has increased markedly since the completion of earlier reviews, although high-quality evidence is still lacking. The evidence on childhood obesity prevention is not encouraging, although promising targets for prevention are now clear, notably reduction in sedentary behaviour. There is stronger evidence that targeting activity and/or inactivity might be effective in paediatric obesity treatment, but doubts as to the generalisability of existing interventions, and the clinical relevance of the interventions is unclear. Further research in settings outside the USA is urgently needed, and two ongoing RCT in Scotland are summarised. [References: 48]

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T1 - Comparative intervention study among Danish daycare children: the effect on illness of time spent outdoors
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English
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KW - Child
KW - Child Care
KW - Preschool
KW - Communicable Diseases/cl [Classification]
KW - Communicable Diseases/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Denmark/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Play and Playthings
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JF - Scandinavian Journal of Public Health
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VL - 31
IS - 6
CY - Norway
N2 - AIMS: The purpose of the study was to examine the correlation between illnesses, and in particular contagious illnesses, among daycare children and the amount of time spent outdoors, and whether through the intervention of increasing the amount of time spent outdoors it is possible to lower the incidence of illness. METHODS: The study was conducted among eight daycare centres within the same county. A total of 326
children, 17 homeroom groups, were divided into two study groups. Each of the two study groups had a two-month period in which the percentage of time spent outdoors per day was almost double that of the other study group. RESULTS: The overall frequency of sick days was 4%. There was no significant effect of spending more time outdoors on the number of illness episodes, length of the episode, or cause of illness. CONCLUSION: Our negative findings are in accordance with the theory that illness among daycare children is largely a result of contact among children and the hygiene standards of the institution, and thus these are the factors that may need to be addressed to reduce the level of illness among daycare children

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T1 - Insured versus uninsured patients in the emergency room: is there a difference?
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - After-Hours Care/ut [Utilization]
KW - Age Distribution
KW - Aged
KW - 80 and over
KW - Belgium
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Emergency Service
KW - Hospital/ec [Economics]
KW - Hospital/ut [Utilization]
KW - Health Care Surveys
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Insurance Coverage/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Insurance
KW - Health/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Medically Uninsured/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Patient Admission/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Retrospective Studies
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JF - European Journal of Emergency Medicine
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OBJECTIVE: To define the differences in emergency room usage patterns between patients with and without medical insurance coverage. METHODS: A retrospective analysis of the database of 34,642 consecutive patient visits to an urban hospital emergency room over a period of 509 days. Arrival times and admission rates were compared for insured and uninsured patients. RESULTS: A total of 46.8% of insured patients arrived at night or during the weekend versus 51.7% of the uninsured. Slightly more insured patients were admitted (18.6 versus 15.4%), both after their visit during the daytime (20.6 versus 17.1%) and outside daytime hours (16.3 versus 13.8%). The uninsured population was younger. CONCLUSION: Uninsured patients arrived more frequently during weekends and at night than insured patients. They were on average less likely to be admitted to the hospital. Demographic differences between both groups seemed to play an important role in the admission rate. Despite differences in emergency room usage patterns, it cannot be concluded that either group used the emergency room in excess of the other.
All the FESUM centers in France, Belgium and Switzerland were invited to participate in this prospective audit, during 1 week in June 2002. In these FESUM centers, the patients are operated by senior hand surgeons or trainees graduated with a microsurgical and a hand surgery University degrees. All acute hand disorders, requiring surgery or not, were to be included. For every case, a standardized form was to be filled. This form included 22 fields concerning the specificities of the patient, the circumstances of the accident, the lesions and initial treatment up to exit of the patient out of the Hand Center. Out of the 43 French centers, 38 (90%) participated in this study, but only 30% in the other French speaking countries. A total of 2360 forms were completed and analyzed, representing a mean of 8 forms per day center (6-147). The population was predominantly active men with a mean age of 31. Manual workers represented 41%, scholars 33%. Most of them came to the Hand Center with a non-specialized vehicle (86%). Emergency medical transportation was required in 130 cases (5.8%). A majority of the patients were treated on an outdoor basis. A 1-day admission concerned 29% of the patients, and 4.6% have been admitted on an indoor basis during several days. Work accident represented 28% of all the cases, while the majority was daily living (62%) or sport (15%) accidents. Closed trauma represented 50% of the cases. Amongst open trauma (974 cases), 862 were simple skin lacerations, 156 skin loss, 140 extensor tendon lacerations, 70 flexor tendon lacerations. A preliminary wound exploration had been performed in a non-specialized center in 124 cases (12%). Complete amputation of some part was observed in 33 cases. In 32%, the initial severity of the lesion led to expect some degree of definitive consequences. Some kind of anesthesia was required in 43% of the cases (local in 41%, troncular in 19%, plexical in 28% and general in 9%). A surgical procedure was performed in 45% of the patients. Microsurgery was necessary in 15%, six of which were replantations. The period between presentation to the Hand Center and treatment was less than 1 day in 95% of the cases. Time of treatment was considered to be delayed in 113 cases (5%). Following this audit, it is considered that the FESUM centers make provision for the care of 120,000 cases per year, 54,000 of which needing a surgical procedure. This may be a small part of the total load of emergency hand surgery throughout the country (generally estimated over 1.4 million), but compares quite favorably with other European studies. We believe that improvement relies essentially on a better orientation of the patients whether they need a simple skill or specialist skill treatment. An information leaflet about orientation of hand trauma has been distributed to non-specialized emergency centers. Hand surgery training must be reevaluated inside the university system to avoid a dramatic lack of hand surgeons within a few years. A new audit will be presented next year.
This article describes the theoretical background and methodology of ecological momentary assessment (EMA) and reports results from a pilot study using EMA techniques in 16 children and adolescents with affective disorders and 5 subjects who were healthy and at low risk to develop future affective disorders. Multiple daily assessments of the subjects' mood, thoughts, and behaviors were performed in their natural environments using brief interviews on cellular phone calls by the study staff and by wrist actigraphy. The pilot results demonstrated that the EMA methodology is feasible in this population, as 17 of 21 subjects were able to complete the entire 8-week protocol. The potential usefulness of the EMA methodology is illustrated by specific case reports. Potential applications of the EMA methodology to the study of neurobehavioral systems and the pathophysiology of pediatric affective disorders are discussed.
Body fatness and the components of energy expenditure in children aged 5-14 years were investigated. In a group of seventy-nine healthy children (thirty-nine female, forty male), mean age 10.0 (sd 2.8) years, comprising twenty-seven Maori, twenty-six Pacific Island and twenty-six European, total energy expenditure (TEE) was determined over 10 d using the doubly-labelled water method. Resting metabolic rate (RMR) was measured by indirect calorimetry and physical activity level (PAL) was calculated as TEE:RMR. Fat-free mass (FFM), and hence fat mass, was derived from the (18)O dilution space using appropriate values for FFM hydration in children. Qualitative information on physical activity patterns was obtained by questionnaire. Maori and Pacific children had a higher BMI than European children (P<0.003), but % body fat was similar for the three ethnic groups. The % body fat increased with age for girls (r 0.42, P=0.008), but not for boys. Ethnicity was not a significant predictor of RMR adjusted for FFM and fat mass. TEE and PAL, adjusted for body weight and age, were higher in Maori than European children (P<0.02), with Pacific children having intermediate values. PAL was inversely correlated with % body fat in boys (r -0.43, P=0.006), but was not significantly associated in girls. The % body fat was not correlated with reported time spent inactive or outdoors. Ethnic-related differences in total and activity-related energy expenditure that might account for higher obesity rates in Maori and Pacific children were not seen. Low levels of physical activity were associated with increased body fat in boys but not in girls.
Parathyroid hormone and its fragments in children with chronic renal failure

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KW - Glomerular Filtration Rate
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KW - Kidney Failure
KW - Chronic/bl [Blood]
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KW - Kidney Function Tests
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N2 - Parathyroid hormone (PTH) immunoradiometric assays (IRMA) exhibit cross-reactivity between 1-84 PTH and long carboxyl-terminal-PTH (C-PTH) molecules. C-PTH antagonizes the biological actions of 1-84 PTH and circulates in excess in chronic renal failure (CRF), partially explaining why supra-physiological PTH levels are recommended to maintain bone turnover. Furthermore, the ratio 1-84 PTH/C-PTH may be related to bone turnover. This study characterizes the 1-84 PTH/C-PTH ratio in children with varying severity of CRF and levels of PTH. Two hundred and forty-one children with CRF, managed with the aim of preventing the development of hyperparathyroidism, had PTH measured by 'intact' IRMA and a new more specific Cyclase-Activating-PTH (CAP) IRMA. C-PTH levels were calculated by subtracting CAP-IRMA from 'intact' IRMA. Fifty-three controls with normal renal function were also recruited. Mean 'intact' IRMA correlated with CAP-IRMA (r=0.98), but was higher (P<0.001). The mean 1-84 PTH/C-PTH ratio was lower than controls in dialysis patients (P=0.022) and those with a glomerular filtration rate <30 ml/min per m(2) (P=0.033). This ratio was comparable to controls when the PTH level was normal, but was lower with PTH levels outside the normal range (P<0.01). These data suggest that CAP-IRMA gives a more accurate assessment of actual PTH levels than 'intact' IRMA in CRF. Maintenance of normal PTH levels throughout the course of CRF permits the
maintenance of a normal 1-84 PTH/C-PTH ratio, the clinical significance of which requires further investigation in children
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N2 - Lead arsenate (PbHAsO4) was used as an insecticide in Washington fruit orchards from 1905 to 1947. We examined exposure potential for children living in an agricultural community with historic PbHAsO4 use. Soil and housedust samples were collected from 58 residences. Families were asked about land use history, age of home, and remodeling activities. Median concentrations of arsenic were higher in housedust than in soil (9.0 and 4.2 microg/g, respectively; P=0.05), as were lead concentrations (129 and 46 microg/g, respectively;
Significant associations were observed between indoor and outdoor levels of each metal, indicating track-in as an important exposure pathway. Homes on or near land use for pear or apple production between 1905 and 1947 had significantly higher soil (P=0.005) and housedust (P=0.004) lead, and soil arsenic (P=0.04) than did the other homes. Homes more than 30 years old had significantly higher soil and housedust lead than did newer homes (P=0.01). Homes remodeled within the past two years had significantly higher soil (P=0.01) and housedust (P=0.04) lead. Child doses extrapolated from these data indicate that 36% of homes had soil or dust arsenic levels above the minimum risk level estimated by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. None of the measured lead levels exceeded current US Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. Public health education programs focused on residential hygiene would be of value in areas of historic PbHAsO4 use.
The purpose of this study is to assess patterns of lay health advisor (LHA) activity in an intervention to reduce lead exposure in Native American children exposed to mine waste. A total of 39 LHAs were recruited and trained to become LHAs from eight tribes in northeastern Oklahoma. LHAs completed activity tracking forms over a 2-year intervention period to document contacts made with community groups and individuals in their social networks. They engaged in an average of 5.4 activities per month, reaching an average of 39 persons. Close members of their social networks were reached in 40.4% of the contacts; persons outside of their networks were reached in 24% of the contacts. This study suggests that 1 to 3 contacts per week may be a reasonable expectation for LHA activity. Findings also suggest that LHA interventions are a promising approach for engaging Native American communities in addressing an environmental health problem.
OBJECTIVE: To observe the distribution of copper in the subcellular structure for the understanding of primary pathogenesis of hepatolenticular degeneration (HLD). METHODS: Skin fibroblasts taken from HLD patients were cultured as an in vitro model of HLD, and the control cells taken from healthy volunteers were cultured in the same way. The distribution of copper inside and outside of lysosomes in fibroblasts was detected by quantitative electron probe X-ray microanalysis. The relationship between the subcellular location of copper and the genotype of the patients, and relationship between the distribution of copper and the course of the disease were analyzed. RESULTS: The content of Cu²⁺ inside lysosomes of HLD cells (14.6±2.1 mmol/kg) and of heterozygote cells (11.6±0.6 mmol/kg) was higher than that of normal cells (4.5±1.2 mmol/kg) (P<0.01). The content of Cu²⁺ outside lysosomes of HLD cells (17.5±4.2 mmol/kg) and of heterozygote cells (12.0±0.9 mmol/kg) was higher than that of normal cells (4.7±1.2 mmol/kg) (P<0.01). The distribution of copper in the subcellular structure was correlated with disease courses of HLD patients. With the progression of the disease, more copper was deposited in lysosomes (r=0.85, P<0.01). The content of copper in the diffused cytoplasmic compartment in HLD cells was correlated with that of sulfur (r=0.86, P<0.05), but not in heterozygote and normal cells. CONCLUSIONS: In the early stage of HLD, copper is accumulated outside lysosome, which is paralleled with increase of metallothionein-like proteins (copper and sulfur-binding proteins). With the development of the disease, more copper is deposited inside lysosome than outside lysosome. We conclude that the up-regulation expression of copper and sulfur-binding proteins and copper accumulation in lysosomes may play an important role in lowering the ATP7B gene mutation-induced toxic effects of free copper on the cell.

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T1 - Urban-rural contrasts in the physical fitness of school children in Oaxaca, Mexico

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KW - Humans

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The physical fitness of school children resident in an urban colonia and in a rural indigenous community in Oaxaca, southern Mexico, was compared. Two measures of performance-related fitness (standing long jump, 35-yard dash [32 m]) and four measures of health-related fitness (grip strength, sit and reach, timed sit-ups, distance run) were taken on 355 rural (175 boys, 184 girls) and 324 urban (163 boys, 161 girls) school children, 6-13 years of age. Urban children were significantly taller and heavier than rural children. Absolute grip strength did not consistently differ between rural and urban children, but when adjusted for age and body size, strength was greater in rural children. Explosive power (standing long jump) and abdominal strength and endurance (timed sit-ups) were better in urban than in rural children without and with adjustment for age and body size. Urban-rural differences in running speed (dash) and flexibility (sit and reach) varied by age group and sex. Younger rural children and older urban girls performed better in the distance run, whereas older rural and urban boys did not differ in endurance. The size advantage of urban children does not necessarily translate into better levels of performance- and health-related physical fitness. The observed differences may be related to activity habits associated with school physical education and lifestyle in the respective communities. Copyright 2003 Wiley-Liss, Inc

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T1 - The prolonged epidemic of anthroponotic cutaneous leishmaniasis in Kabul, Afghanistan: 'bringing down the neighbourhood'
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In order to investigate the distribution and causes of the spread of anthroponotic cutaneous leishmaniasis (ACL) in Kabul, Afghanistan, a cross-sectional study was conducted during 1997-98 amongst 75,787 residents in the 13 central districts of the city. Using data on active lesions and scars with their times of onset, migration patterns and age of subjects, 2 independent methods were used to estimate, retrospectively, the annual incidence of ACL in recent years. Results indicated a rapid increase in incidence from 1987, peaking in 1996 when an estimated 12% of the population had active disease. Active prevalence was lowest in infants (aged < 2 years), and while risk was gender-independent in children and adolescents, active prevalence in those aged > 20 years was significantly higher amongst females than males (odds ratio [OR] = 1.51, 95% CI 1.34-1.70). About 44% of lesions were located on the head, 38% on upper limbs, 16% on lower limbs and 2% elsewhere. The relative frequency of head lesions dropped with age (P < 0.001), and amongst adults was lowest amongst males (P < 0.001), possibly due to the protective effect of a beard. Within the study population, 32% reported that they had immigrated from outside Kabul, 34% that they had been born in Kabul but had since migrated to another district of the city, and 34% that they had been born in the district of their present residence. Active prevalence amongst those born in their current district of residence was positively associated with the percentage of immigrants in their district (P = 0.027), indicating that a 1% increase in the percentage of immigrants increased the odds of an active lesion by 12% (OR = 1.12, 95% CI 1.01-1.24), but there was no association with the percentage of migrants from other districts in Kabul (P = 0.65) or with war damage (P = 0.33). As active prevalence was not significantly greater in immigrants than local Kabulis, these results support the hypothesis that the epidemic in Kabul has been maintained by a steady influx of susceptible immigrants. It is important that the new opportunities for social development that now exist in Kabul are not hampered by this unpleasant and stigmatizing disease. As population movement is clearly a contributing factor to its transmission, this threat is very real.
BACKGROUND: Wood smoke has been associated with respiratory symptoms. This study examined the prevalence of respiratory symptoms and health effects of wood smoke exposures (from home heating, curing meat, and tanning hides) among residents of Deline, Northwest Territories (NWT). METHODS: A survey was conducted of all residents. Relationships between wood smoke and respiratory symptoms were examined. RESULTS: The response rate was 70.2% (n=402). 71% of people at least 18 years old were current smokers. Prevalence of symptoms was higher for women (odds ratios (ORs) 1.3-3.1). Women who smoked were more likely to be exposed to indoor smoke from curing and tanning. ORs for respiratory symptoms were higher for females, increased with age, and were strongly affected by smoking. Among those at least 18 years old, phlegm on winter mornings (6.5 (95% CI: 2.3-18.1)), dyspnoea (5.1 (95% CI: 1.9-13.2)), and watery or itchy eyes (3.6 (95% CI: 1.4-9.0)) were significantly related to self-reported outdoor wood smoke and smoke curing. Home heating was marginally associated with wheeze. No significant associations were found for males. CONCLUSIONS: Women engaged in curing/tanning demonstrated increased prevalence of respiratory symptoms. The cultural importance of these activities precludes abandoning them. Smoking cessation, limiting wood smoke exposure times, and process modifications in curing and tanning could reduce risk of adverse health effects.
OBJECTIVES: To characterise travelling immigrants and the international movements they undertake. To identify the risk journeys that this population makes and to assess the international preventive activities for them compared with those for autochthonous travellers. DESIGN: Retrospective, observational study. SETTING: Unit of International Health (UIH) Santa Coloma de Gramenet (Barcelona), in the Barcelones Nord i Maresme Health Area, Primary Care Division of the Catalan Institute of Health. PARTICIPANTS: Patients seen between June 1999 and June 2002 (n=1163) at the UIH. They were divided into two groups, depending on their origins: those born inside (autochthonous group; no=1019) or outside (immigrant group; n1=144) the European Union. MAIN MEASUREMENTS: Age, country of origin, length of residence in Spain, interval between consultation and journey, reason for journey, destination, duration of the journey, kind of journey, stay in rural or isolated area, exposure to malaria, vaccinations and anti-malaria chemoprophylaxis prescribed, and overall risk of journey. RESULTS: Immigrants spent more time abroad than autochthonous people (mean 43.5 days; 95% CI, 37.9-49.1; and 15.8 days, 95% CI, 14.9-16.7, respectively; P<.0001). Periods between the journey and the consultation at the UIH were generally similar in the two groups (mean of 26.8 days for immigrants and 30.41 days for autochthonous people; ns), although the immigrants consulted more often in periods of less than 15 and 7 days (P<.005). 31.9% of immigrants stayed in areas of high malaria transmission (95% CI, 24.4%-39.6%) vs 21.3% (95% CI, 18.8%-23.8%) of autochthonous people (P=.04). Overall, immigrants made more risk journeys than autochthonous people (54.8% vs 43.1%; P<.01). No significant differences between the two groups were found in terms of quality in the administration of the international vaccinations prescribed. Compliance with the guidelines for anti-malaria chemoprophylaxis was less in the immigrant group than in the autochthonous one (36% vs 84%; P<.005). CONCLUSIONS: The immigrant group in our environment needs to be thought of as a risk group for catching and importing tropical diseases during their international movements. They form a population for whom international preventive measures should be prioritized.
Relating improvisational music therapy with severely and multiply disabled children to communication development

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The effect of different levels of preintentional and intentional communication development on musical interaction with children with severe and multiple disabilities has not been explored in the music therapy literature. Aside from stage of communication development, what are the particular influences of disability on musical interaction with children who have preintentional and early intentional communication? A qualitative research project explored these issues. Ten school-aged children with severe and multiple disabilities participated in the project. The most common medical diagnosis was cerebral palsy. Analysis of video recordings and other data confirmed that the children's level of communication development was reflected in individual music therapy. Specifically, children at different levels of communication development varied in their abilities to initiate, anticipate, and sustain participation in turn taking, and to maintain attention to and engagement in the interaction. Both turn taking and playing and singing together were found to be important forms of communication during music therapy. Communication problems related to disability included: difficulties in using objects as a focus of joint attention, difficulties in interpreting the interactive environment, being sufficiently motivated to communicate, severely limited means of interaction, attaining and maintaining an appropriate level of arousal, and lack of interest in interaction and the outside environment. Further study of how music therapy can be related to general issues in communication for individuals with severe and multiple disabilities is recommended

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BACKGROUND: Although previous studies have discussed age-related changes in the presentation of early onset bipolar illness, the developmental progression of early symptoms remains unclear. The current study sought to trace parents’ retrospective report of yearly occurrence of symptoms in a sample of children with and without a diagnosis of bipolar disorder in the community. METHODS: Parents retrospectively rated the
occurrence of 37 activated and withdrawn symptoms causing dysfunction for each year of their child's life (mean age 12.6 +/- 6.9). Children were divided into three groups based on parent report of diagnosis by a community clinician: bipolar (n=78); non-bipolar diagnosis (n=38); and well (no psychiatric diagnosis) (n=82). Principal components analysis was performed to understand the relationship among the symptom variables and their potential differences among the three groups as a function of age. RESULTS: Four symptom components were derived and these began to distinguish children with bipolar disorder from the other groups at different ages. Component II (irritability/dyscontrol), which included temper tantrums, poor frustration tolerance, impulsivity, increased aggression, decreased attention span, hyperactivity and irritability, began to distinguish bipolar children from the others the earliest (i.e., from ages 1 to 6). The other components (I, III, and IV) which included symptoms more typical of adult depression (I), mania (III), and psychosis (IV), distinguished the children with a bipolar diagnosis from the others much later (between ages 7 and 12). LIMITATIONS: The data were derived from retrospective reports by parents of their children's symptoms on a yearly symptom check list instrument which has not been previously utilized. Parents' ratings were not validated by an outside rater. Moreover, the children were diagnosed in the community and a formal diagnostic interview was not given. CONCLUSIONS: By parental report, the cluster of symptoms in the irritability/dyscontrol component may characterize the earliest precursors to an illness eventually associated with more classic manic and depressive components that are diagnosed and treated as bipolar disorder in the community. These retrospective survey data suggesting a longitudinal evolution of symptom clusters in childhood bipolar-like illness identify a number of areas for prospective research and validation.
BACKGROUND: Injuries resulting from accidents in the home are among the most common causes of morbidity in children. Preventing these accidents by educating parents has proved to be the most successful way of reducing such accidents and protecting children. AIMS: To study the prevalence, demographic variables and risk factors of childhood injuries in Northern Israel and to determine risk groups for preventive activities.

METHODS: The study was prospective and conducted during the year 2000 in 36 urban (not including Arab clinics) and rural community clinics of Clalit Health Services in Northern Israel that provided health care for approximately 62,000 children (about 55% of all children residing in these communities). The survey included all children 0-18 years of age admitted to the clinics with home injuries during the study period. Data regarding clinical, demographic and socioeconomic variables was obtained from parents or guardians by a detailed questionnaire. Statistical analysis of the data was conducted using Chi-Square to compare the different groups and logistic regression for analysis of risk factors for injury.

RESULTS: An overall number of 2,086 (prevalence of 3.2%) children were included in the study of whom 61.5% and 38.5% were non Jews and Jews, respectively, (prevalence of 4.2% and 2.2% respectively) and 66.5% of all the children were boys (p < 0.01). The most common injuries among both populations were falls, blows, burns, and cuts (43%, 23%, 15%, and 13% respectively). The injuries occurred at home, or close to the home (31%), at school or kindergarten (32%), or elsewhere (37%). Seventy eight percent and 49% of the injuries in the non-Jewish and Jewish populations, respectively, occurred at or around the home (p < 0.001). Logistic regression analysis revealed that falling was most prevalent outside the home in non-Jewish males older than 3 years. Burns were more prevalent at home in non-Jewish girls under the age of 3, and blows were prevalent in the Jewish population outside the home in children over the age of 3. CONCLUSIONS: This study provides data that could direct preventive measures in the community in order to decrease the prevalence of injury to children. In order to be effective and have significant impact, these preventive activities should concentrate on specific risk groups.
OBJECTIVES: To present the development of a novel multidisciplinary method to investigate physical risk factors for playground related arm fracture. RATIONALE: Previous playground injury research has been limited in its ability to determine risk factors for arm fractures, despite their common and costly occurrence. Biomechanical studies have focused exclusively on head injury. Few epidemiological studies have quantified surface impact attenuation and none have investigated specific injury outcomes such as arm fracture. DESIGN: An unmatched case-control study design was developed. An instrumented child dummy and rig were designed to simulate real playground falls in situ. Validated output from the dummy was used to quantify arm load. Other field measurements included equipment height, fall height, surface depth, headform deceleration, and head injury criterion. DISCUSSION: Validated methods of biomechanics and epidemiology were combined in a robust design. The principle strength of this method was the use of a multidisciplinary approach to identify and quantify risk and protective factors for arm fracture in falls from playground equipment. Application of this method will enable countermeasures for prevention of playground related arm fracture to be developed.
INTRODUCTION: The goal of this study was to track any changes in injuries and injury hazards during the first 3.5 years of implementation of the North Carolina Child Care Commission's 1996 playground safety regulations. METHODS: All reports (n=5402) of medically attended injuries in regulated child care settings in North Carolina during the period 1 January 1997 through 30 June 2000 were reviewed and analyzed. A total of 294 playground safety inspections were conducted in November and December 1998 in randomly selected North Carolina child care centers, and the playground safety inspections were repeated in 76 child care centers in August 2000. Finally, in 1999 a 1992 child care center director self assessment of safety features in classrooms was sent to the directors of 291 of the 294 centers. RESULTS: The annual rate of reported, medically attended injuries occurring in regulated child care facilities in North Carolina declined by 22% from 1997 to 1999. The playground safety inspections in the year 2000 revealed that, for nine of 10 playground concerns and 12 of 18 playground safety hazards, average ratings were equal to or better than those of 1998. Finally, the director surveys revealed no dramatic changes in classroom safety hazards since 1992. DISCUSSION: This study represents the first time that the authors are aware of that a significant decline in state-wide child care injury rates has been associated with improved regulation of playground safety in the US.
OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to determine the frequency of use of play equipment in public schools and parks in Brisbane, Australia, and to estimate an annual rate of injury per use of equipment, overall and for particular types of equipment. METHODS: Injury data on all children injured from playground equipment and seeking medical attention at the emergency department of either of the two children's hospitals in the City of Brisbane were obtained for the years 1996 and 1997. Children were observed at play on five different pieces of play equipment in a random sample of 16 parks and 16 schools in the City of Brisbane. Children injured in the 16 parks and schools were counted, and rates of injury and use were calculated. RESULTS: The ranked order for equipment use in the 16 schools was climbing equipment (3762 uses), horizontal ladders (2309 uses), and slides (856 uses). Each horizontal ladder was used 2.6 times more often than each piece of climbing equipment. Each horizontal ladder was used 7.8 times more than each piece of climbing equipment in the sample of public parks. Slides were used 4.6 times more than climbing equipment in parks and 1.2 times more in public schools. The annual injury rate for the 16 schools and 16 parks under observation was 0.59/100 000 and 0.26/100 000 uses of equipment, respectively. CONCLUSIONS: This study shows that annual number of injuries per standardized number of uses could be used to determine the relative risk of particular pieces of playground equipment. The low overall rate of injuries/100 000 uses of equipment in this study suggests that the benefit of further reduction of injury in this community may be marginal and outweigh the economic costs in addition to reducing challenging play opportunities.
Influence of socioeconomic status on the effectiveness of bicycle helmet legislation for children: a prospective observational study

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OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the influence of average family income in a geographic area on the effectiveness of helmet legislation on observed helmet use by children (5-14 years).

METHODS: The study was conducted in East York, a health district of Metropolitan Toronto, in collaboration with the East York Health Unit. In 1996, the total population was 107,822, 11,340 of which were children 5 to 14 years. Census data were used to group the 21 census tracts in East York into 7 geographically distinct areas. The boundaries of these areas are natural barriers to travel, such as expressways, ravines, railway tracks, and hydroelectric power lines. The areas were also ranked according to average family income (based on Statistics Canada data). For analytical purposes, areas were defined as low-, mid-, and high-income areas. Census data profiles of the areas have been previously described. For each consecutive year from 1990 to 1997 inclusive, direct observations of children riding bicycles in East York during the months of April through October were made. In 1995, observations were completed before the introduction of the law on October 1, 1995. Only children who were between 5 and 14 years of age and riding a 2-wheeled bicycle were included in the study. In total, 111 sites across all 7 areas were selected for observation. Observational sites included school yards of all elementary and middle schools (kindergarten to grade 8) and all parks in East York. In addition, 5 major intersections and 5 residential streets from each area were randomly selected. Observers were trained and used a standardized data collection form. A pilot study showed that the data collected by observers were reliable and valid. Observers remained at each site for 1 hour and collected data on helmet use and sex. Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the Hospital for Sick Children Research Ethics Board, the East York Board of Education, and the Metropolitan Separate School Board. The proportion of children who were wearing a bicycle helmet was estimated by year (1990-1997, inclusive), sex (male, female), location (school, park, major intersection, residential street), and income area (low, mid, high). For estimating the effect of legislation on helmet use, data from the year immediately after legislation (1996) were compared with data from the year preceding legislation (1995). The relative risk (RR) of helmet use (after vs before legislation) was calculated along with a 95% confidence interval (CI). Logistic regression analysis was used to adjust for potential confounding variables (sex and location).

RESULTS: During the 8-year study period, 9,768 observations were made (range: 914-1,879 observations per year). The proportion of child cyclists who wore a bicycle helmet increased steadily during the first 4 years of the study period, from 4% in 1990 (34 of 914), to 16% in 1991 (303 of 1,879), to 25% in 1992 (383 of 1,563), and to 45% in 1993 (438 of 984). During 1994 (460 of 1,083) and 1995 (568 of 1,227), helmet use remained relatively stable at approximately 44%. Helmet use rose markedly in 1996 (the first year after helmet legislation was introduced) to 68% (818 of 1,202) and remained stable at 66% (609 of 916) in 1997. Throughout the study period, girls were consistently more likely to wear helmets than were boys. In total, 47% (1,420 of 3,047) of girls wore helmets, compared with 33% (2,193 of 6,721) of boys (RR: 1.43; 95% CI: 1.36-1.50). In addition, children who were riding to school were more likely to use helmets, compared with children who were riding on residential streets, major intersections, and parks. Overall, 48% (1,497 of 3,129) of children who were riding to school wore bicycle helmets, compared with 32% (2,116 of 6,639) of children who were riding at other locations (RR: 1.50; 95% CI: 1.43-1.58). Children in the high-income areas were consistently more likely to wear helmets, compared with children in the mid- and low-income areas. Helmet legislation was associated with a significant increase in helmet use by children in East York. In 1995, 46% (ast York. In 1995, 46% (568 of 1,227) of children wore bicycle helmets, compared with 68% (818 of 1,202) of children in 1996 (RR: 1.47; 95% CI: 1.37-1.58). The effect of legislation, however, varied by income area. In low-income areas, helmet use increased by 28% after legislation, from 33% (213 of 646) in 1995 to 61% (442 of 721) in 1996 (RR: 1.86; 95% CI: 1.64-2.11). In mid-income areas, helmet use increased by 29% after legislation, from 50% (150 of 300) in 1995 to 79% (185 of 234) in 1996 (RR: 1.58; 95% CI: 1.39-1.80). In high-income areas, helmet use increased by only 4%, from 73% (205 of 281) in 1995 to 77% (191 of 247) in 1996 (RR: 1.06; 95% CI: 0.96-1.17). This finding of a significant increase in helmet use after legislation in low- and mid-income areas but not in high-income areas remained even after logistic regression analysis adjusted for sex and location. CONCLUSIONS: This study showed that bicycle helmet use by children increased significantly after helmet legislation. In this urban area with socioeconomic diversity and in the context of prelegislation promotion and educational activities, the legislative effect was most powerful among children who resided in low-income areas.
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N2 - Children and their parents in residences are often protected by insecticides from nuisance and disease-bearing mosquitoes. The annual worldwide consumption of the four major types of residential insecticide products--aerosols, mosquito coils, liquid vaporizers, and vaporizing mats--is in the billions of units. Mosquito coils are burned indoors and outdoors in East Asia and to a limited extent in other parts of the world, including the United States. Coils consist of an insecticide repellent, organic fillers capable of burning with smoldering, binder, and additives such as synergists, dyes, and fungicide. The number of coil users in China is in the millions. In Indonesia alone, an estimated seven billion coils are purchased annually. Coils containing pyrethroid insecticides, particularly d-allethrin, may contain octachlorodipropyl ether (S-2, S-421) as a synergist or active ingredient. Use of those coils likely exposes children and adults to some level of bis(chloromethyl)ether (BCME). BCME is formed from formaldehyde and hydrogen chloride, combustion products formed from the slow smoldering (about 8 hr/coil) of the mosquito coils. Because BCME is an extremely potent lung carcinogen, the nature and extent of prolonged exposures that recur in homes during the
mosquito season in tropical regions must be evaluated with respect to health. In a small analytical study, coils purchased in Indonesia and in the United States contained highly variable amounts of S-2. Some coils that contained S-2 were not labeled, making it impossible for consumers to make an informed decision about coil contents. Mosquito coils containing S-2 are unregistered, and their use is illegal in the United States. Indoor air monitoring under conditions that represent conditions of use in tropical settings and epidemiology to assess health impacts of coil use are essential to permit responsible regulatory decisions regarding continuing S-2 use.

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T1 - The effects of active infant orthopedics on occlusal relationships in unilateral complete cleft lip and palate

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KW - Activator Appliances
KW - Cephalometry
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KW - Cleft Lip/su [Surgery]
KW - Cleft Palate/co [Complications]
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KW - Cleft Palate/su [Surgery]
KW - Dental Arch/pa [Pathology]
KW - Dental Models
KW - Dental Occlusion
KW - Female
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Humans
KW - Jaw Relation Record
KW - Male
KW - Malocclusion/et [Etiology]
KW - Malocclusion/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Maxilla/pa [Pathology]
KW - Maxilla/su [Surgery]
KW - Maxillofacial Development
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KW - Regression Analysis
KW - Treatment Outcome

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OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the effects of active infant orthopedic treatment on dental arch relationships and determine the effect on maxillary growth in children born with unilateral complete cleft lip and palate (UCCLP).

DESIGN: The GOSLON Yardstick was used to assess dental models taken on patients treated with and without active infant orthopedics. PATIENTS: Two groups of nonsyndromic Caucasian children born with UCCLP (total n = 40), all treated by the same surgeon and ranging from 5 to 10 years of age, were evaluated.

INTERVENTIONS: One group had a Latham dentomaxillary alignment (DMA) appliance inserted at 5 to 6 weeks of age, after which a lip-nasal adhesion was performed at an average age of 3.5 months. This was followed by more definitive nasolabial repair at the average age of 5.9 months. Those patients treated without preoperative orthopedics underwent a lip-nasal adhesion at average age 1.5 months followed by nasolabial repair at average age 5.1 months. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Randomized assessments using the GOSLON Yardstick were done independently at two separate times by three different examiners. Differences in GOSLON scores between the active orthopedic group and nonorthopedic group were evaluated by both categorical and continuous statistical analyses. RESULTS: The mean GOSLON score was 3.30 for the orthopedic group and 3.21 for the nonorthopedic group. There was no significant group difference in the modal scores of the two groups. CONCLUSIONS: This study showed that active infant orthopedics does not affect the dental arch relationships in preadolescent children with repaired UCCLP, compared with a similar group treated without orthopedic intervention at this center.
OBJECTIVE: To describe physical activity (PA) and inactivity levels and patterns in Chinese school children (aged 6-18 y). DESIGN: PA and inactivity were assessed in a youth cohort enrolled in the China Health and Nutrition Survey (CHNS) in 1997. SUBJECTS: A total of 1423 males (11.5+/-3.2 y) and 1252 females (11.5+/-3.3 y). MEASUREMENTS: PA and inactivity were assessed by self-reported usual activity (questionnaire). Children under 10 y were assisted by parents. RESULTS: Approximately 84% of Chinese youth actively commute to school for a median of 100-150 min/week. A total of 72% engage in in-school moderate/vigorous (MOD/VIG) PA for a median of 90-110 min/week. Relatively few children (approximately 8%) participate in any MOD/VIG PA outside of school. A total of 72% engage in study-related activities outside of school for a median of 420 min/week. Only 8% of Chinese school children, regardless of gender, watch television > or =2 h/day; less than 1% watch > or =4 h/day. Chores related to housework are not a part of life for Chinese school children; fewer than 20% performed these tasks. CONCLUSION: Chinese youth are unique compared to those in other developing countries because they do not perform household chores. Instead, they are under pressure to achieve scholastically. Participation in MOD/VIG PA outside of school is almost nonexistent. Current television watching habits are relatively low compared to developed countries and walking/biking is a common form of commuting. The descriptive analysis herein represents the foundation upon which future longitudinal studies of PA in this population will be based.
BACKGROUND: The increasing incidence of obesity in children may be attributed in part to increased sedentary behavior, such as watching television, which leads to less energy expended in physical activity. We have theorized that by middle school, many children lack the physical skills or self-confidence to participate in competitive physical activities. Thus, we hypothesized that if we provided a summer and after-school program featuring noncompetitive, outdoor activities such as gardening and adventure education, we would observe increased physical activity relative to habitual physical activities at home. METHODS: To test this hypothesis, 2 experiments were conducted. In the first, 4 children aged 12 years were evaluated while they participated in a summer recreation program for 2 hours and again while they watched a videotape. They wore a uniaxial accelerometer to assess physical movement, and we used a bicarbonate labeled with 13C tracer technique to assess energy expenditure. In a second experiment, we evaluated 8 children (aged 10-12 years) twice using uniaxial accelerometry only, once while they attended the after-school program for 2 hours and then during a similar period at home. RESULTS: The first study showed that the estimated energy expenditure (kilocalories. kilograms^{-1}. hours^{-1}) was 60% increased during the program (mean +/- SD) (2.6 +/- 0.5) compared with watching a videotape (1.6 +/- 0.3) (P =.02). Physical movement (accelerations per minute) also was significantly increased (3959 +/- 896 vs 513 +/- 182) (P =.004). In the second experiment, movement was 95% increased during the program (4578 +/- 1004) compared with the behavior at home (2345 +/- 746) (P =.005).

CONCLUSION: These results show that an organized, noncompetitive, leisure-time program can increase physical activity in children.
The presence of flies is one of the earliest risk factors for trachoma and it has been suggested that flies could act as vectors for transmission of chlamydiae. A national trachoma survey was conducted in 1997 in Burkina Faso to (i) study the relationship between trachoma occurrence, flies, dirty faces and some environmental factors, and (ii) investigate the role of flies in the presence of trachoma. The country was stratified into eight groups of provinces and a random sample of 30 clusters was selected in each group. All children aged < 10 years were examined for the diagnosis of active trachoma (trachomatous inflammation which was follicular and/or intense) and the dirtiness of the face and the presence of flies on the face were recorded. The children’s carers were questioned about the number of baths given and daily face-washing. Household heads were asked about ownership of cattle and small ruminants. The presence of latrines, a stable, and garbage collection inside the yard was noted. Among 16,514 children examined, 27.0% had active trachoma and 3.3% intense inflammatory trachoma. Flies were present on 11.2% of children’s faces and 82.4% and 19.7% of these children had active and intense inflammatory trachoma, respectively. Among the 30.2% of children with dirty faces, 70.2% had active and 10.2% intense inflammatory trachoma. In multivariate analysis, at least one daily bath showed a protective effect on both active and intense inflammatory trachoma. Face-washing twice daily was found to be significantly protective for active trachoma in some regions. A strong association was demonstrated between the presence of flies and dirty faces (odds ratio = 334, 95% confidence interval 202-546). The presence of flies on children's faces, dirty faces and trachoma appeared to be strongly associated. Although the presence of flies may be a marker of socio-economic status and is probably linked with other trachoma risk factors, our data indicated that interventions targeting fly control should be an important issue in controlling trachoma.
Malaria transmission from humans to mosquitoes was assessed in two neighbouring villages in a rural area near Yaounde, Cameroon during high and low transmission seasons during 1998-2000, using several indices previously evaluated in different areas endemic for malaria but never directly compared. These indices were estimated from human parasitological data and mosquito infection rates and, for each individual, thick blood films were prepared at the same time as experimental infection of laboratory-bred mosquitoes. Among the 685 volunteers examined, the prevalence of Plasmodium falciparum gametocyte carriers was 16%, and 8% of individuals were able to infect mosquitoes. The percentage of mosquitoes that became infected by feeding on the infectious individuals was 21%. Children aged < 10 years contributed to about 75% of the infectious reservoir, although they constituted only 35% of the total population. Differences were found between the transmission seasons and the villages, and varied according to the index examined. Although there were more infectious individuals in one of the two villages, they were less infectious than those in the other village during the high transmission season. Comparative analysis of the transmission indices suggests the existence of functioning transmission-blocking immunity in one of the villages, which until now has been only hypothetically considered to play a role in malaria transmission in a natural setting. The epidemiological value
of all the indices used and their accuracy in estimating the human infectious reservoir and its natural or induced variations are discussed

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Disposal of used tires has been a major problem in solid waste management. New uses will have to be found to consume recycled tire products. One such proposed use is as ground cover in playgrounds. However, concern has been expressed regarding exposure of children to hazardous chemicals and the environmental impact of such chemicals. We designed a comprehensive hazard assessment to evaluate and address potential human health and environmental concerns associated with the use of tire crumb in playgrounds. Human health concerns were addressed using conventional hazard analyses, mutagenicity assays, and aquatic toxicity tests of extracted tire crumb. Hazard to children appears to be minimal. Toxicity to all aquatic organisms (bacteria, invertebrates, fish, and green algae) was observed; however, this activity disappeared with aging of the tire
crumb for three months in place in the playground. We conclude that the use of tire crumb in playgrounds results in minimal hazard to children and the receiving environment

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T1 - How safe are childcare products, toys and playground equipment? A Swedish analysis of mild brain injuries at home and during leisure time 1998-1999
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KW - Brain Concussion/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Brain Concussion/et [Etiology]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Infant Equipment
KW - Interior Design and Furnishings
KW - Male
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Sweden/ep [Epidemiology]
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SP - 139
EP - 144
JF - Injury Control & Safety Promotion
JA - Inj Control Saf Promot
VL - 10
IS - 3
CY - Netherlands
N2 - The aim was to highlight the role of childcare products as causes for mild brain injury (concussion) in small children (0-4 years of age) and to determine the most dangerous products. By childcare products this report means the following items: child and baby furniture, nursing tables, baby walkers, toys, baby carriages, sport equipment for children, playground equipment and security equipment for children. The data were derived from the EHLASS (European Home and Leisure Accident Surveillance System) for 1998 and 1999 and covered a restricted population of Sweden (approximately 5 per cent). According to this register 182 mild brain injuries (concussions) were recorded following a fall, an accident or a blow to the head among children (0-4 years of age) during 1998 and 158 for 1999. Of those injuries, childcare products were the cause of the accident in 84 (46 per cent) and 76 (48 per cent) cases respectively for 1998 and 1999. The number of children admitted for hospital care was 68 (57/84) and 74 (56/76) per cent respectively. The home was the most common place of the accident and play and leisure activity were the most common activities. More than 50 per cent of these accidents took place during daytime. The product type that caused most accidents was nursery furniture and, in this
category, the baby walker was the most dangerous. The product type that caused the second most frequent accidents was playground equipment.

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KW - Health Surveys
KW - Humans
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JF - Disability & Rehabilitation
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N2 - PURPOSE: With the aim of improving the measurement of child health and disability in survey research, this paper reviews the coverage of chronic health conditions and the domains of disability and related environmental factors as they are laid out in the ICD-10 and ICF, respectively, in national surveys of school-aged children conducted in Canada since 1980. Recommendations are made for future survey use and construction. METHODS: Two reviewers independently examined each of the surveys. Coverage of chronic health conditions, the domains of disability, and environmental factors in survey questions was identified by mapping question content onto ICD-10 and ICF codes. The reviewers then compared their findings and came to a final consensus. RESULTS: Surveys vary in the range and depth of coverage of the ICD-10 and ICF chapters, respectively, in national surveys of school-aged children conducted in Canada since 1980. Recommendations are made for future survey use and construction. Coverage of impairments is limited. Coverage of activity limitations and participation restrictions is most limited in the domains of personal care and domestic life. Environmental factors not covered include natural environmental changes, attitudes, and policies. CONCLUSIONS: Development of a comprehensive standard list of chronic health conditions based on the ICD-10 and development of standard survey measures of the domains of disability and environmental factors based on the ICF for use in surveys of
school-aged children would facilitate an understanding of children's health and disability in the context of the current international health framework provided by the World Health Organization. [References: 62]

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**T1** - Dangerous activities by children in grocery carts: is adult supervision important?

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**KW** - Female

**KW** - Humans

**KW** - Infant

**KW** - Male

**KW** - Observer Variation

**KW** - Parenting/px [Psychology]

**KW** - Risk-Taking

**KW** - Social Environment

**KW** - Wounds and Injuries/pc [Prevention & Control]

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N2 - Systematic observations of 231 children (infancy to 5 years) and the 231 adults accompanying them were made in 29 supermarkets in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The objective of the study was to describe the influence of two indices of adult supervision in supermarkets on children's activities in shopping carts. Adult supervision was measured by whether the adult ever lost sight of the child and whether the adult was 10 feet or more from the child at any time during a shopping trip. 23% of the children stood on the ends or sides of carts; 49% climbed or tried to climb out of carts. Adults lost sight of a child, whether in or outside the cart, a mean of 3.3 times and were 10 feet away 2.7 times during an average shopping trip. Logistic regression showed that a child rather than an adult pushing a shopping cart through the store was the strongest factor related to standing on ends or sides of carts. Pushing by a child was more likely to occur when adult monitoring was low and when children were older. Climbing out was predicted by the number of times an adult was > or = 10 feet away, older children, and a child being in the cart basket as opposed to outside the cart or in the child safety seat

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Objective: A substantial proportion of homes and automobiles serve as settings for environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) exposure, and many public settings that children frequent are still not smoke-free. Tobacco control efforts are attempting to increase smoking bans. The objective of this study was to describe the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of smokers and nonsmokers regarding smoking bans and child ETS exposure in multiple public and private settings and to report changes from 2000-2001.

Methods: Cross-sectional data from the annual Social Climate Survey of Tobacco Control were analyzed for changes in knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding tobacco. These data were collected via automated, random-digit-dialing telephone surveys that were conducted in the summers of 2000 and 2001. The samples were weighted by race and gender to be representative of the US population. Results: Response rates for eligible adults actually contacted were 1501 (75%) of 1876 in 2000 and 3002 (84%) of 3566 in 2001. The majority of adults, both smokers and nonsmokers, support smoking bans in a wide variety of places. The percentage of all respondents reporting the presence of smoking bans in several public and private places increased from 2000-2001: the
household (69%-74%), in the presence of children (84%-88%), convenience stores (68%-74%), fast-food restaurants (52%-58%), and non-fast-food restaurants (25%-28%). Support for smoking bans also increased in shopping malls (71%-75%), fast-food restaurants (77%-80%), and indoor sporting events (78%-80%). There were no significant changes in support for smoking bans in convenience stores, restaurants, or outdoor parks. Adults’ knowledge of the harm caused by tobacco was unchanged, with the vast majority of adults recognizing the dangers of exposure to ETS from parental smoking (95%) and exposure to ETS in cars (77%).

CONCLUSIONS: Small improvements in adult attitudes and practices regarding children's ETS exposure occurred from 2000-2001. However, a significant number of adults in the United States still report ignorance of the harmful effects of child ETS exposure, and there was no improvement in reported knowledge in this 1-year period. In contrast, a growing majority of smokers and nonsmokers favor restrictions on smoking in public settings, suggesting that states and communities have public support for broad public smoking restriction policies. There are significant roles that pediatricians can play in preventing children's ETS exposure, through both patient and family education and by moving smoking restriction policies forward on their community’s agenda.
The purpose of this study was to examine the weekday patterns of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in school children and adolescents and determine if there are periods of the day that are representative of their typical MVPA. The sample comprised 84 subjects (boys, n = 30; girls, n = 54), age 8-15 years old. Daily totals for the physical activity variables were calculated by summing the values from 13 hr of physical activity (PA) measurements (9:00-22:00), with 60-min time blocks comprising each day. The MVPA data values were categorized in four daily periods: morning (9:00-11:59), noon (12:00-14:59), late afternoon (15:00-17:59), and evening (18:00-21:59). Our data show that boys participated significantly more in MVPA than girls. Despite no clear patterns or differences among sex being found, girls showed higher percent of time engaged in MVPA during the morning and early afternoon periods (sum of two periods 51.0%), while boys' percent of time engaged in MVPA is higher at late afternoon and evening periods (sum of two periods 53.8%). The principal components analyses showed four distinct components that accounted for 67% of the variance, as follows: school hours (component 1); lunchtime and outside-school activities (component 2); morning time before school period (component 4); and period before bedtime (component 3) appear as distinct periods of the day. In conclusion, the present study shows that boys engaged more in MVPA than girls. Girls tend to be more active during school periods, while boys are more active after school. Copyright 2003 Wiley-Liss, Inc

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In this article we present results from a 2-year comprehensive exposure assessment study that examined the particulate matter (PM) exposures and health effects in 108 individuals with and without chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), coronary heart disease (CHD), and asthma. The average personal exposures to PM with aerodynamic diameters < 2.5 microm (PM2.5) were similar to the average outdoor PM2.5 concentrations but significantly higher than the average indoor concentrations. Personal PM2.5 exposures in our study groups were lower than those reported in other panel studies of susceptible populations. Indoor and outdoor PM2.5, PM10 (PM with aerodynamic diameters < 10 microm), and the ratio of PM2.5 to PM10 were significantly higher during the heating season. The increase in outdoor PM10 in winter was primarily due to an increase in the PM2.5 fraction. A similar seasonal variation was found for personal PM2.5. The high-risk subjects in our study engaged in an equal amount of dust-generating activities compared with the healthy elderly subjects. The children in the study experienced the highest indoor PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations. Personal PM2.5 exposures varied by study group, with elderly healthy and CHD subjects having the lowest exposures and asthmatic children having the highest exposures. Within study groups, the PM2.5 exposure varied depending on residence because of different particle infiltration efficiencies. Although we found a wide range of longitudinal correlations between central-site and personal PM2.5 measurements, the longitudinal r is closely related to the particle infiltration efficiency. PM2.5 exposures among the COPD and CHD subjects can be predicted with relatively good power with a microenvironmental model composed of three microenvironments. The prediction power is the lowest for the asthmatic children.
Purpose: The authors examine differences in reports of residual disability and unmet need by type of long-term care arrangement (assistive technology or personal care). Design and Methods: This study compares three specific dimensions of residual difficulty (pain, fatigue, and time intensity) and reports of unmet need across care arrangements. Samples from the U.S. 1994-1995 National Health Interview Survey Phase 2 Disability Supplements include adults with limitations in bathing, transferring, walking, and getting outside. Results: Even when differences in underlying disability are accounted for, assistive technology (AT) confers no additional benefit in the three dimensions of residual difficulty analyzed here. AT users equally or more often report that tasks are tiring, time consuming, or painful, even when they use assistance. Though this would appear to indicate unmet needs for care, fewer AT users report a desire for hands-on personal care. Implications: Though disability alleviation by technology is no better on specific dimensions of difficulty, technology users report less unmet need for personal care. Designing appropriate and cost-effective home care for adults with disabilities requires a better understanding of the ways in which technology users may differ from others and the circumstances under which technology can be most effective.
BACKGROUND: Based on the technologies of applied behavior analysis and person-centered planning, positive behavior support is a process for designing and implementing proactive behavioral interventions with the goal of positive lifestyle changes. PARTICIPANTS: The two adolescents who received the intensive, longitudinal, multicomponent intervention had experienced escalating behavior challenges over several years after brain injury in early childhood. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Quantitative data included episodes of aggression and property destruction. Qualitative data included intensity of supports, family involvement, peer relationships, medication regime, vocational status, educational status, community access, and self-help skills. RESEARCH DESIGN: A long-term, natural-environment, case-study method was used. RESULTS: The targeted challenging behaviors were reduced to zero. In addition, the participants' domains of activity increased and self-management improved even as supports were systematically withdrawn. CONCLUSIONS: These results illustrate the potential for successfully treating extreme chronic behavior disorders after childhood brain injury.
This study conducted a quantitative ethnographic analysis of the influence of demographic factors and early experience (childhood exposure to dogs) on Taiwanese dog-keeping practices and behavior. A telephone survey of a randomly selected sample of 2001 Taiwan residents determined their dog ownership histories, current patterns of dog ownership and disposal, and other dog-related activities. The results suggest that low rates of neutering, easy availability of low- or no-cost puppies, a tendency to allow owned dogs free access to the outdoors, unrealistic expectations of dog ownership, canine behavioral problems, and religious and cultural taboos against euthanasia and shelter relinquishment have contributed to the recent increase in the numbers of free-roaming dogs in Taiwan. Logistic regression analyses determined that a relatively small number of demographic and experiential variables predicted dog ownership and disposal patterns. The most important of these was childhood experience of living with household dogs. In light of these findings, future efforts to reduce the stray dog problem should focus on enforcing registration fees, particularly for unsterilized animals; low-cost neutering schemes; and educational programs designed to promote neutering, improve knowledge of canine behavior and behavior problems, and develop more realistic expectations and attitudes toward dog ownership. Marked Taiwanese resistance to canine euthanasia and shelter relinquishment suggests a need for alternative methods of managing the existing free-roaming dog population.
Exposure to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) can occur in a number of situations unique to, or more common among, children and adolescents. Guidelines for postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) for occupational and nonoccupational (eg, sexual, needle-sharing) exposures to HIV have been published by the US Public Health Service, but they do not directly address nonoccupational HIV exposures unique to children (such as accidental exposure to human milk from a woman infected with HIV or a puncture wound from a discarded needle on a playground), and they do not provide antiretroviral drug information relevant to PEP in children. This clinical report reviews issues of potential exposure of children and adolescents to HIV and gives recommendations for PEP in those situations. The risk of HIV transmission from nonoccupational, nonperinatal exposure is generally low. Transmission risk is modified by factors related to the source and extent of exposure. Determination of the HIV infection status of the exposure source may not be possible, and data on transmission risk by exposure type may not exist. Except in the setting of perinatal transmission, no studies have demonstrated the safety and efficacy of postexposure use of antiretroviral drugs for the prevention of HIV transmission in nonoccupational settings. Antiretroviral therapy used for PEP is associated with significant toxicity. The decision to initiate prophylaxis needs to be made in consultation with the patient, the family, and a clinician with experience in treatment of persons with HIV infection. If instituted, therapy should be started as soon as possible after an exposure—no later than 72 hours—and continued for 28 days. Many clinicians would use 3 drugs for PEP regimens, although 2 drugs may be considered in certain circumstances. Instruction for avoiding secondary transmission should be given. Careful follow-up is needed for psychologic support, encouragement of medication adherence, toxicity monitoring, and serial HIV antibody testing. [References: 122]
BACKGROUND: A reduction in cause-specific mortality may be the most important public health measure of the efficacy of a new vaccine. However, in developing countries, assignment of causes of deaths occurring outside hospitals can be assessed often only through the questioning of relatives about the signs and symptoms leading to death (‘post-mortem questionnaire’). Causes assigned in this way have poor sensitivity and specificity. We illustrate the effects of this misclassification on the power of a large trial of a pneumococcal polysaccharide/protein conjugate vaccine with a mortality endpoint.

METHODS: Required sample sizes to achieve a study with specified power were calculated for all-cause and acute lower respiratory tract infection (ALRI) mortality for different levels of sensitivity and specificity of post-mortem questionnaires. Data from active community-based surveillance and post-mortem questionnaires collected 1989-1993 from the study area were used in the calculations. FINDINGS: The mortality rate among children aged 6-29 months from all causes was 34.2 per 1000 child-years; 19% of deaths were attributable to ALRI. Assuming that pneumococci would be responsible for 50% of ALRI deaths and that the vaccine would cover 70% of disease serotypes and would be 90% effective against these serotypes, the expected efficacy of the vaccine would be 6.0% (19% x 50% x 70% x 90%) against all cause mortality combined and 31.5% (50% x 70% x 90%) against deaths from ALRI. If, as suggested by various reports, the sensitivity and specificity of assigning a death to ALRI by post-mortem questionnaire are about 40% and 90% respectively, then the observed vaccine efficacy against ALRI (as classified using the post-mortem questionnaire) would fall to 20%, and the power to detect this would be reduced by approximately 40%. Furthermore, low sensitivity of diagnosis would lead to a falsely low estimate of the burden of ALRI mortality in the population and the trial might have greater power to detect a reduction in mortality from all causes combined than that estimated at the outset. CONCLUSIONS: Low sensitivity and specificity of diagnosis by post-mortem questionnaire may mean that the power of a trial to detect a reduction in all-cause mortality is similar to that to detect a reduction in ALRI mortality. Since the latter is more susceptible to bias from misclassification of cause of death, all-cause mortality may be the most suitable endpoint. Similar considerations apply to trials of interventions against other diseases for which a cause-specific endpoint is subject to substantial misclassification.
Severe meningococcal disease is characterized by early neutrophil but not platelet activation and increased formation and consumption of platelet-neutrophil complexes.

Approximately 25% of polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNL) circulate in heterotypic complexes with one or more activated platelets. These platelet-neutrophil complexes (PNC) require platelet CD62P expression.
for their formation and represent activated subpopulations of both cell types. In this study, we have investigated the presence, time course, and mechanisms of PNC formation in 32 cases of severe pediatric meningococcal disease (MD) requiring intensive care. There were marked early increases in PMNL CD11b/CD18 expression and activation, and reduced CD62L expression compared with intensive care unit control cases. Minimal platelet expression of the active form of alphaIIbbeta3 (GpIIb/IIIa) was seen. PNC were reduced on presentation and fell to very low levels after 24 h. Immunostaining of skin biopsies demonstrated that PNC appear outside the circulation in MD. In vitro studies of anticoagulated whole blood inoculated with Neisseria meningitidis supported these clinical findings with marked increases in PMNL CD11b/CD18 expression and activation but no detectable changes in platelet-activated alphaIIbbeta3 or CD62P expression. In vitro PMNL activation with N. meningitidis (or other agonists) potentiated the formation of PNC in response to platelet activation with adenosine diphosphate. Therefore, in severe MD, PMNL activation is likely to promote PNC formation, and we suggest that the reduced levels of PNC seen in established MD reflect rapid loss of PNC from the circulation rather than reduced formation.

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BACKGROUND: Childhood injuries cause significant mortality and morbidity in Singapore. With injury surveillance, patterns of repeated injury can be identified and injury prevention strategies devised. METHODS: We conducted a retrospective study of all children aged 12 and below seen for trauma in an Emergency Department over one year. Data captured in the real-time computer system was studied with regards to patient profile, mechanism of injury and patient disposition. Clinical summaries were extracted with follow-up telephone interviews done. RESULTS: Two thousand five hundred and seventeen children aged 12 and below were seen for accidental trauma in 1999, accounting for 37.1% of the total attendance for that age. Mean age was 7.7 years with males making up 62.7%. Home injuries (56.4%) were the most common, followed by road-related (14.4%), sports (8.2%) and playground injuries (7.4%). 48.5% sustained head and face injuries. Pre-school children (age <5) were more likely to sustain home injuries (p<0.0001), a higher proportion of head injuries (p<0.0001), foreign bodies, burns and poisoning compared to school-going children (age 6-12), who were more likely to sustain injuries in road accidents, sports, at playgrounds or schools, with more limb, trunk and multi-trauma. We highlight drownings, falls from height, rollover falls from beds, slamming door injuries, the low use of child car restraints, bicycle injuries and playground falls as areas of concern. CONCLUSION: Several injury prevention strategies have been suggested and it is hoped these may contribute to addressing preventable childhood injuries in Singapore. We also advocate the establishment of a national childhood injury surveillance database.

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T1 - Aggregate exposures of nine preschool children to persistent organic pollutants at day care and at home
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In the summer of 1997, we measured the aggregate exposures of nine preschool children, aged 2-5 years, to a suite of organic pesticides and other persistent organic pollutants that are commonly found in the home and school environment. The children attended either of two child day care centers in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area of North Carolina and were in day care at least 25 h/week. Over a 48-h period, we sampled indoor and outdoor air, play area soil and floor dust, as well as duplicate diets, hand surface wipes, and urine for each child at day care and at home. Our target analytes were several polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), organochlorine pesticides, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB); two organophosphate pesticides (chlorpyrifos and diazinon), the lawn herbicide 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), three phenols (pentachlorophenol (PCP), nonyl phenols, and bisphenol-A), 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol (TCP), and two phthalate esters (benzylbutyl and dibutyl phthalate). In urine, our target analytes were hydroxy-PAH, TCP, 2,4-D, and PCP. To allow estimation of each child's aggregate exposures over the 48-h sampling period, we also used time-activity diaries, which were filled out by each child's teacher at day care and the parent or other primary caregiver at home. In addition, we collected detailed household information that related to potential sources of exposure, such as pesticide use or smoking habits, through questionnaires and field observation. We found that the indoor exposures were greater than those outdoors, that exposures at day care and at home were of similar magnitudes, and that diet contributed greatly to the exposures. The children's potential aggregate doses, calculated from our data, were generally well below established reference doses (RfDs) for those compounds for which RfDs are available.
BACKGROUND: Short-distance falls, such as from a bed, are often falsely reported scenarios in child abuse. In attempting to differentiate between abusive and nonabusive injury, knowledge of factors that affect injury risk in falls could prove useful. OBJECTIVES: To assess the biomechanics associated with simulated short-distance falls in children (one fall scenario, without attempting to maximize injury potential) and to investigate the effect of impact surface type on injury risk. METHODS: Repeatable fall experiments from bed height (0.68 m) onto different surfaces were conducted using an instrumented side-lying Hybrid II 3-year-old test dummy. Biomechanical measures assessed in falls included head acceleration, pelvis acceleration, femur loading, and head injury criteria. RESULTS: Fall dynamics resulted in the pelvis or legs making first contact. Biomechanical measures assessed in simulated bed falls were below known head injury criteria and lower extremity injury thresholds. The impact surface type had a significant effect on head injury risk and lower extremity loading. Playground foam proved to have the lowest associated injury risk of all the tested surfaces. CONCLUSIONS: The biomechanics of a child falling from a short distance, such as from a bed, were investigated using an experimental laboratory mock-up and an instrumented test dummy. Despite the impact surface having an effect on injury risk, rolling from a 0.68-m (27-in) horizontal surface from a side-lying posture presented low risk of contact-type head injury and leg injury on all tested impact surfaces.
OBJECTIVE: To outline the severity and long-term sequelae of eye injuries in soccer. DESIGN: Prospective observational study of 163 patients who sustained soccer-related ocular injuries between April 1, 1992, and March 31, 2000 (8 years). METHODS: Patients were observed at a sports ophthalmology unit located in the largest university hospital of the northern region of the country and central to all major soccer fields in town. The data were recorded using the United States Eye Injury Registry report forms for initial and follow-up observation. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: (1) Self-reported history surrounding the ocular trauma, initial visual acuity, diagnosis, and operations and (2) final visual acuity, late diagnosis, and additional operations. RESULTS: Injuries occurred predominantly in young men (mean +/- SD age, 23.2 +/- 8.8 years) practicing indoor soccer (50.9%) or outdoor soccer (47.2%), and most resulted from a kicked ball (79.1%) near the goal post (60.1%). Angle recession and peripheral vitreoretinal lesions were more likely to occur in the superotemporal quadrant (54.7%; 95% confidence interval, 44.2%-65.0%; and 57.6%; 95% confidence interval, 48.4%-66.4%; respectively). Vitreoretinal lesions were present in 42.2% (95% confidence interval, 33.1%-51.8%) of patients with "normal" visual acuity (> or =20/40) and in 50.0% (95% confidence interval, 38.1%-61.8%) of patients without hyphema. No significant association was found between severity of injury and age, sex, type of soccer, level of athletic expertise, or player position. CONCLUSIONS: Severe ocular lesions can occur in soccer players without symptoms and at all skill levels. The development of laboratory models will be essential to explain the tendency for lesions to be in the superotemporal quadrant. The data support the need for protective eyewear designed specifically for soccer.
N2 - PROBLEM: The common view is that clumsy children experience unintentional injury more frequently. Empirical evidence supporting this position is mixed. METHOD: One hundred 6- and 8-year-olds completed a battery of nine tasks designed to assess motor ability. Mothers completed a lifetime injury history measure about their children and families completed a 2-week injury diary assessing frequency and severity of daily injuries. RESULTS: Internal reliability for the motor ability battery was good. Correlations between motor ability measures and injury risk were nonsignificant and near zero. DISCUSSION: Motor ability does not appear to be directly related to injury risk. Possible explanations include: (a) coordinated and clumsy children engage in hazardous activities with differing frequency; or (b) other individual difference factors may interact with motor ability to explain children's injury risk. IMPACT ON INDUSTRY: Children's motor abilities do not appear to be directly linked to rate of unintentional injury, but instead may influence risk for injury in conjunction with other factors. Results could have implications to the engineering of children's toys and playground equipment and to the design of appropriate supervision strategies for children engaging in potentially dangerous activities.
In early summer 2001, an outbreak of atypical rash occurred among children from 24 junior schools who attended an outdoor games event. The event comprised a series of five water games including a water slide, and within 24 hours of attending the event 151/593 (26%) children developed a papulopustular rash. The rash had a characteristic distribution, predominantly over the lower trunk and buttocks, with some involvement of the arms and legs. Pseudomonas aeruginosa was isolated from a water butt used to draw water for the games, and from the tank of a fire engine that supplied the water. Similar outbreaks, due to Pseudomonas folliculitis, have been previously described and in immunocompromised people this can be associated with serious illness. We recommend that superchlorinated water be used for water play events and that care be taken to avoid abrasive surfaces.
There is a great need for developing and validating measures of child neglect that can be applied to survey samples outside of a child welfare context. A prospective assessment of child neglect would afford a better estimation of the etiology of various types of child neglect and would greatly inform the development of primary prevention strategies related to child maltreatment. This article offers guidance on the tasks involved with constructing new measures of neglect for prospective survey research. Methodological issues pertaining to child neglect measurement are discussed, and a framework is offered for developing neglect measures for survey research. A discussion is also offered on how this framework is being applied in an ongoing longitudinal study of low-income families with young children. The intended result of this exercise is to encourage the development of new child neglect measures for survey research with both high-risk and general populations.

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Domestic poultry-raising practices in a Peruvian shantytown: implications for control of Campylobacter jejuni-associated diarrhea

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N - Raising poultry at home is common in many periurban communities in low-income countries. Studies demonstrate that free-range domestic poultry increase children's risk of infection with diarrhea-causing organisms such as Campylobacter jejuni. Corralling might reduce risk, but research on the socioeconomic acceptability of corralling is lacking. To explore this issue, we studied local knowledge and practices related to poultry-raising in a Peruvian shantytown. Our objectives were to understand: (1) motives for raising domestic poultry; (2) economic and cultural factors that affect the feasibility of corralling; and (3) local perceptions about the relationship between domestic poultry and disease. During 1999-2000, we met with community health volunteers and conducted ethnographic and structured interviews with residents about poultry-raising practices. We then enrolled 12 families in a 2-month trial of corral use during which field workers made biweekly surveillance visits to each family. Most participants reported that they raise birds because home-grown poultry and eggs taste better and are more nutritious and because they enjoy living around animals. Some want to teach
their children about raising animals. To prevent theft, many residents shut their birds in provisional enclosures at night, but most stated that birds are healthier, happier, and produce better meat and eggs when let loose by day. Many view bird feces in the house and yard as dirty, but few see a connection to illness. Residents consider chicks and ducklings more innocuous than adult birds and are more likely to allow them inside the house and permit children to play with them. After extensive orientation and technical assistance, participants were willing to corral birds more often. But due to perceived disadvantages, many kept birds penned only intermittently. Additional food and water costs were a significant obstacle for some. Adequate space, bird care and corral hygiene would also need to be addressed to make this intervention viable. Developing a secure, acceptable and affordable corral remains a challenge in this population.
Evoked play narratives have been demonstrated to provide a novel window towards internal emotion regulation and mental representations. The present study evaluates covariations between emotion themes and mother-child interaction, as well as child behavior problems. An exploratory study in non-referred children in the 3-6 age span utilizing the MacArthur-method was conducted by taking emotional, conflictive and moral themes as indices of emotion-regulatory processes. Emotion themes were linked to external measures of dyadic Emotional Availability, interparental relationship quality, and behavior problems employing the 4/18 version of the Child Behavior Checklist. Mental representations were aggregated using the Person Representation Coding System. Of a principal components analysis with subsequent varimax-rotation for narrative content codes resulted four emotion theme composites: social conflicting, a prosocial aggregate, an antisocial aggregate, and a composite conflict solving/-understanding. The 4-factor solution displayed meaningful correlation patterns with the mental representations of self and parents, as well as with most of the external measures. Although subsequent studies ought to be methodologically improved both in design and sample size, the results of the present investigation give rise to the assumption that future efforts of validating emotion-regulatory processes with more established outside measures are likely to be successful.
and median values for all ages over the study period were 2.0 and 1.2 standard erythemal dose (SED) units, respectively, where 1 SED = 100 J x m(-2). Individual PSFB doses were analyzed as a function of age, gender and behavior. No significant statistical differences were found between different age groups; however, there was a statistical difference between males and females, with males generally receiving higher PSFB doses. Subjects completed UVR exposure journals documenting their time outdoors, shade versus sun conditions, nature of their activities, clothing worn and their use of sunscreen for each day of the study. Activity patterns were noted as the most important factor influencing individual UVR dose. Ambient erythemal UVR was measured by a Yankee Environmental Systems UVB pyranometer, and a relationship between ambient UVR and individual UVR dose was derived. On average, subjects received a dose of 4.6% of the total daily erythemal UVR. Based on this factor, the potential dose of an individual over a full annual cycle was estimated. Accordingly, there were 139 days during the year when an individual with skin type I (light skin) would be likely to experience minimal erythema and 97 and 32 days for individuals with skin types II and III, respectively.

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This study determined the incidence of violence-related injuries in an urban school district, and compared characteristics of unintentional and intentional school injuries. A sample of student Accident Report Forms completed for a school district in 1997 were reviewed for demographic characteristics of the student and injury characteristics. Injuries were categorized as unintentional, intentional, or of unknown intent. Annual incidence rates of injury per 100 students were calculated by intention, grade, and gender. Comparisons between unintentional and intentional injuries were made using odds ratios and 95% confidence intervals. Of 11,674 annualized injuries, 77.2% were unintentional, 16.8% were intentional, and 6.0% were of unknown intent. The overall annualized injury rate was 1.74 injuries per 100 students/year. The unintentional injury rate was almost five times the intentional injury rate of 0.29 injuries per 100 students/year. High school students had both the highest unintentional and intentional injury rates. Males in all grade levels had the highest rates of injury. Most injuries occurred during school hours. Intentional injuries were almost three times more likely to be associated with unstructured play or after school playground hours; were less likely to be witnessed events; and were more likely to occur on the surrounding school grounds than unintentional injuries. Unintentional injuries represent a greater risk to school children than do intentional injuries. A potential area to focus interventions for intentional injuries are modifications of the school environment and surrounding grounds to improve supervision and monitoring.
The Atlantic and Pacific coasts are the boundaries of Lyme disease with the Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the United States continuing to report the majority of cases. New reported cases of Lyme disease doubled from 1991 to 2001 according to statistics published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Within that population are more children between the ages of 5 and 9. The younger the child, the more difficult it is to diagnose Lyme disease. Children under the age of 19 are at high risk for Lyme disease because of the amount of time spent in outdoor activities during the late spring and summer. These months correlate with the tick breeding cycle and the peak time for outdoor recreational activities. Lyme disease can pose serious health risks in late stage illness. A Lyme disease case study on a school-age child provides comprehensive assessment data, interventions, and educational information for parents. A template of an individualized healthcare plan using standardized language is a guide for school nurses. The value of school nurses as guardians of the public's health is addressed.
BACKGROUND: Deficits in joint attention are considered by many researchers to be an early predictor of childhood autism (e.g., Osterling & Dawson, 1994) and are considered to be pivotal to deficits in language, play, and social development in this population (Mundy, 1995). Although many researchers have noted the importance of joint attention deficits in the development of children with autism (e.g., Mundy, Sigman, & Kasari, 1994) and have called for intervention strategies (e.g., Mundy & Crowson, 1997), few studies have attempted to target joint attention. In this study, joint attention behaviors were taught to children with autism using a behavior modification procedure. METHODS: A multiple-baseline design was implemented to evaluate intervention effects. The following target behaviors were included in the intervention: 1) Responding to showing, pointing, and gaze shifting of adult; 2) Coordinated gaze shifting (i.e., coordinated joint attention); and 3) Pointing (with the purpose of sharing, not requesting). Generalization to setting and parent, follow-up sessions, and social validation measures were also analyzed. RESULTS: Joint attention behaviors were effectively trained and targeted behaviors generalized to other settings. In addition, positive changes were noted by naive observers using social validation measures. CONCLUSIONS: Integrating joint attention training into existing interventions may be important for children with autism. In addition, training parents in these techniques may help to maintain joint attention skills outside of the treatment setting

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In an interdisciplinary approach the exposure to lead and cadmium of the population living in the vicinity of a Bulgarian non-ferrous metallurgical plant was studied to determine the routes of exposure. Two exposed villages situated 4 and 6 km SW and W, respectively, in the plume of the plant's emissions—and a village for comparison situated 14 km SE of the plant were selected for the study. The blood of children aged 3-13 years from the exposed villages (n = 111) and the village for comparison (n = 18) was analyzed for lead (PbB) and cadmium (CdB) as well as for free erythrocyte protoporphyrin (FEP) and haematological parameters. A personal questionnaire concerning nutrition habits and lifestyle was filled in by interviewers of the children's parents. The cadmium levels in blood were within the variation range stated for Bulgaria. The exposed children had a mean CdB of 0.38 +/- 0.18 microgram/l (range 0.10-0.90 microgram/l) and the comparison group 0.31 +/- 0.35 microgram/l (0.06-1.42 micrograms/l). The mean PbB value measured in the exposed children was 240 +/- 96 micrograms/l (77-631 micrograms/l), while the mean value of PbB for the reference group was 149 +/- 57 micrograms/l (63-285 micrograms/l). Individual PbB levels > 150 and > 200 micrograms/l were found in 85% and 62%, respectively, of the exposed children and FEP > 80 micrograms/dl erythrocytes was detected in 21%. There was a concentration-response and a concentration-effect relationship (r = 0.51, D > 0.001) between PbB and FEP. According to the questionnaire only 10.3% of the interviewed families in the two exposed villages buy all food from the market, the others produce a significant part of their food themselves. The PbB levels of children who consume certain foods of local production (cabbage, cereals, poultry, and beef) were significantly higher compared to the PbB values of children whose families purchase these foods from the market. No significant relationship between lead in children's blood and the use of tin and ceramic utensils, drinking and irrigation water, hygiene habits, family tobacco smoking habits, playgrounds and traffic intensity were revealed. There was a significantly higher incidence of prematurely born babies in the exposed population. The proven relationship between lead intake via the food chain and existing significant health risks is the basis for risk communication. Measures aimed at healthier nutrition and lifestyle intend to contribute to decreasing the risk of the population living in the smelter region.
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N2 - Paternal mutation of ATP-sensitive K(+) (K(ATP)) channel genes and loss of heterozygosity (LOH) of the 11p15 region including the maternal alleles of ABCC8, IGF2, and CDKN1C characterize the focal form of persistent hyperinsulinemic hypoglycemia of infancy (FoPHHI). We aimed to understand the actual nature of FoPHHI in comparison with insulinoma. In FoPHHI, the lesion consists in clusters of beta-cells surrounded by non-beta-cells. Compared with adjacent islets, proinsulin mRNA is similar and proinsulin production higher (P < or = 0.02), indicating regulation at a translational level, with slightly lower insulin stock and lower ABCC8 peptide labeling (P<0.05). Insulinosomas, composed of beta-cell nests or cords, have similar proinsulin mRNA compared with adjacent islets, highly variable proinsulin production, lower insulin stock (P < or = 0.02), and higher ABCC8 peptide labeling (P<0.05). Proinsulin mRNA is lower than in FoPHHI (P<0.001). Islets adjacent to FoPHHI appear to be resting, in contrast to those adjacent to insulinosomas, evidencing intrapancreatic regulation of islet beta-cell activity. IGF2 peptide is present inside and outside both lesions, but IGF2 mRNA is restricted to the lesions. The 11p15 LOH and absence of CDKN1C peptide staining are demonstrated in all FoPHHI but also in three of eight insulinosomas. Despite some molecular similarities, FoPHHI is thus fundamentally different from insulinoma.
OBJECTIVE: To determine in complete unilateral cleft lip and palate (UCLP) subjects the characteristics (location, shape) of the cleft-side lateral incisor. The presence of a supernumerary tooth at the cleft side and the prevalence of hypodontia outside the cleft area were evaluated. A comparison was made of the shape of the cleft side lateral incisor to its contralateral incisor.

SETTING: Hospital for Rehabilitation of Craniofacial Anomalies (HRCA), Sao Paulo, Brazil.

PATIENTS: Orthopantomograms of 203 subjects with UCLP and without syndromes were chronologically selected from the HRCA data bank, within an age range of 5 to 10 years.

Outcome Measure: Orthopantomograms were analyzed by the same observer according to established criteria.

RESULTS: There were no statistically significant differences between sexes for any of the criteria studied. The cleft-side lateral incisor was present in 50.2%, and it was more commonly located at the distal side (76.5%). The congenital absence of the cleft-side lateral incisor was observed in 49.8% of the sample, and its antimere was congenitally missing in 10.9%, this difference being statistically significant. The most commonly missing tooth outside the cleft area was the maxillary second premolar.

CONCLUSIONS: The high prevalence of hypodontia of the permanent lateral incisor in the cleft side showed that the cleft could play an important role in this absence. There were different patterns for the presence of the cleft-side lateral incisor.
Radiotherapy plays an important role in the management of children with cancer. The aim is to achieve local tumour control while minimizing long-term effects. In the treatment of tumours of the central nervous system (CNS) the most important long-term effects are neuropsychological. Elsewhere orthopaedic long-term effects may compromise function or be cosmetically harmful. Proton therapy has the potential for homogeneous irradiation of the target volume while reducing the magnitude and/or extent of the low dose area outside the target volume. This may be clinically relevant for long-term effects in children. Proton radiotherapy has an established role in the treatment of children with chordomas and chondrosarcomas of the base of skull. Planning studies have demonstrated the potential for improving the therapeutic ratio for radiotherapy for tumours of the central nervous system by achieving a uniform dose within the target volume while minimizing the severity of neuropsychological sequelae. Clinical experience of proton radiotherapy for children remains limited with potential areas for clinical research.

One of the most challenging aspects of therapy for school-age children who stutter is generalizing the skills learned in the therapy room to other settings such as the classroom, lunchroom, playground, or home. An additional challenge is seen in maintaining gains over the long term. This article reviews common roadblocks to generalization and maintenance, including the goals of therapy, the nature of the treatment strategies that require generalization, the scheduling and implementation of generalization activities within the overall therapy process, and the child's understanding of the treatment goals. Specific strategies for overcoming these roadblocks include: desensitizing children to both stuttering and treatment strategies designed to improve fluency, using hierarchies as a way of structuring treatment and moving children toward success in their daily activities, integrating the child's real world and clinical settings, and using structured practice activities to help children solidify all of the lessons they learn in treatment. This article highlights the importance of taking a broad-based...
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N2 - Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) constitutes one of the most common childhood syndromes and its negative outcomes on all the child's functional domains have been consistently reported in the literature. As a result, their early identification is becoming a topic of increasing concern among the researchers from the field. However, given that many of the behaviors of interest are normative behaviors during this period, diagnosis in preschool years is controversial. Specifically, from a developmental perspective, although it is well known that high levels of motor activity, poor self control, and lack of attention are typical during these years, both expression and intensity of these behaviors are markedly higher on the group of ADHD preschool children. Consequently, their negative interference with daily living, produce significant maladjustments in the child's natural settings. All these ideas justify the need of considering and studying the most appropriate assessment techniques to reliably identify the deficits of ADHD in preschool children. On the basis of these statements, this paper offers a theoretical overview of the most recent developments regarding ADHD assessment and intervention techniques directed to the prevention of cognitive deficits as well as the achievement of a better school and social adjustment of ADHD preschool children. [References: 65]
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Risks to children from exposure to lead in air during remedial or removal activities at Superfund sites: a case study of the RSR lead smelter Superfund site

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Typically, air monitoring stations are placed around the perimeter of a site of an ongoing remediation to monitor air lead concentrations that might result from site emissions. The National Ambient Air Quality (NAAQ) standard, established in 1978 to be a quarterly average of 1.5 microg/m(3), is often used as a trigger level for corrective action to reduce emissions. This study explored modeling approaches for assessing potential risks to children from air lead emissions from the RSR Superfund site in West Dallas, TX, during demolition and removal of a smelter facility. The EPA Integrated Exposure Uptake Biokinetic (IEUBK) model and the International Commission of Radiologic Protection (ICRP) lead model were used to simulate blood lead concentrations in children, based on monitored air lead concentrations. Although air lead concentrations at monitoring stations located in the downwind community intermittently exceeded the NAAQ standard, both models indicated that exposures to children in the community areas did not pose a significant long-term or acute risk. Long-term risk was defined as greater than 5% probability of a child having a long-term blood lead concentration that exceeded 10 microg/dl, which is the CDC and the EPA blood lead concern level. Short-term
or acute risk was defined as greater than 5% probability of a child having a blood lead concentration on any given day that exceeded 20 microg/dl, which is the CDC trigger level for medical evaluation (this is not intended to imply that 20 microg/dl is a threshold for health effects in children exposed acutely to airborne lead). The estimated potential long-term and short-term exposures at the downwind West Dallas community did not result in more than 5% of children exceeding the target blood lead levels. The models were also used to estimate air lead levels for short-term and long-term exposures that would not exceed specified levels of risk (risk-based concentrations, RBCs). RBCs were derived for various daily exposure durations (3 or 8 h/day) and frequencies (1-7 days/week). RBCs based on the ICRP model ranged from 0.3 (7 days/week, 8 h/day) to 4.4 microg/m(3) (1 day/week, 3 h/day) for long-term exposures and were lower than those based on the IEUBK model. For short-term exposures, the RBCs ranged from 3.5 to 29.0 microg/m(3). Recontamination of remediated residential yards from deposition of air lead emitted during remedial activities at the RSR Superfund site was also examined. The predicted increase in soil concentration due to lead deposition at the monitoring station, which represented the community at large, was 3.0 mg/kg. This potential increase in soil lead concentration was insignificant, less than 1% increase, when compared to the clean-up level of 500 mg/kg developed for residential yards at the site

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T1 - Assessing remedial effectiveness through the blood lead:soil/dust lead relationship at the Bunker Hill Superfund Site in the Silver Valley of Idaho
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KW - Environmental Pollution [Prevention & Control]
KW - Female
KW - Hazardous Waste
KW - Humans
KW - Idaho
KW - Infant
KW - Lead [Analysis]
KW - Lead [Blood]
KW - Lead Poisoning [Prevention & Control]
KW - Male
KW - Mass Screening
KW - Program Evaluation
KW - Reference Values
The 21 square mile Bunker Hill Superfund Site in northern Idaho includes several thousand acres of contaminated hillsides and floodplain, a 365-acre abandoned lead/zinc smelter and is home to more than 7000 people in 5 residential communities. Childhood lead poisoning was epidemic in the 1970s with >75% of children exceeding 40 microg/dl blood lead. Health response activities have been ongoing for three decades. In 1991, a blood lead goal of 95% of children with levels less than 10 microg/dl was adopted. The cleanup strategy, based on biokinetic pathways models, was to reduce house dust lead exposure through elimination of soil-borne sources. An interim health intervention program, that included monitoring blood lead and exposures levels, was instituted to reduce exposures through parental education during the cleanup. In 1989 and 2001, 56% and 3% of children, respectively, exceeded the blood lead criteria. More than 4000 paired blood lead/environmental exposure observations were collected during this period. Several analyses of these data were accomplished. Slope factors derived for the relationship between blood lead, soil and dust concentrations are age-dependent and similar to literature reported values. Repeat measures analysis assessing year to year changes found that the remediation effort (without intervention) had approximately a 7.5 microg/dl effect in reducing a 2-year-old child's mean blood lead level over the course of the last ten years. Those receiving intervention had an additional 2-15 microg/dl decrease. Structural equations models indicate that from 40 to 50% of the blood lead absorbed from soils and dusts is through house dust with approximately 30% directly from community-wide soils and 30% from the home yard and immediate neighborhood. Both mean blood lead levels and percent of children to exceed 10 microg/dl have paralleled soil/dust lead intake rates estimated from the pathways model. Application of the IEUBK model for lead indicates that recommended USEPA default parameters overestimate mean blood lead levels, although the magnitude of over-prediction is diminished in recent years. Application of the site-specific model, using the soil and dust partitions suggested in the pathways model and an effective bioavailability of 18%, accurately predicts mean blood lead levels and percent of children to exceed 10 microg/dl throughout the 11-year cleanup period. This reduced response rate application of the IEUBK is consistent with the analysis used to originally develop the cleanup criteria and indicates the blood lead goal will be achieved.
Trail, British Columbia has been the site of an active lead-zinc smelter for approximately 95 years. Since 1989, the community has been monitoring blood lead levels in children, studying exposure pathways and conducting comprehensive education and case management programs. From 1989 through 1996, mean blood lead levels of pre-school children declined at an average rate of 0.6 microg/dl per year. From 1996 to 1999, mean blood lead levels fell at an average rate of 1.8 microg/dl per year, from 11.5 in 1996 to 5.9 in 1999. The recent rapid decline appears to be mainly attributable to the start-up of a new lead smelter using modern flash-smelting technology in May of 1997. In 1998, the annual arithmetic mean air lead level in Trail was 0.28 microg/m(3), compared with 1.1 microg/m(3) in 1996. Reductions of approximately 50% were observed in lead loadings and concentrations in outdoor dustfall, street dust and indoor dustfall after smelter emissions were reduced. Slight reductions (statistically insignificant) have been observed in carpet dust and soil lead concentrations. During the summer of 2001, the smelting and refining operations at Trail were shut down completely for 3 months. During this period, average air lead levels in Trail dropped to 0.03 microg/m(3). The average blood lead level in Trail pre-school children at the end of the shutdown was 4.7 microg/dl. These results challenge prevailing theories about the relative importance of various environmental lead sources. For example, the US EPA Integrated Biokinetic Uptake Model for Lead (IEUBK), with its emphasis on soil concentrations, would not have predicted the dramatic decline in children's blood lead levels seen in Trail following the reductions in air lead levels. The Trail experience suggests that increased attention should be paid to the importance of active sources of highly bioavailable and mobile lead bearing dusts.
Convulsive disorders are common in the pediatric age group, and measurement of serum concentration of an antiepileptic drug (AED) is frequently ordered for epileptic patients in the emergency department (ED). The objective of this study was to develop a better understanding of the indications for, and consequences of, monitoring AED serum concentrations in the pediatric ED. Charts of 116 patients who visited the ED and were tested for blood levels of AED were retrospectively reviewed. Main outcome measures were number and percentage of levels outside the therapeutic range, discontinuation of an AED or introduction of a new one, dosage modifications, and admission to hospital. Two pediatricians and a pediatric neurologist aware only of patients’ age, weight, diagnosis, history, clinical presentation, and drug details reviewed each case and on the basis of predetermined criteria decided whether measurement of AED was indicated. Mean age (+/- SD) of the study population was 7 +/- 5 years (range, 2 months-17 years). Forty-two patients (36%) were on monotherapy, and 74 (64%) were on polytherapy. Sixty-eight patients (59%) presented with increased seizure frequency, 7 (6%) with status epilepticus, and 13 (11%) with suspected AED toxicity. The remainder of the children presented with problems unrelated to epilepsy. No significant difference was found between patients with AED levels within the therapeutic range and those with levels outside it in the proportion of children needing dosage change, change in medication, or hospital admission (P = 0.5, 0.8, and 0.8, respectively). None of the patients presenting with status epilepticus and only 15% of those with increased seizure activity had subtherapeutic levels. Review of the cases suggested that measuring serum AED level was not indicated in 57 (49.1%) patients. In the pediatric ED, abnormal AED levels do not correlate with clinical management. Before ordering tests, physicians should consider whether their results would alter patient treatment.
BACKGROUND: Melanocytic nevi have been identified as the most important risk factor for cutaneous melanoma. Sun exposure, sunburns, and light pigmentation have been found to be associated with their development in childhood. To the authors' knowledge, nevus proneness of parents and the exact type of ultraviolet (UV) exposure have not yet been investigated in this context. The authors' objective was to determine independent risk factors and their impact for nevus development in childhood.

METHODS: The current study was conducted by two university departments of dermatology in 49 public nursery schools in Stuttgart, Germany and in 38 public nursery schools in Bochum, Germany. The cross-sectional study included 1,812 children aged 2-7 years and their parents. Total body nevus counts in children, assessment of pigmentary features, and nevus counts on the arms of parents were performed. Parents underwent a standardized interview concerning national origin and lifestyle features, as well as habits and magnitude of sun exposure of children. Analysis was performed by multivariate linear regression analysis and by multiple logistic regression analysis.

RESULTS: The number of nevi was found to steadily increase with age from a median of 3 at age 2 years to 19 at age 7 years (P < 0.0001). High numbers of nevi in children were associated with the number of weeks on sunny holidays, outdoor activities at home, skin type, facial freckling, ethnicity of parents, and the number of nevi on the arms of parents. Previously experienced sunburns failed significance (P = 0.0620).

CONCLUSIONS: The authors found a strong association between nevus development in children and the number of parental moles, which most likely points to an inherited factor. Moderate sun exposure such as outdoor activities during a German summer without sunburns seemed to be sufficient for induction of melanocytic nevi. The authors believe that these findings will have direct impact on concepts for preventive strategies. Copyright 2003 American Cancer Society. DOI 10.1002/cncr.11114
OBJECTIVES: To delineate the clinicopathological features of fatal childhood electrocutions and to identify specific risk factors. METHODS: Coronial files in Adelaide (Australia) were searched from 1967 to 2001 and Medical Examiners' files in San Diego (USA) were searched from 1988 to 2001, for cases of deaths of children and adolescents younger than 16 years attributed to electrocution. RESULTS: Sixteen cases were identified aged between 10 months and 15 years (mean 8.0 years) with a male : female ratio of 5 : 3. Deaths were due to accidents occurring while playing with or near faulty electrical equipment at home or at school (n = 8), electrical equipment while in the bath (n = 2), damaged outdoor electrical equipment (n = 1), overhead wires (n = 1), and a high voltage electricity substation (n = 1). In addition, one death was due to suicide involving an electrical appliance placed in a bath, and two other deaths occurred in older children who were moving equipment under overhead wires. No homicides were identified. CONCLUSIONS: Childhood deaths due to electrocution are rare and are more likely to occur when children are playing around electrical wires or equipment, and often result from either faulty apparatus, or a lack of understanding of the potential dangers involved. The majority of deaths (11/16; 69%) occur in the home environment. In contrast to adult electrical deaths, high-voltage electrocutions, suicides and workplace deaths are uncommon. Strategies for eliminating childhood electrocution should concentrate on ensuring safe domestic environments with properly maintained electrical devices.
Global positioning system (GPS) technology is used widely for business and leisure activities and offers promise for human time-location studies to evaluate potential exposure to environmental contaminants. In this article we describe the development of a novel GPS instrument suitable for tracking the movements of young children. Eleven children in the Seattle area (2-8 years old) wore custom-designed data-logging GPS units integrated into clothing. Location data were transferred into geographic information systems software for map overlay, visualization, and tabular analysis. Data were grouped into five location categories (in vehicle, inside house, inside school, inside business, and outside) to determine time spent and percentage reception in each location. Additional experiments focused on spatial resolution, reception efficiency in typical environments, and sources of signal interference. Significant signal interference occurred only inside concrete/steel-frame buildings and inside a power substation. The GPS instruments provided adequate spatial resolution (typically about 2-3 m
outdoors and 4–5 m indoors) to locate subjects within distinct microenvironments and distinguish a variety of human activities. Reception experiments showed that location could be tracked outside, proximal to buildings, and inside some buildings. Specific location information could identify movement in a single room inside a home, on a playground, or along a fence line. The instrument, worn in a vest or in bib overalls, was accepted by children and parents. Durability of the wiring was improved early in the study to correct breakage problems. The use of GPS technology offers a new level of accuracy for direct quantification of time-location activity patterns in exposure assessment studies.

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Population-based surveillance and a case-control study were conducted in Abancay, Peru, to estimate the burden of disease and to determine risk factors for sporadic lymphocutaneous sporotrichosis (LS). Laboratory records from local hospitals were reviewed for the years of 1997 and 1998, and prospective surveillance was conducted for the period of September 1998 through September 1999. A case-control study was conducted with 2 matched control subjects per case patient. The mean annual incidence was 98 cases per 100,000 persons. Children had an incidence 3 times higher than that for adults and were more likely to have LS lesions on the face and neck. Identified risk factors included owning a cat, playing in crop fields, having a dirt floor in the house, working mainly outdoors, and having a ceiling made of raw wood or conditions associated with a lower socioeconomic status. Decreased environmental exposure, such wearing protective clothing during construction activities for adults or limiting contact with cats and soil for children, and improvements in living spaces may decrease the incidence of LS.

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BACKGROUND AND AIM OF THE STUDY: Chronic infection with Pseudomonas aeruginosa (PA) is associated with accelerated worsening of lung disease in patients with cystic fibrosis (CF). Fears of PA are widespread among parents of CF children, and many parents take precautions at home to prevent acquisition of the bacterium from the environment. The present study was undertaken to describe the type and intensity of these activities. METHODS: Parents of 21 CF children (7 without prior PA infection, 10 with intermittent and 4 with chronic PA infection) were investigated using semistructured interviews. These were analyzed descriptively and with respect to predominant themes. Additionally, a German personality test was used to evaluate the influence of psychological factors. RESULTS: The clinical impression of widespread parental anxieties of PA infection was confirmed. Misunderstandings concerning PA infections were related to a simplistic concept of the underlying biological mechanisms. Some parents which we classified as 'bacterium-focussed' thought that each contact with PA would lead to bacterial infection. These parents used a large variety of measures, which concerned both domiciliary and outdoor surroundings and activities. At the other end of the spectrum were parents which we classified as 'child-focussed' who mostly supported (and relied on) the child's defense mechanism instead of hygienic measures. CONCLUSIONS: Recommendations by physicians on how to prevent PA acquisition from the environment should take into account possible non-intended side effects, since some parents will exaggerate daily precautions to the detriment of the child's (and the parent's) quality of life.

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The work aimed to determine the leisure time activities in teenagers on weekdays, weekends, during winter and summer holidays. Vast majority of teenagers spend their leisure time resting in a passive way, i.e. watching TV or playing computer games irrespectively of the season. As a result of this, the number of kids with posture defects increase. On weekdays the country teenagers spend much more time doing outdoor sports and games than town children. They also more often help their parents and less frequently travel away from their homes than children living in towns.
Concern has been raised about the amount of time provided for students to consume school lunch. This study analyzed the amount of time used by elementary students to consume school lunch vs sack lunch. Data collectors used stop watches to collect wait time, opportunity time to eat and consumption time for elementary students consuming school lunch, sack lunch, and sack lunch with a separate milk purchase. Students consuming school lunch had a significantly longer wait time than those consuming sack lunch or sack lunch with milk (P<.0001). In contrast, students consuming sack lunch and sack lunch with milk had significantly longer opportunity times to eat (P<.0001) and consumption times (P<.001). There was also a significant decrease in opportunity time to eat and consumption time as grade level increased, particularly in boys (P<.05). Older boys appeared more anxious to finish eating so they could go out to recess.

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Nasopharyngeal carriage and susceptibility patterns of Streptococcus pneumoniae in Kumasi, Ghana


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Penicillin resistant Streptococcus pneumoniae poses an increasing problem in paediatrics, particularly in less developed countries. Outside of South Africa, little is known about S. pneumoniae susceptibilities in Sub-Saharan Africa. The objective of this study was to determine the prevalence of pneumococcal colonization and antimicrobial susceptibility among children in urban Ghana. METHODS: Nasopharyngeal pneumococcal colonization was examined in 311 children attending a polyclinic for sick children and an immunization clinic in Kumasi, Ghana. Isolates were tested for antibiotic susceptibility to penicillin, tetracycline, erythromycin, chloramphenicol, cefuroxime, cefotaxime, ceftriaxone, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole. RESULTS: Over half (51.4%) of subjects were colonized with S. pneumoniae and 17% of isolates were resistant to penicillin, all demonstrating intermediate resistance. S. pneumoniae strains were also frequently resistant to trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole and tetracycline, less so to chloramphenicol and cefuroxime and were almost uniformly sensitive to cefotaxime, ceftriaxone and erythromycin. CONCLUSIONS: Our study shows a high rate of pneumococcal nasopharyngeal colonization and a concerning level of penicillin resistance although at a less alarming rate than seen in some other countries. Multiple antimicrobial resistance was also noted especially among drugs readily available and commonly used. These data impact treatment choices in pneumococcal disease. Vaccine may play an important role in disease limitation. An effort to curtail the misuse of antibiotics, by prescription and otherwise, may prevent further increases in resistance rates.
A hospital based case-control study was performed to determine causes of unintentional injuries among children aged 1-4 years at home. Data were obtained by interviewing parents and guardians of 242 children at Lerdsin Hospital in Bangkok, from August to October 1999. The results showed that falls were the most common type of injuries (54.6%). The age of 2 years comprised the major group (28.9%). The study subjects were injured within the home (60.7%). Sunday and Saturday were the most frequent days of injuries (18.2% and 16.5% respectively). The proportion of cases involving playing with others was 71.1%. Most of the injuries occurred in the period 16.00-19.00 hours (32.2%). Head and neck were the main injured area (45.5%). The multivariate model showed that children who had previous injuries were 19.22 times more likely to be injured again than those who had not previously been injured. Children with vigorous physical activities also had a higher risk (OR = 19.73, 95% CI 6.11-63.74). Outdoor working mothers were at higher risk than houseworking mothers (OR = 4.14, 95% CI 1.57-10.93) of having children affects. Children who spent most of the daytime at their relatives' houses had a higher risk than those who stayed at their home (OR = 3.48, 95% CI 1.02-11.81), while, 37.9% of children injured at their relatives' houses and 50.8% of all injured children were without supervision.

The use of a laboratory school protocol to evaluate concepts about efficacy and side effects of new formulations of stimulant medications


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Recently, new long-acting formulations of racemic methylphenidate (MPH: Ritalin LA, Metadate CD and Concerta) and amphetamine (AMP: Adderall XR) were developed and are now approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In addition, dexmethylphenidate (Focalin), the pharmacologically active d-threo enantiomer of MPH, also was approved by the FDA. In the initial phases of development, prototypes of these five new formulations were evaluated using the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Laboratory School Protocol (LSP), in which surrogate measures of efficacy are collected in highly controlled settings rather than clinical measures of effectiveness in the less-controlled, natural environments of home or school. The LSP studies were followed by large effectiveness and safety studies required for gaining FDA approval. These initial efficacy and side effect studies in the LSP provided missing information about the basic pharmacokinetic (PK) and pharmacodynamic (PD) properties of MPH and AMP and produced some new discoveries (i.e., acute tolerance) that were used to help design the final products. The final once-a-day formulations used different drug delivery systems to achieve long-acting efficacy (Ritalin LA, Metadate CD, Concerta, Adderall XR). All four drug delivery systems were based on two processes: first, a bolus delivery (BD) process to achieve rapid onset of efficacy (mg), and second, a controlled delivery (CD) process to achieve rates of delivery (mg/hr) or a delayed bolus (mg) to maintain efficacy. A theoretical approach was used to compare and contrast the new once-a-day formulations of MPH by selecting total daily doses (mg/d) that would equate drug delivery by the first process (mg of the initial bolus) and the second process (mg/hr over specified time period). In addition to efficacy, applications of the LSP to measure common side effects related to eating and sleeping were described and discussed.
Strategies to promote lifelong physical activity among children are needed to stem the adverse health consequences of inactivity. However, the health effects in growing children of long-term exposure to a polluted atmosphere are of deep concern. The atmosphere of south Mexico City (SMC) is characterized by a complex mixture of air pollutants, including ozone, particulate matter, and aldehydes. Radiological evidence suggests that small-airway disease could be present in clinically healthy, tobacco unexposed SMC children. The aim of this study was to assess, by means of a self-reported questionnaire, the physical education class times, daily outdoor after-school exposure time, and tobacco exposure in students attending public elementary and middle schools in SMC. Additionally, the time each student spent viewing television was assessed, and the authors measured each student's weight and height to determine body mass index (BMI, weight in kg divided by height in m²). The survey included 1,159 students in grades 7-9. The authors identified 2 critical periods of outdoor exposure in SMC children that coincided with significant concentrations of both ozone and particulate matter with diameters less than 10 micrometers (PM10): during school time after 11:00 A.M. and in the after-school outdoor activity period, usually extending from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Thirty-two percent of elementary and 61% of middle school students have physical education classes after 11:00 A.M. Students in SMC spend an average of 19.6 hr/wk outdoors in the after-school period, during which time they are engaged in light to moderate physical activities. Half of the students are exposed to tobacco smoke at home, and 7% of middle school students smoke. On the basis of BMI, 60% of students were classified as undernourished, overweight, or obese. No correlations were found between BMI and time spent viewing TV, time outdoors (on weekdays and weekends), or exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. Children and adolescents in SMC are participating in physical activities that enhance multiple components of health-related fitness. However, their activities occur outdoors, where they are exposed to high concentrations of air pollutants throughout the year. The authors believe that SMC children and adolescents must be educated, through both the school and health systems, regarding ways to obtain the necessary exercise while protecting themselves from the high concentrations of pollutants. Individuals should instruct and encourage young people to be involved in lifetime fitness activities and to eat balanced diets, if the goal is to control health-care costs, reduce disease incidence, and improve the overall quality of life of the Mexico City population.
OBJECTIVE: To assess the impact of livestock keeping on the human biting rate (HBR) of anopheline mosquitoes and malaria transmission around Ziway in the middle course of the Ethiopian Rift Valley. DESIGN: As a passive experiment, man landing captures were done in homesteads with mixed dwelling, separate cattle shed and without livestock; and as an active experiment, captures were in experimental tukuls (huts) of cattle, goats, and without livestock. Parasite and spleen rates of children were compared among those residents under variable living conditions mentioned for passive experiment. SUBJECTS: For entomological study, human-baits were used for man-landing captures of mosquitoes. Study subjects for parasitological and clinical studies were children below 10 years old. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Human-biting rate (HBR) of anopheline mosquitoes; and the parasite and spleen rates of the study subjects in different living conditions. RESULTS: In the passive experiment, the mean HBR of Anopheles arabiensis in mixed dwelling, separate cattle shed and without livestock was 8.45, 4.64 and 5.97, respectively. Similarly, the HBR of An. pharoensis was 2.88, 1.79 and 1.61, respectively. In the active experiment, the mean HBR of An. arabiensis in tukuls with cattle, goats, and without livestock was 3.50, 3.38 and 1.43 respectively; while that of An. pharoensis was 0.37, 0.70 and 0.55 respectively. Parasitologically, mean parasite rates of 26.67%, 15.05% and 23.85% were, respectively, recorded from children living under the above conditions stated for passive experiment. Similarly, the mean spleen rates of 50.0%, 26.9%, and 47.37% were recorded, respectively. CONCLUSION: These observations in the present study indicate that the presence of cattle in homesteads tends to increase the man biting rate of An. arabiensis, although differences in the mean HBR of vector mosquitoes were not statistically significant for all groups. In contrast, cattle keeping in separate cattle sheds outside of the human dwellings tends to reduce the man biting rate of An. arabiensis and malaria transmission in the study area.
Research suggests that impairments in executive functions play a role in the cognitive deficit in autism. Possible autism-specific impairments include an inability to engage in goal-directed behaviors and adjust behaviors given environmental demands. What has been described as executive functions is based largely on observations of performance in the laboratory rather than in natural settings. An ecological method first described by Barker and Wright and adapted by Scott was used to assess the patterns of goal-directed behaviors of eight children with autism and eight chronological and mental age comparable children with Down syndrome. Quantitative and qualitative features of naturalistic behaviors were collected, and coded using previously described categories of children's behavior. Results indicated that children with autism exhibited shorter and less overlapping goal-directed behaviors. These data suggest a cognitive difference rather than developmental delay, and lend support for impaired executive functions in autism. Practical implications for educators and caregivers are discussed.
BACKGROUND: Although asthma is the most common pulmonary condition in pediatrics, the incidence of exercise-induced asthma (EIA) in school children is not well documented and few studies have been devoted to the condition. There are considerable variations in morbidity and mortality between countries. This study was designed to evaluate the prevalence of EIA in children in the 6th grade (11-14 year-olds) in one French department (Haute-Vienne) and to identify undiagnosed cases. METHODS: The representative sample was obtained over a period of 28 days (February 2(nd) to April 10(th) 1998) by cluster sampling method, stratified by size of the schools. The number of subjects planned was 891. The selected children filled in a questionnaire on their asthma history and were subjected to an outdoor exercise test (6 minute run). Respiratory function was measured with a peak flow-meter. RESULTS: Seven hundred and eighty two school children were included in this survey. Participation rate was 87.8%. The prevalence of asthma from the questionnaire was 10.7% (CI 95%: 8.7 - 12.8). After exercise, 68 school children presented exercise-induced bronchospasm: the prevalence of the EIA was 8.7% (CI 95%: 6.9 - 10.5). Among these 68 school children, 27 were known asthmatics and 41 were not. With the 10 treated asthmatics, the overall prevalence of EIA was therefore estimated at 9.9% (CI 95%: 8.2 - 11.7). CONCLUSION: The prevalence of asthma and EIA was close to that found in other studies using a similar methodology. EIA remains under-diagnosed since 41 undeclared asthmatic school children were identified in our population. Nurses'information is necessary to initiate the use of systematically testing
respiratory function (with a peak flow meter) at least once a year. Efficient management of the asthmatic child requires cooperation between the various professionals dealing with school children.

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OBJECTIVES: Cumulative trauma disorder is a major health problem for adults. Despite a growing understanding of adult cumulative trauma disorder, however, little is known about the risks for younger populations. This investigation examined issues related to child/adolescent computer product use and upper body physical discomfort. METHODS: A convenience sample of 212 students, grades 1-12, was interviewed at their homes by a college-age sibling or relative. One of the child's parents was also interviewed. A 22-item questionnaire was used for data-gathering. Questionnaire items included frequency and duration of use, type of computer products/games and input devices used, presence of physical discomfort, and parental concerns related to the child's computer use. RESULTS: Many students experienced physical discomfort attributed to computer use, such as wrist pain (30%) and back pain (15%). Specific computer activities—such as using a joystick or playing noneducational games—were significantly predictive of physical discomfort using logistic multiple regression. Many parents reported difficulty getting their children off the computer (46%) and that their children spent less time outdoors (35%). CONCLUSIONS: Computer product use within this cohort was associated with self-reported physical discomfort. Results suggest a need for more extensive study, including multiyear longitudinal surveys.

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KW - Preschool
KW - Consumer Product Safety
KW - Databases
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KW - Female
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KW - Newborn
KW - Length of Stay
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
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This study analyzed the database of Canadian Accident Injury Reporting and Evaluation (CAIRE) for the injuries reported from January 1986 to March 1996 in seven provinces at children's or general hospitals in Canada. In order to describe the characteristics of injuries, we compared the different categories of injuries by sex and by age groups, identified patterns of injuries, and detected the products causing injury to Canadian people. The results showed that there were 130,489 injury cases in Canada during the 10 years from 1986 to 1996. The 10-19 year age group had 57,582 cases, representing 44.13% of total injuries, and making it the group with the highest occurrence of injuries. The male injury rate (69.75%) was significantly higher than the female rate (30.25%) (P = 0.0001). Six areas were identified as priorities for intervention: 1) injuries occurring on playgrounds among children and youth; 2) sports and playground apparatus injuries and injuries sustained in transit among young people; 3) the top five causes of injuries; 4) diagnosis and treatment of injuries; 5) consumer products and safety; and 6) nature and physical sites of injuries. Further work is needed in: evaluating injury causes, comparing the results with reports from other countries and the necessary approaches and prevention measures to reduce and control injury occurrences to improve the quality of consumer products, and to protect the health of the population in Canada.
Children with developmental coordination disorder/dyspraxia (DCD) are at high risk of reading and writing delay. The difficulties with motor skills are heterogeneous and many children have features of poor cerebellar function, reflected in problems with posture, balance and fast accurate control of movement. This study confirmed a high level of parental reporting of reading and writing delay in a clinical group of 23 children with DCD, defined on the basis of both clinical examination and standardized testing of motor function. Direct measurement of reading delay, identified still further children in the group. Those children with reading delay had associated findings typical of phonological awareness difficulties. The children also underwent a standardized test of neurological function and although they all had difficulties with cerebellar function, no distinctive pattern emerged for those whose presentation was complicated by delayed reading and writing. Both the children with DCD and 136 typically developing children, completed the pilot parental questionnaire on gross motor skills. The three skills of catching a ball, jumping on a moving playground roundabout and handwriting, distinguished the children with DCD. This study therefore confirms that children with DCD should be assessed for difficulties in phonological awareness. Additionally, children aged between 7 and 12 years are on the whole, highly competent in a range of gross motor skills and further study might determine whether a simple parental questionnaire might detect children who would benefit from further assessment. The study also suggests that all the children with DCD have cerebellar dysfunction and further work with a larger group might determine particular patterns associated with reading delay.
Aspects of Toxocara spp. epidemiology and paratenic infestation of children are described. Human toxocariasis is caused by infestation of zoonotic roundworms of dogs and cats. Soil sampling showes widespread contamination of the environment, particularly parks and playgrounds, with the eggs of Toxocara spp. Toxocara seroprevalence values in children vary between 3.5% in the West Poland and 19% in the South-East Poland. Children more frequently have clinical symptoms o the disease because of the closer contact with contaminated soil in sand-boxes and relatively frequent geophagia. A 3 years old girl with covert toxocariasis is described. As this case illustrates, this disease can be present without its classic visceral, ocular or neurological manifestations. On admission to the hospital the results of blood tests were as follows: white blood cells count, 43x10^3/mm^3 (norm <13x10^3)) and hyperosinophilia, 81%. The girl was treated with albendazole 15 mg/kg for five days, after one year the treatment was repeated. The patient was followed with blood samples throughout a period of one and half year. During that time results of serological tests for Toxocara canis were strongly positive. The lowest blood count was 20.0x10^3/mm^3 and eosinophilia, 19%. Possible association between high eosinophilia in toxocariasis and development of allergic and cardiovascular diseases is discussed.
The current conditions in Belgium are paradoxical. Indeed, adequate measures are now in place to allow sports activities in a favorable environment: increase in leisure time, widespread availability of indoor and outdoor facilities. However, there has been a significant increase in obesity among young people as well as a gradual erosion in physical fitness of young Belgians. Therefore, physical activity is mandated, not only as a general personal health issue, but also as a public health issue. It should be encouraged, taking into account psychological and physiological growth parameters of teenagers.
This study compares two North American time-activity data bases: the National Human Activity Pattern Survey (NHAPS) of 9386 interviewees in 1992-1994 in the continental USA with the Canadian Human Activity Pattern Survey (CHAPS) of 2381 interviewees in 1996-1997 in four major Canadian cities. Identical surveys and methodology were used to collect this data: random sample telephone selection within the identified telephone exchanges, computer-assisted telephone interviews, overselection of children and weekends in the 24-h recall diary and the same interviewers. Very similar response rates were obtained: 63% (NHAPS) and 64.5% (CHAPS). Results of comparisons by age within major activity and location groups suggest activity and location patterns are very similar (most differences being less than 1% or 14 min in a 24-h day) with the exception of seasonal differences. Canadians spend less time outdoors in winter and less time indoors in summer than their U.S. counterparts. When exposure assessments use time of year or outdoor/indoor exposure gradients, these differences may result in significant differences in exposure assessments. Otherwise, the 24-h time activity patterns of North Americans are remarkably similar and use of the combined data set for some exposure assessments may be feasible.
OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the pharmacodynamic effects of an experimental (EXP) delivery of methylphenidate (MPH) in children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and to investigate the situational nature of effects in laboratory classroom and playground settings. METHOD: A "sipping" study methodology was used to deliver a bolus followed by small but increasing MPH doses as the EXP regimen. A randomized, double-blind crossover design was used to compare the EXP regimen to a thrice-daily (TID) regimen and a placebo (PLA) regimen. Measures of efficacy were obtained from a Motionlogger actigraph to quantify activity and from the Swanson, Kotkin, Agler, M-Flynn, and Pelham (SKAMP) rating scale to quantify two domains of behavior (attention and deportment). RESULTS: Compared with PLA, both EXP and TID delivery of MPH produced large, significant reductions in activity and inappropriate behavior in the classroom, but the two MPH regimens did not differ in onset or duration of effects across the day. The MPH effects were situationally dependent and were smaller for the playground than for the classroom settings. CONCLUSIONS: The findings of this "proof of concept" study support the efficacy of a continuous, ascending delivery of MPH. The situational effects of MPH provide support for the theory of selective effects of stimulants, dependent on the demands of the environment.
PROBLEM: Two problems were addressed in this study. First, are daily injury diaries an effective means to gather information about children's unintentional injuries? Second, what are the circumstances of children's injuries as recorded through the diary method? METHOD: Two studies were conducted with a total of 172 children to describe the ecology of children's daily unintentional injuries. Families completed a daily diary for 14 days, describing the circumstances surrounding the injuries children experienced each day. RESULTS: Descriptive data is provided on the locations, causes, and types of injuries children incurred, as well as who was present when they were injured. Daily injury rate was modestly related to the number of major injuries children had incurred in their lifetimes. DISCUSSION: The diary methodology was an effective means to study the ecology of children's daily injuries. Children's injuries occur in a wide range of circumstances that can be quantified through diary techniques. IMPACT ON INDUSTRY: Data obtained from daily injury diaries may be useful in a variety of areas, including study of the etiology of childhood injury, design of interventions to prevent injury, and engineering of toys and playground equipment for children.
One current theory of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) proposes that a primary deficit in behavioral inhibition gives rise to secondary deficits in 4 executive functions and motor control. To date, empirical support for this model is based primarily on laboratory-based cognitive methods. This study assessed behavioral inhibition and executive functioning in children with ADHD in 2 real-life contexts: videogames (motor-skill target game, cognitively demanding adventure game) and an outing at the zoo (route tasks). Participants were a community sample of 57 boys diagnosed with ADHD (20 inattentive, 37 combined type) and 57 normally developing control boys, matched individually for age and nonverbal IQ. Operationally defined measures of behavioral inhibition and specific executive functions were derived from these activities and assessed under contrasting conditions of low or high working memory and distractor loads. There were no group differences in basic motor skills on the target game, nor in terms of the ability to inhibit a prepotent or ongoing response in the adventure videogame. However, boys with ADHD exhibited more self-talk, more effortful response preparation, and completed fewer challenges in the latter videogame. Also, they manifested inhibition deficits in terms of interference control during the route task at the zoo and took longer to complete the tasks. Typically, these differences were greatest under conditions of high working memory and distractor loads. Findings from this study suggest that cognitive difficulties in ADHD may be context dependent and that ADHD is associated with deficits in some but not all aspects of behavioral inhibition.
Exercise-induced bronchospasm (EIB) is widely used in epidemiological studies to investigate the prevalence of asthma. We aimed to determine seasonal variations in the prevalence of EIB in Ghanaian school children from urban-rich (UR), urban-poor (UP), and rural (R) schools. We have previously reported the prevalence of EIB in 9-16-year-old children to be 3.1% in the dry season, with UR children having a significantly higher prevalence of both EIB and atopy compared to UP or R children. In the current study, the prevalence of EIB was assessed in the same 1,095 children in the wet season (5 months following the initial study) using the same methodology. Exercise provocation consisted of free running outdoors for 6 min. In the wet season, 17/1,095 children [mean 1.55%, 95% confidence interval (CI): 0.91-2.47] had a positive response to exercise, compared to our previous report of 34 children (mean 3.1%, 95% CI: 2.15-4.32) with EIB in the dry season (dry vs. wet season, difference 1.55, 95% CI: 0.41-2.69). The proportion of children with a positive response to exercise in the UR school fell from 4.2% (25/599) to 1.3% (8/599) (difference 2.9, 95% CI: 1.2-4.5). In the wet season, there was no difference in the prevalence of EIB among the UR, UP, and R children. Only five of 1,095 subjects (mean 0.5%, 95% CI: 0.15-1.07) demonstrated EIB in both seasons. In conclusion, although exercise challenge remains a useful tool for determining asthma prevalence in epidemiological studies, seasonal variations in the pattern of responses may occur and the results should be interpreted with caution.
Several studies among adult populations showed that an array of outdoor and indoor sources of particles emissions contributed to personal exposures to atmospheric particles, with tobacco smoke playing a prominent role (J. Expo. Anal. Environ. Epidemiol. 6 (1996) 57, Environ. Int. 24 (1998) 405, Arch. Environ. Health 54 (1999) 95). The Vesta study was carried out to assess the role of exposure to traffic emissions in the development of childhood asthma. In this paper, we present data on 68 children aged 8-14 years, living in the metropolitan areas of Paris (n = 30), Grenoble (n = 15) and Toulouse (n = 23), France, who continuously carried, over 48 h, a rucksack that contained an active PM2.5 sampler. Data about home indoor sources were collected by questionnaires. In parallel, daily concentrations of PM10 in ambient air were monitored by local air quality networks. The contribution of indoor and outdoor factors to personal exposures was assessed using multiple linear regression models. Average personal exposure across all children was 23.7 microg/m3 (S.D. = 19.0 microg/m3), with local means ranging from 18.2 to 29.4 microg/m3. The final model explains 36% of the total between-subjects variance, with environmental tobacco smoke contributing for more than a third to this variability; presence of pets at home, proximity of the home to urban traffic emissions, and concomitant PM10 ambient air concentrations were the other main determinants of personal exposure.
OBJECTIVES: To determine risk factors for acquiring Burkholderia cepacia complex among patients with cystic fibrosis (CF). STUDY DESIGN: A case-control study was conducted with active surveillance for B cepacia complex colonization/infection among patients at 21 CF centers from April 1986 to March 1989 (study period). A case-patient was defined as any CF patient with B cepacia complex colonization for the first time during the study period. Control patients were patients with CF not B cepacia complex colonized during the study period. For each patient, a questionnaire was completed semiannually. RESULTS: In multivariate analyses, hospitalization for pulmonary exacerbations, living with a B cepacia complex-positive person, attending a CF summer camp, and direct contact with a B cepacia complex-colonized CF person outside of camp and home were associated with B cepacia complex acquisition. Receiving antimicrobial aerosol therapy or cleaning and drying a home-used nebulizer between uses were associated with a decrease in B cepacia complex acquisition. CONCLUSIONS: Numerous factors inside and outside the health care setting are associated with person-to-person transmission of B cepacia complex among patients with CF. Prevention programs should reduce direct or indirect contact between noncolonized and B cepacia complex-colonized/infected patients with CF.
Systematic review of the effect of therapeutic dietary supplements and drugs on cognitive function in subjects with Down syndrome. [Review] [36 refs]

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The objective was to evaluate the effects of therapeutic dietary supplements and drugs on cognitive function in subjects with Down syndrome. The study design was a systematic review of randomized controlled trials of dietary supplements and/or drugs reporting any assessment of cognitive function in subjects with Down syndrome. Eleven trials were identified with 373 randomized participants. None of the trials reported cognitive enhancing effect in subjects with Down syndrome. Meta-analysis was not conducted due to the heterogeneous nature of the population, interventions and outcome measures used. Overall, the quality of the trials was poor with few subjects and generally inadequate allocation concealment of the treatments given. This comprehensive systematic review provides no positive evidence that any combination of drugs, vitamins and minerals enhance either cognitive function or psychomotor development in people with Down syndrome. However, because of the small number of subjects involved and the overall unsatisfactory quality of the trials, an effect cannot be excluded at this point. At present there is no justification for the use of such regimes outside the context of large well designed trials. Parents of children with Down syndrome should be actively discouraged from giving these 'miracle drugs' to their children. [References: 36]

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This report is the second part of a study on the nutrition of urban schoolchildren in the city of Manila; the first part was on nutritional status. The primary purpose of the study was to gather data that will assist authorities in planning and implementing nutrition education programs focused on the growing problem of obesity and overweight in children. The study included 1,208 children 8 to 10 years of age, who were randomly selected from all public and private schools in the city of Manila. Data on the children's dietary and physical activity patterns, together with information on nutrition-related knowledge, attitudes, and preferences of the children and their parents, were gathered by interviews and self-administered questionnaires. There were distinct differences in dietary and physical activity patterns between the two groups of children. Children from private schools, who are generally of higher socioeconomic status than those from public schools, tended to consume more total food, more animal foods, fats, and oils, and more beverages, resulting in higher intakes of calories, protein, iron, and vitamin A than public schoolchildren. Moreover, children from private schools were apparently less physically active, were more likely to be driven to school instead of walking, and were more likely to prefer television and computer games over outdoor games. These differences agree with an earlier report on the nutritional status of the children as determined by anthropometry, which showed a higher proportion of overnutrition and a lower proportion of undernutrition among private schoolchildren than among...
public schoolchildren. Although the emphasis in public schools should be on prevention and control of undernutrition in children, private schools should begin to look at the emerging problem of overnutrition and the role of physical activity programs in the health of children. The information on the knowledge, attitudes, and preferences of the children and their parents showed that parents or guardians, teachers, and television influence the nutritional practices of schoolchildren. These groups should therefore be the major targets for nutrition education programs meant to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren.

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Maxima of hourly data from outdoor monitors may capture adverse effects of outdoor particulate matter (PM) exposures in asthmatic children better than do 24-hr PM averages, which form the basis of current regulations in the United States. Also, asthmatic children on anti-inflammatory medications may be protected against the proinflammatory effects of air pollutants and aeroallergens. We examined strengths of pollutant associations with asthma symptoms between subgroups of asthmatic children who were on versus not on regularly scheduled anti-inflammatory medications, and tested associations for different particle averaging times. This is a daily panel study of 22 asthmatic children (9-19 years of age) followed March through April 1996 (1,248 person-days). They lived in nonsmoking households in a semirural area of Southern California within the air inversion mixing zone (range, 1,200-2,100 feet) with transported air pollution from urban areas of Southern California. The dependent variable derived from diary ordinal scores is episodes of asthma symptoms that interfered with daily activities. Minimum to 90th-percentile levels of exposures at the outdoor monitoring site were 12-63 microg/m(3) for 1-hr PM < 10 microm in aerodynamic diameter (PM(10)); 8-46 microg/m(3) for 8-hr PM(10); 7-32 microg/m(3) for 24-hr PM(10); 45-88 ppb for 1-hr O(3); 6-26 ppb for 8-hr NO(2); 70-4,714 particles/m(3) for 12-hr daytime fungi; and 12-744 particles/m(3) for 24-hr pollen. Data were analyzed with generalized estimating equations controlling for autocorrelation. There was no confounding by weather, day of week, or linear time trend. Associations were notably stronger in 12 asthmatic children who were not taking anti-inflammatory medications versus 10 subjects who were. Odds ratios (95% confidence intervals) for asthma episodes in relation to lag 0 minimum to 90th-percentile pollutant changes were, respectively, 1-hr maximum PM(10), 1.92 (1.22-3.02) versus 0.96 (0.25-3.69); 8-hr maximum PM(10), 1.68 (0.91-3.09) versus 0.75 (0.18-3.04); 24-hr average PM(10), 1.35 (0.82-2.22) versus 0.80 (0.24-2.69); 1-hr maximum O(3), 1.28 (0.75-2.17) versus 0.76 (0.24-2.44); 8-hr maximum NO(2), 1.91 (1.07-3.39) versus 1.08 (0.30-3.93); 12-hr fungi, 1.89 (1.24-2.89) versus 0.90 (0.35-2.30); 24-hr pollen, 1.90 (0.99-3.67) versus 0.85 (0.18-3.91). Pollutant associations were stronger during respiratory infections in subjects not on anti-inflammatory medications. Although lag 0 1-hr maximum PM(10) showed the strongest association, the most robust associations were for lag 0 and 3-day moving averages (lags 0-2) of 8-hr maximum and 24-hr mean PM(10) in sensitivity analyses testing for thresholds. Most pollutant effects were largely driven by concentrations in the upper quintile. The divergence of exposure-response relationships by anti-inflammatory medication use is consistent with experimental data on inflammatory mechanisms of airborne pollutants and allergens.
A four-year-old boy received 30 sessions of radiotherapy, at a rate of one session daily for five days every week, under anesthesia with midazolam and propofol in spontaneous ventilation. Monitoring was by pulse oximetry and capnography; no adverse events were recorded. The presence of an anesthesiologist during diagnostic and therapeutic procedures outside the operating room is essential, given that lack of cooperation can make the procedure difficult or impossible to perform. Radiotherapy under anesthesia is a special case because it is scheduled daily, and care must be taken to interfere as little as possible with a child's meals or other activities.

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BACKGROUND: In early life, the innate immune system can recognize both viable and nonviable parts of microorganisms. Immune activation may direct the immune response, thus conferring tolerance to allergens such as animal dander or tree and grass pollen. METHODS: Parents of children who were 6 to 13 years of age and were living in rural areas of Germany, Austria, or Switzerland where there were both farming and nonfarming households completed a standardized questionnaire on asthma and hay fever. Blood samples were obtained from the children and tested for atopic sensitization; peripheral blood leukocytes were also harvested from the samples for testing. The levels of endotoxin in the bedding used by these children were examined in relation to clinical findings and to the cytokine-production profiles of peripheral blood leukocytes that had been stimulated with lipopolysaccharide and staphylococcal enterotoxin B. Complete data were available for 812 children. RESULTS: Endotoxin levels in samples of dust from the child's mattress were inversely related to the occurrence of hay fever, atopic asthma, and atopic sensitization. Nonatopic wheeze was not significantly associated with the endotoxin level. Cytokine production by leukocytes (production of tumor necrosis factor alpha, interferon-gamma, interleukin-10, and interleukin-12) was inversely related to the endotoxin level in the bedding, indicating a marked down-regulation of immune responses in exposed children. CONCLUSIONS: A subject's environmental exposure to endotoxin may have a crucial role in the development of tolerance to ubiquitous allergens found in natural environments. Copyright 2002 Massachusetts Medical Society
OBJECTIVE: To implement a planned nutrition education program aiming to promote healthy eating and consumption of a variety of foods in a residential camp setting for Australian girls aged 9-15 years. METHODS: 1,600 girls attending a seven-day residential camp in Queensland (2000) participated in a program involving the provision of healthy, tasty foods based on the Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents and a nutrition education package for use at the camp restaurants each evening that included nutrition information together with individual ‘passport booklets involving puzzles and questions with incentives for completion. Process and impact evaluations were conducted by surveying a sample of participants using questionnaires and focus groups. RESULTS: Of those surveyed, 77% felt they had learned something from the health promotion material; 94% said they had changed their eating habits to include more core food groups during the camp, with more than 40% stating they had increased vegetable consumption compared with their usual intake. However, approximately 60% of campers were apparently unaware of the incentives offered and less than 30% demonstrated completion of their passports. CONCLUSIONS: Barriers to the involvement of this target group in the health promotion activities need to be explored further. Involvement and training of key personnel is suggested to ensure consistent implementation and encouragement for all participants. Long-term behaviour changes outside the camp environment should also be assessed in any future programs. Implications: Using residential camp settings to target children is an innovative strategy for nutrition education. Integration of such strategies into longer time frame programs may benefit participants and improve effectiveness of nutrition education programs aimed at this group.
OBJECTIVES: To explore the immediate pre-crash activities and the routine traffic exposure (street crossing and play) in a sample of urban children struck by automobiles. In particular, the traffic exposure of children who were struck while playing was compared with that of those struck while crossing streets. DESIGN: Cross sectional survey. SETTING: Urban pediatric emergency department. PATIENTS: A total of 139 children ages 4-15 years evaluated for acute injuries resulting from pedestrian-motor vehicle collisions during a 14 month period. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Sites of outdoor play, daily time in outdoor play, weekly number of street crossings, pre-crash circumstance (play v walking). RESULTS: Altogether 39% of the children routinely used the street and 64% routinely used the sidewalks as play areas. The median number of street crossings per week per child was 27. There were no differences in exposures for the 29% who were hit while playing compared with the 71% who were hit while walking. Although 84% of the children walked to or from school at least one day per week, only 15% of the children were struck while on the school walking trip. The remainder were injured either while playing outdoors or while walking to other places. CONCLUSIONS: Urban children who are victims of pedestrian crashes have a high level of traffic exposure from a variety of circumstances related to their routine outdoor playing and street crossing activities. The distributions of traffic exposures were similar across the sample, indicating that the sample as a whole had high traffic exposure,
regardless of the children's activity preceding the crash. Future pedestrian injury programs should address the pervasive nature of children's exposure to traffic during their routine outdoor activities.

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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Dermatitis
KW - Atopic/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Atopic/pic [Prevention & Control]
KW - Double-Blind Method
KW - Dust/an [Analysis]
KW - Floors and Floorcoverings
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BACKGROUND: House dust mite (HDM) allergen might induce and maintain atopic dermatitis (AD). Reduction of allergen load by applying encasings might improve the clinical symptoms of AD. OBJECTIVE: We sought to investigate, in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study, whether reducing HDM allergen levels by using mattress, duvet, and pillow encasings for 12 months will result in improvement in AD symptoms. METHODS: Patients with AD (8-50 years old and allergic to HDM), having a Leicester sign score (a dermatitis score) of at least 1% extent and a severity score of 6 points or greater, were randomly allocated to an active (n = 45) or a placebo allergen-avoidance group (n = 41). Avoidance measures consisted of applying HDM-impermeable encasings for mattresses, pillows, and duvets for the active treatment group and cotton encasings for the placebo group. Effect on allergen concentrations (Der p 1 and Der p 1 plus Der f 1), Leicester sign score extent and severity, visual analogue scale scores for itching and sleeplessness, intradermal test results, atopy patch test results, total serum IgE levels, anti-Der p 1-specific IgE levels, and total blood eosinophil counts were studied. RESULTS: The active encasings reduced the Der p 1 allergen concentration in the mattress after 12 months with a factor 2.1 (P = .007) and the Der p 1 plus Der f 1 allergen concentration with a factor of 2.5 (P = .005); no significant change in allergen concentrations in mattresses was seen in the placebo group. Although the decrease in allergen load was significant, no differences in treatment-induced changes were seen between the placebo and active groups. CONCLUSIONS: Use of HDM-impermeable encasings resulted in a significant decrease in Der p 1 and Der p 1 plus Der f 1 allergen concentrations. However, this reduction in allergen load did not result in significant changes in clinical parameters between the groups. Reduction of allergens in other environments (work, school, and outdoors) might be equally important in improving symptoms of AD.
Environmental factors are usually considered as risk factors for increase of asthma prevalence. They may act isolately but are frequently associated. They act either directly by inducing asthma or more likely by increasing allergenic sensitization. Geographic situation is a well known risk factor. Important differences are noted between countries. The western lifestyle is evoked, including type of alimentation, small size of siblings, increased allergen exposure in houses. Intrauterine environment may play a role, particularly tobacco smoke during pregnancy and its respiratory effects on infant. Maternal allergenic exposure during pregnancy is an important factor because of maternofetal immunologic interactions. Outdoor pollution acts by enhancing bronchial responsiveness, allergenic sensitization and worsening respiratory diseases. Its effect is probably less important in infants and small children who are living indoor most of the time. Infections seems to have a complex action. Some virus, including respiratory syncytial virus, act to induce asthma or sensitization. Other type of infections (viral or microbial) have a protector effect. Exposure to tobacco smoke, particularly maternal smoking, is identified in all studies, as one of the most important factors to be considered in childhood asthma. Exposure to allergen increases the risk of sensitization. Its direct responsibility to induce asthma is not established. Some of recent studies are suggesting the concept of a protective effect of early exposure. As far as preventive intervention is concerned, the recognition of these factors is important to limit the prevalence of childhood asthma. [References: 62]
INTRODUCTION: Adherence to highly active antiretroviral therapy is required to obtain an optimal long term virologic response rate of HIV-1-infected children. Plasma concentrations of protease inhibitors (PIs) outside the limits of the reference values indicate nonadherence to antiretroviral therapy in adults. We studied during a 2-year follow-up period routinely taken plasma protease inhibitor concentrations to assess adherence to antiretroviral therapy in HIV-1-infected children. METHODS: In 40 children (ages 3 months to 18 years) blood samples were taken at regular outpatient visits every 12 weeks after the start of highly active antiretroviral therapy and analyzed for plasma concentrations of indinavir or nelfinavir by high performance liquid chromatography and for plasma HIV-1 RNA load. The percentage of samples fulfilling the criteria for adherence was assessed for each child by three methods. For each sample a concentration ratio was calculated by dividing the concentration in that sample by the time-adjusted population value. According to Method 1 concentration ratios below or above concentration ratio limits (CORALs) of population data obtained in adults were highly indicative of nonadherence. Because many children have high PI levels, Method 2 evaluated plasma samples of PIs with only the lower CORAL. According to Method 3 only children with plasma samples below the limit of quantification (0.04 mg/l) were considered noncompliant. Differences in adherence rate between virologic responders and virologic nonresponders and between adherence rates and the two protease inhibitors were analyzed. The cumulative incidence of HIV-1 RNA levels >500 copies/ml in children was calculated.

RESULTS: Thirty-one children started treatment with indinavir, and nine children started treatment with nelfinavir. The median adherence rates for indinavir as determined by methods 1, 2 and 3 were 54% [interquartile range (IQR), 25 to 69%], 67% (IQR 50 to 92%) and 80% (IQR 63 to 100%), respectively. For nelfinavir median adherence rates of 60% (IQR 39 to 75%), 100% (IQR 67 to 100%) and 100% (IQR 100 to 100%) were observed. Adherence rates calculated with Method 2 were significantly higher in virologic responders (= 0.04). Adherence rates calculated with Methods 2 and 3 were significantly lower in children using indinavir compared with those using nelfinavir (= 0.02 and = 0.02, respectively). CONCLUSION: Calculation of adherence rates using the lower limit of CORALs of indinavir or nelfinavir in children may be a useful measurement for the assessment of nonadherence to antiretroviral therapy in children.
Environmental NO2 concentration and exposure in daily life along main roads in Tokyo


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Environmental suspended particulate matter and NO2 are possible factors causing chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases. These and other pollutants are monitored at the National Ambient Air Pollution Monitoring Stations and local monitoring stations. Environmental NO2 concentrations in large cities exceed the Japanese Environmental Quality Standards (JEQS); in particular, more than 30% of the Roadside Air Pollution Monitoring Stations (RAMS) do not achieve JEQS. To evaluate the exposure levels to environmental NO2 and its health effects, the data from the monitoring stations are useful. However, there are few reports on the
relationships between these data and the exposure level in daily life. In this study, environmental NO2 concentrations in homes and its exposure levels were investigated by using passive samplers. Two areas along main roads in the south and north of metropolitan Tokyo were selected and about 150 junior high school students and their family members took part in the study. The investigation was conducted five times seasonally, 3 days each, from February 1998 to January 1999. The residence of each subject was plotted on a map, and the distance from the main road was entered on the same map. Environmental NO2 was measured outside of the house and indoors, that is, living room, kitchen, bedroom, and student's room. The average NO2 concentration of outdoors was within JEQS, and the highest value was 52.9 ppb. There was a tendency for outdoor NO2 concentrations to decrease with distance from the roadside, but the NO2 concentration differences between the roadside and the site far from the roadside were less than 10 ppb. The average outdoor NO2 concentrations and the value obtained at RAMS are slightly correlated, but not significant. The stations' data showed about 10 ppb higher values than the average outdoor concentrations obtained at each house. NO2 concentrations in living rooms based on the distance from the main road and NO2 exposure levels in daily life of students and family members were also investigated. This study clearly showed that in wintertime we are highly exposed to NO2 emitted from many types of heaters such as kerosene heater, and the family members' study suggested that the indoor NO2 levels were similar to the personal exposure levels in all seasons.

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OBJECTIVES: To examine in detail the activation of the primary (SI) and secondary (SII) somatosensory cortex in CLN5, the Finnish variant of late infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses (NCL). METHODS: Somatosory evoked magnetic fields were recorded with a 122-channel planar gradiometer in response to median nerve stimulation in 5 CLN5 patients (aged 8.8-16.7 years) and in 10 healthy age-matched controls. RESULTS: The first two responses from contralateral SI, N20m and P35m, were 6-20 times stronger in the patients than in the controls. The morphology of the subsequent deflections from SI was abnormal in the patients: a prominent N45m was detected, while the normally present P60m deflection was missing. In 4 patients the contra- and in two patients the ipsilateral SII responses were also enlarged. Furthermore, the SII activation was detected at shorter latency in patients than in controls. CONCLUSIONS: At SI, CLN5 is associated with a selective enhancement of the early cortical responses. We propose that the enlargement of N20m most likely reflects increased synchronous input from thalamus, whereas the altered morphology of the following responses may reflect defective interneuronal inhibition at the cortex. The enlargement of SII responses shows that the imbalance between excitation and inhibition in CLN5 extends outside the primary somatosensory areas.
The aim of this case-control study was to identify and quantify risk factors of injuries in playgrounds, where children spend an increasing amount of time in developed countries. The study took place in Greater Athens during 1999. A continuous Emergency Departments Injury Surveillance System (EDISS) of hospitals that cover about 30% of the children's time at risk in Greater Athens identified 777 injuries in public and private playgrounds out of a total of 17 497 injuries. Public playgrounds differ from private ones, because the former generally have more equipment, usually of greater height, with less resilient surfaces, and supervision relies mainly on parents or guardians. Patterns of type of playground use were assessed in a sample of 294 children from the same study base who served as a control group in a hierarchical case-control design.

The annual incidence of playground injuries in Greater Athens was about 7 in 1000 among boys and 4 in 1000 among girls, with a 2.2 times higher risk for an injury in public than in private playgrounds (95% confidence interval 1.61-3.07). Children in public vs private playgrounds had a statistically significant eight times higher odds for concussion and six times higher for open wounds, whereas the odds for long bone fractures were four and for other fractures two; swings, slides and seesaws were the types of equipment most frequently associated with injuries. It was further shown that supervision of children was suboptimal (< 60%) in both public and private playgrounds, and children in private playgrounds sustained an unduly high frequency of sprain/dislocation injuries (odds ratio 1.75) because they were encouraged to play bare-footed. CONCLUSION: Close to 50% of playground injuries could be prevented by structural and equipment changes, while further reduction could be accomplished through simple measures including closer supervision and encouraging children to wear proper shoes and use protective equipment whenever necessary.

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Ceramide-dominant barrier repair lipids alleviate childhood atopic dermatitis: changes in barrier function provide a sensitive indicator of disease activity

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BACKGROUND: It is currently fashionable to consider atopic dermatitis (AD), like other inflammatory dermatoses, as immunologic in pathogenesis ("inside-outside" hypothesis). Accordingly, topical glucocorticoids and other immunosuppressive agents are mainstays of therapy, but the risk of toxicity from these agents is not insignificant, particularly in children. Alternatively, because stratum corneum (SC) permeability barrier function is also abnormal in AD, it has been hypothesized that the barrier abnormality could drive disease activity. Yet commonly used emollients and moisturizers do not correct the SC ceramide deficiency, the putative cause of the barrier abnormality. OBJECTIVES: We assessed the efficacy of a newly developed, ceramide-dominant, physiologic lipid-based emollient, when substituted for currently used moisturizers, in 24 children who were also receiving standard therapy for stubborn-to-recalcitrant AD. METHODS: All subjects continued prior therapy (eg, topical tacrolimus or corticosteroids), only substituting the barrier repair emollient for their prior moisturizer. Follow-up evaluations, which included severity scoring of atopic dermatitis (SCORAD) values and several biophysical measures of SC function, were performed every 3 weeks for 20 to 21 weeks. RESULTS: SCORAD values improved significantly in 22 of 24 patients by 3 weeks, with further progressive improvement in all patients between 6 and 20 or 21 weeks. Transepidermal water loss levels (TEWL), which were elevated over involved and uninvolved areas at entry, decreased in parallel with SCORAD scores and continued to decline even after SCORAD scores plateaued. Both SC integrity (cohesion) and hydration also improved slowly but significantly during therapy. Finally, the ultrastructure of the SC, treated with ceramide-dominant emollient,
revealed extracellular lamellar membranes, which were largely absent in baseline SC samples. CONCLUSION: These studies suggest that (1) a ceramide-dominant, barrier repair emollient represents a safe, useful adjunct to the treatment of childhood AD and (2) TEWL is at least as sensitive an indicator of fluctuations in AD disease activity as are SCORAD values. These studies support the outside-inside hypothesis as a component of pathogenesis in AD and other inflammatory dermatoses that are accompanied by a barrier abnormality.
sample of youth born to relatively young mothers. Logistic regression analyses examine whether these patterns predict early sexual initiation, and whether there are differences associated with gender and race. RESULTS: As youth moved from late childhood to mid-adolescence, they shifted from having almost exclusively same-sex, same-grade friends to having more relationships with persons who are of the opposite sex and older. By ages 15-16, 34% had had sexual intercourse; the proportion was significantly higher among blacks (45%) than among others (31%). Most adolescents reported neither frequent dating nor a steady partner by ages 15-16, although the prevalence of such reports was related to friendship patterns in late childhood. Twelve percent of youth who initiated sex in early adolescence did so outside of a dating relationship. For most subgroups examined, the odds of initiating intercourse during early adolescence were associated with going steady, but not with frequency of dating. CONCLUSIONS: Prior social networking is an important element in predicting early sexual activity. Overall, youth whose mothers gave birth at young ages remain sexually inexperienced into middle adolescence, but certain subgroups are more likely than others to initiate early sexual activity.
Children most at risk and to developing interventions that target youth before the onset of decline. This report identifies 1- and 2-year predictors of decline in PA among fourth- and fifth-grade students from inner-city neighborhoods in Montreal, Canada. METHODS: Data for this study were collected in classroom questionnaires each May/June from 1993 to 1997. Analyses for this paper were completed in 2001. The cohort included active (at least one PA per day) children with baseline and 1-year (n=1873) or 2-year (n=509) follow-up data.

RESULTS: In boys, 1-year predictors of decline to an inactive status identified in generalized estimating equations analysis included moderate (vs high) baseline PA (odds ratio [OR]=1.66, 95% confidence interval [CI]=0.91-3.05); low PA self-efficacy (OR=1.67, 95% CI=1.03-2.71); born outside Canada (OR=2.13; 95% CI=1.31-3.46); Asian origin (OR=1.81; 95% CI=1.03-3.16) and no participation in school teams (OR=1.81, 95% CI=0.93-3.55). In girls, these 1-year predictors included moderate PA (OR=1.91, 95% CI=1.10-3.32); low PA self-efficacy (OR=1.70, 95% CI=1.15-2.49); watching four or more TV programs per day (OR=1.40, 95% CI=0.97-2.02); mother unemployed (OR=1.54, 95% CI=1.07-2.23); and grade five (vs grade four) (OR=1.35, 95% CI=0.94-1.93). Two-year predictors in boys included moderate baseline PA (OR=2.52, 95% CI=0.84-7.50), and born outside Canada (OR=1.96, 95% CI=0.91-4.20). In girls, these 2-year predictors included moderate baseline PA (OR=2.75, 95% CI=1.01-7.49); no participation in school teams (OR=2.14, 95% CI=0.92-5.00); watching four or more TV programs per day (OR=1.93, 95% CI=0.99-3.74); and born outside Canada (OR=1.85, 95% CI=0.96-3.55). CONCLUSIONS: Reduced TV viewing among girls and increased participation in school sports teams in boys and girls may prevent declines in PA among pre-adolescents from inner-city neighborhoods.
Only a small fraction of people with epilepsy in developing countries has access to medical facilities. Even with effective treatment, their psychosocial needs are often overlooked in the absence of obvious disability. In rural areas, community-based rehabilitation programmes assist in the integration of people with disabilities into employment and the community. However, the functional impairment associated with epilepsy is not well recognised in intervention programmes in developing countries. We report, for the first time, the social activities of children with epilepsy and their peers in rural India. We employed a cross-sectional design using a new age and sex-specific social activity questionnaire. Population screening in the context of a community-based rehabilitation programme identified 88 children with epilepsy and 250 randomly selected controls. A trained interviewer administered the questionnaire to mothers in Bengali. Girls' activities were principally domestic, whilst boys' were mostly outdoors and involved peers. All groups of children with epilepsy had significant social deficits, equally for boys and girls in the age range from 2 to 18 years (p < 0.05). Boys with epilepsy had limited peer group activities, and parents conferred fewer responsibilities to school age and adolescent children compared to controls. The nature and degree of deficits were beyond the constraints imposed by neurological impairment. Our findings in pre-schoolers were consistent with parental attitudes of overprotection found in previous research. We conclude that social integration needs active and early promotion among children with epilepsy. The assessment of remediable risk and protective factors in the family and community is an important practical area for research in community-based rehabilitation.
An equation has been developed to reduce the error in predicting energy expenditure (EE) from heart rate (HR) monitoring, by correcting for climate-related HR increases. To evaluate the effects of such a correction in a "real life" situation, a group of 9- to 14-year-old obese boys [mean (SD) 36.6 (3.3)% body fat; n=14] was monitored for 6 days during the summertime. An activity interview was taken daily. During times of outdoor activities, measurements of HR were corrected for the influence of ambient temperature (T) using the aforementioned equation. Time spent outdoors was 196.7 (21.1) min/day at a T of 17-34 degrees C. Temperature correction reduced the time spent at HR>140 beats/min and >160 beats/min by 20-25% during outdoor activity. Estimated outdoor EE corrected for the influence of temperature was 2.46 (2.37) MJ; the uncorrected value was 2.68 (2.45) MJ. The respective values for the waking hours and over 24 h were 7.34 (2.77) MJ versus 7.55 (2.81) MJ and 10.83 (2.72) MJ versus 11.05 (2.77) MJ, respectively. The excessive HR measured in a warm summer climate could explain 8.8 (3.5)% of EE during outdoor activities, which resulted in a 2.9 (2.7)% overestimate of EE during daily waking hours and a 1.9 (1.8)% overestimate of the total 24-h EE. Thus, the influence of temperature on HR may, at least in part, explain the previously reported overestimate of EE calculated using the HR/oxygen consumption relationship versus that calculated using the doubly labelled water method. We recommend correcting HR for the influence of climate in studies using HR profiles to determine outdoor physical activity levels and/or EE during summertime. However, when total daily EE or waking hours EE is assessed, even in subjects who are engaging in long intervals of outdoor play, the temperature correction required is minimal.

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BACKGROUND: Individuals with low activity of a key metabolic enzyme, thiopurine methyl transferase (TPMT), are more susceptible to azathioprine-induced myelosuppression. Aim: To determine the pattern of use of TPMT activity estimation, with respect to azathioprine use, by medical practitioners in the UK. DESIGN: Retrospective analysis of assay use. METHODS: We analysed all test results (n=3291), and patient and practitioner details, from inception of TPMT assay in 1990 to the end of December 2000, held at the Purine Research Laboratory, Guy's Hospital, London. Patient details were anonymized. Repeat analyses and requests from outside the UK were excluded. RESULTS: The male:female ratio was approximately equal and the mean age was 46.6 (range 0.5-97) years. Thirteen different medical specialities requested assays; Dermatology and Gastroenterology were the most frequent users, together accounting for 86% of requests. The numbers of centres requesting the assay varied widely both within and between different specialities. Some 80% of individuals had normal TPMT activity, 9% enzymic activity above normal, and 10% low activity. Fifteen had no detectable enzymic activity: 0.45% (1:220) of the study population. DISCUSSION: This incidence of undetectable enzyme activity is significantly higher than the previously reported level of 1:300 derived from smaller studies, and makes the economics of screening more attractive.
OBJECTIVE: To compare the distribution and observation of helmet use patterns among 4 common childhood leisure activities—bicycle riding, in-line skating, skateboarding, and scooter riding—in a setting with no helmet use legislation. DESIGN: A cross-sectional, unobtrusive, direct observation of children engaged in 1 of the 4 activities was conducted during an 8-week period. SETTING: Eight communities of at least 1000 persons each in a 2-county Central Texas area. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Prevalence of activity, helmet use, and correct helmet use. RESULTS: Of 841 children observed, most rode bicycles (74.8%); only 4.2% rode skateboards. They included 127 children estimated to be younger than 6 years (15.1%) and 495 estimated to be aged between 6 and 12 years (58.9%). Most were male (67.3%) and observed in urban communities (61.7%). The locations of highest concentration of the 4 activities were minor streets for bicycle riding, playgrounds for in-line skating, and sidewalks for skateboarding and scooter riding. The rate of overall helmet use was 13.6% and did not vary significantly by activity: in-line skating, 18.2%; skateboarding, 14.3%; bicycle riding, 13.5%; and scooter riding, 11.5%. However, the observed correct helmet use prevalence of 72.6% differed significantly by activity. Most children riding scooters wore their helmets incorrectly. Helmet use was positively associated with helmet use by accompanying children and/or adults. CONCLUSIONS: While bicycle riding was the most popular activity observed, helmet use was most prevalent among in-line skaters and least prevalent among scooter riders, many of whom also wore them incorrectly. Observed helmet use was influenced mostly by adult and peer helmet use, indicating that public education and interventions should target children and their parents as well as scooter riders.
Early elementary school intervention to reduce conduct problems: a randomized trial with Hispanic and non-Hispanic children

European American (n = 116) and Hispanic (n = 168) children from 3 communities who were selected for aggressiveness or reading difficulties were randomly assigned to an intervention or no-intervention control condition. Intervention families received parent training, and their children received social behavior interventions and supplementary reading instruction over a 2-year period. At the end of intervention, playground observations showed that treated children displayed less negative social behavior than controls. At the end of a 1-year follow-up, treated children showed less teacher-rated internalizing and less parent-rated coercive and antisocial behavior than controls. The study's limitations and implications for prevention are discussed.
Nitrogen oxides (NO(x)) are ubiquitous pollutants in outdoor and indoor air. However, epidemiologic studies that evaluate health effects associated with NO(x) commonly rely upon outdoor concentrations of NO(x), nitrogen dioxide (NO(2)), or residence characteristics as surrogates for personal exposure. In this study, personal exposures (48 h) and corresponding indoor and outdoor concentrations of nitric oxide (NO), NO(2), and NO(x) were measured (July-September) in 39 adults and 9 children from 23 households in Richmond, Virginia, using Ogawa passive NO(x) monitors. Demographic, time-activity patterns, and household data were collected by questionnaire and used to develop exposure prediction models. Adults had higher NO(2), NO, and NO(x) exposures (means: 16, 63, and 79 ppb, respectively) than children (13, 49, and 62 ppb). Measurements taken in bedrooms (18, 57, and 75 ppb) and living rooms (19, 65, and 84 ppb) surpassed measurements taken outdoors (15, 21, and 36 ppb). In indoor locations, NO(x) concentrations were influenced largely by NO, and consequently, personal exposure prediction models for NO(x) were reflective of models for NO. Statistical models that best predicted personal exposures included indoor measurements; outdoor measurements contributed relatively little to personal exposure. Close to 70% of the variation in personal NO(2) and NO(x) exposure was explained by two variable models (bedroom NO(2) and time spent in other indoor locations; bedroom NO(x) and time spent in kitchen). Given appropriate resources, measurement error in epidemiologic
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N2 - OBJECTIVES: The purpose of the study was to evaluate the magnitude of environmental lead
contamination in the downtown area of Miami. METHODS: Lead inspections took place at 121 homes in Little
Haiti and Liberty City and involved the collection of representative samples from floors, window wells, tap
water, soil and air. Community health workers (CHWs) trained in interview and safety techniques went from
door to door to enlist participation. On-site investigations were tailored to areas most utilized by children under
the age of 6 years. The presence of lead-containing paint was also investigated in situ via X-ray fluorescence
(XRF) analysis. RESULTS: Of the sampling areas, the window wells area had the most abundant occurrence of
lead. On analysis, 24% of sites returned window well samples with lead levels above Department of Housing
and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. Of the soil samples, the playgrounds around the house had the
highest concentration of lead. Soil sampling demonstrated that 27.5% of sites returned samples with lead levels
(400 to 1600 ppm) in excess of HUD/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. Positive XRF
readings in one or more components were returned by 18% of sites. CONCLUSIONS: More than half of the
houses in these two neighborhoods exhibited unacceptably high levels of lead dust and soil in areas where
children live and play. Limitations of this study did not allow the assessment of how many children in this area are affected. A more comprehensive study including other areas of Miami-Dade County with older housing stock is recommended.

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N2 - The risk of pedestrian injury during childhood in industrialised countries is decreasing in a trend that is related to exposure to traffic. Examining the differences between age groups and their behaviour provides an insight into exposure to risks. Using data for the period 1968-1998, we compared the changes in pedestrian mortality and morbidity in pre-school children (aged 0-6) with those of school-age children (aged 7-12). Pedestrian mortality and morbidity decreased in children of all ages in the early 1970s. However, after the mid-1970s, both mortality and morbidity continued to decrease only in pre-schoolers. In school-age children, mortality continued to decrease but morbidity did not change. These age-related differences in mortality and morbidity indicate that over the past 30 y the environment for child pedestrians did not become safer. Instead, some of the decrease in children's injuries was probably achieved at the expense of their outdoor activities. Efforts to protect children from vehicular traffic should focus on changing the outdoor environment rather than on restricting children's activities.
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BACKGROUND: Parental supervision is an important factor related to childhood injuries. However, little research has been done on what outdoor activities children believe they are allowed or their parents allow them to do; parents' ideas about the age children can do activities, and the age they would allow their children to do them. This study described children's independent outdoor activities after-school, comparing age groups (school year 5 and 3), boys with girls, and the less socio-economically well off with the better off. METHODS: A cross-sectional study using questionnaires completed by 476 children aged seven and nine years and 471 parents in nine primary schools in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. RESULTS: Children reported they were permitted many outdoor activities such as cycling (78.8%), playing (78.6%), and roller skating in the street (62.7%). Parents of older children, boys, and more socio-economically deprived children were more likely than their comparison groups to allow children to do outdoor activities independently e.g. 34% of 9-year-olds were allowed to cross a road without an adult compared with 8% of 7-year-olds. Mostly, parents of boys and socio-economically deprived children, perceived children could do outdoor activities slightly younger than parents of girls and the socio-economically better off. CONCLUSION: Children and parents value and support children's independent outdoor activity. Differences in children's and parents' understanding of what activities are permissible and in their judgements about the appropriate age for children's independent activities, may partly underline variations by sex, age and socio-economic status in injury patterns.
OBJECT: Neurofibromatosis Type 2 (NF2) has typically resulted in deafness after surgical removal of bilateral vestibular schwannomas (VSs). Cochlear implants are generally ineffective for this kind of deafness because of the loss of continuity in the auditory nerve after tumor removal. The first auditory brainstem implant
(ABI) in such a patient was performed in 1979 at the House Ear Institute, and this individual continues to benefit from electrical stimulation of the cochlear nucleus complex. In 1992, an advanced multichannel ABI was developed and a series of patients with NF2 received this implant to study the safety and efficacy of the device. METHODS: At the time of first- or second-side VS removal, patients received an eight-electrode array applied to the surface of the cochlear nucleus within the confines of the lateral recess of the fourth ventricle. The device was activated approximately 6 weeks after implantation, and patients were tested every 3 months for the 1st year after the initial stimulation, and annually thereafter. The protocol included a comprehensive battery of psychophysical and speech perception tests. CONCLUSIONS: The multichannel ABI proved to be effective and safe in providing useful auditory sensations in most patients with NF2. The ABI improved patients' ability to communicate compared with the lipreading-only condition, it allowed the detection and recognition of many environmental sounds, and in some cases it provided significant ability to understand speech by using just the sound from the ABI (with no lipreading cues). Its performance in most patients has continued to improve for up to 8 years after implantation.
PURPOSE: To assess whether parents and children report the same information regarding children’s near vision activities when given similar questionnaires. METHODS: Data from questionnaires administered to 406 children and their parents were analyzed to evaluate the agreement between parent and child reports. The questionnaires were completed during the 1994 testing of the Orinda Longitudinal Study of Myopia. Each child and parent was asked to categorize how often the child reads for pleasure. In addition, each subject was asked to estimate how many hours per week were spent in each of five visual activities. The weighted kappa statistic, paired t-tests, and polytomous logistic regression were used for analyses. RESULTS: A weighted kappa = 0.42 (moderate agreement) was found in the comparison of child-reported vs. parent-reported classification of reading. Agreement between parent- and child-reported number of hours spent doing homework (0.21), reading for pleasure (0.31), watching television (0.31), playing video games (0.31), and engaging in sports/outdoor activities (0.26) was fair for each activity. CONCLUSIONS: Although the results indicate fair to moderate levels of agreement, better methods of reporting near-work activities are needed for future myopia research.
The objective of this study was to compare urban and suburban preschool and school age activities. A prospective survey using a convenience sample was conducted at one urban and one suburban primary care pediatric office. Questionnaires were completed for 66 urban preschool children, 70 suburban preschool children, 57 urban school age children and 61 suburban school age children during the school year. Also, questionnaires were completed for 63 suburban school age children during the summer. The suburban preschool children spent more time outdoors, were read to more frequently, visited the library more frequently and more often attended summer camp. The suburban school age children spent more time outdoors, more frequently participated in a community sport league and more often attended summer camp. The urban school age children watched more television or videos. During the summer, suburban school age children spent more time outdoors, while during the school year, suburban school age children used the library more frequently. Important differences exist between the activities of urban and suburban children in two practices in the New York metropolitan area. Pediatricians caring for urban children may have an important opportunity to promote participation in sports and educational activities.
BACKGROUND: Melanoma, the most fatal form of skin cancer, is rising at a rate faster than that of all preventable cancers except lung cancer in the United States. Childhood exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light increases the risk for skin cancer as an adult; thus starting positive sun protection habits early may be key to reducing incidence. METHODS: We evaluated the US Environmental Protection Agency's SunWise School Program, a national, environmental education program for sun safety of children in primary and secondary schools (kindergarten through eighth grade). The program was evaluated with surveys administered to participating students. An identical 18-question, self-administered survey was completed by students (median age, 10 years) in the classroom before and immediately after the SunWise educational program. RESULTS: Surveys were completed by students in 40 schools before (pretests; n = 1894) and after the program was presented (post-tests; n = 1815). Significant improvement was noted for the 3 knowledge variables: appropriate type of sunscreen to be used for outdoor play, highest UV Index number, and need for hats and shirts outside. Intentions to play in the shade increased from 73% to 78% (P < .001), with more modest changes in intentions to use sunscreen. Attitudes regarding healthiness of a tan also decreased significantly. CONCLUSIONS: Brief, standardized sun protection education can be efficiently interwoven into school health education and result in improvements in knowledge and positive intentions for sun protection.
OBJECTIVE: To assess quality of life after continent ileal reservoir diversion in children and adolescents.

MATERIAL AND METHODS: Nine boys and 9 girls (10.8-18 years old at surgery) were operated with a Kock reservoir and followed for 5-12 years. They participated in an interview using a questionnaire based on the Swedish self-esteem inventory, "I think I am". The questionnaire consisted of 76 questions that covered medical, physical, psychological, social, body image and sexual aspects. RESULTS: Six of 18 patients had some difficulties on catheterization. Five complained of pain or bleeding during evacuation. Two patients had slight urinary leakage between evacuations and 6 had mucus secretion. Ten patients had diarrhea with different frequencies. Physical activities were not hampered by the operation in any patient. Instead, activities such as full day outside home, friend at home overnight, using all types of clothes, and participation in camps were increased in 8, 6, 5 and 5 patients, respectively. All patients but 2 had an excellent relation with friends and family members. More than half of patients had excellent positive self-esteem and body image and the rest had
very good self-esteem. However, some patients were concerned about how they looked and felt that life was unfair to them. CONCLUSIONS: The patients were satisfied with their operation. They were physically active and declared a positive perspective regarding self-esteem and body image. The medical problems related to the operation did not have any negative influence on the self-esteem or body image. The choice of the operation can only be determined on the basis of an attentive dialogue between surgeon, child and parents.
An entomological and serological survey was performed in three localities of the Department of Concepcion, Province of Corrientes, Argentina in 1998 and 1999, to identify triatomines species involved in domestic and wild transmission of Chagas disease. Triatomines were collected by man/hour capture in 32 houses randomly selected and 44 nearby outdoor ecotopes. Trypanosoma cruzi infection in triatomines was assessed by direct microscopic observation (400x) of feces and polymerase chain reaction. Serological techniques used for people were Indirect Hemagglutination Test and Indirect Fluorescent Test. Triatomines were collected in 28.1% of the houses and 31.8% of the wild biotopes. Triatoma infestans (Klug 1834) was exclusively found indoors and T. cruzi infected 60% of them. Triatoma sordida (Stal 1859) was mainly found in extradomestic ecotopes where trypanosome infection rate reached 12.7%. Serological study of 98 local people showed that 29.6% were seroreactive; most of their houses were closed to wild biotopes colonized by T. sordida. Results indicate that there is an active T. infestans mediated transmission of Chagas disease in this zone that yields important human prevalence and that the populations of T. sordida in wild biotopes not only sustain the wild T. cruzi cycle but also represent an actual risk for people living in the area.
AIMS: To examine sun protection among New Zealand children (ten years and under) at beaches and playgrounds. METHODS: In the summers of 1998, 1999 and 2000, observations were made of 753 children at selected beaches and playgrounds in Dunedin and Hawkes Bay to determine the extent of sun protection. Parents/carers were also interviewed about sun protection. RESULTS: Across most body sites, levels of protection were high. Clothing and SPF15+ sunscreen were used most often, while the use of shade was relatively low. About four in every ten parents/caregivers were aware of the UV index or burn-time. Level of sun protection among children at beaches was best predicted by parent/carer's own level of protection, the child's perceived susceptibility to burning, and being a preschooler. CONCLUSIONS: Observed levels of sun protection among the children were high and most likely reflected an increased awareness among parents and carers of the social acceptability of protective behaviours. Nevertheless, opportunities to seek shade were limited, and the provision of shade at beaches and playgrounds represents an important next step in a community wide approach to sun protection.

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Measurements of children's exposures to particles and nitrogen dioxide in Santiago, Chile

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An exposure study of children (aged 10-12 years) living in Santiago, Chile, was conducted. Personal, indoor and outdoor fine and inhalable particulate matter (< 2.5 m in diameter, PM2.5 and < 10 microm in diameter, PM10, respectively), and nitrogen dioxide (NO2) were measured during pilot (N = 8) and main (N = 20) studies, which were conducted during the winters of 1998 and 1999, respectively. For the main study, personal, indoor and outdoor 24-h samples were collected for five consecutive days. Similar mean personal, indoor and outdoor PM2.5 concentrations (69.5, 68.5 and 68.1 microg/m3, respectively) were found. However, for coarse particles (calculated as the difference between measured PM10 and PM2.5, PM2.5-10), indoor and outdoor levels (35.4 and 47.4 microg/m3) were lower than their corresponding personal exposures (76.3 microg/m3). Indoor and outdoor NO2 concentrations were comparable (35.8 and 36.9 ppb) and higher than personal exposures (25.9 ppb). Very low ambient indoor and personal O3 levels were found, which were mostly below the method's limit of detection (LOD). Outdoor particles contributed significantly to indoor concentrations, with effective penetration efficiencies of 0.61 and 0.30 for PM2.5 and PM2.5-10, respectively. Personal exposures were strongly associated with indoor and outdoor concentrations for PM2.5, but weakly associated for PM2.5-10. For NO2, weak associations were obtained for indoor-outdoor and personal-outdoor relationships. This is probably a result of the presence of gas cooking stoves in all the homes. Median I/O, P/I and P/O ratios for PM2.5 were close to unity, and for NO2 they ranged between 0.64 and 0.95. These ratios were probably due to high ambient PM2.5 and NO2 levels in Santiago, which diminished the relative contribution of indoor sources and subjects' activities to indoor and personal PM2.5 and NO2 levels.
Recognizing that most poor families are single-parent families, the federal welfare reform law of 1996 emphasized the responsibility of both parents to support their children. In addition to strengthening the child support enforcement system, the law included several provisions designed to decrease childbearing outside of marriage and to promote two-parent families. This article focuses on the important role that fathers play in children's lives and how public policies have affected childbearing and father involvement. Key observations are: Compared with children living with both biological parents, children in father-absent families often have fewer economic and socioemotional resources from their parents, and do not fare as well on many outcome measures. Efforts to reduce the rising number of father-absent families by focusing on preventing unwanted pregnancy among unmarried women, especially teen girls, have met with some success; those programs seeking to alter adolescents' life opportunities in addition to providing education or family planning services appear to hold the most promise. Efforts to encourage greater father involvement by focusing almost exclusively on increasing absent parents' child support payments reap only minimal benefits for poor children because their absent parents often have few resources and little incentive to make support payments. To date, efforts to increase the emotional involvement of unmarried fathers with their children have produced disappointing results, but new research suggests that such programs can make a difference when targeting fathers at the time of a child's birth. Many children spend some time living away from their fathers, deprived of the financial and emotional resources they can provide. Because of the importance of fathers to child well-being, the authors conclude that new directions in research and public policies are needed to encourage greater father involvement across the wide diversity of family arrangements in society today. [References: 71]
UNLABELLED: Underdiagnosis of asthma is frequent in children and may be improved by the development of school-based health programs. MATERIAL AND METHODS: We developed an educational program in 11-year-old schoolchildren who participated in a screening test for exercise-induced asthma (EIA). All children were given an asthma questionnaire before and after two educational sessions. RESULTS: Mean score for asthma knowledge quiz increased from 63 to 85% (p < 0.001). Thirty-six children (3.7%) were initially considered as asthmatic and showed better responses than non-asthmatic children. Peak expiratory flow (PEF) was measured before and after an outside running exercise. A fall in PEF of at least 15% was considered an abnormal result. Seventy-three children (8%) had a decrease in PEF, including 65 children initially not recognized as asthmatic. For these latter, a medical evaluation was recommended to parents. Only 28 of these children gave information on follow-up: 19 had lung function tests, two received a treatment without preliminary function test, and seven had neither lung function test nor treatment. Among the children who realized lung function tests, five had criteria for airway obstruction at baseline, and ten had significant bronchial hyperreactivity. CONCLUSIONS: However, a new screening test revealed that only a small minority of children initially not recognized as asthmatic but having decreased their PEF, were consequently considered as asthmatic by their practitioner, even in case of positive lung function test.
Various factors have been associated with a predisposition to the development of clinical American visceral leishmaniasis (AVL). However, little information is available about the factors that predispose to asymptomatic infection. To identify the risk factors associated with asymptomatic infection, a study was carried out between July 1997 and June 1998 on children aged 0-5 years in the districts of Vila Nova and Bom Viver in the municipality of Raposa in the island of Sao Luis, State of Maranhao, Brazil. A questionnaire containing socioeconomic, demographic and epidemiological data was used. The delayed-type hypersensitivity (DTH) test was carried out on 639 children in the first phase, and on 572 in the second, 7 months after the first survey, using Leishmania amazonensis antigen. Infection was determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) in 638 children during the first phase, and in 572 during the second. Six outcome measures were used: initial prevalence, final prevalence and incidence, each determined by DTH and ELISA. The incidence of infection was 10.8% when determined by DTH and 28.5% when determined by ELISA. After adjustment for confounding variables using Cox regression, infection by L. chagasi was associated with child's age (> or = 2 years), location of the dwellings (Vila Nova) and reporting of relatives with AVL. Bathing outside the house and playing outdoors between 18:00 and 20:00 were identified as risk factors in some analyses but not in others. Presence of intra- and peridomestic Lutzomyia sandflies and animals such as dogs or chickens in the house or in the neighbourhood appeared as risk factors in some analyses but in others they unexpectedly seemed to protect from infection. Malnutrition was not found to be associated with infection.

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BACKGROUND: During liver transplantation, an oversized graft or active bleeding in the hepatic area can make performance of the suprahepatic caval anastomosis extremely difficult or even impossible. In other instances, a brief as possible warm ischemia is desired to provide a marginal graft with maximum chances of good functioning. METHODS: In order to manage those conditions, a suture technique was devised that allows the construction of a substantial part of the suprahepatic caval anastomosis keeping the graft outside the abdomen of the recipient. RESULTS: Over a 12-month period, the technique was applied in 7 out of 148 transplants (5%). The 7 cases presented one or more of the following conditions: significant oversize mismatch (n = 6), active bleeding in the hepatic area (n = 1), and marginal graft (n = 4). Warm ischemia time averaged 27 minutes, a value not significantly different from the mean warm ischemia time of 25 minutes recorded in the easier transplants in which the conventional technique was used (P = 0.2467). CONCLUSIONS: This extracorporeal suture technique allows construction of the suprahepatic caval anastomosis in critical situations arising during liver transplantation and avoidance of the prolonged warm ischemia that could be expected in such cases.
The role of the occupational therapist working in the school system is to facilitate a student's task performance or ability to do purposeful and meaningful activities so that the student benefits from the educational experience. To fulfill this role, occupational therapists need assessments that address functional performance issues in the classroom and provide information for effective programming and consultation. The School Version of the Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (School AMPS) is an observational evaluation of functional skills in the classroom. Common classroom activities are observed to assess a child's school motor and school process skills. This study examined the validity of the School AMPS by comparing it to the Peabody Developmental Motor Scale-Fine Motor (PDMS-FM), a common assessment used in local area school districts in Edmonton, Alberta. Results show a higher correlation of the PDMS-FM with the motor scale of the School AMPS than with the process scale of the School AMPS, which was expected. The School AMPS appears to be a promising instrument for measuring the constructs of school motor and school process skills within a naturalistic setting.
STUDY OBJECTIVES: To determine whether actigraph placement affects sleep estimation in children.

DESIGN: Descriptive study. SETTING: Naturalistic setting. PARTICIPANTS: Twenty children aged 7-12 years from primary schools. INTERVENTIONS: N/A. MEASUREMENTS: Motor activity was measured from the waist and non-dominant wrist with actigraphs for three consecutive days during a school week. RESULTS: The minute-by-minute agreement of sleep-wake states between the two measurement sites was 92.5%. Wrist- and waist-recorded sleep parameters correlated well and the mean values did not differ. CONCLUSIONS: Although the placement of the actigraph slightly affected the measured activity parameters, its influence on 3-night mean sleep estimates in children was not statistically significant.
AIM: To make a survey of children's health and psychosocial needs after the 1992-1995 war in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. METHODS: Representative samples of school-age children (n=310) from 6 public schools in the Sarajevo Canton, their parents (n=280), and teachers (n=156) were surveyed by means of self-administered questionnaires and standardized psychometric scale (Ryan-Wengers Schoolagers Coping Strategies Inventory). The survey was conducted in October-November 1999, approximately four years after the war. RESULTS: At the time of survey, well-being of children in Sarajevo was still heavily impacted by many various unhealthy life conditions and psychosocial stressors. Many school-age children lived in unhealthy and dangerous environment, including overcrowded living conditions (40%), unsafe playgrounds (68%), and no access to sports fields (52%). Most felt unsafe on streets (74%), many (73%) coped with one or more school problems, and even 84% were ill at least once during the past 12 months. General poverty was the prime stressor (common variance explained: 23.5%), followed by school- and health-related risks (common variance explained: 17.0%). At the third place were family-associated risk factors impacting children's health and development, such as overcrowded living conditions and lack of social support within their own family (common variance explained: 10.5%). Parents and teachers also lived and worked in stressful life conditions and were concerned for both their children's and their own well-being. Despite all that, most children tended to use healthy strategies in coping with stressful events in their everyday lives. CONCLUSION: The reinforcement of children with positive (healthy) coping skills and strengthening of their social support networks seems to be the most important intervention strategy to help the war-traumatized children in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
The purpose of this action study was to apply an ecological program for teaching motor skills to individuals with disabilities in naturalistic settings. The program was developed based on an ecological survey. Participants were 22 individuals with disabilities, ages 7 to 26 years in the Fall of 1998 and 18 individuals with disabilities, ages 7 to 24 in the Winter of 1999. In each semester, a participant received one or two 50-min training session(s) per week for 10 weeks. The number of steps in a motor-activity task performed correctly by a participant was measured in the first and last sessions in each semester. The magnitude of increase in the motor performance by participants and answers to questions in a short survey by participants' parents were used to describe the group performance. Analysis showed group performance of targeted motor skills could be improved using this ecological program in this local learning lab for special physical education.

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KW - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
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CONTEXT: Although blunt, nonpenetrating chest blows causing sudden cardiac death (commotio cordis) are often associated with competitive sports, dangers implicit in such blows can extend into many other life activities. OBJECTIVE: To describe the comprehensive spectrum of commotio cordis events. DESIGN AND SETTING: Analysis of confirmed cases from the general community assembled in the US Commotio Cordis Registry occurring up to September 1, 2001. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: Commotio cordis event. RESULTS: Of 128 confirmed cases, 122 (95%) were in males and the mean (SD) age was 13.6 (8.2) years (median, 14 years; range, 3 months to 45 years); only 28 (22%) cases were aged 18 years or older. Commotio cordis events occurred most commonly during organized sporting events (79 [62%]), such as baseball, but 49 (38%) occurred as part of daily routine and recreational activities. Fatal blows were inflicted with a wide range of velocities but often occurred inadvertently and under circumstances not usually associated with risk for sudden death in informal settings near the home or playground. Twenty-two (28%) participants were wearing commercially available chest barriers, including 7 in whom the projectile made direct contact with protective padding (baseball catchers and lacrosse/hockey goalies), and 2 in whom the projectile was a baseball specifically designed to reduce risk. Only 21 (16%) individuals survived their event, with particularly prompt cardiopulmonary resuscitation/defibrillation (most commonly reversing ventricular fibrillation) the only identifiable factor associated with a favorable outcome. CONCLUSIONS: The expanded spectrum of commotio cordis illustrates the potential dangers implicit in striking the chest, regardless of the intent or force of the blow. These findings also suggest that the safety of young athletes will be enhanced by developing more effective preventive strategies (such as chest wall barriers) to achieve protection from ventricular fibrillation following precordial blows.
OBJECTIVE: To investigate how daily variations in ambient air pollution, especially in particles, during the cold of winter affect repeated measurements of baseline lung function and exercise induced bronchial responsiveness among primary school children with chronic respiratory symptoms.

METHODS: During alternate school weeks (maximum five) from February to April 1994, 33 children took part in exercise challenge tests (n=141 tests). The exercise challenges were conducted outdoors in a school yard in the centre of Kuopio, Finland. Spirometric lung functions were measured indoors before the exercise, and 3 and 10 minutes after. Daily mean concentrations of PM(10), black smoke (BS), NO(2), CO, SO(2), and particle size and numbers were monitored at a nearby fixed monitoring site.

RESULTS: Daily variations in ambient air pollution were not associated with enhanced bronchial responsiveness. However, increased concentrations of BS, PM(10), particle numbers, NO(2), and CO were consistently associated with an impairment of baseline lung functions. The reductions in forced vital capacity (FVC) and forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV(1)) were 0.5% and 0.6%, respectively, for each 10 microg/m(3) increase in BS (lag 2).

CONCLUSION: Particles derived from combustion affect baseline lung function rather than bronchial responsiveness among children with chronic respiratory symptoms.
BACKGROUND: Little is known about the effect of exposure to air pollution during exercise or time spent outdoors on the development of asthma. We investigated the relation between newly-diagnosed asthma and team sports in a cohort of children exposed to different concentrations and mixtures of air pollutants.

METHODS: 3535 children with no history of asthma were recruited from schools in 12 communities in southern California and were followed up for up to 5 years. 265 children reported a new diagnosis of asthma during follow-up. We assessed risk of asthma in children playing team sports at study entry in six communities with high daytime ozone concentrations, six with lower concentrations, and in communities with high or low concentrations of nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter, and inorganic-acid vapour. FINDINGS: In communities with high ozone concentrations, the relative risk of developing asthma in children playing three or more sports was 3.3 (95% CI 1.9-5.8), compared with children playing no sports. Sports had no effect in areas of low ozone concentration (0.8, 0.4-1.6). Time spent outside was associated with a higher incidence of asthma in areas of high ozone (1.4, 1.0-2.1), but not in areas of low ozone. Exposure to pollutants other than ozone did not alter the effect of team sports. INTERPRETATION: Incidence of new diagnoses of asthma is associated with heavy exercise in communities with high concentrations of ozone, thus, air pollution and outdoor exercise could contribute to the development of asthma in children.

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OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to explore the effects of a powered mobility riding toy on the participation behaviors of young children with complex developmental delays. METHOD: A single-subject withdrawal design was used to study the effects of powered mobility on child-initiated movement occurrences, initiation of contact with others, and affect. The participants were two young children with complex developmental delays, including spastic quadriplegia. The intervention consisted of having the children use a powered mobility riding toy in their school settings during gym class and outdoor recess. RESULTS: Primary findings were that use of the powered mobility riding toy (a) increased the number of self-initiated movement occurrences; (b) appeared to have some effect on initiation of contacts with adults and, for one child, negative adult initiations and positive peer initiations; and (c) did not have a clear impact on the amount of positive affect. CONCLUSION: For some young children with severe motor impairments and developmental delay, use of a powered mobility device may increase self-initiated movement occurrences during free play.
BACKGROUND: People with degenerative retinal diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa, may have adequate day vision but suffer from poor night vision. We have tested newly developed night vision goggles (NVG) to help these patients overcome their night blindness, thereby promoting more opportunities for normal activities at night or in the dark. METHODS: A total of 42 subjects with night blindness due to retinitis pigmentosa, choroideremia, cone rod dystrophy, or Bardet Biedl syndrome were recruited and clinically examined (visual acuity, visual field, and contrast sensitivity). Using an experienced mobility trainer, we tested binocular NVG on the subjects in two locations: a dark room and a 1 to 2 h outside course at night that provided different levels of difficulties (i.e., obstacles, brightness, and contrast). The assessment of which patients benefited from the NVG was predominantly based on the subjective evaluation of the mobility trainer, followed by their graded responses on two questionnaires. RESULTS: Based on the evaluation of the mobility trainer, 23 (61%) of the 42 subjects experienced improved mobility and orientation with the NVG outdoors, and 19 (39%) subjects did not. The ophthalmic data demonstrated that a visual acuity better than 20/100 and a visual field > 5 degrees (Goldmann perimetry III4) is necessary to benefit from NVG usage. In addition, subjective responses on increased mobility and independence were positively correlated with successful NVG testing.
CONCLUSIONS: Night vision goggles have the ability to improve poor night vision in subjects with visual acuity > 20/100 and a visual field > or = 5 degrees (Goldmann: III4). In so doing, NVG can help overcome the obstacles experienced by many people suffering from night blindness. NVG, therefore, have the potential to greatly improve quality of life.

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KW - Feasibility Studies
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Incidence
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Male
KW - Pilot Projects
KW - Primary Health Care/mt [Methods]
KW - Probability
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Television/ut [Utilization]
KW - Time Factors
KW - Urban Population
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Data are lacking on primary care interventions to reduce children's television viewing. Low-income African-American children watch greater amounts of television than their peers.
DESIGN/METHODS: A randomized controlled pilot and feasibility trial was conducted. Twenty-eight families
with 7- to 12-year-old African-American children receiving primary care at an urban community clinic serving a low-income population were randomized to receive counseling alone or counseling plus a behavioral intervention that included an electronic television time manager. The main outcome was hours of children's television, videotape, and video game use. Parents/guardians and children completed baseline and 4-week follow-up self-report surveys. Additional outcomes included overall household television use, time spent in organized physical activity and playing outside, and meals eaten by the child while watching television.

RESULTS: Both intervention groups reported similar decreases in children's television, videotape, and video game use (mean changes of -13.7, SD=26.1 and -14.1, SD=16.8 hours per week). The behavioral intervention group reported significantly greater increases in organized physical activity (changes of +2.5, SD=5.9 and -3.6, SD=4.7 hours per week; p =0.004) and nearly significant greater increases in playing outside (changes of 1.0, SD=5.9 and -4.7, SD=9.4 hours per week; p <0.06). Changes in overall household television use and meals eaten while watching television also appeared to favor the behavioral intervention, with small to medium effect sizes, but differences were not statistically significant. CONCLUSIONS: This small pilot and feasibility study evaluated two promising primary care-based interventions to reduce television, videotape, and video game use among low-income African-American children. The effects on physical activity suggest that the behavioral intervention may be more effective

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KW - Adult
KW - Animals
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KW - Disease Vectors
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KW - Humans
KW - Parasite Egg Count/mt [Methods]
KW - Poland/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Prevalence
KW - Public Facilities
KW - Rural Population/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Soil/ps [Parasitology]
KW - Species Specificity
KW - Suburban Population/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Toxocara/cl [Classification]
KW - Toxocara/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Toxocara canis/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Toxocariasis/ep [Epidemiology]
Soil examinations made in 5 regions of Poland in the 1990s comprised 1184 samples taken from urban areas and 590 samples from suburban and rural areas. Toxocara spp. eggs were found more often in urban areas (14% positive samples) than in suburban and rural once (12% positive samples). The average ratio of positive samples was: in the streets and roads--19.3% (0.36 eggs/100g of soil), near houses (backyards, gardens)--18.6% (1.11 eggs/100g), in sandpits--13.0% (0.23/100g), in parks and public gardens--10.5% (0.46 eggs/100g), on playgrounds and playing fields 9.4% (0.06 eggs/100g) and on the beaches--3.4% (0.03 eggs/100g). In children habitual play areas the prevalence of T. cati eggs was higher than T. canis eggs.
BACKGROUND: In spite of its importance for lumbar radicular syndroms only a few reports about lumbar lateral recess stenosis exist in literature. Most important clinical symptom is radicular pain, which may be exercise-dependent. Confirmation of diagnosis and differentiation from disc herniation requires imaging like CT, MRI or post-myelo-CT. Surgical treatment options include selective decompression techniques like foraminotomy, medial facetectomy and undercutting as well as hemilaminectomy, laminotomy and wide laminectomy or fusion. METHOD: We treated 35 patients with selective decompression techniques. RESULTS: In the follow-up 5 up to 18 months after surgery 25 patients for themselves described the results as good or excellent. Therefore, individually tailored selective microsurgical decompression is an appropriate and successful treatment strategy for lumbar lateral recess stenosis, if conservative treatment fails.

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The aim of this study was to know the experience of the institutionalized child and was guided by the theoretical referential of the "Symbolic Interactionism" and by the methodological referential of the "Grounded Theory". The data had been collected in two stages: the first one understood group activities and second stage consisted of personal interviews. The results had shown that the institutionalization occurred for abandonment and reject of the parents or for legal decision as a measure of child protection, having as context the poverty of
its family. The child's experience is conflicting in relation to being institutionalized, because while he/she perceives the necessity of material gain, they miss their family, their home, their friends, and simply life outside

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KW - Child Nutritional Physiological Phenomena
KW - Preschool
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KW - Reducing
KW - Exercise Therapy
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KW - Nurse's Role
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N2 - This is the third in this series of articles examining nutrition and the life cycle. The first considered current thinking regarding nutrition in pregnancy (Vol 9(17): 1133-8), and the second discussed nourishing the infant, particularly in relation to weaning (Vol 9(21): 2205-16). This article considers nutrition and the older child. The school years are characterized by increasing independence from parents and exposure to values from outside the home. After being neglected for some years, childhood nutrition is again giving cause for concern. Some children are not eating enough, or not the right nutrients at the right time, while others are becoming overweight, with possible severe long-term effects on their health. Many of these problems are not related to poverty, but rather to changes in lifestyle. Some older children, however, are undernourishing themselves in an attempt to obtain a particular body shape. The last two articles in this series will review nutrition in adulthood and in older years. [References: 30]
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To understand the transmission dynamics of malaria in three different ecotypes, namely watershed (forest), seepage (Nanak Matta Dam) and plain (non-forest, non-dam) areas of Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar districts of Uttaranchal, entomological and parasitological investigations were carried out from July 1996 to June 1997. In the three ecotypes, average per man hour densities of adult vector species in human dwellings and cattlesheds recorded were high for Anopheles culicifacies from April to September and October to March for An. fluviatilis. Prevalence of both An. culicifacies and An. fluviatilis was higher in the forest area as compared to other two areas. Observations on gonotrophic condition revealed endophilic tendency of both vector species. Higher number of both vector species were found in outdoor than indoor during night human bait collections. Out of 864 specimens of An. fluviatilis dissected, one showed natural infection of sporozoites in salivary glands in the month of November from the forest area only. Sibling species study of An. fluviatilis revealed the presence of species S for the first time in the forest area. Parasitological investigations also depicted high incidence of malaria in the forest area as compared to other two areas. Overall results from the study indicated active malaria transmission in the forest area.
Monitoring of renal function in epileptic children and teenagers treated with valproic acid or carbamazepine in concomitant therapy with tiagabine. [Polish]

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KW - Carbamazepine/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Carbamazepine/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Case-Control Studies
KW - Child
KW - Controlled Clinical Trials as Topic
KW - Dose-Response Relationship
KW - Drug
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - Combination
KW - Epilepsy/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Epilepsy/me [Metabolism]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Kidney/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Kidney Function Tests
KW - Kidney Glomerulus/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Kidney Tubules/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Male
KW - Nipecotic Acids/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Nipecotic Acids/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Renal Insufficiency/ci [Chemically Induced]
KW - Renal Insufficiency/ur [Urine]
KW - Statistics
KW - Nonparametric
KW - Time Factors
KW - Valproic Acid/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Valproic Acid/tu [Therapeutic Use]
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The aim of the study was the evaluation of the influence of 4-month concomitant tiagabine (TGB) and valproic acid (VPA) or carbamazepine (CBZ) therapy on renal function of epileptic children and teenagers. Initial parameter values, indicated on renal dysfunction, were compared with these obtained after VPA and TGB or CBZ and TGB therapy and with values in healthy children and teenagers. Investigation group was composed of 22 children and teenagers with drug-resistant focal epilepsy. We observed that in the time of concomitant VPA and TGB therapy increased the NAG/g creatinine activity index. In spite the fact of statistical significance of these changes, they were not outside the normal range. Beta 2-microglobulin concentrations in urine of epileptic children treated with VPA in monotherapy before concomitant therapy with TGB were higher than in control group. That difference was statistically significant. Addition of TGB to the therapy normalized this parameter. During concomitant VPA and TGB or CBZ and TGB therapy we didn't observe statistically significant changes of parameters indicating on glomerular disfunction. In the VPA therapy before concomitant treatment with tiagabine the disfunction of tubules and glomerules was observed. On the other side in the concomitant VPA and TGB therapy the disfunction of tubules and glomerules didn't occurred. We can conclude that concomitant therapy VPA or CBZ with tiagabine don't affect the renal function in clinical significant manner. Therapy with VPA could leads to minimal disfunction of tubules what is represented by increasing of beta 2-microglobulin level in urine.
OBJECTIVE: To identify factors associated with increased or decreased risk of infection for Lyme disease in Chester County, Pennsylvania. METHODS: The authors designed an unmatched case-control study involving 294 incident cases reported to the Chester County Health Department in 1998 and 449 controls selected by random digit dialing. All case and control participants were interviewed by telephone. RESULTS: Age is a risk factor for Lyme disease for groups aged 10-19 years old and 50 years or older. Sex was not a risk factor. Incidence of Lyme disease in a rural setting was three times the incidence in an urban setting. Increased risk also was associated with living in single family homes, homes with yards or attached land, woods on the land, signs of tick hosts seen on the land, and homes within 100 feet of woodland. Gardening for more than four hours per week was also a risk factor, but most other outdoor activities were not. Twice as many participants took protective measures against tick bites before outdoor employment than those who merely ventured into the yard or land associated with the home. Only checking for ticks during outdoor activity and the use of repellents prior to outdoor activities outside the yard were unequivocally associated with a reduced risk of Lyme disease. CONCLUSIONS: It is important to increase public awareness about the risk of acquiring Lyme disease from ticks in the immediate environment of the home.

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OBJECTIVE: To determine the prevalence, trends, and severity of injuries attributable to playground falls relative to other common unintentional mechanisms that resulted in an emergency department (ED) visit in the United States. DESIGN AND SETTING: Data from the emergency subset of the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey collected from 1992 to 1997 for children <20 years. METHODS: Injury rates and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were estimated and injury severity scores were computed. RESULTS: There were 920551 (95% CI: 540803 to 1300299) ED visits over the 6-year study period by children and adolescents that were attributable to falls from playground equipment. The annual incidence of visits for playground injuries did not significantly decrease over the course of the study (187000 to 98000, P =.053). Injury visits for playground falls were twice as prevalent as pedestrian mechanisms, but they were less prevalent than visits for motor vehicle- and bicycle-related injuries. A larger proportion of playground falls resulted in "moderate-to-severe" injury than did bicycle or motor vehicle injuries. Children aged 5 to 9 years had the highest number of playground falls (P =.0014). Playground falls were most likely to occur at school compared to home, public, and other locations (P =.0016). CONCLUSIONS: Playground injury emergency visits have not significantly declined and remain a common unintentional mechanism of injury. Injury visits for playground falls were proportionally more severe than injury visits attributable to other common unintentional mechanisms. Interventions targeting schools and 5- to 9-year-old children may have the greatest impact in reducing emergency visits for playground injuries.
The relationship among morphologically different forms of smiling and laughter was examined. The participants were 19 Brazilian preschool children. Each child was observed a total of 60 min. in three 10-min. sessions on the playground and three 10-min. sessions in the classroom. Analysis suggests that the various forms of smiling do not simply express different intensities of a single emotion. A two-dimensional structure was indicated by factorial analysis. The first dimension, which could be called playfulness-mock aggression, consisted of a broad smile and laughter. The second dimension, which could be called friendliness-appeasement, consisted of a closed and upper smile. The pattern of correlation found between expressive behaviors and both teacher’s and peers’ evaluations gives further support to the interpretation that smiling is an heterogeneous category.

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The anxiety-phobic disorder classification in children. [Russian]

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The study on development regularities and psychopathological structure of anxiety phobic disorders has been conducted in 92 patients, aged 5-15 years. The structure of anxiety-phobic complex is represented. A level of anxiety affect development (primary or secondary, presence and direction of affect cognitive component) and negative effectiveness were emerged in the children as common obligate anxiety-phobic characteristics, which contributed to complex structure stability. Three anxiety-phobic disorder types—situation-dependent, personality-dependent and vital—were distinguished. The first one is characterized by the combination of secondary anxiety with cognitive vector expression, the vector being outside directed, and emotionally unstable negative effectiveness variant (particular sensitivity to negative situations with disability for negative emotion control). The second type is distinguished by secondary anxiety manifestations, the anxiety vector being directed towards the self-ego. In these cases, personality component—rigid variant of negative effectiveness (higher sensitivity to negative events, along with disability for negative emotion modulation) dominates. The third type is defined by the combination of primary anxiety (with vital disturbance, diffusion, psychic activity disorganization in the absence of cognitive component) with rigid variant of negative effectiveness. The types of manifesting anxiety-phobic disorders described correspond to reactive (situation-dependent type), endoreactive (personality-dependent type) and autochthonous (vital type) variants of the disease course.
For malaria vector control in Madagascar, 10 WP (lambda-cyhalothrin 10% wettable powder) was compared with DDT 75% WP for house-spraying, from November 1997 to September 1998. This study was implemented at the fringe of the malaria epidemic zone, in villages on western slopes of the central highlands, outside the area covered for the past five years by routine DDT house-spraying (OPID). Four types of treatment were compared in different areas: 1) DDT 2 g ai/m² and 2) lambda-cyhalothrin 30 mg ai/m² in previously unsprayed villages, 3) no intervention (control); 4) yearly DDT spraying (OPID fifth cycle). To investigate the malarialogical impact of spraying, cross-sectional surveys of the village populations were performed in each study area at intervals of two months, before and after spraying. In the newly sprayed areas, from December to June, malaria indices decreased by 62% in the ICON area and 44% in the DDT area, whereas in the unsprayed village malaria increased by 32% during the same season. There was a similar decrease in the number of gametocyte carriers in the newly sprayed areas. Active malaria case detection among febrile individuals was performed fortnightly in each village outside the OPID area. Results showed decreased malaria incidence from February (two months post-spraying) in the sprayed villages, despite the rainy season, whereas in the unsprayed area the decline occurred only after the main transmission season. This study demonstrated that, parasitologically as well as entomologically, house-spraying with residual insecticide (DDT or ICON) was an effective method for controlling malaria on the western fringes of the Madagascar highlands epidemic zone. Both products were effective, but ICON had slightly better impact than DDT, i.e. more reduction of malaria indices and of vector longevity, less irritancy of mosquitoes. For best results in this area of transition between stable and unstable malaria, we recommend earlier annual spraying (as soon as November) and extension of the OPID barrier towards western and northern slopes of the Plateau.
Twenty children with autism, ages 3 to 6 years, were randomly assigned to massage therapy and reading attention control groups. Parents in the massage therapy group were trained by a massage therapist to massage their children for 15 minutes prior to bedtime every night for 1 month and the parents of the attention control group read Dr. Seuss stories to their children on the same time schedule. Conners Teacher and Parent scales, classroom and playground observations, and sleep diaries were used to assess the effects of therapy on various behaviors, including hyperactivity, stereotypical and off-task behavior, and sleep problems. Results suggested that the children in the massage group exhibited less stereotypic behavior and showed more on-task and social relatedness behavior during play observations at school, and they experienced fewer sleep problems at home.
The National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS)/Minnesota Children's Pesticide Exposure Study (MNCPES) was a population-based study designed to characterize children's exposure to residential pesticides and to evaluate the contribution of residential and children's activities to children's exposure. Families of 168 children were surveyed for residential use of pesticides and children's activities. From these homes, families of 102 children between the ages of 3 and 13 years participated in a week-long intensive exposure study. Of the 102 children, 19 children were videotaped for four consecutive hours in their normal daily activities. The survey responses indicated that the youngest children were more likely to exhibit behaviors that would foster exposure to environmental contaminants. Comparison of questionnaire responses indicated that the videotaped subsample was representative of the exposure study population. The microactivities of the videotaped children that might contribute to their exposure via ingestion or dermal routes were quantified. Hand-to-mouth and object-to-mouth activities were observed most frequently among the youngest children. The youngest children were also most likely to be barefoot both indoors and outside. Gender differences were found in mouthing behavior and the proportion of observed time spent outdoors.
A population exposure model for particulate matter: case study results for PM(2.5) in Philadelphia, PA

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N2 - A population exposure model for particulate matter (PM), called the Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation (SHEDS-PM) model, has been developed and applied in a case study of daily PM(2.5) exposures for the population living in Philadelphia, PA. SHEDS-PM is a probabilistic model that estimates the population distribution of total PM exposures by randomly sampling from various input distributions. A mass balance equation is used to calculate indoor PM concentrations for the residential microenvironment from ambient outdoor PM concentrations and physical factor data (e.g., air exchange, penetration, deposition), as well as emission strengths for indoor PM sources (e.g., smoking, cooking). PM concentrations in nonresidential microenvironments are calculated using equations developed from regression analysis of available indoor and...
outdoor measurement data for vehicles, offices, schools, stores, and restaurants/bars. Additional model inputs include demographic data for the population being modeled and human activity pattern data from EPA's Consolidated Human Activity Database (CHAD). Model outputs include distributions of daily total PM exposures in various microenvironments (indoors, in vehicles, outdoors), and the contribution from PM of ambient origin to daily total PM exposures in these microenvironments. SHEDS-PM has been applied to the population of Philadelphia using spatially and temporally interpolated ambient PM(2.5) measurements from 1992-1993 and 1990 US Census data for each census tract in Philadelphia. The resulting distributions showed substantial variability in daily total PM(2.5) exposures for the population of Philadelphia (median=20 microg/m(3); 90th percentile=59 microg/m(3)). Variability in human activities, and the presence of indoor-residential sources in particular, contributed to the observed variability in total PM(2.5) exposures. The uncertainty in the estimated population distribution for total PM(2.5) exposures was highest at the upper end of the distribution and revealed the importance of including estimates of input uncertainty in population exposure models. The distributions of daily microenvironmental PM(2.5) exposures (exposures due to time spent in various microenvironments) indicated that indoor-residential PM(2.5) exposures (median=13 microg/m(3)) had the greatest influence on total PM(2.5) exposures compared to the other microenvironments. The distribution of daily exposures to PM(2.5) of ambient origin was less variable across the population than the distribution of daily total PM(2.5) exposures (median=7 microg/m(3); 90th percentile=18 microg/m(3)) and similar to the distribution of ambient outdoor PM(2.5) concentrations. This result suggests that human activity patterns did not have as strong an influence on ambient PM(2.5) exposures as was observed for exposure to other PM(2.5) sources. For most of the simulated population, exposure to PM(2.5) of ambient origin contributed a significant percent of the daily total PM(2.5) exposures (median=37.5%), especially for the segment of the population without exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in the residence (median=46.4%). Development of the SHEDS-PM model using the Philadelphia PM(2.5) case study also provided useful insights into the limitations of currently available data for use in population exposure models. In addition, data needs for improving inputs to the SHEDS-PM model, reducing uncertainty and further refinement of the model structure, were identified.
The concentrations of a suite of persistent organic chemicals were measured in multiple media in 10 child day care centers located in central North Carolina. Five centers served mainly children from low-income families, as defined by the federal Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) assistance program, and five served mainly children from middle-income families. The targeted chemicals were chosen because of their probable carcinogenicity, acute or chronic toxicity, or hypothesized potential for endocrine system disruption. Targeted compounds included polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), pentachloro- and nonyl-phenol, bisphenol-A, dibutyl and butylbenzyl phthalate, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), organochlorine pesticides, the organophosphate pesticides diazinon and chlorpyrifos, and the herbicide 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4D). Sampled media were indoor and outdoor air, food and beverages, indoor dust, and outdoor play area soil. Concentrations of the targeted compounds were determined using a combination of extraction and analysis methods, depending on the media. Analysis was predominantly by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) or gas chromatography with electron capture detection (GC/ECD). Concentrations of the targeted pollutants were low and well below the levels generally considered to be of concern as possible health hazards. Potential exposures to the target compounds were estimated from the concentrations in the various media, the children's daily time-activity schedules at day care, and the best currently available estimates of the inhalation rates (8.3 m\(^3\)/day) and soil ingestion rates (100 mg/day) of children ages 3-5. The potential exposures for the target compounds differed depending on the compound class and the medium. Potential exposures through dietary ingestion were greater than those through inhalation, which were greater than those through nondietary ingestion, for the total of all PAHs, the phenols, the organophosphate pesticides, and the organochlorine pesticides. Potential exposures through dietary ingestion were greater than those through nondietary ingestion, which were greater than those through inhalation, for those PAHs that are probable human carcinogens (B2 PAH), the phthalate esters, and 2,4D. For the PCBs, exposures through inhalation were greater than those through nondietary ingestion, and exposures through dietary ingestion were smallest. Differences in targeted compound levels between the centers that serve mainly low-income clients and those that serve mainly middle-income clients were small and depended on the compound class and the medium.
The ultraviolet (UV) doses of American young adults were never measured, but are needed for assessing UV-related health risks. These doses were calculated using a novel approach. The National Human Activity Pattern Survey recorded the daily minute-by-minute activities of about 2000 young adults (0-19 years) over the course of 2 years to assess their exposure to environmental pollutants. From that survey, only the outdoor daylight data of northern and southern girls and boys were extracted and stratified by season and age to find the time American children (0-5 and 6-12 years) and adolescents (13-19 years) spend outside. They spend about 10% of the day outdoors, but only get about 30% of the available terrestrial UV radiation (on a horizontal plane). American children have about the same percent personal ambients as adults (3.1%), 2.8% for girls and 3.4% for boys. Adolescents have the lowest personal ambients (2.6%), 2.1% for girls and 3.1% for boys. To get their UV doses, their percent ambients are multiplied by the total available terrestrial UV. Excluding vacation, the erythemally weighted UV doses for American children are 25 kJ/m2/year, 23 for girls and 28 for boys. Adolescents get the lowest UV exposure of any group, 21 kJ/m2/year, 18 for girls and 24 for boys. Young adult northern girls get 18 kJ/m2/year and boys get 21 kJ/m2/year, whereas southern girls get 24 kJ/m2/year and boys get 31 kJ/m2/year. The youngest children (0-5 years) get slightly higher summer doses. Thus, we can now assess the UV-related health risks for American children and adolescents.
The characteristics of vivax malaria epidemics along the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in the Republic of Korea has been established by the early surveillance data. To further characterize the epidemic, data of civilian patients microscopically diagnosed with malaria from 1995 through 2000 were analyzed in Yonchon-gun (county). Malaria incidence was greater in male civilians > 30 years of age (p < 0.05). The annual parasite index was significantly higher in those living in the administrative areas (Myeon) traversed by DMZ than those living in Myeons not traversed by DMZ (p < 0.05). Analysis according to the distance (4 to 14 km) from DMZ showed that people living in villages close to DMZ had higher annual parasite indices than those living in villages remote from DMZ (p for trend < 0.05). Civilians living in Myeons with plains and located in northwestern part of the county had higher annual parasite indices than those living in hilly Myeons located in southeastern part of the county (p for trend < 0.05). These findings suggest that the contraction of vivax malaria is related with night-time outdoor activities, and that the distance from DMZ is a risk factor. In this area, the flying distance of infected vector mosquitos can explain the annually repeating occurrence of civilian cases.

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This study assessed links between free-time activities in middle childhood (hobbies, sports, toys and games, outdoor play, reading, television viewing, and hanging out) and school grades, conduct, and depression symptoms both concurrently and 2 years later, in early adolescence. It also explored two mechanisms that might underlie activity-adjustment links: whether the social contexts of children's activities mediate these links, child effects explain these connections, or both. Participants were 198 children (M = 10.9 years, SD = .54 years) in Year 1, and their parents. In home interviews in Years 1 and 3 of the study, mothers rated children's conduct problems, children reported on their depression symptoms, and information was collected on school grades from report cards. In seven evening phone interviews, children reported on the time they spent in free-time activities during the day of the call and their companions in each activity. Links were found between the nature of children's free-time activities and their adjustment. The social contexts of free-time activities explained activity-adjustment links to a limited degree; with respect to child effects, evidence also suggested that better adjusted children became more involved in adaptive activities over time.
Neurons must respond to a bewildering array of external and internal stimuli and must distinguish among them to generate an appropriate response or change in metabolic or electrical activity. Furthermore, the response of a cell to a given stimulus must depend on what else is happening inside and outside the cell at the time of arrival of that stimulus. The process of signal transduction is what gives the cell and organism the flexibility and "knowledge base" to carry out these functions. Conversely, aberrations of signal transduction underlie an increasing array of developmental, genetic, and acquired diseases and conditions of the nervous system. Pharmacological modulation of signal transduction pathways and their effectors holds great promise for the remediation of these neurologic disorders.
potentially pathogenic bacteria were found in the nasopharynx of children with AOM (98%) but also in that of 20 control children without AOM. Very high carriage rates expressed qualitatively a microflora and ear discharge microflora of potential pathogens were evaluated in 54 children with AOM and in OM entities in Greenlandic children. Section changed in the period between the studies. The survey underlines the need for increased focus on the different results when using the extensive canal wall down procedure. It could be concluded that these patients urgently need close follow-up for at least five years postoperatively, if not lifelong. Section 5.2 describes a hearing screening survey of 167 school children using school registration charts. A high prevalence of hearing loss (HL) was found. A total of 43% of the children had hearing thresholds exceeding 20 dB at one or more frequencies between 250-8000 Hz in one or both ears, and 19% had the same type of HL in the frequencies 500-2000 Hz. HL was significantly associated with episodes of OM. These findings were in accordance with reports from Alaska and Canada. It is therefore concluded that a hearing screening programme of school children is important and that OM seems to have an impact on hearing in school children in Greenland. In section 5.3 an epidemiological survey is described concerning the prevalence of the different OM disease entities. The survey was carried out in Nuuk and Sisimiut and involved 740 children aged 3, 4, 5, and 8 years. A total of 591 children participated and selection bias was not found when controlling for age, sex, and episodes of AOM. The survey revealed that 52% of children in Nuuk and 54% in Sisimiut had some kind of pathological affection of their middle ear. COM and CSOM were found in 9%, but more prevalent among children in Sisimiut (12%) than in Nuuk (7%). Middle ear effusion (MEE) diagnosed by tympanometry was found in 23% in Nuuk and 28% in Sisimiut while simple tubal dysfunction (STD) was found in 13% and 8%, respectively. MEE and STD were associated with young age. Sequelae of OM was apparent in 11% in both towns. When comparing the results with a 10-year-old, almost similar survey of 142 children, it was evident that the OM situation had not changed in the period between the studies. The survey underlines the need for increased focus on the different OM entities in Greenlandic children. Section 5.4 deals with microbiological aspects. The nasopharyngeal microflora and ear discharge microflora of potential pathogens were evaluated in 54 children with AOM and in 201 control children without AOM. Very high carriage rates expressed qualitatively and semiquantitatively of potentially pathogenic bacteria were found in the nasopharynx of children with AOM (98%) but also in that of
the control children (91%) and even in children denoted as being very healthy (94%). However, the same bacterial species were cultured from the nasopharynx and ear discharge as in comparable studies world-wide. Only S. pneumoniae was carried significantly more often in the nasopharynx of AOM children compared with age matched control children. Chlamydiae, M. pneumoniae, adenovirus, respiratory syncytial virus, parainfluenza- type 1, 2, and 3 virus, and influenza- type A and B virus were not major pathogens. In contrast, entero- and rhinoviruses were detected significantly more frequent in nasopharyngeal specimens from AOM children (59%) compared with age matched controls (33%) and also in 29% of the examined ear discharge specimens. It is therefore concluded that the potentially pathogenic bacterial load is early and massive. This alone or in interplay with entero- and rhinovirus infection and occasionally with other viruses may play an important role in the high prevalence of OM among children in Greenland. Section 5.5 deals with an examination of potential risk factors for AOM, recurrent AOM (rAOM), and COM in the same 591 children as studied in section 5.3. Early age at first AOM episode was associated with rAOM episodes (> or = 5 episodes since birth). Thus, the relative risk of developing rAOM was eight times higher if the first episode of AOM occurred before 7 months of age than after 24 months of age. Furthermore, compared with studies elsewhere in the world, a high proportion (40%) of the children in this survey had their first AOM episode during their first year of life and 41% of these children developed rAOM. It was also found that children had an increased risk of AOM, rAOM, or COM when both parents were born in Greenland, when parents also have had OM, when living in very crowded households, and when having experienced a long period of exclusive breast feeding, or when recalling of breast feeding was not possible. Gender, type, and size of housing, insulation standard of housing, daycare, exposure to passive cigarette smoking, and dietary habits were not associated with AOM, rAOM, or COM in the surveyed children. It is concluded that early onset of AOM occurs frequently in Greenlandic children and that a high proportion of these children develop rAOM. The study confirms that AOM is a highly multifactorial disease determined by a number of genetic and environmental factors. Finally, section 5.6 is a hypothesis generating study attempting to explain the high prevalence of early episodes of AOM in community-based children in Nuuk. The hypothesis is based on a possible association between findings of mannose-binding lectin genotypes, early Epstein-Barr virus infections and episodes of AOM, rAOM, or nasopharyngeal colonization with potentially pathogenic bacteria. However, the study does not support any of this hypothesis. In chapter 6, future studies are suggested and chapter 7 presents concluding remarks.

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AIMS/HYPOTHESIS: Differences in seasonality of birth patterns between the general population and the group who develop Type I (insulin-dependent) diabetes mellitus indicate that environmental factors operating around the antenatal and perinatal period could be important. We investigated whether the same unusual patterns in seasonality of birth observed in children with Type I diabetes in Great Britain could also be found in other European populations. METHODS: Population-based incidence cohorts of children diagnosed with Type I diabetes under 15 years of age from 1989 onwards were analysed. Previously reported data sets from Great Britain were also included together with data on children diagnosed over an additional 5 year period (1988-1992). To assess the role of seasonality in diabetes, we used the method of Walter and Elwood to examine monthly birth figures for each country or region. RESULTS: Outside of Great Britain, no seasonality of birth was seen for any single or combination of European countries. Significant sinusoidal patterns were observed in Scotland, Yorkshire and Leicester, although the peak for Leicester appeared around autumn rather than spring. There was little evidence that sex or age at diagnosis played a part in differences in seasonal patterns, either overall or for any individual country. CONCLUSIONS/INTERPRETATION: We found no uniform seasonal pattern of birth in childhood diabetes patients across European populations, either overall or according to sex and age. This study provides no consistent evidence that environmental factors, which vary from season to season, have any influence on the fetal or neonatal life to determine the onset of Type I diabetes. However, a study of seasonality that takes into account possible changes both over time and over geographical areas could provide more insights.

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T1 - Activation of the coagulation system occurs within rather than outside cutaneous haemangiomas

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Haemangiomas are the commonest tumours of infancy. They can become even more serious if followed by consumption coagulopathy and even life-threatening in cases of Kasabach-Merritt syndrome, with thrombocytopenia and haemorrhage. Data exist concerning systemic coagulation abnormalities in children with haemangiomas but to our knowledge there are no data on local consumption coagulopathy in haemangioma per se. We examined blood coagulation and fibrinolysis parameters in blood withdrawn from haemangioma blood vessels and blood withdrawn from the systemic vein in 14 children with cutaneous haemangiomas (3M, 11F; age range 3 mo to 10y). Compared with controls, significant decreases in fibrinogen levels, FVII activity, antithrombin and plasmin inhibitor levels and increases in international normalized ratio (INR) and D-dimer levels were observed in the blood samples withdrawn directly from haemangioma blood vessels. Fibrinogen and antithrombin levels in samples withdrawn from systemic veins were reduced in relation to control values whilst INR values increased, but within normal ranges. D-dimer levels were increased in peripheral blood. The fibrinogen level was significantly lower and the INR and D-dimer levels were significantly higher in blood samples from haemangiomas compared to systemic blood. Clinical signs of systemic disseminated intravascular coagulation were not observed. CONCLUSIONS: Our results suggest a strong local activation and local consumption coagulopathy in haemangioma, along with less conspicuous but observable systemic changes in coagulation and fibrinolysis parameters, although without signs of consumptive coagulopathy. These systemic changes could be a reflection of intra-lesion coagulation activation although there is no evidence to suggest truly systemic disseminated intravascular coagulation.

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N2 - Deaths from lightning injuries are infrequent--0.2-0.8 per million per year. The victims are mostly young, active people who are struck during various outdoor activities in the summer months. From November 1975 to October 1998; 22 lightning burns were treated in Ankara Numune Teaching and Research Hospital. The mean age of the patients was 32.9 (12-65) years, the female/male ratio 9/13 and the mean duration of hospital stay 15.4 (1-62) days. The commonest clinical symptoms were confusion, amnesia (5 patients), neurological dysfunction (2 patients), cystitis (4 patients), and cardiac arrhythmias (1 patient). There were no deaths. Sixteen surgical procedures were carried out on 14 patients; this was significantly fewer than from any other cause of burns. The commonest long-term complication was chronic pain. Because complications are frequently seen in lightning injuries, our results revealed that patients should be hospitalised and treated as soon as possible after the accident with fluid resuscitation, cardiac resuscitation, tetanus prophylaxis and antibiotics where necessary.
OBJECTIVE: To assess if a school based intervention was effective in reducing risk factors for obesity.

DESIGN: Group randomised controlled trial. SETTING: 10 primary schools in Leeds. PARTICIPANTS: 634 children aged 7-11 years. INTERVENTION: Teacher training, modification of school meals, and the development of school action plans targeting the curriculum, physical education, tuck shops, and playground activities. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Body mass index, diet, physical activity, and psychological state. RESULTS: Vegetable consumption by 24 hour recall was higher in children in the intervention group than the control group (weighted mean difference 0.3 portions/day, 95% confidence interval 0.2 to 0.4), representing a difference equivalent to 50% of baseline consumption. Fruit consumption was lower in obese children in the intervention group (-1.0, -1.8 to -0.2) than those in the control group. The three day diary showed higher consumption of high sugar foods (0.8, 0.1 to 1.6) among overweight children in the intervention group than the control group. Sedentary behaviour was higher in overweight children in the intervention group (0.3, 0.0 to 0.7). Global self worth was higher in obese children in the intervention group (0.3, 0.3 to 0.6). There was no difference in body mass index, other psychological measures, or dieting behaviour between the groups. Focus groups indicated higher levels of self reported behaviour change, understanding, and knowledge among children who had received the intervention. CONCLUSION: Although it was successful in producing changes at school level, the programme had little effect on children's behaviour other than a modest increase in consumption of vegetables.

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N2 - PURPOSE: Previous studies among young pitchers have focused on the frequency and description of elbow injuries. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the frequency of elbow and shoulder complaints in young pitchers and to identify the associations between pitch types, pitch volume, and other risk factors for these conditions. METHODS: A prospective cohort study of 298 youth pitchers was conducted over two seasons. Each participant was contacted via telephone after each game pitched to identify arm complaints. Generalized estimating equations were used to assess associations between arm complaints and independent variables. RESULTS: The frequency of elbow pain was 26%; that of shoulder pain, 32%. Risk factors for elbow pain were increased age, increased weight, decreased height, lifting weights during the season, playing baseball outside the league, decreased self-satisfaction, arm fatigue during the game pitched, and throwing fewer than 300 or more than 600 pitches during the season. Risk factors for shoulder pain included decreased satisfaction, arm fatigue during the game pitched, throwing more than 75 pitches in a game, and throwing fewer than 300 pitches during the season. CONCLUSION: Arm complaints are common, with nearly half of the subjects reporting pain. The factors associated with elbow and shoulder pain were different, suggesting differing etiologies. Developmental factors may be important in both. To lower the risk of pain at both locations, young pitchers probably should not throw more than 75 pitches in a game. Other recommendations are to remove pitchers from a game if they demonstrate arm fatigue and limit pitching in nonleague games.

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Hepatitis is common in the Stann Creek District of southern Belize. To determine the etiologies, incidence, and potential risk factors for acute jaundice, we conducted active surveillance for cases. Cases of jaundice diagnosed by a physician within the previous 6 weeks were enrolled. Evaluation included a questionnaire and laboratory tests for hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E, a blood film for malaria, and a serologic test for syphilis. Etiologies of jaundice among 62 evaluable patients included acute hepatitis A, 6 (9.7%), acute hepatitis B, 49 (79.0%), hepatitis non-A-E, 2 (3.2%), and malaria, 5 (8.1%). There were no cases of acute hepatitis E. One patient each with antibody to hepatitis C and D were detected. The annualized incidence of
hepatitis A was 0.26 per 1,000. All cases of hepatitis A were in children 4-16 years of age. The annualized incidence of hepatitis B, 2.17 per 1,000, was highest in adults aged 15-44 years (4.4 per 1,000) and was higher in men (36 cases; 3.09 per 1,000) than women (13 cases; 1.19 per 1,000). Four (31%) of the women with hepatitis B were pregnant. The annualized incidence was significantly higher in Mestizo (6.18 per 1000) and Maya (6.79 per 1,000) than Garifuna (0.38 per 1,000) or Creole (0.36 per 1,000). Persons with hepatitis B were significantly more likely to be born outside of Belize (82%), had been in Belize < 5 years (73%), and lived and worked in rural areas (96%) than was the general population. Of those > or = 14 years of age with hepatitis B, only 36% were married. Few persons admitted to transfusions, tattoos, IV drug use, multiple sexual partners, visiting prostitutes, or sexually transmitted diseases. Only 1 of 49 had a reactive test for syphilis. Six patients were hospitalized (including 3 with acute hepatitis B and one with hepatitis A), and none to our knowledge died. Acute hepatitis B is the most common cause of viral hepatitis in the Stann Creek District, but the modes of transmission remain obscure. Infants, women attending prenatal clinics, and new workers are potential targets for immunization with hepatitis B vaccine.

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N2 - In this review I examine the role of play and assessment in the lives of young children. These two seemingly opposing constructs are first defined. Next, I address a particularly important form of assessment, "high stakes" assessment, and argue that if it must be used, we should use a variety of assessment methods. One such method that I discuss in great detail is the use of direct observations of children's play. Examples of reliable and valid inferences about children's social cognitive functioning made with this family of methods are
provided. Two specific observational instruments (one for observing play in the classroom and one for observing play in the playground) are presented. Recommendations for their use by practitioners are made.

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N2 - BACKGROUND: School playgrounds during break times provide potential opportunities for children to be active during the school day. However, there is limited research on how active children really are during these breaks. METHODS: The CAST (Children's Activity Scanning Tool) instrument was developed, validated, and used to assess the percentages of children engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and vigorous physical activity (VPA-a subset of MVPA) in 18 primary schools (children ages 5-12) in rural Australia. Related environmental factors were also measured. RESULTS: For a school of median size (200 students), 51.4% of boys and 41.6% of girls were engaged in MVPA while 14.7% of boys and 9.4% of girls were engaged in VPA. Levels of engagement in MVPA and VPA were significantly higher during lunch periods than during recess. MVPA and VPA engagement in smaller schools was significantly higher than in larger schools. CONCLUSIONS: With growing concern about children's physical activity (PA), school playgrounds offer an opportunity to increase children's MVPA engagement especially among girls. Consideration may be
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N2 - A case of pretending a homicide to conceal a child suicide is reported in which characteristic findings of the postmortem examination and conclusions from the analysis of forensic autopsy series provided substantial support for the police investigation. In the late night hours of a spring day the police authorities were informed that a 10-year-old girl had been found dead on a playground near its parents' house. As injuries of the neck were recognized by the police officers a homicide investigation was initiated. The post mortem examination showed a furrow symmetrically slanting from the front to the nape of the neck, discrete punctate haemorrhages of the skin of the face and numerous 'tram-line' bruises of the back, buttocks and extremities. These findings indicated as cause and manner of death suicidal hanging following corporal punishment. Confronted with these conclusions the mother immediately made a corresponding confession
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OBJECTIVES: The aim of the study was to assess the intake (by various routes of exposure) of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) by children living in a Czech city, and its effect on excretion of 1-hydroxypyrene (1-OHP) in summer and winter periods. METHODS: Four groups of children (3-6 years old) were chosen: (1) two groups from a kindergarten situated in the city center with a higher traffic density ("polluted" area); (2) two groups from a kindergarten situated in a green zone of the same city ("non-polluted" area). Food consumption was recorded in all children and PAH intake from foodstuffs was estimated. Ambient air samples were collected from the playground and inside the kindergartens. Soil samples were collected too. Morning and evening urine samples were collected during sampling days. RESULTS: In both seasons, the mean outdoor total PAH concentration (sum of 12 individual PAH) in the "polluted" area was approximately three-times higher than that in the "non-polluted" area. Indoor concentration in the "polluted" area was more than six-times higher than that in the "non-polluted" area in summer, and almost three-times higher in winter. The same trend was observed for pyrene and for the sum of carcinogenic PAH. The contribution to the total pyrene absorbed dose from food consumption was much more important than that from inhalation and from ingestion of soil dust. Significantly higher urinary concentrations of 1-OHP (evening samples) were found in children from the "polluted" kindergarten in both seasons. The number of significant relationships between 1-OHP and pyrene absorbed dose was weak. CONCLUSIONS: Food seems to be the main source of total pyrene and total PAH intake in small children, even under relatively higher air PAH exposure in the city. Estimated pyrene ingestion from soil had a negligible contribution to the total pyrene absorbed dose. Urinary 1-OHP seems to be an uncertain (non-sensitive) marker of the environmental inhalation exposure to pyrene (PAH) if the pollution of air by pyrene (PAH) is not excessive and the pyrene (PAH) dose by this route is much less than by ingestion. Usefulness of the urinary 1-OHP as an indicator of overall environmental exposure to PAH needs further investigation.
OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to analyze causes of injury hospitalization/death by individual year of age and by specific causes of injury and to examine how well aggregate age groups represented individual year-of-age rates. METHODS: Hospital discharge data and death certificate data for California residents age 0 to 19 years with a principal external cause of injury code (E-code) of E800 to E869, E880 to E929, or E950 to E999, calendar year 1997, were analyzed. Annual rates of injury hospitalization/death by year of age were calculated using combined hospital discharges and deaths as the numerator for major causes and important subcategories. For comparison, rates of injury hospitalization/death were calculated for
conventional vital statistics age groups: <1 year, 1 to 4 years; 5 to 9 years, 10 to 14 years, and 15 to 19 years.

RESULTS: In 1997 in California, 35,277 children and adolescents 0 to 19 years were hospitalized and 1934 died as a result of injury, a ratio of 17 hospitalizations to 1 death. The distribution was bimodal with rates highest among 18-year-olds (732/100,000) and 1-year-olds (495/100,000). Except for children who were 5 to 9 years of age, the group rates for all injuries were not reflective of the individual year-of-age rates. In specific categories of injuries, variation in rates by year of age were masked by age group rates for unintentional poisoning among 1- to 4-year-olds, self-inflicted poisoning for 10- to 19-year-olds, falls from playground equipment among 5- to 9-year-olds, falls from furniture among 1- to 4-year-olds, and motor vehicle occupant injury rates among 10- to 19-year-olds. The peak rate of falls from playground equipment among 6-year-olds (34/100,000) was more than twice the rate for 9-year-olds (15/1000,000). Motor vehicle occupant injury rates doubled between 10 and 14 years of age and quadrupled between 14 and 18 years of age. CONCLUSIONS: Analyses using conventional age groups did not identify the age of highest risk for many causes of childhood injury. Changes in the rates often transected the traditional age groups and were not apparent with conventional age group analysis. These data can inform on the age at which to begin a specific injury intervention and on how to allocate resources. These data allow pediatricians and other health professionals to be anticipatory in providing injury prevention counseling. The greatest impact can be achieved by making the counseling topic most age appropriate in anticipation of the high-risk period.
BACKGROUND: Latex causes anaphylaxis in specific contexts among children. We present 2 cases that show that severe reactions may occur in everyday circumstances with latex as a contaminant. OBJECTIVE: Because 2 cases of severe reactions to latex suggested similar circumstances of exposure, we investigated the immediate environment in which episodes occurred. METHODS: A 5-year-old girl presented to our casualty department with anaphylaxis after playing in a ball pit filled with approximately 10-cm diameter plastic balls in an American-style fast-food outlet. Two months later, a 9-year-old boy had severe anaphylaxis followed by an asthma attack with loss of consciousness while playing in the playpen of a different outlet belonging to the same company. Latex sensitization was confirmed in both cases by means of skin prick testing, latex glove skin prick testing, and 1-glove finger testing. Immunoblotting of elutions from a ball, the natural rubber latex foam pit lining, and its polyvinyl chloride sheet were performed. RESULTS: In the girl's immunoblot high levels of IgE specific to Hev b 4, Hev b 7, and Hev b 2 were found. The boy's immunoblot showed positivity to Hev b 7. The polyvinyl chloride ball sample showed a high concentration of specific Hevea species allergen similar to that of the foam layer sample. CONCLUSION: Severe anaphylaxis can result from contact with latex proteins as a contaminant, rather than as a component, of play area ball pits and therefore outside the reported settings. Emergency health care workers should be aware of this kind of risk. A latex-reduced environment might prevent potentially severe reactions in young customers of fast-food outlets.
OBJECTIVE: Injuries resulting from falls from playground equipment are a public health concern in New Zealand. Like many other countries, New Zealand has a safety standard aimed at reducing the incidence and severity of these injuries by limiting the height from which children can fall from playground equipment and requiring the provision of impact-absorbing surfaces beneath equipment from which falls are possible. The purpose of this study was to examine progress towards achieving compliance with these requirements in Dunedin school playgrounds. METHODS: Sixty-two schools were audited over the summer of 1997/98 and information recorded on equipment type, maximum fall height, surface type, and depth of loose-fill surface materials. Comparisons were made with audits conducted in 1989 and 1981. RESULTS: Substantial increases in the amount of playground equipment and in the provision of impact-absorbing surfaces were observed. A small increase in compliance with the requirement that the maximum fall height of equipment not exceed 2.5 metres was also observed. CONCLUSIONS: Any gains in safety achieved through increased compliance with the height and surface requirements of the New Zealand Standard have been counteracted by the substantial increase in the amount of equipment available in playgrounds. IMPLICATIONS: A more drastic measure is needed to achieve a meaningful reduction in the incidence of injury following falls from playground equipment.
This paper presents a probabilistic, multimedia, multipathway exposure model and assessment for chlorpyrifos developed as part of the National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS). The model was constructed using available information prior to completion of the NHEXAS study. It simulates the distribution of daily aggregate and pathway-specific chlorpyrifos absorbed dose in the general population of the State of Arizona (AZ) and in children aged 3-12 years residing in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota (MSP). Pathways included were inhalation of indoor and outdoor air, dietary ingestion, non-dietary ingestion of dust and soil, and dermal contact with dust and soil. Probability distributions for model input parameters were derived from the available literature, and input values were chosen to represent chlorpyrifos concentrations and demographics in AZ and MSP to the extent possible. When the NHEXAS AZ and MSP data become available, they can be compared to the distributions derived in this and other prototype modeling assessments to test the adequacy of this pre-NHEXAS model assessment. Although pathway-specific absorbed dose estimates differed between AZ and MSP due to differences in model inputs between simulated adults and children, the aggregate model results and general findings for simulated AZ and MSP populations were similar. The major route of chlorpyrifos intake was food ingestion, followed by indoor air inhalation. Two-stage Monte Carlo simulation was used to derive estimates of both inter-individual variability and uncertainty in the estimated distributions. The variability in the model results reflects the difference in activity patterns, exposure factors, and concentrations contacted by individuals during their daily activities. Based on the coefficient of variation, indoor air inhalation and dust ingestion were most variable relative to the mean, primarily because of variability in concentrations due to use or no-use of pesticides. Uncertainty analyses indicated a factor of 10-30 for uncertainty of model predictions of 10th, 50th, and 90th percentiles. The greatest source of uncertainty in the model stems from the definition of no household pesticide use as no use in the past year. Because chlorpyrifos persists in the residential environment for longer than a year, the modeled estimates are likely to be low. More information on pesticide usage and environmental concentrations measured at different post-application times is needed to refine and evaluate this and other pesticide exposure models.
The purpose of this study was to evaluate the adaptations of a playground, and subsequently staff development, on the participation of a 3-year-old boy with congenital blindness. A single-subject design with three conditions (baseline, adaptations of the playground, and staff development) was used. The playground adaptation involved adding musical stations in strategic locations on the playground and connecting them with a "path" that provided auditory feedback. The staff training involved the music therapist providing individualized instruction to the staff who supervised the child. The child's participation was measured in terms of social interaction with peers or adults, play and engagement with materials, movement on the playground, and stereotypic behaviors. The playground adaptation resulted in no changes in the child's social interactions with peers or adults, increases in engagement, no change in movement on the playground, and a decrease in stereotypic responses. Staff training resulted in increased but variable interactions with adults and peers, in additional increases in engagement, less movement, and similar levels of stereotypic behavior. The findings suggest that musical adaptations of physical environments may be helpful but not sufficient for promoting desired outcomes.
OBJECTIVES: Manual methods of measuring duration of cortical silent periods (CSP) evoked by transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) depend upon subjective visual estimation of onset and offset. Because of this, the measurements are susceptible to poor rater reliability. We describe a graphical method to measure silent periods with greater precision. The statistical process underlying this new method is simple and particularly suited to signal detection in serially dependent data. METHODS: TMS-evoked silent periods were recorded in 13 healthy subjects. Two investigators subjectively measured silent period duration on each subject to estimate rater reliability. Using the graphical method, the mean and 99.76% variation limits of pre-stimulus electromyogram (EMG) activity were computed. Each averaged trial was displayed and CSP onset and offset detected when post-stimulus EMG activity moved outside the 99.76% limits. RESULTS: Maximum variation in silent period duration was 21.8 ms between the two investigators’ subjective measurements. Silent period duration measured with the graphical method closely approximated measurements obtained using the manual method. It was possible to automate the procedure. CONCLUSIONS: This graphical method allowed precise measurement of CSP duration, independent of subjective estimations of onset or offset points. Further studies are necessary to determine if this method can provide a framework for other physiologic measures.
BACKGROUND: Substantial differences exist in how and where physical education (PE) is conducted in elementary schools throughout the United States. Few effectiveness studies of large-scale interventions to improve PE have been reported. DESIGN: Multicenter randomized trial. SETTING/ PARTICIPANTS: The Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health (CATCH) was implemented in PE classes in 96 schools (56 intervention, 40 control) in four study centers: California, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Texas. INTERVENTION: The 2.5-year PE intervention consisted of professional development sessions, curricula, and follow-up consultations. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Intervention effects on student physical activity and lesson context in PE were examined by teacher type (PE specialists and classroom teachers) and lesson location (indoors and outdoors). RESULTS: Differential effects by teacher type and lesson location were evidenced for both physical activity and lesson context. Observations of 2016 lessons showed that intervention schools provided more moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (p=0.002) and vigorous physical activity (p=0.02) than controls. Classroom teachers improved physical activity relatively more than PE specialists, but PE specialists still provided longer lessons and more physical activity. Classroom teachers increased lesson length (p=0.02) and time for physical fitness (p=0.03). CONCLUSIONS: The intervention improved PE of both specialists’ and classroom teachers' lessons. States and districts should ensure that the most qualified staff teaches PE. Interventions need to be tailored to meet local needs and conditions, including teacher type and location of lessons.

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This study investigated the relations between various measures of social understanding and social interaction competence in verbally able children with autism. Measures of social understanding included measures of verbalizable knowledge (false belief understanding, affective perspective taking), as well as measures of more intuitive forms of social responsiveness (empathy, concern to distress, and initiating joint attention). Two measures of social interaction competence were employed: level of engagement with peers on the playground, and prosocial behavior in a structured laboratory task. For children with autism, initiating joint attention and empathy were strongly related to both measures of social interaction competence. No understanding-behavior links were identified for a language-age matched comparison sample of developmentally delayed children. Several accounts of these understanding-behavior links are considered, including the possibility that for children with autism, more impaired forms of understanding are more closely linked to behavior because they serve as limits on competence.

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Dhaka, Bangladesh, has one of the highest air lead levels in the world. In February 2000, we evaluated children at five primary schools in Dhaka to determine blood lead (BPb) levels, sources of environmental exposure, and potential risk factors for lead poisoning. Selected schools represented a range of geographic and socioeconomic strata. A total of 779 students 4-12 years of age participated. The mean BPb level was 15.0 microg/dL (range 4.2-63.1 microg/dL). Most students (87.4%) had BPb levels above the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's level of concern (10 microg/dL). Elevated BPb levels correlated with soil eating [odds ratio (OR) = 3.31; 95% confidence interval (CI), 1.30-8.39], low parental education (OR = 2.72; 95% CI, 1.97-3.75), living close to major roads (OR = 2.30; 95% CI, 1.23-4.29), and increasing age (OR = 1.11; 95% CI, 1.06-1.16). BPb levels measured were similar to those in other countries that use leaded gasoline. No other potential sources of lead exposure were consistently identified. Combustion of leaded gasoline is the main source of lead exposure in Dhaka, resulting in ubiquitous contamination of the environment. The increase in BPb levels with age, a finding contrary to observations in the United States and Australia, may be related to increased outdoor activities. The Bangladeshi government recently announced a plan to eliminate leaded gasoline. Baseline BPb surveys are critical to develop and evaluate intervention policies. Strategies to reduce BPb levels need to address variations in socioeconomic status, construction type and location of housing, and levels of hygiene.
The UV doses of Americans were never measured, but are needed for assessing the risks of UV-related health effects. We calculated these doses using a novel approach. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Human Activity Pattern Survey (NHAPS) recorded the activity profiles of 9386 Americans over 24 months to assess their exposure to environmental pollutants, one of which is UV radiation. NHAPS used randomized telephone interviews to get their previous day's minute-by-minute activities. From NHAPS we extracted only the outdoor-daylight data of the northern and southern indoor workers (95%), stratifying by season, sex and age (0-21, 22-40, 41-59 and 60+ years) to find the average time Americans spend outdoors. Knowing the total daylight time and that while outdoors Americans are exposed to about 30% of the available solar UV (on a horizontal plane), we calculated their percent ambients. The average American's percent ambients are 2.6 and 2.5% for northern and southern females, respectively, and 3.5 and 3.6% for northern and southern males, respectively. Men over 40 years of age have the highest ambients (4%). From their ambients we calculated their annual doses using seasonal averages of UV measurements taken daily for over 2 years by EPA Brewer spectrophotometers located in four quadrants of the United States: Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Bozeman, MT and Riverside, CA. The average erythemal UV doses of Americans are about 25,000 J/m2/year, 22,000 for females and 28,000 for males, or 33,000 J/m2/year including a conservative continental U.S. vacation (7800 J/m2). Thus, we can now assess the risks of UV-related health effects for Americans.
BACKGROUND/AIMS: Primary schoolchildren in their everyday school life are exposed to solar ultraviolet radiation. This may be through time spent outdoors whilst having meal breaks, physical education classes and other class orientated outdoor activities. METHODS: This research investigates the UV exposure of primary schoolchildren and the effect real-time UV irradiances data and an associated software package, UVGUIDE, have on UV exposure. This software utilises scientifically collected data, such as facial distribution of UV, as well as accessing real-time on-line UV irradiances data to estimate the UV distribution to the head region. The students can also enter other parameters such as hat usage and hat type to show the effect of using such a UV protective device on their facial UV distribution. CONCLUSIONS: The results from this study found that the average 3-day erythemal UV exposure in late summer and early autumn to the left shoulder was 33% higher for the students not having access to the on-line UV data and software package.
A number of disorders of the respiratory tract and some even outside the respiratory tract can cause cough. A systematic approach towards a patient of chronic cough consisting of detailed history, physical examination of upper as well as lower respiratory tract, complete blood counts, tuberculin test, chest X-ray, and peak flow rate testing will give the diagnosis in majority of children. Pulmonary tuberculosis and asthma are the two commonest conditions diagnosed. If the initial work up is inconclusive, further laboratory testing and imaging studies should be considered. Thus, radiolabelled milk scan, barium swallow and 24-hour pH monitoring would diagnose gastroesophageal reflux. Spirometry, methacholine/exercise challenge test or a therapeutic trial may be required for confirming bronchial asthma. Flexible bronchoscopy is useful for evaluation for suspected aspiration syndromes and any anatomical or dynamic problem of the airway (e.g. tracheomalacia). Spiral and high resolution computed tomography (HRCT) along with magnetic resonance imaging are the modern day imaging techniques used for studying mediastinal masses, airway obstruction and even lung parenchyma (HRCT). Sputum examination for type of cells and bacteria can be useful, especially if pseudomonas or acid-fast bacilli are identified. Pseudomonas suggests cystic fibrosis (an uncommon disease in India) which can be confirmed by sweat chloride test and gene mutation studies.
OBJECTIVE: Head injury (HI) in sport is common and can have serious consequences. This study examines the epidemiology of sport/recreational (SR)-related HI presenting to the emergency department (ED).

DESIGN: Retrospective review of medical records. SETTING: Five EDs in the Capital Health Region (Edmonton) located in the province of Alberta, Canada. PATIENTS: All persons in a 1-year period reporting to the EDs with an HI. HI was defined as IC9-CM coded skull fracture, loss of consciousness, or concussion. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Hospitalization, utilization of diagnostic testing, and discharge destination.

RESULTS: In total, 10,877 (3%) of 288,948 ED encounters were for sports and recreational injuries; 358 (3%) were for HI. Males (71%) were more frequently injured; patients < 20 years old were involved in 66% of all HI cases. The highest proportion of HI occurred during ice hockey (21%), cycling (13%), and playground-related activities (8%). 9% of HI were hospitalized (versus 4% admission rate for other SR injuries: p < 0.01).

CONCLUSIONS: These results demonstrate the utility of an ED-based injury registry and indicate that patients with HI presenting to the ED from SR activities are common. These injuries appear to be more severe than other types of SR injuries treated in the ED.
PURPOSE: To examine the prevalence of myopia in rural and urban schoolchildren in Xiamen, China, and to assess the impact of environmental factors on rates of myopia. METHODS: Second-grade children attending either a city (n=119) or rural (n=91) school in Xiamen, China, were examined using cycloplegic autorefraction and biometry. Detailed questions on socioeconomic status, near-work activity, reading and writing habits, and family histories of myopia were asked in a face-to-face interview using a standard questionnaire. RESULTS: The prevalence of myopia was 19.3% (95% confidence interval [CI], 12.3, 29) in the city and 6.6% (95% CI, 2.4, 14.3) in the countryside. The average hours per day children spent reading and writing outside of school was 2.2 hours in the city compared with 1.6 hours in the countryside (P<.0001). In both schools, the odds ratio for total reading and writing, adjusted for parental history of myopia, was 2.2 (95% CI, 1.1, 4). CONCLUSION: These data suggest the prevalence of myopia is higher in the city than in the countryside. One possible explanation for these different rates could be that schoolchildren in the city spend more time reading and writing outside of school compared with children in the countryside. Myopic children in both the city and the countryside spent more time reading and writing compared with nonmyopic children. This increased near-work activity may contribute to the prevalence of myopia.

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Based on recent studies of the photoreceptor-specific ABC transporter gene ABCR (ABCA4) in Stargardt disease (STGD1) and other retinal dystrophies, we and others have developed a model in which the severity of retinal disease correlates inversely with residual ABCR activity. This model predicts that patients with late-onset STGD1 may retain partial ABCR activity attributable to mild missense alleles. To test this hypothesis, we used late-onset STGD1 patients (onset: \( \geq 35 \) years) to provide an in vivo functional analysis of various combinations of mutant alleles. We sequenced directly the entire coding region of ABCR and detected mutations in 33/50 (66%) disease chromosomes, but surprisingly, 11/33 (33%) were truncating alleles. Importantly, all 22 missense mutations were located outside the known functional domains of ABCR (ATP-binding or transmembrane), whereas in our general cohort of STGD1 subjects, alterations occurred with equal frequency across the entire protein. We suggest that these missense mutations in regions of unknown function are milder alleles and more susceptible to modifier effects. Thus, we have corroborated a prediction from the model of ABCR pathogenicity that (1) one mutant ABCR allele is always missense in late-onset STGD1 patients, and (2) the age-of-onset is correlated with the amount of ABCR activity of this allele. In addition, we report three new pseudodominant families that now comprise eight of 178 outbred STGD1 families and suggest a carrier frequency of STGD1-associated ABCR mutations of about 4.5% (approximately 1/22).
INTRODUCTION: The incidence of melanoma has increased in the past 10 years more rapidly than any other cancer. Exposure to intense solar radiation in youth significantly increases the lifetime risk of developing melanoma. We postulate that teenagers have little awareness of melanoma prevention or detection principles. The purpose of this study was to assess the knowledge of teenagers about melanoma and to identify which age groups are most receptive to altering their sun exposure behaviors. METHODS: Two hundred and ten examinations testing general knowledge of sun exposure and melanoma were completed and returned by junior high and high school students ages 12 to 18 in Dallas and Houston, Texas. All students completing and returning the examination were provided with the correct answers to the test and a detailed explanation of each of the test items as part of an educational exercise. A second questionnaire was then administered to determine the effect of the educational exercise on future sun exposure practices. Students were divided into two age groups (12 to 15 and >or=16 years old) for comparison of scores on the knowledge examination and responses to behavioral items. Comparison of response rates between age groups was performed using chi(2) analysis. RESULTS: The return rate was 100%, with 109 students age 12-15 years, and 101 students >or=16 years. Seventy-six percent of all respondents sunbathed outdoors, and 18% had used a tanning bed in the past 6 months. Thirty-three percent of students admitted to at least three blistering sunburns in the past. The average score on the knowledge assessment examination was 65% correct for students >or=16 years old and 54%
correct for those 12-15 years old. Students 12 to 15 years old were significantly more likely to indicate they planned to change future behaviors regarding performance of skin self-examinations and limiting sun exposure as compared to the older students. CONCLUSION: A significant number of teenagers have already enhanced their risk for future melanoma by suffering severe sunburns. Students younger than 16 years of age were significantly more likely to indicate they planned to change future behaviors after receiving information about melanoma. The data from this pilot study support education aimed at younger age groups to most effectively achieve risk reduction and prevent future melanomas. Copyright 2001 Academic Press

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N2 - The authors investigated airborne fungal exposure of Taiwanese children at homes and schools-locations where they spent the majority of their time. Pairs of asthmatic and healthy children, matched by age, gender, classes (schools), and residence, participated in the study. Airborne fungal concentrations at homes and schools, and time-activity data of the study subjects were collected. In winter, the indoor geometric mean concentration was 9,672.1 colony-forming units per cubic meter and 4,380.9 colony-forming units per cubic meter in summer. The indoor/outdoor concentration ratio was similar in all homes for both seasons. Fungal concentrations in
southern Taiwan were high during both winter and summer. Personal fungal exposure was not statistically different between asthmatic and nonasthmatic children, after adjustment of time-activity patterns. Higher symptom scores were shown for children in homes with higher fungal exposures.

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KW - Female
KW - Health Services Research
KW - Humans
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KW - Middle Aged
KW - Program Evaluation
KW - Rural Health Services/og [Organization & Administration]
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KW - Sweden/ep [Epidemiology]
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N2 - INTRODUCTION: In Sweden, several ambulance helicopter programs have been used during the past 3 decades. This article describes one of these programs. SETTING: The catchment area of the helicopter system under study was a typical rural setting with a population density of less than 5 people per square kilometer. METHODS: We describe in detail, with special reference to medical aspects, the activities of an helicopter ambulance program in 1997. RESULTS: A total of 288 missions, including 328 patients (204 men), were analyzed. Trauma cases (29%) and patients with cardiovascular (24%) and neurologic problems (13%) dominated the missions. One-sixth of the cases occurred at night. The median response time was 12 minutes,
and the median on-scene time was 28 minutes. The medical interventions performed included intubations; central venous catheter, arterial needle, and duodenal tube insertions; and medication administered intravenously, orally, and intrabronchially. CONCLUSION: We detected a higher rate of trauma cases than in previously published investigations, probably related to the outdoor activities of the area. We believe that the rapid institution of thrombolytic treatment in suspected acute myocardial infarction and a more rapid and flexible transport of trauma cases in a rural area are important. We estimate that, in most cases, the helicopter service could provide a quicker transport than a ground ambulance; however, for short distance transports, ground ambulance is faster than helicopter ambulance

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KW - Strabismus/et [Etiology]
KW - Strabismus/th [Therapy]
KW - Treatment Outcome
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N2 - PURPOSE: Myasthenia gravis can cause variable strabismus with disabling diplopia and/or poor cosmesis. A retrospective study of a group of patients with myasthenia gravis or 'myasthenia gravis like'
syndromes was made. METHODS: The study group consisted of patients who had undergone botulinum toxin treatment and/or surgery for disabling diplopia, poor cosmesis or both. Surgical treatment was by conventional techniques including recess/resect, posterior fixation, superior oblique tenotomy and adjustable sutures. RESULTS: There were 9 patients in the study group (8 female, 1 male). Age at surgery ranged from 21 to 59 years (mean 46 years). Six were symptom-free following treatment. Two, although symptomatically improved, had occasional diplopia. One patient failed treatment and required an occlusive contact lens. CONCLUSIONS: The ocular manifestations of myasthenia gravis or 'myasthenia gravis like' syndromes may respond to surgery and/or botulinum toxin injection. Active intervention should be considered when deviations become stable. To our knowledge this is the first report of the use of botulinum toxin in such patients.

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T1 - Evidence for a cerebellar role in reduced exploration and stereotyped behavior in autism
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Although limited environmental exploration in autism is an obvious behavioral feature and may be a manifestation of "restricted interests" as described in DSM-IV criteria, there have been no behavioral or neurobiological studies of this important aspect of the disorder. Given consistent reports of cerebellar abnormality in autism, combined with animal research showing a relationship between exploration and the cerebellum, this study aimed to test the possible link between cerebellar abnormality and exploration in...
autism. METHODS: The relationship between visuospatial exploration, stereotyped motor movements, and magnetic resonance imaging measures of the cerebellar vermis, whole brain volume, and frontal lobes in 14 autistic and 14 normal children was investigated. Children were exposed to a large room with several exploration containers and instructed to play. Exploration behavior was videotaped and scored for percentage of time engaged in exploration, number of containers explored, as well as stereotyped movements. RESULTS: Children with autism spent significantly less time in active exploration and explored fewer containers overall than normal children. Measures of decreased exploration were significantly correlated with the magnitude of cerebellar hypoplasia of vermal lobules VI-VII in the autistic children, but no relationship to vermis size was found with normal control children. Further, measures of rates of stereotyped behavior were significantly negatively correlated with area measures of cerebellar vermis lobules VI-VII and positively correlated with frontal lobe volume in the autism sample. CONCLUSIONS: Reduced environmental exploration and repetitive behavior may have particularly important developmental consequences for children with autism because it may lead them to miss learning opportunities that fall outside their scope of interest. Our findings represent the first documented link between the restricted range of interests and stereotyped behaviors pathognomonic of autism and particular neuroanatomic sites

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KW - Humans
KW - Incidence
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PURPOSE: To discuss the incidence and to characterize the clinical features of ocular trauma associated with bungee cord injuries. DESIGN: Retrospective case series. PARTICIPANTS: The authors identified 67 subjects (60 males) treated at Wills Eye Hospital for ocular trauma resulting from bungee cords between September 1, 1994, and September 1, 1999. METHODS: The authors reviewed subjects' records from Wills Eye Hospital, records from outside physicians involved in the subjects' care, and conducted telephone interviews when additional information was needed. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Each chart was reviewed for demographic information, mechanism of injury, presenting visual acuity, anterior segment, posterior segment and periocular injuries, medical and surgical intervention, final visual acuity, and length of follow-up. RESULTS: Mean visual acuity on presentation was 20/150. The most common anterior, posterior, and periocular injuries were hyphema (42/67, 63%), commotio retinae (30/55, 55%), and eyelid edema/ecchymosis (40/67, 60%), respectively. Seven subjects (10%) sustained open globe injuries, three (4%) of whom required enucleation. Eighteen subjects (27%) required medical treatment, and 4 subjects (6%) required surgical treatment for increased intraocular pressure. A total of 21 subjects (31%) required some form of surgical intervention. Mean final visual acuity was 20/60, with an average follow-up of 34 weeks. CONCLUSIONS: This series, the largest to date, demonstrates a wide spectrum of serious ocular injuries related to bungee cord use. Medical and surgical treatments are commonly necessary to manage these injuries. We advocate a modification in the design of these cords and appropriate printed warnings directed to the users of bungee cords regarding the potential for severe ocular trauma. [References: 7]
ISSUES AND PURPOSE: To describe patient demographics, injury characteristics, and circumstances of playground injuries in children admitted to Pennsylvania trauma centers and to identify injury prevention strategies. DESIGN AND METHODS: Retrospective, descriptive study of 234 children ages 1 to 18 years sustaining playground-related injuries and whose hospital data were entered into the Pennsylvania Trauma Outcome Study. RESULTS: Most of the injuries occurred between April and September (77%), and noon to 6 P.M. (69%). Falls from playground equipment constituted the highest proportion of incidents (73%). Of 421 injuries (M = 1.8/patient), most were upper extremity (n = 117) and head (n = 110) injuries. PRACTICE IMPLICATIONS: Nurses can advocate for playground safety by teaching children to play safely and recommending age-appropriate equipment and protective surfacing. [References: 23]
OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the Latrobe Valley Better Health Injury Prevention Program, a regional community based intervention in south east Victoria, Australia. METHOD: The evaluation design was quasiexperimental including pre-intervention and post-intervention observations in a predominately town dwelling population of approximately 76,000. There was no comparison community. Process measures included key informant interviews. Impact evaluation utilised self reported changes in injury risk and protective factors, gathered by a random household telephone survey. Outcome evaluation was based on five years of emergency department injury surveillance data for the Latrobe Valley. RESULTS: The program built strategic partnerships, increasing the emphasis on local safety. Activities were implemented in the targeted areas of home, sport, and playground injuries. Some 47,000 educational contacts were made with the community and at least 6,000 resource items distributed. There were significant increases in home safety knowledge. Some changes in the areas of playground and sport safety were achieved after partnership development with relevant agencies. Poisson regression models showed significant decreases in the presentation rate for all home injury and for the more severe home injuries.

CONCLUSION: This study clearly demonstrates the difficulty of conducting robust evaluation in the absence of readily available and reliable data and adequate budgets. The Latrobe Valley Better Health Program activities contributed to structural, environmental, and organisational changes that have the potential to reduce injury. The extent of this contribution beyond that made by the statewide injury prevention strategy is not able to be determined.
OBJECTIVES: To evaluate whether surface characteristics (absorption level (g_max), material) and the height of play equipment are related to the occurrence and severity of injuries from falls. SETTING AND METHODS: During the summers of 1991 and 1995, conformity of play equipment to Canadian standards was assessed in a random sample (n = 102) of Montreal public playgrounds. Surface absorption (g_max) was tested using a Max Hic instrument and the height of equipment was measured. Concurrently, all injuries presenting at the emergency department of Montreal’s two children’s hospitals were recorded and parents were interviewed. Inspected equipment was implicated in 185 injuries. The g_max measurements (1995 only) were available for 110 of these playground accidents. RESULTS: One third of falls (35%) occurred on a surface exceeding 200 g and the risk of injury was three times greater than for g level lower than 150 (95% confidence interval (CI) 1.45 to 6.35). On surfaces having absorption levels between 150 g and 200 g, injuries were 1.8 times more likely (95% CI 0.91 to 3.57). Injuries were 2.56 times more likely to occur on equipment higher than 2 m compared with equipment lower than 1.5 m. Analysis of risk factors by severity of injury failed to show any positive relationships between the g_max or height and severity, whereas surface material was a good predictor of severity. CONCLUSIONS: This study confirms the relationships between risk of injury, surface resilience, and height of equipment, as well as between type of material and severity of injury. Our data suggest that acceptable limits for surface resilience be set at less than 200 g, and perhaps even less than 150 g, and not exceed 2 m for equipment height. These findings reinforce the importance of installing recommended materials, such as sand, beneath play equipment.
Industrial growth has created the potential for environmental problems in Mexico, since attention to environmental controls and urban planning has lagged behind the pace of industrialization. The aim of this cross-sectional study was to assess lead exposure in children aged 6-9 yr attending 3 primary schools and living in the vicinity of the largest smelter complex in Mexico. One of the schools is located 650 m distant from a smelter complex that includes a lead smelter (close school); the second is located 1750 m away from the complex and at the side of a heavy traffic road (intermediate school) in Torreon, Coahuila. The third school is located in Comez Palacio, Durango, 8100 m away from the smelter complex and distant from heavy vehicular traffic or industrial areas (remote school). Lead was measured in air, soil, dust, and well water. Lead in blood (PbB) was determined in 394 children attending the above mentioned schools. Determinations were performed by atomic absorption spectrometry. Diet, socioeconomic status, hygienic habits, and other variables were assessed by questionnaire. Median (range) PbB values were 7.8 microg/dl (3.54-29.61) in the remote school, 21.8 microg/dl (8.37-52.08) in the intermediate school and 27.6 microg/dl (7.37-58.53) in children attending the close school. The percentage of children with PbB > 15 microg/dl was 6.80%, 84.9%, and 92.1% respectively. In this order, the geometric means (range) of Pb concentrations in air were 2.5 microg/m3 (1.1-7.5), 5.8 microg/m3 (4.3-8.5), and 6.1 microg/m3 (1.6-14.9). The Pb concentrations in dust from playgrounds areas in the intermediate and close school settings ranged from 1,457 to 4,162.5 mg/kg. Pb concentrations in drinking water were less than 5 microg/L. Soil and dust ingestion and inhalation appear to be the main routes of exposure. Our results indicate that environmental contamination has resulted in an increased body burden of Pb, suggesting that children living in the vicinity of the smelter complex are at high risk for adverse effects of lead.
OBJECTIVES: To analyse ongoing education within primary care teams from managers' perspective.

DESIGN: Cross-sectional descriptive study. SETTING: The Mother-Infant Health Programme of Andalusia in primary care. INTERVENTION: The views of health centre professionals were obtained through 8 groups. The type of health district and the number of years in operation were used as criteria for division. The views of the area managers were collected through a self-filled questionnaire from all the managers in the autonomous community. MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS: Professionals believed it necessary to keep up to date and train in new technology. They thought that training activities should focus on questions such as evaluation of programmes, focus of risk, counselling and communication, and certain techniques such as IUD insertion. Both managers and professionals coincided in recognising the effect of training on the development of mother-child services. There was consensus among professionals in affirming that training increases the quality of care delivered. Access to training was the main incentive element used by most area managers and one of those most highly valued by professionals. The professionals affirmed that in recent years there had been obstacles to their education by attending scientific events outside their areas. Many professionals stated that the economic
assistance of the pharmaceutical industry for courses caused inequalities between doctors and nurses in access to training. Professionals were very critical of training combined with specialist training. CONCLUSIONS: Professionals think they have sufficient training for mother-child health care. It is generally recognised that family doctors are better trained for working on health programmes than other professionals at the centres. Ongoing training was rated very highly by both professionals and directors, as it was seen as a motivating element and thought to be an activity almost solely carried out at health centres.

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The study of water contact patterns in rural Brazil presents unique challenges due to widely dispersed settlement patterns, the ubiquity of water contact sites, and the privatization of water resources. This study addresses these challenges by comparing the two most widely used methods of assessing water contact behaviour: direct observation and survey. The results of a 7-day direct observation of water contact were compared with water contact surveys administered 1 week after and then 1 year after the direct observation study. The direct observation study recorded a water contact rate higher than reported by other investigators (3.2 contacts per person per day); however, 75% of these contacts were for females and consisted mainly of domestic activities occurring around the household. A comparison of the frequency of water contact activities between the direct observation and the two surveys revealed several important points. First, no significant differences were found between methods for routine water contact activities (e.g. bathing), indicating that participants were able to accurately self-report some types of water contact activities. Second, significant differences were found in the recording of water contact activities that took place outside the observation area, indicating that direct observation may under-report water contact activities in areas where contact sites are dispersed widely. Third, significant differences between the direct observation and the survey method were more common for males than for females, indicating that the combination of widespread water contact sites and gender-specific division of labour may result in under-reporting of male contacts by direct observation methods. In short, despite the limitations in the recording of duration and body exposure, the survey method may more accurately record the frequency of water contact activities than direct observation methods in areas of widely dispersed water contact sites. Hence, surveys may be more suitable for the unique challenges of water contact in rural areas of Brazil.
STUDY OBJECTIVE: To analyze the epidemiology of wilderness mortalities in a localized area with diverse terrain. METHODS: We conducted a retrospective review of the Pima County (Arizona) Sheriff's Office (PCSO) search and rescue logs and case reports, hospital records, and autopsy reports for all wilderness deaths from 1980 to 1992. The study group comprised all victims of injury or illness in Pima County wilderness who died during a 13-year period in a location remote enough so that standard ground-based emergency medical services units could not extract the body. RESULTS: One hundred fatalities occurred during the 13-year study period. There were 59 unintentional traumas, 18 suicides, 9 homicides, 12 medically related deaths, and 2 deaths of unknown causes. Toxicology tests performed on body fluids yielded positive findings for alcohol in a total of 50 (50%) cases and positive findings for drugs of abuse in 12 (12%) cases. It was estimated that alcohol was "a very probable" or "a probable" causative factor in 23 (40%) of the 59 unintentional trauma deaths, and in 1 (8.3%) of the 12 medically related deaths. Fifty-five (55%) deaths were witnessed events, with 45 (80%) of these victims reported as dying immediately or before arrival of search and rescue personnel. Ten (10%) victims received resuscitation in the field, and according to a review of hospital charts and autopsy reports, only 2 victims had a potentially survivable injury or illness. CONCLUSION: Many wilderness mortalities are related to incidents involving alcohol. Once the accident or injury has occurred, the majority of deaths are immediate, or at least before the arrival of medical personnel. Higher levels of medical care would not have improved the outcomes of those who did survive long enough to receive medical care. Therefore, primary efforts to reduce mortality in the wilderness should be directed toward prevention, especially diminishing alcohol use in wilderness areas.
AIM: To assess the prevalence of injuries in elementary schools and determine specific risk groups of school-age children. METHODS: According to the 1991 census, there were 6,398 children between 7 and 14 years of age in the study area of the former Koprivnica district. During the 1992-1997 period, 354 children were injured in school. The registration of injured children was performed via structured questionnaires filled out at the emergency clinic and outpatient surgical clinic of the General Hospital in Koprivnica. The mechanism of accident and activities preceding it were categorized according to the Nordic Medico-Statistical Committee classification. Chi-square test was used to determine groups of school children at specific risk and a classification tree was made on the basis of minimum entropy values for age, sex, activity, and mechanism of injury. RESULTS: The highest injury rate of was recorded in 12-year-olds (21.7%). Upper extremities were most common site of injury (52.8%), whereas the most common type of injury was contusion (45.2%). The rate of head injuries was 3.2 times higher in younger (aged 7-10) children, whereas the rate of sports injuries was 3.5-fold higher in older (aged 11-14) children (p=0.001). Entropy classification revealed younger school-age children to be at the highest risk of contusion due to a blow from a ball, an object, or contact during sports activities. CONCLUSION: In Koprivnica County, most school-related injuries occurred during sport activities (42%) and play during recess (55%), with specific differences in age and sex.
CONTEXT: The relationship between exposure to aggression in the media and children's aggressive behavior is well documented. However, few potential solutions have been evaluated. OBJECTIVE: To assess the effects of reducing television, videotape, and video game use on aggressive behavior and perceptions of a mean and scary world. DESIGN: Randomized, controlled, school-based trial. SETTING: Two sociodemographically and scholastically matched public elementary schools in San Jose, Calif. PARTICIPANTS: Third- and fourth-grade students (mean age, 8.9 years) and their parents or guardians. INTERVENTION: Children in one elementary school received an 18-lesson, 6-month classroom curriculum to reduce television, videotape, and video game use. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: In September (preintervention) and April (postintervention) of a single school year, children rated their peers' aggressive behavior and reported their perceptions of the world as a mean and scary place. A 60% random sample of children were observed for physical and verbal aggression on the playground. Parents were interviewed by telephone and reported aggressive and delinquent behaviors on the child behavior checklist. The primary outcome measure was peer ratings of aggressive behavior. RESULTS: Compared with controls, children in the intervention group had statistically significant decreases in peer ratings of aggression (adjusted mean difference, -2.4%; 95% confidence interval [CI], -4.6 to -0.2; P = .03) and observed verbal aggression (adjusted mean difference, -0.10 act per minute per child; 95% CI, -0.18 to -0.03; P = .01). Differences in observed physical aggression, parent reports of aggressive behavior, and perceptions of a mean and scary world were not statistically significant but favored the intervention group. CONCLUSIONS: An intervention to reduce television, videotape, and video game use decreases aggressive behavior in elementary schoolchildren. These findings support the causal influences of these media on aggression and the potential benefits of reducing children's media use.
The long-distance travellers could be important to any cost-benefit assessment of policies to increase or improve local resources. This study examines the out-of-area hospital admission pattern for patients with Ambulatory Care Sensitive (ACS) conditions, also known as preventable conditions. The availability of local resources play a significant role for hospitalization for these conditions. Despite a growing literature investigating hospital choice, little is known about the effects of resource availabilities in local areas and patient characteristics prompting people to seek care at a longer distance from home for these conditions. Based on hospital discharge data for New York residents (children) admitted to hospitals in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Connecticut in 1994, the study uses logistic regression to predict travel out of the local area for ACS admission. The actual distance between residence and hospital is a highly skewed and problematic
measure, but the crossing of county boundaries is a related and very useful dichotomous measure of distant hospitalization. The study finds a strong association of types of insurance and availability of primary care with episodes of hospitalization for children outside the area of residence, after controlling for severity of illness and several other patient and county characteristics. Copyright 2001 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd

BACKGROUND: A new conceptual framework is needed to evaluate health-based interventions based on the premise that like the environment, workplaces are complex ecologies. The proposed Work Environment Impact Assessment (WEIA) is analogous to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), a concept and method developed 30 years ago in the environmental policy arena to evaluate potential consequences of human activity for the natural environment. WEIA entails identifying and evaluating both intended and unintended consequences, or outcomes, associated with a particular intervention. Because the workplace is a complex ecology, changes in one aspect may lead to changes in other aspects. WEIA calls for a systematic and comprehensive approach to the total work environment. METHODS: To illustrate the utility of WEIA we use...
this approach to evaluate an intervention to reduce the public's exposure to the pesticide Alar, which had been used on apples until it was withdrawn from the market in 1989. RESULTS: While this intervention did indeed reduce the public's exposure to Alar, it also led to other unintended consequences, namely new ergonomic hazards for apple pickers, increased stress levels in the orchards for both pickers and growers, as well as new worker, and perhaps public, exposure to potent neurotoxins. CONCLUSIONS: The goal of using WEIA is not to engage in a risk-risk debate that stalls worthwhile interventions. Rather, we propose that by conducting a Work Environment Impact Assessment, all possible positive and negative "ripple" effects stemming from an intervention can be considered, so that the intervention can be designed to achieve maximum benefit. Copyright 2001 Wiley-Liss, Inc

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OBJECTIVE: To assess the skills of community health volunteers in diagnosing active trachoma and distributing azithromycin in the Northern Region of Ghana. METHODS: Six community health volunteers from Daboya were trained to diagnose trachoma and to treat the disease using azithromycin. They were also informed of the drug’s possible side-effects. Under supervision, each volunteer then examined, and if necessary treated, 15 households. The dose of azithromycin was determined by weight; height was also measured. Tablets were given in preference to suspension when possible. RESULTS: The volunteers' diagnostic sensitivity for active trachoma was 63%; their specificity was 96%. At the household level, their "decision to treat" was correct in 83% of households. In 344 treatment episodes, volunteers planned a dose of azithromycin outside the range 15-30 mg/kg on only seven occasions (2.0% of all planned treatments). The volunteers' drug management skills were good, the response of the community was excellent, and adverse reactions were infrequent. Diagnosis of active trachoma, record-keeping skills, and knowledge of side-effects were found to need greater emphasis in any future education programme. Most people aged four years or older were able to swallow tablets. For those taking tablets, the correlation between the data gathered for height and weight shows that calculating azithromycin doses by height is a valid alternative to calculating it by weight. CONCLUSION: Trained community health volunteers have a potential role in identifying active trachoma and distributing azithromycin. To simplify training and logistics, it may be better to base dosage schedules on height rather than weight for those taking tablets, which included most people aged four years or more in the population studied.

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T1 - Novel missense mutations outside the allosteric domain of glutamate dehydrogenase are prevalent in European patients with the congenital hyperinsulinism-hyperammonemia syndrome
A1 - Santer,R.
A1 - Kinner,M.
A1 - Passarge,M.
A1 - Superti-Furga,A.
A1 - Mayatepek,E.
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KW - Adolescent
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KW - Allosteric Regulation
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - DNA Mutational Analysis
KW - Europe
KW - Female
KW - Glutamate Dehydrogenase/ge [Genetics]
KW - Humans
KW - Hyperammonemia/ge [Genetics]
The hyperinsulinism-hyperammonemia syndrome (HHS) has been shown to result from 'gain-of-function' mutations of the glutamate dehydrogenase (GIDH) gene, GLUD1. In the original report, all mutations were found in a narrow range of 27 base pairs within exons 11 and 12 which predicted an effect on the presumed allosteric domain of the enzyme and all these mutations were associated by a diminished inhibitory effect of guanosine triphosphate (GTP) on GIDH activity. We have investigated 14 patients from seven European families with mild hyperinsulinism. In four families, more than one member was affected. In eight cases hyperammonemia was documented, and eight cases had signs of significant leucine sensitivity. In one of the families, a novel heterozygous missense mutation in exon 6 [c.833C>T (R221C)] was detected, and in all other cases from six unrelated families the novel heterozygous missense mutation c.978G>A (R269H) was found in exon 7. When GIDH activity was measured in lymphocytes isolated from affected patients, both mutations were shown to result in a normal basal activity but a diminished sensitivity to GTP. It is the first time that this effect is reported for mutations located in the presumed catalytic site and outside the GTP allosteric domain of the enzyme. The observation of the high prevalence of the exon 7 mutation both in familial and sporadic cases of HHS suggests a mutation hot spot and justifies a mutation screening for this novel mutation by mismatch PCR-based restriction enzyme digestion in patients with hyperinsulinism.
N2 - PURPOSE: The primary aim was to provide experience with a functional evaluation instrument (modified Barthel index MBI) that assures the quality of work and identify its deficiencies, familiarize our staff with the feasibility of its application on our local inpatients and educate our personnel in the field of stroke rehabilitation. The secondary aim was to collect data that are measurable and reproducible, identify specific local factors that adversely affect outcomes and serve as a feedback system to our national organizations. METHODS: In this prospective/retrospective study we evaluated 80 hemiplegic patients with completed stroke, admitted to hospital during the year 1989-1990. They were assessed by a neurologist, physiatrist and physiotherapist on admission and discharge using the MBI. All patients received comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation. The study was interrupted at the beginning of the Gulf crisis. However, the data were revived and retrospectively studied in the year 1994-1995. RESULTS: The MBI proved to be fully acceptable and easily applicable in our community. The rehabilitation staff became rapidly familiarized with its application and the reproduction of its data. The goals of rehabilitation were achieved through the reduction in the number of individuals in the more severe MBI scores and the increase in the number of individuals in the less severe ones. Significant improvements occurred in dressing of the upper and lower body, washing, grooming, care of perineum, transfer chair, toilet and walking on a level of 50 yards (p ≤ 0.0005). CONCLUSIONS: We conclude that MBI is simple, convenient, efficient, gives exact and accurate information about daily activities and ambulation and could be used in inpatient follow up sittings, in the Arab and culturally similar Middle East countries

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T1 - Fungal peritonitis caused by Curvularia species in a child undergoing peritoneal dialysis
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We report the first case of peritonitis caused by Curvularia species in a child undergoing peritoneal dialysis. He presented with gray-black proteinaceous material obstructing the lumen of his Tenckhoff catheter. Although the peritoneal fluid was cloudy, the patient suffered neither significant abdominal tenderness nor systemic symptoms. Catheter removal and treatment with amphotericin B allowed complete recovery and return to peritoneal dialysis within 7 days. Outdoor play in a wooded environment may have allowed contact of this saprophytic fungus with the child's indwelling catheter transfer set.
The human population data on air pollution and its effects on the immune system are scarce. A survey was conducted within the framework of the Central European Study of Air Quality and Respiratory Health (CESAR) to measure a panel of immune biomarkers in children of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. Seventeen cities were chosen to represent a wide range of exposure to outdoor air pollution. In each, ambient particulate matter of less than 10 microns diameter and less than 2.5 microns diameter (PM10 and PM2.5) were measured with a Harvard impactor. Blood was collected from 366 school children aged 9 to 11 yr between 11 April and 10 May 1996. The percentage of B, total T, CD4+, CD8+, and natural killer (NK) lymphocytes was determined by flow cytometry (Becton Dickinson); total immunoglobulins of class G, M, A
and E (IgG, IgM, IgA, and IgE) were measured in serum using nephelometry (Behring). Associations between PM and each log-transformed biomarker concentration were studied by linear regression, in a two-stage model. The yearly average concentrations varied from 41 to 96 micrograms/m3 for PM10 across the 17 study areas, from 29 to 67 micrograms/m3 for PM2.5, and from 12 to 38 micrograms/m3 for PM10-2.5 (coarse). Number of B, CD4+, CD8+, and NK lymphocytes increased with increasing concentration of PM, having adjusted for age, gender, parental smoking, laboratory of analysis, and recent respiratory illness. Differences in lymphocyte number were larger and statistically significant for exposure to PM2.5. Similar results were found when we examined the association between PM and lymphocyte number separately for each laboratory. Total IgG was increased with increasing concentration of PM, significantly in the case of PM2.5. When we repeated the analyses with two other statistical approaches the results did not differ from those reported here. The effect of coarse PM on lymphocyte numbers appears small in comparison to PM2.5. One possible interpretation of our findings is that long-term exposure to airborne particulates leads to inflammation of the airways and activation of the cellular and humoral immune system.

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T1 - Penetration of nitrogen oxides and particles from outdoor into indoor air and removal of the pollutants through filtration of incoming air
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A1 - Ahonen,A.
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A1 - Hahtela,T.
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N1 - Partti-Pellinen, K. Marttila, O. Ahonen, A. Suominen, O. Hahtela, T
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KW - Air Pollutants/an [Analysis]
KW - Air Pollution
KW - Indoor/an [Analysis]
KW - Indoor/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Child
KW - Child Day Care Centers
KW - Environmental Monitoring
KW - Filtration
KW - Humans
KW - Nitrogen Oxides/an [Analysis]
KW - Particle Size
KW - Ventilation
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JF - Indoor Air
VL - 10
IS - 2
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N2 - We studied the effect of ventilation and air filtration systems on indoor air quality in a children's day-care center in Finland. Ambient air nitrogen oxides (NO, NO2) and particles (TSP, PM10) were simultaneously...
measured outdoors and indoors with automatic nitrogen oxide analyzers and dust monitoring. Without filtration nitrogen oxides and particulate matter generated by nearby motor traffic penetrated readily indoors. With chemical filtration 50-70% of nitrogen oxides could be removed. Mechanical ventilation and filtration also reduced indoor particle levels. During holidays and weekends when there was no opening of doors and windows and no particle-generating activity indoors, the indoor particle level was reduced to less than 10% of the outdoor level. At times when outdoor particle concentrations were high during weekdays, the indoor level was about 25% of the outdoor level. Thus, the possible adverse health effects of nitrogen oxides and particles indoors could be countered by efficient filtration. We also showed that inclusion of heat recovery equipment can make new ventilation installations economical.

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T1 - Children's risk perception and parents' views on levels of risk that children attach to outdoor activities
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KW - Accidents/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Adult
KW - Age Distribution
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KW - Child
KW - Child Psychology
KW - Child Welfare
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - England
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Male
KW - Parents/px [Psychology]
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Risk-Taking
KW - Safety
KW - Sex Distribution
KW - Socioeconomic Factors
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/et [Etiology]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/pc [Prevention & Control]

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OBJECTIVE: Higher rates of outdoor injuries are found in older children, boys and children from more deprived areas. Some of the causes of these variations have been studied in some age groups and in different situations. To study children's perception of safety and danger and parents' views on the level of risk that their children attach to outdoor activities comparing age groups, boys and girls, and the less economically well off with the better off in order to understand outdoor accidental injuries. METHODS: A cross-sectional study, obtained information from children aged 7 and 9 (n=471) and their parents (n=416) were living in Newcastle upon Tyne by self-completed questionnaires. Nine schools in different socio-economic areas were selected. Children were asked to paste different stickers on to the pictures in the classrooms. The parents’ questionnaires were delivered by children and then returned to school after completion. The deprivation of an individual was accessed by Z-score of the households. RESULTS: Older children compared to younger ones, boys versus girls and more economically deprived children compared to less deprived children had less perception of the dangers of outdoor activities. For example, older children compared to younger ones were more likely to perceive crossing a busy road with their friends (38.0% vs. 26.4%, P=0.007) as being safe. Boys compared to girls were more likely to perceive climbing wall (31.5% vs. 13.2%, P<0.001) as being safe. More economically deprived children were more likely to perceive cycling without a helmet (25.8% vs. 11.2%, P<0.001) as being safe than less economically deprived children. CONCLUSION: These findings may partly explain the higher rate of accidental injuries among older children, boys and more deprived children. The results may inform how education of primary schoolchildren about dealing with activities such as crossing a busy road, climbing walls and playing in street and how parents should be conscious of their children's outdoor activities.
N2 - Education programs for intensive insulin therapy were found to be valuable in improving glycemic control, but, due to low prevalence of type 1 diabetes in children and adolescents, access to those programs varies considerably in rural areas. We report on a telemedical care program that overcomes geographical isolation of patients on intensive insulin therapy. Sixty-one children and adolescents under the age of 26 participated in a telemedical care program. They stored daily information on blood glucose, injected insulin, meals and exercise in a glucometer with electronic memory and transferred the data via modem to a remote diabetes center outside of the region. By individual telephone consultations from home, they reviewed the data with a diabetologist at the diabetes center and adjusted their intensive insulin therapy in order to achieve predefined treatment goals. Patients were trained for 19 (6-48) weeks in the program and measured blood glucose 4.9 (1.7-4.9) times daily. Compared to the run-in-period, mean blood glucose had decreased (167 to 158 mg/dL, p < 0.01), standard deviation of blood glucose had decreased (81 to 70 mg/dL, p < 0.001), and frequency of hypoglycemia had decreased (5.2 to 3.3 in 4 weeks, p = 0.01) at the end of the program. The proportion of blood glucose values within the target range (80-180 mg/dL) had increased (47-55%, p < 0.001). HbA1c was reduced by 0.4% (-3.8 to +2.2%, p < 0.05). Telemedical care for intensive insulin therapy is safe, can improve glycemic control, and reduce the number of hypoglycemias in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes.
The enormous amount of data concerning outdoor pollution has allowed quantifying the damage caused by single pollutants. On the basis of these data, and knowing the concentration of a pollutant in a given area, to date it is possible to foresee the expected risk for a given disease in our community. For instance, in an average size town like Parma, it can be calculated that in the middle of the winter, suspended particulate pollution (PM10), one day/three, will increase by 30% the number of symptomatic asthmatic children. In the long term, in a town like Parma, PM10 and NO2 pollution increases the number of children with more than 4 episodes of bronchitis or persistent cough by 30-50%. With regard to the typical summer pollution by O3, extremely harmful as it expands outside towns, in Parma and surroundings in August one should expect in 1/3 days double the number of symptomatic asthmatic patients, and every other day a 25% reduction of the respiratory function in asthmatic children exercising. With regard to indoor pollution besides the well known and severe problem of passive smoking, and that of volatile organic compounds still under investigation, one must consider NO2 pollution originating from the burning processes for heating and cooking. As this latter is extremely important in Italy, as gas is used in practically every house, the Author has done a specific research in which it is shown that if this kind of pollution was eliminated one could reduce the incidence of asthma in childhood from 7 to 5%, and noticeably the severity of the disease in affected subjects. Thus, paediatricians have two new aims. The first is to identify in pollution one of the possible causes of respiratory problems in each single patient, giving recommendations (ex. advise asthmatic children to avoid physical activity in the open and in the sunny hours during the summer, or avoid having children in the kitchen while cooking, or have boilers, heaters, etc. checked). Second, paediatricians should make aware, using the local actual data on pollution, not only the local administrators, but also and may be more important the parents of children with respiratory problems. These are in fact the ones who can and must become the most active in facing the big problem of pollution

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T1 - Environmental and serological evidence for the presence of toxocariasis in the urban area of Ancona, Italy
A1 - Giacometti,A.
A1 - Cirioni,O.
A1 - Fortuna,M.
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A1 - Antonicelli,L.
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To evaluate the Toxocara spp. eggs environmental contamination of the soil of the urban or suburban area Ancona (Italy), 22 public playgrounds were selected and several cores of soil were taken from any selected areas. To study the Toxocara seroprevalence in the inhabitants of Ancona, blood samples were collected from selected groups of individuals. One hundred and sixty-three blood samples were tested using an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) technique (Lofarma Lab, Milan, Italy) for the detection of IgG-specific antibodies to T. canis excretory-secretory antigens. Toxocara spp. eggs were found in the soil samples from 14 (63.6%) playgrounds. Toxocara seroprevalence was detected in blood specimens from six (8.1%) out of 74 symptomatic individuals and from one (1.1%) out of 89 asymptomatic controls. Among symptomatic individuals, the association between Toxocara seroprevalence and eosinophilia resulted statistically significant (p = 0.029). The high environmental contamination frequency found make necessary to prompt preventive public health measures, such as control of stray animals, treatment of infected pets and hygiene education of the population.
A 7-year-old girl had injured her maxillary primary incisors in a playground. One of the already-mobile incisors had been avulsed. The child who had a cough and breathing difficulties during sleep was diagnosed as suffering from upper respiratory infection and was treated with antibiotics. A few days later because her body temperature was elevated a chest radiograph was taken. The radiograph revealed an aspirated tooth in her right bronchus with atelectasis of the lower lobe. The tooth was removed by bronchoscopy. Dentists should suspect any tooth that has been avulsed and not found as possibly aspirated.
There are sandboxes in public elementary school playground areas in Brazil, which can be harmful to children. They are at risk of cutaneous and visceral larva migrans infection caused by Ancylostoma spp. and Toxocara spp., respectively. The study was designed to investigate contamination by Toxocara spp. and/or their eggs and Ancylostoma spp. larvae in sand samples collected from the schools' sandboxes. Five hundred and thirty-five sand samples from 28 public elementary schools were collected during summer and winter and analyzed by both Baerman's method and centrifugal flotation technique. Ancylostoma spp. larvae were found in 35.7% (10/28) schools in summer time and in 46.4% (13/28) schools in the winter time. Eggs of Toxocara spp. could not be recovered from the samples analyzed and eggs from Ancylostoma spp. were seen in 0.56% (3/535) of the samples.

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**T1** - [A study of food-dependent exercise-induced anaphylaxis by analyzing the Japanese cases reported in the literature]. [Japanese]

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We surveyed and analyzed cases of food-dependent exercise-induced anaphylaxis (FDEIA) in the Japanese literature. We found 167 cases which were reported as FDEIA since 1983. Analyzing these cases, following characteristic features were revealed: 1) Recent upward trend in the number of reports of FDEIA was noted. 2) Male cases were more frequent than female cases, while about half of the cases were teenager. 3) More than half of the cases were proved to be induced by wheat followed by shrimp. In those under 20, shrimp was the most popular cause rather than wheat. 4) Skin test and/or IgE RAST showed positive results in most cases, suggesting that the response itself is linked to type I allergic reaction. 5) About 40% of the patients had history of atopic disease, indicating that atopic condition may play some role in FDEIA. 6) All cases who performed provocation test with aspirin responded to food challenge and/or exercise in combination with aspirin. This indicates that aspirin plays a key provoking factor in FDEIA. 7) In 17 cases FDEIA attacks were observed during noon recess or physical education class after lunch at school. We stress here the importance of a nationwide education to school teachers the potential danger of this disorder.
BACKGROUND: Low levels of physical activity is associated with major health problems. However, no overview of the level of physical activity outside work or school in Norway has been made, which is important in order to implement targeted interventions. MATERIAL AND METHODS: Based on published as well as unpublished data, we present data on physical activity in Norway—among children and adolescents, adults and elderly people. RESULTS: Results from different studies differ markedly. However, the main findings are these: The level of physical activity increases in childhood up until about 13 years of age. Approximately 70% of adolescents are active two hours or more a week beyond school-hours. The proportion of physical active youngsters then decreases towards young adulthood. Adults and elderly people get more inactive with increasing age. Data on physical activity from the past 10-15 years suggest a slight increase in the proportion of moderately active Norwegians. INTERPRETATION: Research on physical activity is impeded by the fact that different studies have operationalized physical activity differently and used different age grouping. There is a need for surveys in representative samples with standardised and validated questions, with uniform age classification, covering the full spectre of physical activity. In addition, we need smaller studies with more comprehensive measures of physical activity in Norway. [References: 40]
Stimulants are a key element in the treatment of ADHD. Carefully designed trials of stimulants have found substantial improvement in ADHD core behaviours in 65-75% of subjects with ADHD. Most standard stimulants are rapidly absorbed, with their behavioural effects appearing within 30 minutes, reaching a peak within one to three hours and disappearing within five hours. Doses at school are often necessary, in spite of the risk of peer ridicule and added adult supervision requirements. The mechanism by which stimulants act to reduce hyperactivity is not completely understood, but they improve impulsivity and activity levels. Several controlled evaluations made over periods of time greater than a year show a clear persistence of medication effects over time. A carefully crafted programme of treatment with methylphenidate is more effective in the reduction of hyperactivity symptoms than an intensive programme of behavioural and cognitive intervention. The combination of stimulants with psychosocial interventions in ADHD offers few advantages over medication alone. Unchallengeable guides to practice that would be appropriate everywhere are difficult to propose. It is imperative that clinicians prescribing stimulants should monitor the use of the drug properly, making sure that it is not being abused by the child's family, peers or those dispensing medication at school. Polypharmacy should only be embarked on by a specialist service and the combination of methylphenidate and clonidine should be used cautiously. Apart from ADHD, stimulants are useful in narcolepsy, resistant depression and partial syndromes of attention and hyperactivity. Major gaps in knowledge remain; pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and pharmacogenetics of stimulant effects need further study. Details of stimulant administration regimes seem to have a major effect on the response achieved. Further research is needed, preferably in realistic practice settings, comparing different forms of combination with psychological interventions, investigating the effects in groups of children outside the core of schooled children with typical ADHD: preschool children, adults, those with partial syndromes (such as inattentiveness) and those with comorbid disorders. [References: 111]
Contaminated site cleanup decisions may require estimation of dermal exposures to soil. Telephone surveys represent one means of obtaining relevant activity pattern data. The initial Soil Contact Survey (SCS-I), which primarily gathered information on the activities of adults, was conducted in 1996. Data describing adult behaviors have been previously reported. Results from a second Soil Contact Survey (SCS-II), performed in 1998-1999 and focused on children's activity patterns, are reported here. Telephone surveys were used to query a randomly selected sample of U.S. households. A randomly chosen child, under the age of 18 years, was targeted in each responding household having children. Play activities as well as bathing patterns were investigated to quantify total exposure time, defined as activity time plus delay until washing. Of 680 total survey respondents, 500 (73.5%) reported that their child played outdoors on bare dirt or mixed grass and dirt surfaces. Among these "players," the median reported play frequency was 7 days/week in warm weather and 3 days/week in cold weather. Median play duration was 3 h/day in warm weather and 1 h/day in cold weather. Hand washes were reported to occur a median of 4 times per day in both warm and cold weather months. Bath or shower median frequency was seven times per week in both warm and cold weather. Finally, based on clothing choice data gathered in SCS-I, a median of about 37% of total skin surface is estimated to be exposed during young children's warm weather outdoor play.
The purpose of this manuscript is to describe the practical strategies developed for the implementation of the Minnesota Children's Pesticide Exposure Study (MNCPES), which is one of the first probability-based samples of multi-pathway and multi-pesticide exposures in children. The primary objective of MNCPES was to characterize children's exposure to selected pesticides through a combination of questionnaires, personal exposure measurements (i.e., air, duplicate diet, hand rinse), and complementary monitoring of biological samples (i.e., pesticide metabolites in urine), environmental samples (i.e., residential indoor/outdoor air, drinking water, dust on residential surfaces, soil), and children's activity patterns. A cross-sectional design employing a stratified random sample was used to identify homes with age-eligible children and screen residences to facilitate oversampling of households with higher potential exposures. Numerous techniques were employed in the study, including in-person contact by locally based interviewers, brief and highly focused home visits, graduated subject incentives, and training of parents and children to assist in sample collection. It is not feasible to quantify increases in rates of subject recruitment, retention, or compliance that resulted from the
techniques employed in this study. Nevertheless, results indicate that the total package of implemented procedures was instrumental in obtaining a high percentage of valid samples for targeted households and environmental media.

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T1 - Preseasonal local allergoid immunotherapy to grass pollen in children: a double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized trial
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A1 - Sensi, L. G.
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KW - Oral
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KW - Allergens/im [Immunology]
KW - Allergens/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Antibodies
KW - Monoclonal/im [Immunology]
KW - Asthma/im [Immunology]
KW - Asthma/th [Therapy]
KW - Blood Proteins/me [Metabolism]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Conjunctivitis
KW - Allergic/im [Immunology]
KW - Allergic/th [Therapy]
KW - Desensitization
KW - Immunologic
KW - Double-Blind Method
KW - Eosinophil Granule Proteins
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Nasal Mucosa/im [Immunology]
KW - Phytotherapy
KW - Placebos
KW - Poaceae/im [Immunology]
KW - Pollen/im [Immunology]
KW - Pollen/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Rhinitis
KW - Allergic
KW - Seasonal/im [Immunology]
KW - Seasonal/th [Therapy]
BACKGROUND: We assessed the efficacy of preseasonal local allergoid immunotherapy in a group of children with asthma and/or rhinitis and/or rhinoconjunctivitis due to grass pollen. METHODS: We randomly assigned 24 children allergic to grass pollen to receive local allergoid immunotherapy for 3 months before the pollen season and 24 such patients to receive identically appearing placebo. The immunotherapy consisted of tablets of monomeric allergoid grass pollen allergens held in the mouth until they dissolved and then swallowed. The study was double-blind. Symptoms and medications were scored on diary cards during the pollen season. Nasal eosinophil cationic protein levels were measured by the monoclonal antibodies EG1 and EG2 outside the pollen season and at low and at high pollen concentration during the pollen season. RESULTS: The active-treatment group had a statistically significant reduction of total symptoms (P<0.05), especially bronchial symptoms (P<0.05), in comparison with the placebo group. Immunotherapy was well tolerated and compliance was good. Nasal levels of EG2 and EG1 increased significantly during the pollen season, but there was no difference between groups. EG2/EG1 increased significantly only in the placebo group during natural allergen exposure (P<0.01). CONCLUSIONS: Our results suggest that this immunotherapy is effective for the treatment of asthma due to grass pollen in children.
BACKGROUND: In inland NSW, Australia, allergic sensitization to the fungi Alternaria and Cladosporium and to pollen is common and an important risk factor for asthma. OBJECTIVE: We report the results of a series of experiments designed to assess the nature of personal exposure to these airborne allergenic particles. We have tested the effect of exposure conditions and level of activity on measurements of the personal exposure. METHOD: Personal Air Samplers (PAS) and Nasal Air Samplers (NAS) were employed. NAS are fitted just inside the nose and collect inhaled particles by impaction, while the PAS use a pump-operated filter with constant air flow (2 L/min). Thirty-three subjects (adults and children) used both NAS and PAS simultaneously for four one hour periods during which they performed activities or rested, both inside and outside their homes. Samples were analysed by light microscopy. Alternaria spores, Cladosporium spores, grass pollen and nongrass pollen were counted. RESULTS: Both samplers detected substantial variation in exposure between subjects. Between members of the same household, the intrahouse correlation coefficient ranged from < 0 - 0.38. Levels of pollen grains and fungal spores inhaled were higher during periods of activity than during rest, and higher while subjects were outdoors than indoors. During the active outdoor period, the number of Alternaria spores inhaled ranged from 4 to 794 (median 11) spores/hr, Cladosporium from 0 to 396 (median 4) spores/hr, grass pollen from 0 to 81 (median 1) grains/hr and nongrass pollen from 0 to 72 (median 5) grains/hr. CONCLUSION: This is the first study to quantify individual inhaled levels of allergenic fungal spores and pollen under normal domestic circumstances. Exposure can be substantial and highly variable between individuals. The amount of particles inhaled relates both to location of the individual and activity being performed, independent of age group.

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T1 - Split liver is an effective tool to transplant paediatric patients
A1 - Porta,E.
A1 - Cardillo,M.
A1 - Pizzi,C.
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Transplantation activity is dependent upon organ procurement; although great efforts are made to enlarge the cadaver donors’ pool, it still remains far too small to meet the recipients’ need. Waiting time is a particular problem for paediatric patients, and mortality on the waiting list for liver transplantation is very high. The number of paediatric donors is far too small to satisfy the request. To enlarge the liver pool, the split-liver procedure was introduced in several Transplant Centers. In November 1997, the North Italy Transplant program (NITp) Working Group for Liver Transplantation decided to start an official Split-liver Program. A protocol was therefore defined and criteria for donor's and recipient's eligibility were established to minimize the risk. The Working Group also standardized the technical procedure and defined collaboration between centers. Out of 410 cadaver liver donors used in the NITp, from 1 November 1997 until 31 May 1999, 49 patients (37 males and 12 females) were chosen for the split-liver procedure. Mean age was 29.9 +/- 17.5 years. Mean ICU stay of the donors was considerably short (2.5 +/- 2.1 days), and the other conditions foreseen for donor eligibility were met. In all cases (except two) an "in situ" technique was performed. Forty-nine adult recipients and 43 children were transplanted by the split-liver technique in our Transplant Centers. One right lobe and five left liver lobes were sent to Transplant Centers outside the NITp. Adult recipient age ranged from 18 to 60 years (mean 46.4 +/- 11.7 years), and the paediatric one from 2 to 144 months (mean 24.8). Mean patient follow-up was 8.3 +/- 5.5 months. In the paediatric group, the graft was successful in 34 cases (79%), five patients (10.2%) died and four (9.3%) were re-transplanted. In the adult group, graft survival was 67.3%, 11 (22%) patients died and 5 (10%) were re-transplanted. On 1 November 1997, 30 paediatric patients were on the liver waiting list. In the preceding 19 months, 52 patients were newly enrolled, and 36 transplants were performed. The mean waiting time of paediatric patients was 259 days (range 1-919 days). From 1 November 1997 to 31 May 1999, 61 paediatric patients were newly enrolled. In this period 70 patients were transplanted. The mean waiting time was 185 days (1-1010 days). At present, the liver waiting list includes eight paediatric patients. Split-liver transplantation is a successful procedure, effective in reducing waiting time for paediatric patients. It should be established if this may be a tool to enlarge the organ pool also for adult liver transplantation.
The challenge for helping others enjoy a healthy and active life is to move the focus of instruction from physical fitness toward physical activity. Participation in regular physical activity offers a number of benefits including reduction of the risk of premature mortality, coronary heart disease, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and colon cancer. The physical fitness of American children has not declined over the years even though teachers and parents often believe it to be true. A significant amount of fitness test performance is explained by heredity. Both the response to training and genetic limitations are limiting factors outside the control of individuals. Not all people can reach a high fitness level, but all can be physically active. The Children's Lifetime Physical Activity Model (C-LPAM) offers guidance in how to prescribe activity for youth. Guidelines suggest youngsters should receive at least 60 minutes or more of physical activity on a daily basis.

Factors related to the progression of myopia in Singaporean children

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PURPOSE: To examine the possible factors related to the progression of myopia in Singapore children.

METHODS: One hundred fifty-three Singapore children aged 6 to 12 years were recruited to participate in a concurrent cohort study of the risk factors for the progression of myopia. Socioeconomic status, outdoor activity, and near-work activity were documented in a face-to-face clinic interview. The changes in cycloplegic subjective refraction and autorefraction were ascertained with the use of a Nidek ARK 900 over a 2-year period.

RESULTS: The average rate of progression of myopia as measured by subjective refraction was -0.59 D per year (95% confidence interval -0.52, -0.66). Younger children and children who were more myopic at the beginning (refractive error worse than -2.0 D) of the study had higher myopia progression rates.

CONCLUSIONS: Myopia progression was faster for younger children and for children who had more severe myopia at baseline. Socioeconomic status and near-work activity were not related to myopia progression.
This study set out to explore the contexts in which preschool children use private speech, or self-talk, in the naturalistic setting of the preschool classroom, and age-related changes in the contexts in which preschoolers talk to themselves. A total of 2752 naturalistic observations of fourteen three-year-old and fourteen four-year-old children were conducted using a time-sampling procedure in two preschool classrooms over the course of one semester. Results from logistic regression analyses revealed that both age groups were (a) more likely to use private speech during the self-selected activity classroom context as opposed to both large group and outside free play classroom contexts, and (b) most likely to talk to themselves when alone, next likely in the presence of peers, and least likely when in the presence of a teacher. Although the probability of private speech among three-year-old children did not vary as a function of the child's immediate activity, four-year-old children's private speech was more likely to occur during sustained and focused goal-directed activity as opposed to rapidly-changing and non goal-directed activity. The findings suggest that private speech appears systematically in young children and that, in several ways, four-year-old children use private speech more selectively than three-year-olds.
The physical activity levels of 47, 5- to 7-year-old children were assessed before and after a school playground was painted with fluorescent markings. Children's physical activity was measured using heart rate telemetry during three playtimes before and after the markings were laid down. Children in the experimental and control groups spent 27 and 29 min, respectively, in moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) before the intervention, increasing to 45 and 36 min, respectively, during the intervention period. MVPA, vigorous physical activity (VPA) and mean heart rate remained relatively stable in the control group compared to respective increases of 10 and 5% of playtime and 6 beats min\(^{-1}\) in the experimental group during the intervention period. The ANCOVA analysis revealed significant interactions and main effects for the intervention for MVPA, VPA and mean heart rate. Conversely there were no main effect differences between groups. These results suggest that while playground markings had a significant and positive influence on children's physical activity, factors other than playground markings may also influence children's physically active play.
Longitudinal studies are needed to increase understanding of the causes of childhood obesity. To identify 1- and 2-year predictors of excess weight gain among preadolescents, the authors conducted a prospective cohort study of fourth- and fifth-grade students in 16 elementary schools located in multiethnic, low-income neighborhoods in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, that were participating in the evaluation of a school-based heart health promotion program. Subjects included 2,318 children aged 9-12 years with baseline and 1-year follow-up data and 633 children aged 9-11 years with baseline and 2-year follow-up data. One-year predictors of highest decile of change in body mass index (BMI) identified in logistic regression analyses included baseline BMI of 90th percentile or more (odds ratio (OR) = 2.66, 95% confidence interval: 1.80, 3.94) in boys and baseline BMI of 90th percentile or more (OR = 2.34, 95% confidence interval: 1.46, 3.76), no sports outside school (OR = 1.90, 95% confidence interval: 1.18, 3.06), and playing video games everyday (OR = 2.48, 95% confidence interval: 1.04, 5.92) in girls. Two-year predictors included baseline BMI of 90th percentile or more (OR = 3.26, 95% confidence interval: 1.52, 7.01), no sports outside school (OR = 2.14, 95% confidence interval: 0.96, 4.77), and least active (OR = 2.18, 95% confidence interval: 1.01, 4.71) in boys; only baseline BMI of 90th percentile or more (OR = 2.22, 95% confidence interval: 1.02, 4.81) was significant in girls. Results suggest the need for interventions to promote increased physical activity in children.
Epidemiological studies have associated adverse health impacts with ambient concentrations of particulate matter (PM), though these studies have been limited in their characterization of personal exposure to PM. An exposure study of healthy nonsmoking adults and children was conducted in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia, to characterize the range of personal exposures to air pollutants and to determine the influence of occupation, season, residence location, and outdoor and indoor concentrations on personal exposures. Twenty-four-hour personal, at-home indoor, and ambient measurements of PM10, PM2.5, sulfate (SO4(2-)) and nicotine were obtained for 18 office workers, 16 industrial workers, and 15 high school students in winter and summer. Results showed that outdoor levels of pollutants were modest, with clear seasonal differences: outdoor PM10 summer/winter mean = 35/45 microg/m3; PM2.5 summer/winter mean = 22/32 microg/m3. SO4(2-) levels were low (4-7 microg/m3) and relatively uniform across the different sample types (personal, indoor, outdoor), areas, and occupational groups. This suggests that SO4(2-) may be a useful marker for combustion mode particles of ambient origin, although the relationship between personal exposures and ambient SO4(2-) levels was more complex than observed in North American settings. During winter especially, the central city area showed higher concentrations than the suburban location for outdoor, personal, and indoor measures of PM10, PM2.5, and to a lesser extent for SO4(2-), suggesting the importance of local sources. For PM2.5 and PM10, ratios consistent with expectations were found among exposure indices for all three subject groups (personal>indoor>outdoor), and between work type (industrial>students>office workers). The ratio of PM2.5 personal to indoor exposures ranged from 1.0 to 3.9 and of personal to outdoor exposures from 1.6 to 4.2. The ratio of PM10 personal to indoor exposures ranged from 1.1 to 2.9 and the ratio of personal to outdoor exposures from 2.1 to 4.1. For a combined group of office workers and students, personal PM10/PM2.5 levels were predicted by statistically significant multivariate models incorporating indoor (for PM2.5) or outdoor (for PM10) PM levels, and nicotine exposure (for PM10). Small but significant fractions of the overall variability, 15% for PM2.5 and 17% for PM10, were explained by these models. The results indicate that central site monitors underpredict actual human exposures to PM2.5 and PM10. Personal exposure to SO4(2-) was found to be predicted by outdoor or indoor SO4(2-) levels with 23-71% of the overall variability explained by these predictors. We conclude that personal exposure measurements and additional demographic and daily activity data are crucial for accurate evaluation of exposure to particles in this setting.
Recent experimental findings in animals and humans indicate adverse respiratory effects from short-term exposures to particulate air pollutants, especially in sensitive subpopulations such as asthmatics. The relationship between air pollution and asthma has mainly been determined using particulate matter (PM) measurements from central sites. Validated tools are needed to assess exposures most relevant to health effects. Recently, a personal passive particulate sampler (personal Data-RAM, pDR, MIE Inc., Bedford, MA) has become available for studying personal exposures to PM with time resolution at 1 min. The pDR measures light scatter from PM in the 0.1-10 microM range, the significant range for health effects. In order to assess the ability of the pDR in predicting gravimetric mass, pDRs were collocated with PM2.5 and PM10 Harvard Impactors (HI) inside and outside nine homes of asthmatic children and at an outdoor central Air Pollution Control District site. Results are presented of comparisons between the HI samplers and the pDR in various modes of operation: passive, active, and active with a heated inlet. When used outdoors at fixed sites the pDR readings exhibit interference from high relative humidity (RH) unless operated with a method for drying inlet air such as a heater, or if readings at times of high RH are adjusted. The pDR correlates more highly with the HI PM2.5 than with the HI PM10 ($r^2 = 0.66$ vs. 0.13 for outdoors, $r^2 = 0.42$ vs. 0.20 for indoors). The pDR appears to be a useful tool for an epidemiologic study that aims to examine the relationship between health outcomes and personal exposure to peaks in PM.
BACKGROUND: As part of its examination of federal support for immunization services during the past decade, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Immunization Finance Policies and Practices (IFPP) commissioned eight case studies of the states of Alabama, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington; and a two-county study of Los Angeles and San Diego in California. Specifically, the IOM Committee and these studies reviewed the use of Section 317 grants by the states. Section 317 is a discretionary grant program that supports vaccine purchase and other immunization-related program activities.
These studies afforded the Committee an in-depth look at local policy choices, the performance of immunization programs, and federal and state spending for immunization during the past decade. METHODS: The case-study reports were developed through interviews with state and local health department officials, including immunization program directors, Medicaid agency staff, budget analysts, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public health advisors to the jurisdiction. Other sources included state and federal administrative records and secondary sources on background factors and state-level trends. The case studies were supplemented by site visits to Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, and San Diego. OBSERVATIONS: The nature of immunization "infrastructure" supported by the Section 317 program is shifting from primarily service delivery to a broader set of roles that puts the public effort at the head of a broad immunization partnership among public health, health financing, and other entities in both the public and private sectors. The rate and intensity of transition vary across the case-study areas. In the emerging pattern, service delivery increasingly takes place in the private sector and is related to managed care. "Infrastructure" is moving beyond supporting a core state staff and local health department service delivery to include such activities as immunization registries, quality improvement, and coordination with programs outside public health agencies. At the same time, the recent decline in federal Section 317 support is forcing difficult choices between old and new activities at the state and local levels. CONCLUSIONS: Immunization programs function as an organic component of the local health care financing and delivery systems of which they are a part. Immunization efforts are organized and conducted within distinctive state and local fiscal, economic, and health care contexts. Section 317 Financial Assistance grants, while playing a vital role in supporting immunization "infrastructure," have been too unstable and unpredictable to elicit the strategic planning, programming, and own-source spending that would be optimal for state and local programs. The predominant immunization function of state and local public health agencies is becoming assurance of age-appropriate immunization throughout the lifespan. To be successful in this emerging role, the health agencies must be supported with appropriate staffing, interagency collaboration, and clearly articulated authority

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Opportunities for children to be physically active during school time are sparse and becoming increasingly so. The purpose of this investigation was to determine if children would compensate for school days (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) of restricted physical activity opportunities by increasing activity levels after school (3 p.m.-7:30 p.m.). Third and fourth grade children (N = 76) each wore a CSA accelerometer for 4 nonconsecutive days. Two days were categorized as active—during school, all children participated in outdoor recess and physical education class. Two days were categorized as restricted—all children spent their recess time indoors at a computer terminal, and no physical education class was scheduled. Dependent t tests revealed that children did not compensate for a sedentary school day by increasing their levels of physical activity after school. In fact, average movement counts per minute were higher in the 3 p.m.-7:30 p.m. period following the active day (525 counts.min⁻¹) versus the restricted day (186 counts.min⁻¹). These findings suggest cause for concern if children's opportunities to be active within school time are limited. Several reasons are given as to why children did not compensate or "make up" for the physical activity opportunities missed during the restricted school day.

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AIMS: Asthma is one of the most frequently encountered chronic illnesses in children. The aim of the present study was to investigate the problem of integration of asthmatic subjects at school by assessing the reactions of parents and teachers, and also by considering the medical aspects.

METHODS: A cross-sectional random study was carried out during autumn 1994 including 4,251 primary school children aged between five and 14 years, and including teachers from 188 classes and 26 schools in Grenoble and its inner suburbs. The first screening questionnaire was completed by the parents, and data on 3,799 children were obtained; from this, 191 currently asthmatic children were identified. One hundred and forty-six parents of the identified asthmatics subsequently answered a second questionnaire on the severity of the illness and its effects on school attendance and educational activities. The 186 teachers from the schools involved were interviewed about their knowledge of the disorder, and about what they knew of the treatment and management of asthmatic children in school.

RESULTS: It was found that the cumulative prevalence of asthma amounted to 7.6%, and that the prevalence over the previous 12-month period was 4.3%. Sixteen percent of the asthmatic children reported an asthma-associated school absence of more than six days during the six preceding months. In 45.2% of cases, physical exercise was responsible for an asthmatic attack, but premedication was used in only 21% of cases. Nine percent of the children had obtained a medical certificate which exempted them from participating in sports activities and physical exercise. Seventy-three percent of the parents had informed the teachers of their child's illness, but the information communicated was incomplete. It was found that the teachers did not have a thorough knowledge of the disorder, but that many of them (92.7%) would appreciate further information on the subject and on its management. Eighty-three percent of the teaching staff were unaware that the ministerial circular No. 93-248 of 22 July 1993 had been issued on the proposed management of chronic disorders at school, advocating a combined effort on the part of the parents, the child's physician, the school doctors and the teachers in setting up a concerted plan of action.

CONCLUSIONS: This study has demonstrated that the school integration of asthmatic children remains problematical both as regards treatment and the pursuit of indoor and outdoor school activities. Integration could be improved by using parent-doctor-teacher liaison forms, thereby maintaining closer communication regarding the child's needs. When this is not sufficient, an individualized asthma management plan could be introduced in collaboration with the parents, doctors and teachers, which might result in improved treatment and integration of asthmatic children in school.
What role can the criminal law play in the battle against child sexual abuse? Should sexual relations of and with persons under a certain age be criminalized regardless of the circumstances, even if they are consensual ("age of consent," "minimum age")? Where should such a minimum age-limit be fixed? Should there be a special, higher age-limit for particular conditions (e.g., "seduction," "corruption")? Should sexual contacts with minors within a relationship of authority be criminalized generally, or just if authority is abused? Should criminal proceedings be instituted ex officio or upon complaint only? Should authorities be provided with a power of discretion or should they be obliged to prosecute and sentence in each case? In answering these questions, it is highly beneficial to have a look across the borders to the solutions other countries have reached.

This study presents an overview on the criminal law governing the sexual behavior of, and with, children and adolescents in all European jurisdictions and in selected jurisdictions outside of Europe. It shows which categories of offences exist and from which age onward young people can effectively consent to various kinds of sexual behavior and relations in the different countries. All states in Europe and all of the studied jurisdictions overseas have minimum age limits for sexual relations, and punish sexual relations with persons under a certain age. Nowhere is this age set lower than 12 years. In Europe, in one-half of the jurisdictions, consensual sexual relations with 14-year-old adolescents are legal; in three-quarters, with 15-year-olds; in a majority, this is also the case when the older partner has started the relation (and also when the initiative contains an offer of remuneration). In nearly all jurisdictions, such relations are legal from age 16 onward. Most states apply a higher age limit for contacts in relationships of authority. If the authority is not misused, the age limit in most jurisdictions is set between 14 and 16; if it is misused, between 16 and 18. Most states make no difference between heterosexual and homosexual relations.
OBJECTIVE: To report a case of delayed elimination of high-dose methotrexate (MTX) associated with concomitant omeprazole administration.

CASE SUMMARY: Delayed MTX elimination was observed in an 11-year-old white boy who concomitantly received high-dose MTX and omeprazole. The patient's serum creatinine and liver function tests were normal during treatment and follow-up. The only medication we suspected of inhibiting MTX elimination was omeprazole 20 mg every 12 hours. Twenty-four hours after the first high-dose MTX cycle (15 g), omeprazole was discontinued. Thereafter, the patient received one high-dose MTX cycle without omeprazole every month for five months; MTX elimination was normal throughout MTX cycles 2 to 5.

DISCUSSION: MTX is actively secreted in the distal tubules. The renal hydrogen/potassium adenosine triphosphatase (H+/K+ -ATPase) pump makes the urine more acidic, by secreting hydrogen ions into the renal tubule and reabsorbing potassium ions. Active tubular secretion of MTX requires the activity of this pump because MTX is excreted with hydrogen ions. Omeprazole can inhibit renal elimination of the hydrogen ion and block the active tubular secretion of MTX. Therefore, the elimination half-life of MTX increases, which may result in potentially toxic concentrations of MTX. At a pH of approximately 5, as found in the renal tubules, pantoprazole is more slowly activated than omeprazole, reducing the incidence of unwanted reactions with sulfhydryl groups and adverse effects occurring outside of the gastric hydrogen pump. CONCLUSIONS: Based on the Naranjo probability scale, a probable drug interaction was observed. Omeprazole may delay MTX elimination; therefore, when prescribing MTX, an alternative to omeprazole should be considered.
As a tribute to Freud's genius, he was able to recognize not only the importance of implicit unconscious learning but also the way it currently impacts on the patient in psychoanalytic therapy. He prevented the patient from viewing the analyst's facial expressions by placing the patient on the couch. In addition, the analyst was instructed not to say too much, to be neutral, nonjudgmental, and calmly reflective. Thus the patient's response to the facial expressions and voice tone of the analyst, even when subliminally perceived, were minimized. This may be even more significant in women, who seem to be more sensitive to nonverbal cues of emotional states. Ferenczi further elaborated on the importance of establishing a connective empathic relationship, using a kindly, soothing voice tone and being emotionally available. Sandler and Sandler (1994) also emphasized the importance of tolerance and acceptance when making interpretations. These clinical instructions diminish external threats to survival and thereby minimize the activation of the amygdala. These procedures in psychoanalytic treatment seem similar to a subliminal MIO message and to the subliminal exposure of a happy face, as mentioned above in the fMRI study by Whalen et al. (1998). The empathic responses of the therapist need to create a condition of safety. In turn, this decreases the patient's vigilance and defensiveness and allows for the emergence of unconscious material that can be worked through verbally and rectified by explicit memory. Another fascinating finding is that Freud (1914) became aware, in his paper on the repetition compulsion, that repressed traumatic and conflictual relationships are acted out behaviorally outside of conscious awareness. He then considered that the focus of analysis should be on analyzing the transference relationship, where this enactment was manifested. Brockman (1998) notes that modern empirical findings confirm Freud's clinical hypotheses regarding the repetition compulsion. Repressed traumatic emotional memories are encoded in the amygdala, and they are unconsciously enacted through behavior, especially in the transference. In summary, childhood and other traumatic memories become encoded in the amygdala and are later enacted and expressed behaviorally, especially in the transference relationship. Working through of the emotional trauma makes these implicit memories explicit and exposes them to adult judgment. When the therapist creates a condition of safety, old memories are reexperienced and detoxified. The memories are experienced as nonthreatening now, thus calming the amygdala and diminishing its activity. Biologically, new neural pathways from the cortex to the amygdala can be established, since the cortex is plastic. This process is slow and may account for the need to repeatedly work through in analysis old conflicted relationships that had threatened security and survival. As imaging techniques improve, we may soon be able to evaluate therapy outcomes scientifically by measuring these actual brain changes. We are on the threshold of establishing a scientific psychoanalysis, as empirical research is providing us with data that integrate the mind and the brain. Subliminal stimulation and brain imaging techniques provide us with important tools for developing an empirical base for psychoanalytic theory and treatment. These techniques were not available to Freud at the turn of the last century, and as we center the new millennium Freud's dream of psychoanalysis having a firm scientific foundation is becoming a reality.

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In eastern Indonesia, malaria control activities mainly depend on residual spraying but the situation is almost unchanged since the past decade. Understanding the socioeconomic and human behavior determinants is needed to implement an effective malaria control in accordance with the local condition and development. Hence we conducted an unmatched case control study. Two hundred samples were recruited from all 11 villages surrounding the centre in Bacan Island, Maluku. For children aged 0 to 15 years old, the association of socioeconomic determinants: crowding and poor type of houses with malaria remained significant in the multivariate analysis. Meanwhile for persons above 15 years old, younger persons and regular going outside at
night remained significant in the multivariate analysis. And for persons above 15 years old, a higher proportion of controls (14%) than cases (4%) slept under mosquito net regularly. The Indonesia Family Program should be promoted. There was a better quality of life in small family. For persons above 15 years old, going outside at night should be discouraged because exposed to mosquito bites. The malaria control strategy use of effective personal, regular use of mosquito net could be used as a completion for the present activities. Considering the low malaria knowledge among samples, inhabitants should be enhanced the malaria knowledge on causation, transmission, prevention and to provide proper knowledge on residual spraying

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The weekday UV exposures to anatomical sites were evaluated for outdoor workers, home workers, adolescents, indoor workers, school staff and students in south-east Queensland, Australia. Additionally, the UV exposures at weekends of school staff, school students, indoor workers and outdoor workers were evaluated. The weekday exposures per day ranged from 1.0 to 11.0 SED for winter to summer respectively. During spring, the ratios of the personal exposures divided by the ambient exposures at the weekend to the personal exposures divided by the ambient exposures on the weekdays to the neck, hand and left arm were at least 3.4, 2.0 and 0.67 for the indoor workers, school staff and students and outdoor workers respectively. The same ratios for the erythemal UV exposures over the year, estimated from the exposures on four days in each of the four seasons, were at least 2.3 for the school staff and at least 1.3 for the 13 to 19 year old school students. These results reinforce the importance of targeting prevention programmes to both weekend and weekday exposures.
clearly varies with kind of activity, but less so with age of pupils. The extent to which this reflects individual differences rather than varying exposure is uncertain.

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N2 - A study was conducted in the Makati area of Metro Manila, the Philippines. The study evaluated the significance of playground soil lead intake to the total daily lead burden in preschool children. The lead concentration was measured in residential playground soils, food, water, and hair samples by atomic absorption spectrometer and the data were used to draw conclusions. All of the playground soils were contaminated with lead levels ranging from a minimum of 34.54 microg/g to a maximum of 283.13 microg/g in comparison to the naturally occurring lead level of 15 microg/g in soils. Further, the study conducted a lead analysis on the hair of the study population to determine the accumulated lead intake. Ingestion of 25 mg/day of soil contributed to 4% of the total lead intake per day by children exposed to the study sites. Food (83%) was found to be the major source of lead compared to other sources. The study also includes economic valuation and cost benefit analysis from reducing lead in gasoline
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OBJECTIVES: To assess general practitioners' attitudes to and involvement in child public health activities and identify barriers affecting their participation. DESIGN: Cross-sectional written questionnaire survey of a representative sample of actively practising GPs. SETTING: General practices in the State of Victoria. PARTICIPANTS: 840 GPs returned questionnaires (65% response rate), and, of these, 792 (94%) saw children 0-12 years. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Attitudes to and involvement in public health promotion; predictive factors for GPs' involvement. RESULTS: The odds of GPs' involvement in child public health issues were increased by being female (odds ratio [OR], 1.88), receiving basic medical qualifications outside Australia (OR, 1.55), attending continuing education and postgraduate training (OR, 1.60), and having confidence in dealing with newborns and infants (OR, 1.93) and preschool children (OR, 2.94) (both P < 0.05). Older GPs,
compared with younger GPs, had significantly lower odds of involvement (P < 0.01). After adjustment, GPs had higher odds of involvement if they agreed it was important for them to take part in health promotion, or in screening and surveillance (OR, 2.76 and 1.94, respectively; P < or = 0.05); and lower odds if they agreed that screening and surveillance should be mainly done by maternal and child health nurses (OR, 0.60). The most common barriers to involvement were insufficient time, inadequate financial reimbursement for long consultations, inappropriateness of raising these issues in children presenting with illness, and lack of community resources. CONCLUSIONS: Increasing GPs’ involvement in child public health will require attention to barriers (time, remuneration and perceived appropriateness), continuing education and changes in workforce composition and patterns.
BACKGROUND: The majority of laboratories measure total phenytoin concentration for therapeutic drug monitoring. However, there are substantial interindividual variations in free phenytoin concentrations, the pharmacologically active component. METHODS: We describe the process and data used to implement monitoring of free phenytoin only in an urban medical center. Over a 6-week period, total and free phenytoin concentrations were measured, clinical charts reviewed, and indications for alterations in the percentage of free phenytoin fraction were determined. RESULTS: Of the 189 phenytoin requests from 139 patients, 136 data points were analyzed. Free phenytoin concentrations were 6.8-35.3%, with 50% outside the expected range of 8-12%. Clinical indications likely responsible for variations were hypoalbuminemia, drug interactions, uremia, pregnancy, and age. Overall, 30% of patients demonstrated a discrepancy between therapeutic, subtherapeutic, or supratherapeutic concentrations between free and total phenytoin concentrations. The largest discordance (53%) occurred in the patient group with free phenytoin <8% or >12%. CONCLUSIONS: This study supports previous clinical findings that monitoring total phenytoin is not as reliable as free phenytoin as a clinical indicator for therapeutic and nontherapeutic concentrations. Thus, we recommend that therapeutic monitoring should use free phenytoin concentrations only.
PURPOSE: To identify risk and protective factors for initiation of sexual intercourse before age 16 years at the level of the individual, family, and school.

METHODS: A longitudinal study based on a cohort of 1020 people born in Dunedin, New Zealand in 1972/73 and followed up to age 21 years. Demographic characteristics of the sample were similar to the New Zealand population of that age, except that a smaller proportion (3%) were Maori or Pacific Island Polynesian. Information on individual, family and school factors was collected by interview with parents at ages 3, 5, 7 and 9 years and then by postal questionnaire two-yearly up to 15 years. Subjects were assessed two-yearly from age 3 years and interviewed about their behaviours and ambitions at ages 11, 13, and 15 years. Questions about age at first intercourse were asked by computer at age 21 years. Multivariate logistic regression was used to model associations with age of first intercourse less than 16 years.

RESULTS: Data on age at first intercourse were available for 926/1020 (91%) of surviving members of the cohort assembled at age 3 years. Overall 27.5% of males and 31.7% of females reported sexual intercourse before age 16 years. In multivariate analyses the independent predictors for early sexual initiation for males were: not having outside home interests at age 13 years, no religious activity at age 11 years, not being attached to school at age 15 years, a low reading score, and a diagnosis of conduct disorder in early adolescence. For females, independent predictors were: socioeconomic status in the middle range, mother having her first child before age 20 years, IQ in the middle range, not being attached to school, being in trouble at school, planning to leave school early, cigarette smoking and higher self-esteem score. CONCLUSIONS: Individual and school factors appear to be more important than family composition or socioeconomic status in the decision to have sexual intercourse before age 16 years. The lowering of age at first intercourse may be partly a cohort effect related to high rates of teenage childbearing in the mothers' generation, and to changes in social acceptability of early sexual behaviour.
Over a 5-year period, three children with psoralen-induced burns were seen. All children were on treatment for vitiligo with a psoralen oil and burns were sustained from unsupervised sun exposure while playing outdoors. The burn wound was partial thickness and involved 6-40% of the total body surface area. All wounds healed without infection or contracture with topical silver sulfadiazine. However, the previously normal skin in phototoxic areas became significantly hyperpigmented while the areas with vitiligo remained hypopigmented. Differences between psoralen-induced burns and other second degree sunburns unrelated to psoralens are discussed.
instrument must be sensitive enough to detect, code, or record sporadic and intermittent activity. Care also must be used to select criterion measures that reflect appropriate physical activity guidelines for children. A number of different measurement approaches have been described for assessing children's activity, but no specific method can be identified as the best option for all studies. Selection of an appropriate instrument depends on the specific research question being addressed as well as the relative importance of accuracy and practicality (Baranowski & Simons-Morton, 1991). For example, accurate measures of energy expenditure using doubly-labeled water, indirect calorimetry, or heart rate calibration equations may be needed for certain clinical studies, but the cost and inconvenience would make them impractical for field-based assessments on larger samples. The "accuracy-practicality" trade-off presents a more challenging predicament with children than for adults. In adults, a number of self-report instruments have been found useful for large epidemiological studies or interventions where less precision is needed. Because of developmental differences, especially in ability to think abstractly and perform detailed recall (Going et al., 1999; Sallis, 1991), children are less likely to make accurate self-report assessment than adults. Though self-report methods are still likely to be a principal source of information for many studies, other approaches (or the use of combined measures) may be needed to better characterize children's activity levels. While objective instruments (e.g., direct observation or activity monitoring) require more time and resources than self-report, there are options available to simplify data collection. One approach may be to focus assessments on key times or places that allow children to be active. The time after school, for example, appears to be a critical period that defines their propensity for physical activity (Hager, 1999). Monitoring of entire groups for discrete periods of time (e.g., recess or physical education) may also be useful to understand variability in activity patterns since children would all be exposed to the same stimulus or opportunity to be active. Proxy measures may also be useful in studying activity in children. For example, several studies (Baranowski, Thompson, DuRant, Baranowski, & Puhl, 1993; Sallis et al., 1993) have demonstrated that time spent outside is strongly predictive of activity in children. Involvement in community sports programs may also be a useful proxy measure as sports programs have been found to account for approximately 55-65% of children's moderate to vigorous activity (Katzmarzyk & Malina, 1999). Another option for improving assessments in children is to employ multiple measures of physical activity. A number of studies (Coleman, Saelens, Wiedrich-Smith, Finn, & Epstein, 1997; McMurray et al., 1998; Sallis et al., 1998; Simons-Morton et al., 1994) have reported differences in levels of activity when activity monitors were compared with self-report data. The method of measurement has also been shown to influence the results of studies on the determinants of physical activity in children (Epstein, Paluch, Coleman, Vito, & Anderson, 1996). While we do not currently know which measure is most accurate, reporting the results with different instruments provides a more complete description of children's activity and permit a triangulation of outcomes. In summary, there remains no single way of obtaining a highly accurate account of physical activity or energy expenditure in children. The nature of children's movement patterns, the various types of activities engaged in, and the inherent limitations of each assessment tool limit the ultima [References: 96]
OBJECTIVES: To assess book-sharing activities within first-generation Hispanic immigrant families, and to assess the effect of pediatricians giving books to their patients. DESIGN: Survey. PARTICIPANTS: Convenience sample of 122 predominantly Hispanic immigrant parents of children aged 2 months to 5 years. Of these parents, 56 had received children's books from the pediatrician, and 66 had not. SETTING: House staff continuity clinic at a university children's hospital. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: Frequent Book Sharing (FBS) was defined as a parent's reporting more than 3 days per week of sharing books with the child. Main independent variables included the following: (1) exposure to the Reach Out and Read program, defined as having received a children's book from the pediatrician; (2) socioeconomics, as measured by parents' years of education and Medicaid enrollment; (3) acculturation, as defined by 4 questions relating to parents' proficiency with the English language; (4) parent's country of origin; (5) parent literacy, as measured by a parent's reporting more than 3 days per week of reading alone; (6) parent's age; (7) marital status; (8) household size; (9) child's age; (10) child's sex. RESULTS: Ninety percent of the parents were born outside of the United States (71% in Mexico), 85% spoke Spanish in the home, and 63% had completed less than a high school education. Seventy-five percent of children's medical insurance was provided by Medi-Cal (Medicaid), and 9% of children were uninsured. Sixty-seven percent spoke exclusively Spanish at home, and 84% of parents want their children to learn to read in both English and Spanish. High FBS was reported among parents whose children had received books from the physician when compared with parents whose children had received no books. The odds ratio (OR) was 3.62 (95% confidence interval [CI], 1.40-9.37; P<.05). Also associated with FBS were parents reading frequently to themselves (OR = 9.52; 95% CI, 2.09-43.27; P<.05) and national origin outside Mexico (OR = 5.54; 95% CI, 1.59-19.27; P<.05). These findings were independent of parent's educational level, parent's employment, parent's age, acculturation, and family size. CONCLUSIONS: Pediatricians can promote literacy development among Hispanic immigrant children through the provision of free books at well-child visits. Our findings also suggest the independent effects of adult literacy and child age. Further research is needed to understand the effect of pediatric literacy programs on Hispanic immigrant children, their bilingual environments, and their readiness for school entry. Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2000;154:771-777
This study explores the knowledge, attitudes and perception of tuberculosis (TB) and how they affect adherence to preventive treatment. A qualitative study of 24 subjects taking preventive therapy for TB was undertaken. Interviews were conducted in English using a structured questionnaire in a private room adjoining the outpatient clinic before the subject's appointment. The questionnaire included: (i) demographic details; (ii) background information on TB; (iii) knowledge and perception of TB and chemoprophylaxis. Data was analysed descriptively and thematically and subjected to statistical evaluation where appropriate. Outcome was assessed >6 months after the start of preventive treatment. The sample was representative of the ethnic mix of those attending the clinic. Knowledge of TB was gained outside the family and covered transmission but few symptoms of active TB were recognized. The perceived threat from TB was high, although the estimated risk was low. Knowledge of preventive therapy exceeded the general knowledge of TB, although the latter was associated with better adherence. Most denied knowledge of the risk of hepatitis from isoniazid. Defaulters failed to attend their first appointment, attributed more side effects to isoniazid and perceived a longer waiting time in clinic. Adherence is better with a general knowledge of TB and attendance at the first appointment and could be improved by a single daily tablet, warnings about dizziness and discussion of the difficulties of taking a 6 month course of treatment.
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T1 - Spatial distribution of neuronal complexity loss in neocortical lesional epilepsies
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Brain Mapping
KW - Child
KW - Electrodes
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KW - Electroencephalography/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Epilepsy/di [Diagnosis]
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KW - Epilepsy/su [Surgery]
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KW - Temporal Lobe/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Temporal Lobe/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Temporal Lobe/su [Surgery]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Neocortex/pp [Physiopathology]
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KW - Nonlinear Dynamics
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - Epilepsia
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N2 - PURPOSE: Nonlinear EEG analysis is valuable in characterizing the spatiotemporal dynamics of the epileptogenic process in mesial temporal lobe epilepsy. We examined the ability of the measure neuronal complexity loss (L*) to characterize the primary epileptogenic area of neocortical lesional epilepsies during the interictal state. METHODS: Spatial distribution of L* (L* map) was extracted from electrocorticograms (n = 52) recorded during presurgical assessment via subdural 64-contact grid electrodes covering lesions in either frontal, parietal, or temporal neocortex in 15 patients. The exact location of recording contacts on the brain surface was identified by matching a postimplant lateral x-ray of the skull with a postoperatively obtained sagittal MRI scan. Reprojecting L* maps onto the subject's brain surface allowed us to compare the spatial distribution of L* with the resection range of the extended lesionectomy. RESULTS: In each of the six patients who became seizure-free, maximum values of L* were restricted to recording sites coinciding with the area of resection. In contrast, L* maps of most patients who had no benefit from the resection indicated a more widespread extent or the existence of additional, probably autonomous, foci. The mean of L* values obtained from recording sites outside the area of resection correctly distinguished 13 patients (86.7 %) with respect to seizure outcome. CONCLUSIONS: Relevant information obtained from long-lasting interictal
electrocorticographic recordings can be compressed to a single $L^*$ map that contributes to a spatial characterization of the primary epileptogenic area. In neocortical lesional epilepsies, $L^*$ allows for identification and characterization of epileptogenic activity and thus provides an additional diagnostic tool for presurgical assessment.

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T1 - Current action for skin cancer risk reduction in English schools: a report on a survey carried out for the Department of Health
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KW - Adolescent
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KW - Curriculum
KW - Data Collection
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KW - Health Education/mt [Methods]
KW - Humans
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KW - Skin Neoplasms/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunburn/pc [Prevention & Control]
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N2 - The objective of this study was to identify current action for skin cancer risk reduction in English schools and thus set a baseline for future skin cancer risk reduction interventions. A postal questionnaire survey was sent to 1295 primary, 59 middle and 216 secondary school headteachers, a 10% sample of schools in England in 1998. Since the Health Education Authority/Department of Health/British Association of Dermatologists introduced the Sun Awareness Guidelines for Schools in 1995, seven items from the Guidelines, i.e. education, uniform, shade, outdoor activities, sunscreens, staff awareness, and parent and governor alliances were chosen as outcome measures. The results of the survey showed that most schools had taken at least one of the seven actions (mean 2.67, SD 0.88). Of the schools which addressed sun protection, the majority started to do so after the release of the Sun Awareness Guidelines in 1995. Judging from the length of time schools had been covering sun awareness issues, the proportion of schools which were just beginning to implement sun protection in 1995 was greater than those who began in the previous year. Teaching in the curriculum was the most frequent action taken, but the approach used was usually information giving. Brimmed hats and long sleeves were rarely part of summer school wear. Most schools had less than 25% of their outdoor break areas in shade, but action was being taken to increase this. Sports days were usually scheduled for the afternoon. Sunscreen use was allowed in over 80% of schools, but its application presented teachers with a dilemma. Few staff manuals
contained sun awareness issues; few staff had attended in-service courses on the subject; two-thirds of headteachers would support their staff attending them. Few schools had developed parent and governor alliances. We conclude that help is needed for schools in the form of materials, courses, funds and clear Government policy if their action is to play a major role in reducing the incidence of skin cancer.
Air pollution produces adverse health effects. The consequences of lifelong daily exposures to atmospheric pollutants upon the respiratory apparatus of healthy children are of considerable clinical importance. We investigated the association between exposure to a highly polluted urban environment with a complex mixture of air pollutants—ozone and particulate matter the predominant ones—and chest x-ray abnormalities in 59 healthy Mexican children who are lifelong residents of Southwest Metropolitan Mexico City (SWMMC), with a negative history of tobacco exposure and respiratory illnesses. Their clinical results and x-ray findings were compared to those of 19 Mexican control children, residents of a low-pollution area, with a similar negative history of tobacco exposure and respiratory illnesses. Ozone concentrations in SWMMC exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for O(3): 0.08 ppm as 1-h maximal concentration, not to be exceeded more than 4 times a year, on 71% of days in 1986 and 95% in 1997, with values as high as 0.48 ppm. Ozone maximal peaks are usually recorded between 2 and 5 pm coinciding with children's outdoor physical activities. Children in the control group reported no upper or lower respiratory symptomatology. Every SWMMC child complained of upper and/or lower respiratory symptoms, including epistaxis, nasal dryness and crusting, cough, shortness of breath, and chest discomfort. Children aged 7-13 yr had the most symptomatology, while 5- to 6-year olds and adolescents with the lowest number of statistically significant outdoor exposure hours had less respiratory symptoms. Bilateral symmetric mild lung hyperinflation was significantly associated with exposure to the SWMMC atmosphere (p = .0004). Chronic and sustained inhalation of a complex mixture of air pollutants, including ozone and particulate matter (PM), is associated with lung hyperinflation, suggestive of small airway disease, in a population of clinically healthy children and adolescents. Small airways are a target of air pollutants in SWMMC children, with ozone and PM being most likely responsible, based on experimental animal, controlled-chamber, and epidemiological data available. Our main concern is the potential likelihood for the development of chronic lung disease in this highly exposed population.

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T1 - Shaping oral feeding in a gastronomy tube-dependent child in natural settings
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KW - Child
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KW - Developmental Disabilities/co [Complications]
KW - Eating Disorders/et [Etiology]
KW - Eating Disorders/px [Psychology]
KW - Eating Disorders/th [Therapy]
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KW - Esophageal Motility Disorders/co [Complications]
A 3-year-old medically fragile girl who refused to eat after prolonged and frequent hospitalizations was started on a feeding program in the home and school settings. She exhibited food aversions and received all nourishment via a gastronomy tube. Preevaluation observations of her feeding behavior revealed that she refused all presented drinks and foods. Treatment was two-fold. First, food acceptance was followed by social praise and access to preferred toy play, and second, food refusal and disruptive behaviors were ignored. Gagging, vomiting, and crying occurred periodically during initial feedings. In addition, there were medical complications during the course of treatment necessitating continuous modifications of the program. Results of a multiple-phase design showed marked increases in the amount of food consumed at home, which then generalized to the school setting.

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T1 - Evaluating 'Safe in the Sun', a curriculum programme for primary schools
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KW - Teaching/mt [Methods]
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JF - Health Education Research
Eleven schools in the south of England took part in a trial of 'Safe in the Sun', a curriculum programme for primary school aged pupils. Case study methodology and the 'draw and write' technique were combined to evaluate changes in pupils' perceptions of the effects of the sun on their skin. Teachers were free to use the materials, consisting of a teacher's handbook and video, as they wished. Pupils in all schools showed higher levels of awareness of sun-safety measures in post-intervention studies compared with the levels recorded 4 months earlier. Chi-square analysis revealed that those pupils whose teachers had used the materials as recommended by the authors had significant increases in awareness and knowledge about keeping safe in the sun, compared with other levels of intervention. More pupils also appeared able to transfer their awareness to the context of the school playground, although the differences were not significant for any level of intervention. The discussion focuses on the value of the 'draw and write' technique as a tool for illuminative evaluation, on the factors which contributed to the pupils increased awareness of sun safety and on the importance of a whole school approach to sun safety.
To help address the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, a physically based probabilistic model has been developed to quantify and analyze dermal and nondietary ingestion exposure and dose to pesticides. The Residential Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation Model for Pesticides (Residential-SHEDS) simulates the exposures and doses of children contacting residues on surfaces in treated residences and on turf in treated residential yards. The simulations combine sequential time-location-activity information from children's diaries with microlevel videotaped activity data, probability distributions of measured surface residues and exposure factors, and pharmacokinetic rate constants. Model outputs include individual profiles and population statistics for daily dermal loading, mass in the blood compartment, ingested residue via nondietary objects, and mass of eliminated metabolite, as well as contributions from various routes, pathways, and media. To illustrate the capabilities of the model framework, we applied Residential-SHEDS to estimate children's residential exposure and dose to chlorpyrifos for 12 exposure scenarios: 2 age groups (0-4 and 5-9 years); 2 indoor pesticide application methods (broadcast and crack and crevice); and 3 postindoor application time periods (< 1, 1-7, and 8-30 days). Independent residential turf applications (liquid or granular) were included in each of these scenarios. Despite the current data limitations and model assumptions, the case study predicts exposure and dose estimates that compare well to measurements in the published literature, and provides insights to the relative importance of exposure scenarios and pathways.
Interventional cardiology (n = 108) and cardiac angiography (n = 481) procedures in pediatrics performed between January 1996 and December 1998 were reviewed. Means (SD) of duration of anesthesia for interventional cardiology and cardiac angiography were 245 (130) and 152 (48) minutes, respectively (P < 0.001). Incidences of long operations requiring over 6 hours of anesthesia were 12 and 0%, respectively (P < 0.001). Incidences of hemodynamic derangements were 17 and 2.9%, and catheter-related complications were 7.4 and 0.83%, respectively (P < 0.001). Incidences of ICU admission were 7.4 and 0.62% those of emergency surgery were 4.6 and 0%, and those of blood transfusion were 4.6 and 0%, respectively (P < 0.001). Incidences of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and cardioversion were also higher in interventional cardiology (P < 0.05), and all these emergency cases were rescued successfully. The risk of cardiac angiography is higher compared with general surgery, and the risk of interventional cardiology is higher than cardiac angiography in pediatrics. This study reconfirms that anesthesiologists should play an active role in care of pediatric patients undergoing high-risk procedures outside the operating room.

Distance telescopes: a survey of user success

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The distance telescope has a historical reputation for causing difficulties in prescribing and adaptation. Hence, we considered that a retrospective survey of patients at Nottingham Low Vision Clinic might elucidate specific attributes that influence an individual patient's success in using a distance telescope. From 142 patients prescribed distance telescopes since the Clinic's inception, 133 apparently remained users and were mailed a preliminary three-question enquiry about usage of their distance telescopes. The 87 respondents were followed up with questionnaire 2, requesting explicit information about usage, namely frequency, degree of ease or difficulty, and purpose. Older patients required higher magnification (p < 0.025). Seventeen of 74 respondents to questionnaire 2 had various adaptational problems, which are discussed; 57 of 74 patients found their distance telescopes easy to use, and 49 of 57 were frequent users. Thus, ease and frequency are linked (p < 0.05). People tended to use their distance telescopes outdoors and indoors with similar frequency (p > or = 0.29). Adaptation was found to be unrelated to visual acuity, binocularity/monocularity, ocular pathology, or restricted mobility; magnification seemed to be influential, although not significantly. Aging did not significantly impede adaptation. We infer that the universal criterion for selecting treatable patients seems to be personality type. We conclude that adaptation to a device is dependent upon active recognition of its benefits, paralleled with a tolerance of its constraints, which combine to make usage easy and regular on at least one common task.
BACKGROUND: Children with tularemia are, irrespective of severity of disease, usually subjected to parenteral treatment with aminoglycosides. Based on available susceptibility testing, quinolones might be effective oral alternatives of parenteral therapy. These drugs cause arthropathy in immature animals, but this risk is currently regarded to be low in humans. 

PATIENTS AND METHODS: In 12 patients (median age, 4 years; range, 1 to 10) with ulceroglandular tularemia, a 10- to 14-day course of oral ciprofloxacin, 15 to 20 mg/kg daily in 2 divided doses, was prescribed. Microbiologic investigations included identification of the infectious agent by PCR and culture of wound specimens, as well as determination of antibiotic susceptibility of isolates of Francisella tularensis.

RESULTS: Defervescence occurred within 4 days of institution of oral ciprofloxacin in all patients. After a median period of 4.5 days (range, 2 to 24), the patients were capable of outdoor activities. In 2 cases, treatment was withdrawn after 3 and 7 days because of rash. In both cases a second episode of fever occurred. All children recovered without complications. In 7 cases F. tularensis was successfully cultured from ulcer specimens and tested for susceptibility to ciprofloxacin. MIC values for all isolates were 0.03 mg/l.

CONCLUSION: In our sample of 12 patients ciprofloxacin was satisfactory for outpatient treatment of tularemia in children.
A longitudinal study of malariometric indicators and their association with potential risk factors was conducted during August 1997-July 1998 at Padre Cocha, a village of 1,400 residents in the Peruvian Amazon. The incidence of Plasmodium falciparum infections during the study year was 166/1,000 persons; that of P. vivax was 826/1,000 persons. The mean duration of symptoms prior to diagnosis was 2 days; presenting geometric mean parasite densities were 3,976 parasites/microl for P. falciparum infections and 2,282 parasites/microl for P. vivax. There were no malaria-associated deaths. Consistent with the epidemic nature of malaria in the area, the incidence of both parasite species increased with age and there were no age-specific differences in mean parasite densities. No specific occupational risks for malaria were identified. Activities significantly associated with malaria risk reflected local vector behavior and included strolling outdoors after 6:00 PM and arising before 6:00 AM for adults, and attending evening church services for children.
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KW - Hawaii
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Health Knowledge
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KW - Practice
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Process Assessment (Health Care)
KW - Recreation
KW - Skin Neoplasms/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Sunscreening Agents/ad [Administration & Dosage]
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A family with extrinsic allergic alveolitis caused by wild city pigeons: A case report

CONTEXT: Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, and it is one of the most preventable. Interventions for young children and their parents can help prevent future cases of skin cancer.

OBJECTIVE: To determine whether a skin cancer prevention program implemented at outdoor recreation sites improved children's sun-protection behaviors and site sun-protection policies. DESIGN: Randomized trial of 14 outdoor recreation sites on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. The trial had three arms: control, education only, and education/environment. INTERVENTION: The education arm included staff training, on-site activities, take-home booklets, behavior-monitoring boards, and incentives. The education/environment arm included all education components plus provision of sunscreen and promotion of sun-safe environments. PARTICIPANTS: Children 6 to 8 years of age and their parents. OUTCOME MEASURES: Reports from parents of children's sun-protection behaviors and the sun-protection policies of recreation sites. The cohort for analysis from baseline to 6 weeks after testing had 383 participants; the cohort from 6 weeks after testing to 3 months of follow-up had 285 participants. RESULTS: Program implementation was high in the education only and the education/environment sites. Compared with control sites, children's sun-protection behaviors and, in particular, the use of sunscreen improved significantly at sites where the two interventions were implemented. In addition, sun-protection policies of recreation sites were markedly higher at intervention arm sites. The education/environment intervention was not superior to education alone. Changes were partly maintained at 3 months of follow-up. CONCLUSION: A creative, engaging, multicomponent skin cancer prevention program in outdoor recreation settings can lead to modest improvements in children's sun-protection behaviors

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KW - Budesonide/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Child
KW - Columbidae/im [Immunology]
KW - Columbidae
KW - Family Health
KW - Female
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Glucocorticoids/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Humans
KW - Lung/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Lung/ra [Radiography]
KW - Male
KW - Prednisolone/tu [Therapeutic Use]
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N2 - We describe a family in which the mother died of unresolved lung disease and whose 5 children, some of
whom had previous signs of asthma, were subsequently affected by extrinsic allergic alveolitis caused by
contact with wild city pigeon antigens. The children received systemic corticosteroids for 1 month and inhaled
steroids for 24 months, while antigen exposure was reduced as much as feasible. This was followed by a quick
clinical recovery and a slow normalization of chest radiographs and pulmonary function indices, especially of
diffusion capacity, during a follow-up of 24 months. Because pigeon-breeder's lung caused by free-roaming city
pigeons has not been previously described, it remains unclear whether this family developed the disease because
of high antigen exposure or because of increased susceptibility. None of the supposedly high-risk human
leukocyte antigen types were found in the children. Whether human leukocyte antigen B7 in 1 child played a
role in the course of the illness remains speculative. It is unknown to what extent pigeon-breeder's lung caused
by nondomestic birds remains undetected and misdiagnosed as difficult or steroid-resistant asthma. The question
remains whether free-roaming city pigeons are indeed a public health risk. We suggest that atypical outdoor
antigens be considered in all patients with nonresolving chest disease or therapy-resistant asthma
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A review of correlates of physical activity of children and adolescents. [Review] [131 refs]

BACKGROUND: Understanding the factors that influence physical activity can aid the design of more effective interventions. Previous reviews of correlates of youth physical activity have produced conflicting results. METHODS: A comprehensive review of correlates of physical activity was conducted, and semiquantitative results were summarized separately for children (ages 3-12) and adolescents (ages 13-18). The 108 studies evaluated 40 variables for children and 48 variables for adolescents. RESULTS: About 60% of all reported associations with physical activity were statistically significant. Variables that were consistently associated with children's physical activity were sex (male), parental overweight status, physical activity preferences, intention to be active, perceived barriers (inverse), previous physical activity, healthy diet, program/facility access, and time spent outdoors. Variables that were consistently associated with adolescents' physical activity were sex (male), ethnicity (white), age (inverse), perceived activity competence, intentions, depression (inverse), previous physical activity, community sports, sensation seeking, sedentary after school and on weekends (inverse), parent support, support from others, sibling physical activity, direct help from parents, and opportunities to exercise. CONCLUSION: These consistently related variables should be confirmed in prospective studies, and interventions to improve the modifiable variables should be developed and evaluated.

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Mothers’ responses to sons and daughters engaging in injury-risk behaviors on a playground: implications for sex differences in injury rates

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Videotapes of children engaging in injury-risk activities on a playground were shown to mothers, who were asked to intervene by stopping the tape and saying whatever they would to their child in the situation shown. Results revealed that mothers of daughters were more likely to judge behaviors as posing some degree of injury risk, and they intervened more frequently and quickly than mothers of sons. Mothers' speed to intervene positively correlated with both children's injury history and their risk-taking tendencies, indicating that mothers of children who were previously injured and who often engaged in injury-risk behaviors had a higher degree of tolerance for children's risk taking than mothers of children who experienced fewer injuries and less frequently engaged in injury-risk behaviors. Mothers' verbalizations to children's risk taking revealed that daughters received more cautions and statements communicating vulnerability for injury, whereas sons received more statements encouraging risk-taking behavior. Copyright 2000 Academic Press
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Although children are exposed to a variety of environmental hazards, including pesticides, there is a scarcity of information available to estimate exposures realistically. This article reports on one of the first attempts to measure multi-pathway pesticide exposures in a population-based sample of urban and non-urban children. A design strategy was developed to assess multi-pathway pesticide exposures in children using personal exposure measurements in combination with complimentary measurements of biological markers of exposure, concentrations in relevant environmental media, and time spent in important microenvironments and participating in exposure-related activities. Sample collection and analysis emphasized measurement of three insecticides (i.e., chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion) and one herbicide (i.e., atrazine). These compounds were selected because of their frequent use, presence in multiple environmental media, expected population exposures, and related hazard/toxicity. The study was conducted during the summer of 1997 in Minnesota and involved a stratified sample of households with children ages 3-12 years. Participants resided in either (a) the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul (urban households), or (b) Rice and Goodhue Counties just south of the metropolitan area (non-urban households). Results from a residential inventory documenting storage and use of products containing the target pesticides were used to preferentially select households where children were
likely to have higher exposures. The study successfully obtained pesticide exposure data for 102 children, including measurements of personal exposures (air, hand rinse, duplicate diet), environmental concentrations (residential indoor/outdoor air, drinking water, residential surfaces, soil), activity patterns (obtained by questionnaire, diary, videotaping), and internal dose (metabolites in urine).

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KW - Female
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Humans
KW - Juvenile Delinquency/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Juvenile Delinquency/px [Psychology]
KW - Male
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Social Environment
KW - Violence/pc [Prevention & Control]
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N2 - This study examined theoretical, methodological, and statistical problems involved in evaluating the outcome of aggression on the playground for a universal preventive intervention for conduct disorder. Moderately aggressive children were hypothesized most likely to benefit. Aggression was measured on the playground using observers blind to the group status of the children. Behavior was micro-coded in real time to minimize potential expectancy biases. The effectiveness of the intervention was strongly related to initial levels of aggressiveness. The most aggressive children improved the most. Models that incorporated corrections for low reliability (the ratio of variance due to true time-stable individual differences to total variance) and censoring (a floor effect in the rate data due to short periods of observation) obtained effect sizes 5 times larger
than models without such corrections with respect to children who were initially 2 SDs above the mean on aggressiveness
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T1 - Risk factors for severe injuries associated with falls from playground equipment
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KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Injury Severity Score
KW - Male
KW - Play and Playthings
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JF - Accident Analysis & Prevention
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N2 - A case control study design was used to determine the risk factors for severe injuries associated with falls from playground equipment. Children presenting to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto because of falls from playground equipment (1995-1996) were identified through daily review of admissions and emergency department visits. Cases were defined as children with a severe injury (AIS \geq 2), whereas, controls were children with a minor injury (AIS < 2). Data on age, sex, socioeconomic status, prior experience on the equipment, previous playground injury, type of equipment, height of fall, undersurface, nature of injury, body part involved, and disposition were collected via telephone interview, field trip measurement, and mailed questionnaire. A total of 126 children were studied--67 cases and 59 controls. There were no differences between the two groups on age, sex, socioeconomic status, prior exposure to the equipment, or previous playground injury. Extremity fractures predominated in the case group, while, facial lacerations predominated in the control group. The median height of fall for cases was 199 cm, compared with 160 cm for controls (P = 0.021). Cases were also more likely to have fallen from a height of \geq 150 cm (73\%), compared with controls (54\%), P = 0.027. The majority of cases (82\%) and controls (86\%) fell onto an impact absorbing undersurface (P = 0.540). The median depth of impact absorbing undersurface, however, for both case and control injuries was 3 cm--well below the recommended safety standards. Height of fall was an important risk factor for severe injury associated with falls from playground equipment. Above 150 cm, the risk of severe injury was increased 2-fold.
This paper reports an outbreak of cutaneous larva migrans in children of a school located in Campo Grande, MS. Six out of the 16 students (37.5%) acquired this parasitic dermatitis in two playgrounds contaminated by cat feces, in which ancylostomid larvae were found. The serpiginous lesions and/or papules were located in the hands, feet, buttocks, thighs, vulva and scrotum. Control measures of this parasitosis are discussed.
The aim of this study was to assess prevalence of asthma and allergy in the non-polluted mountain area of Upper Hallingdal, Norway. All schoolchildren (7-16 years) who in a previous questionnaire survey (n = 1177) reported 'sometime' asthma were enrolled in group I (n = 80), the 59 who reported asthma-like symptoms in the past 12 months formed group II, and 77 of the healthy controls were randomly selected as group III. All 216 children underwent clinical examination, skin prick test, spirometry, bronchial provocation (PD20 metacholine) and treadmill exercise test. Subsequently they were reclassified as (1) healthy, never had asthma or symptoms, (2) symptoms not confirmed as asthma, (3) previous asthma, now healthy, (4) current asthma. Lifetime asthma prevalence was 10.2%. Based upon clinical examination, the specificity and sensitivity of the questionnaire for asthma diagnosis were 88 and 74%, respectively. Forced vital capacity was significantly higher among the asthmatics (group 4 versus 1), whereas forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) and forced expiratory flow at 50% of vital capacity were similar in all groups. More than 10% reduction in FEV1 following treadmill-run was found in 20% of children. Children with current asthma compared to controls had significantly; lower mean values of PD20 (9.1 versus 16.5 micromol), higher eosinophil cationic protein (13.4 versus 7.7 micromol)
and more frequent sensitization to animal dander (56% versus 10%). In conclusion, despite a favorable climate, little mite sensitization and low outdoor pollution, asthma prevalence was surprisingly high in Upper Hallingdal. Sensitization to animal dander was the most important contributing factor for current asthma.

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KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Databases as Topic
KW - Explosions/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
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KW - Fires/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
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This study aimed to identify typical features of burns in rural areas and to improve their prevention by comparing the characteristics of burnt patients and their burns in rural and urban areas. A cross-sectional survey was conducted in 19 of the 23 French burns units over one year, using a structured questionnaire. We analysed the resulting database. Of the 1422 patients, excluding 188 burnt in unclassified areas, 420 (34%) were burnt in rural areas. Burns were more frequent in rural than in urban areas. Occupational burns were more frequent in rural than in urban areas. The characteristics of patients and burns did not differ between the areas. Patients burnt during everyday activities were older and more frequently had predisposing factors in rural than in urban areas. Burns occurred outdoors more often in rural than in urban areas and were frequently due to flames or explosions or to the use of barbecues or open fires. The hands and perineum were burnt more frequently in rural than in urban areas. Rural burns were more severe than urban burns: they were deeper, involved a larger body surface area and caused more deaths. Preventive measures in rural areas should take into account occupation and everyday activities. They should be specifically adapted to the profiles of burnt patients.
Sensitive individuals are at risk of adverse health effects from exposure to even modest levels of ozone. Such individuals are likely to develop respiratory symptoms and are more likely to be hospitalized when exposed to ozone at currently accepted levels. A review of scientific documents regarding the health effects of ozone has led the DHHS to agree with the EPA that the primary ambient air standard for ozone should be changed from 0.12 ppm (1-hour average) to 0.08 ppm (8-hour average). Achieving the proposed 0.08 ppm standard should decrease physician visits, hospitalization, and use of respiratory medications. In addition, because very susceptible healthy individuals may experience adverse health effects of the current standard, it is clear that the current standard provides little or no margin of safety, particularly for sensitive individuals. In order to avoid exposure to unhealthy levels of ozone, people should take precautions to minimize exposure from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on days when ozone levels are high. This is especially so for children, adults who are active outdoors, those with respiratory disease such as asthma, and people with unusual susceptibility to ozone.
An epidemiological study was performed of endemic alveolar hydatid disease (AHD, multilocular echinococcosis), Rebun Island, Hokkaido and the period of AHD infection of patients was estimated. Death certificates of the residents of the island were analyzed, and 74 deaths (43 males and 31 females) by AHD were found out of the 3,126 deaths that occurred during the period from 1948 to 1990. The red fox population of the island was estimated on the basis of past researchs. The deaths due to AHD distributed around a major peak (n = 67) between 1948-1975 and there were 7 sporadic cases between 1976-90. The red fox population on the island had been estimated to be largest in 1935. The mean infection period from initial AHD infection to death was estimated to be 26 +/- 7 years (x +/- SD) on the basis of the period between the year in which the peak red fox population was observed (1935) and the major peak of patient death (1962). The mean symptomatic period was 5 +/- 5 years, and the mean latent period from infection to the onset of AHD was 21 +/- 7 years. Sex ratio (M/F = 28/13 = 2.15) was higher (P < 0.05) at the age groups below 10 and 26-45 years than the other age groups (15/18 = 0.83), and playing outdoors during childhood and working outdoors in the prime of life were assumed to be the causes of infection.
classification trees were developed identifying a small set of predictors from variables measuring performance of functional tasks and discrete activities. Final predictive models included physical and cognitive-behavioral variables, suggested important interactions among predictors, and identified meaningful cut-off points that classified the sample into the outcome categories with about 85% accuracy. CONCLUSIONS: Limited participation was predicted by information about children's physical capabilities. Full participation was predicted by a combination of physical and cognitive-behavioral variables. Findings underscore the relative utility of functional performance compared with impairment information to predict the outcome, and suggest pathways of influence to consider in future research and intervention efforts.

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N2 - The Harvard Southern California Chronic Ozone Exposure Study measured personal exposure to, and indoor and outdoor ozone concentrations of, approximately 200 elementary school children 6-12 years of age for 12 months (June 1995-May 1996). We selected two Southern California communities, Upland and several
towns located in the San Bernardino mountains, because certain characteristics of those communities were believed to affect personal exposures. On 6 consecutive days during each study month, participant homes were monitored for indoor and outdoor ozone concentrations, and participating children wore a small passive ozone sampler to measure personal exposure. During each sampling period, the children recorded time-location-activity information in a diary. Ambient ozone concentration data were obtained from air quality monitoring stations in the study areas. We present ozone concentration data for the ozone season (June-September 1995 and May 1996) and the noozone season (October 1995-April 1996). During the ozone season, outdoor and indoor concentrations and personal exposure averaged 48.2, 11.8, and 18.8 ppb in Upland and 60.1, 21.4, and 25.4 ppb in the mountain towns, respectively. During the noozone season, outdoor and indoor concentrations and personal exposure averaged 21.1, 3.2, and 6.2 ppb in Upland, and 35.7, 2.8, and 5.7 ppb in the mountain towns, respectively. Personal exposure differed by community and sex, but not by age group.
BACKGROUND: Women physicians may have a multiplicity of domestic roles (eg, cook, housekeeper, child care provider) that are of inherent interest and that may affect their professional lives, but are largely unstudied.

DESIGN, SETTING, PARTICIPANTS, AND MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: We report data from respondents (N = 4501) to the Women Physicians' Health Study, a cross-sectional, questionnaire-based study of a stratified random sample of US women MDs.

RESULTS: Women physicians with children aged 0 to 17 years spent a median of 24.4 hours per week on child care. Women physicians typically spent half an hour per day cooking, and another half-hour per day on other housework. Little time was spent on gardening: a median of 0.05 hours (3 minutes) per week. Those performing more domestic tasks are likely to work fewer hours outside the home and to be on call less often. Women physicians who are married or widowed, have more children, have lower personal incomes, and have more highly educated and higher-earning spouses perform more domestic activities. We found no significant adverse relationship between time spent on any domestic activity and career satisfaction or mental or physical health.

CONCLUSIONS: Women physicians spend little time on domestic activities that can be done for them by others, including cooking, housework, and especially gardening. Women physicians spend somewhat less time on child care and substantially less time on housework than do other US women. Despite abundant editorializing about role conflicts of women physicians, our measures of career satisfaction and mental health were not adversely affected by time spent on domestic obligations.
PURPOSE: This study is intended to resolve the disparity and reach consensus on issues regarding the treatment of children with isolated spleen or liver injuries. To maximize patient safety and assure efficient, cost-effective utilization of resources, it was essential to determine current practice. METHODS: Data from the case records of 856 children with isolated spleen or liver injury treated at 32 pediatric surgical centers from July 1995 to June 1997 were collected. The severity of injury was classified by computed tomography (CT) grade and the data analyzed for intensive care unit (ICU) stay, length of hospital stay, transfusion requirement, need for operation, pre- and postdischarge imaging, and restriction of physical activity. Patients with grade V injuries (2.8%) were excluded leaving 832 patients for detailed review. These data and available literature were analyzed for consensus by the 1998 APSA Trauma Committee. RESULTS: Resource utilization increased with injury severity (see Table 2). Based on the data analysis, literature search, and consensus conference, the authors propose guidelines (see Table 3) for the safe and optimal utilization of resources in routine cases. It is important to emphasize that no recommendation falls outside the 25th percentile of current practice at participating centers. CONCLUSIONS: Diversity of treatment, with attendant variation in resource utilization in children with isolated spleen and liver injury of comparable severity is confirmed. This analysis has stimulated a prospective outcomes study with the objective of validating the evidence-based guidelines proposed. This evidence-based study design can bring order and conformity to patient management resulting in optimal utilization of resources while maximizing patient safety.

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T1 - Personal UV dosimetry by Bacillus subtilis spore films
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KW - Humans
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KW - Mountaineering
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BACKGROUND: Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is known to be the most important risk factor for melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. Until today it has been impossible to measure reliably UVR in the frame of epidemiological studies. The recent development of a spore film containing spores of *Bacillus subtilis* resulted in a new method of UV measurement by personal dosimetry.

METHODS: The practical application of dosimeters was tested in 18 study persons under different circumstances of UV exposure and in 4 different geographical regions.

RESULTS: Eleven children carried dosimeters on their shoulders for 1 day, playing indoors and outdoors on a sunny day in summertime. Their whole-day values ranged from 0.1 to 1.5 minimal erythema doses (MED) per day with a mean of 0.71 MED (+/-0.44). Four lifeguards in a public swimming-pool carried dosimeters on their shoulders for 11 days and received UV exposures ranging from 3.6 to 9.5 MED (mean 5.9 +/- 1.88). Three mountain guides with dosimeters attached to the lateral head in different mountain regions at 23 mountaineering activities received daily exposures of 4.44-17.07 MED (mean 11.9 +/- 3.8).

CONCLUSION: *B. subtilis* spore film dosimeters can be applied to different study persons including children and mountain guides under different climatic conditions. A broad range of UV exposures can reliably be measured with this method.
We conducted a study to examine seasonal changes in residential dust lead content and its relationship to blood lead in preschool children. We collected blood and dust samples (floors, windowsills, and carpets) to assess lead exposure. The geometric mean blood lead concentrations are 10.77 and 7.66 microg/dL for the defined hot and cold periods, respectively (p < 0.05). Lead loading (milligrams per square meter) is the measure derived from floor and windowsill wipe samples that is most correlated with blood lead concentration, whereas lead concentration (micrograms per gram) is the best variable derived from carpet vacuum samples. The variation of dust lead levels for these three dust variables (floor lead loading, windowsill lead loading, and carpet lead concentration) are consistent with the variation of blood lead levels, showing the highest levels in the hottest months of the year, June, July, and August. The regression analysis, including the three representative dust variables in the equations to predict blood lead concentration, suggests that the seasonality of blood lead levels in children is related to the seasonal distributions of dust lead in the home. In addition, the outdoor activity patterns indicate that children are likely to contact high leaded street dust or soil during longer outdoor play periods in summer. Consequently, our results show that children appear to receive the highest dust lead exposure indoors and outdoors during the summer, when they have the highest blood lead levels. We conclude that at least some of the seasonal variation in blood lead levels in children is probably due to increased exposure to lead in dust and soil.
The Sicilian province of Catania is an active foci for human visceral leishmaniasis (VL) in the Mediterranean area. Approximately 10 to 15 cases of VL are diagnosed via hospital admissions each year in this community. Recently, an increase in VL case reporting by Sicilian physicians was noted, with 38 and 37 VL cases in 1996 and 1997, respectively. Before 1995, there were no reported VL cases among U.S. military personnel or their family members living in Sicily. However, since 1996, there have been four cases referred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for diagnosis and treatment, all involving the children of personnel assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella. Exposure histories for all infected individuals excluded exposure to Leishmania parasites outside of Sicily. All patients lived in areas where vectoring sandflies are present. All had dogs as family pets. To evaluate the level of infection among dogs owned by Navy personnel and their families, U.S. Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit 7, in a collaborative study with the U.S. Army Veterinary Clinic, Naval Air Station Sigonella, and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, performed clinical evaluation and serological testing of 50 dogs residing with U.S. personnel assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella. The data indicate a high exposure rate to Leishmania (60% of the animals tested had elevated immunoglobulin M antibody levels) in the study population, suggesting that they were infected with Leishmania infantum. Distribution of seropositive dogs by sex was equal. Most of the dogs studied appeared to be in good health. However, inapparent infection of dogs, seen by Italian veterinarians, has been observed throughout all areas of Catania. Sandflies responsible for vectoring L. infantum were trapped in the same locations as the dogs sampled in this study. The level of subclinical infection was 75% among seropositive dogs. The overall level of canine infection observed was higher than expected. This study demonstrates an increased risk to military working dogs and companion dogs of U.S. personnel for infection with L. infantum during a 2- to 3-year tour in Sicily.
OBJECT: Changes in cortical representation in patients with cerebral lesions may alter the correlation between cortical anatomy and function. This is of potential clinical significance when the extent of cortical resection is based on surface anatomical landmarks. METHODS: Fifty-one patients with supratentorial lesions were studied. Nineteen harbored noncentral lesions (no involvement of pre- or postcentral gyrus), whereas 32 had central lesions. Control studies consisted of stimulation of the hand contralateral to the unaffected hemisphere. Positron emission tomography activation studies were performed using the [15O]H2O tracer. Somatosensory stimulation of the hand or foot was performed using a mechanical vibrator. Motor activation consisted of hand clenching or foot tapping. The t-statistic volumes were generated from images showing the mean change in regional cerebral blood flow, and coregistered with a T1-weighted magnetic resonance image. At the threshold selected, exclusive contralateral primary sensorimotor cortex activation was elicited in 100% of the control studies. A different pattern of cortical activation was associated with central lesions in 35 (78%) of 45 patients, which occurred significantly more often than with noncentral lesions (eight [31%] of 26 patients). The most common difference in the pattern of activation with central lesions was activation of cortical regions outside the central area (including the supplementary sensorimotor area and the secondary somatosensory cortex). No sensorimotor activation was observed in gyri adjacent to the pre- or postcentral gyrus.

CONCLUSIONS: Central lesions are more frequently associated with altered patterns in activation than lesions in noncentral locations. Characteristic patterns include activation of secondary sensorimotor areas. The absence of activation in gyri adjacent to the sensorimotor strip has clinical significance for the planning of resections in the central area.
N2 - A significant response in a bronchodilation test is one of the main diagnostic criteria of asthma. However, it is not known what the significant bronchodilator response (BDR) is by the interrupter technique (IR), measuring respiratory resistance (Rint) during tidal breathing. Fifty children with symptoms suggestive for asthma underwent an 8 min free running test outdoors. Flow-volume spirometry (FVS) and IR measurements were performed before and 10 min after running. Thereafter, all children received a salbutamol inhalation, and pulmonary function measurements were repeated 15 min later. The study population was classified into three groups according to the post-exercise pulmonary function: FEV1 > 100% of predicted (group I, n=15), FEV1 86-99% of predicted (group II, n=20) and FEV1 < 85% of predicted (group III, n=15). There were no differences in BDRs between groups I and II; the mean increases in FEV1 were 4.6% and in MMEF 20-23%, and the mean decreases in Rint were 23-26%. The mean changes in group III were significantly higher: 15% (P=0.004) in FEV1, 55% (P=0.021) in MMEF and 38% (P=0.014) in Rint. BDR was positive (FEV1 rise >10%) in 15 children; five were in group II and 10 in group III. For MMEF and Rint, the best combination of sensitivity and specificity was achieved by a limit of 35%. By this limit, MMEF identified 14 and Rint 17 positive cases. The IR technique agreed with both FEV1 and MMEF in 73% of the cases. The IR technique provides an alternative to conventional ventilatory function measurements in bronchodilation tests in children.

We suggest a decrease of 35% or more in Rint as diagnostic in post-exercise bronchodilation tests.

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Activating missense mutations of the GNAS1 gene, encoding the alpha subunit of the stimulatory G protein (Gs), have been identified in patients with the McCune-Albright syndrome (MAS; characterized by polyostotic fibrous dysplasia, cafe au lait skin pigmentation, and endocrine disorders). Because fibrous dysplasia (FD) of bone also commonly occurs outside of the context of typical MAS, we asked whether the same mutations could be identified routinely in non-MAS FD lesions. We analyzed a series of 8 randomly obtained, consecutive cases of non-MAS FD and identified R201 mutations in the GNAS1 gene in all of them by sequencing cDNA generated by amplification of genomic DNA using a standard primer set and by using a novel, highly sensitive method that uses a protein nucleic acid (PNA) primer to block amplification of the normal allele. Histologic findings were not distinguishable from those observed in MAS-related FD and included subtle changes in cell shape and collagen texture putatively ascribed to excess endogenous cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP). Osteomalacic changes (unmineralized osteoid) were prominent in lesional FD bone. In an in vivo transplantation assay, stromal cells isolated from FD failed to recapitulate a normal ossicle; instead, they generated a miniature replica of fibrous dysplasia. These data provide evidence that occurrence of GNAS1 mutations, previously noted in individual cases of FD, is a common and perhaps constant finding in non-MAS FD. These findings support the view that FD, MAS, and nonskeletal isolated endocrine lesions associated with GNAS1 mutations represent a spectrum of phenotypic expressions (likely reflecting different patterns of somatic mosaicism) of the same basic disorder. We conclude that mechanisms underlying the development of the FD lesions, and hopefully mechanism-targeted therapeutic approaches to be developed, must also be the same in MAS and non-MAS FD.
The Stage of Change (SC) paradigm was adapted to assess readiness to be or stay physically active among fifth and sixth graders. Students completed a four-item SC survey, the Past Year Leisure Time Physical Activity Questionnaire, and the Modifiable Physical Activity Questionnaire for Adolescents. Precontemplation, contemplation, and preparation stages were grouped as "pre-action" (PRE), and action and maintenance as "post-action" (AX) stages. Nearly 40% of all students were in PRE, compared to 60% of students in AX stages. Twenty-two percent of all students were in the sedentary precontemplation or contemplation stages. Significantly more boys were in maintenance than girls, and more girls than boys were in contemplation. Students averaged 14-21 hours/week of television, video, or computer work, and 1.6 hours/week of physical activity outside of school. Interventions may be targeted at a specific SC to enable a child to move forward along the SC continuum toward an active lifestyle.
"Troo, the Traumaroo" bicycle and playground safety education program created for kindergarten, first, and second grade students, was provided to a convenience sample of seven elementary schools in a Southwestern city. Favorable principal, classroom teacher, and school nurse evaluations indicated that the "Troo, the Traumaroo" program was successful in providing young children with bicycle and playground safety in a fun and entertaining way. Results of this pilot study indicated that kindergarten children pre-tested for bicycle safety knowledge prior to participating in the program, had significantly higher bicycle safety knowledge scores 30 days after participating in the program (p < .0001).
The relationships among environmental allergen sensitization, allergen exposure, pulmonary function, and bronchial hyperresponsiveness in the Childhood Asthma Management Program

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KW - Preschool
KW - Disease Management
KW - Dogs
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KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Female
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BACKGROUND: Sensitivity and exposure to indoor allergens constitutes a risk factor for the development and persistence of asthma in children. OBJECTIVE: Our purpose was to evaluate the relationship between sensitivity and exposure to inhalant allergens and lung function and bronchial responsiveness in a group of children (n = 1041) aged 8.9 +/- 2.1 years with mild to moderate asthma enrolled in the Childhood Asthma Management Program (CAMP). METHODS: With use of the extensive CAMP baseline cross-sectional data on spirometry, bronchial responsiveness, allergen sensitivities, and household allergen levels, the relationship of sensitization and exposure to allergens to lung function and methacholine sensitivity was evaluated. Children who enrolled in CAMP stopped all antiasthma medication except rescue use of albuterol and prednisone for exacerbations during the 5- to 16-week screening period. During the last 2 of these weeks they underwent spirometry and methacholine challenge. Indoor allergen exposures were determined from questionnaires completed by the parent. Household levels of indoor allergens (mite, cat, dog, cockroach, mold) were determined on house dust samples. Allergen sensitivity was determined by percutaneous skin testing with a standard battery of allergens plus locally important pollen and fungal spores. Lung function and bronchial hyperresponsiveness were compared for children sensitive and not sensitive to both indoor and outdoor allergens on skin testing and, if sensitive, for exposed and not exposed to the allergens to which they were positive on skin testing. RESULTS: There was a strong direct correlation between increased sensitivity to inhaled methacholine and skin test sensitivity to tree, weed, Alternaria, cat, dog, and indoor molds. When the relationship was examined by stepwise regression, the skin test sensitivities showing the strongest associations with the concentration of methacholine that caused a 20% fall in FEV(1) were dog (P =.003), Alternaria (P =.01), and cat (P =.05). Children sensitive to any one of the aeroallergens tested were compared for the presence or absence of exposure to that allergen at the time that the methacholine challenge was performed. Those who were sensitive and exposed to weed and cat had greater methacholine sensitivity than those similarly sensitive but not exposed (P =.003 and P =.02, respectively). CONCLUSIONS: Sensitivity to dog or cat dander or Alternaria by skin testing was associated with increased bronchial responsiveness but not decreased lung function in children with mild to moderate asthma. These findings support the important role that sensitization to certain allergens plays in modulating bronchial responsiveness.
N2 - Ninety-two daycare centers (23 public, 10 charitable, and 59 private) were identified in the municipality of Pelotas, RS, Southern Brazil. These centers were studied in relation to their organization, services, child-care practices, and infrastructure. All public centers worked full-time, while most private centers operated in the afternoon and received a smaller proportion of children under the age of two. The child-to-attendant ratio was similar in both types of centers, and the nurseries were the classes most frequently above the recommended maximum. Group and center sizes were larger in the public centers. Attendant schooling was higher in the private centers, but task specificity was lower. The infrastructure deficiencies most commonly observed in the public centers were lack of an internal recreational area and playground equipment. Private centers lacked adequate diapering facilities and exclusive toilets for the children. A small proportion of centers had staff trained to handle fire emergencies and administer first aid, revealing insufficient concern over safety issues.
This study describes the main social, economic, biological, and demographic characteristics of children and families who participate or have participated in the Children's Pastoral as compared to the overall urban population of Criciuma (Southern Brazil). A population-based cross-sectional study with a probabilistic sample of 2208 children under three years of age was conducted; 16.7% of the mothers confirmed having participated in the Pastoral at any given time, of whom 4.8% were currently participating, while the rest had dropped out. Black children and those over 12 months old or with two or more older siblings participated more frequently in the Pastoral. The main family factors associated with participation were mother's age (over 25), mother not working outside the home, low per capita income, low parental schooling, living in the neighborhood for more than 4 years, and death of sibling before age five. Reasons most often given by mothers for dropping out were migration, lack of time, and interruption of the Pastoral's activities in the neighborhood. The conclusion was that the Pastoral should prioritize the poorest of the poor and adopt measures to reduce drop-out rates.
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N2 - PURPOSE: To describe the prevalence and correlates of physical inactivity and of participation in organized sports at and outside school among elementary schoolchildren in multiethnic, low income, urban neighborhoods in Montreal, Canada. METHODS: As part of the evaluation of a school-based heart health promotion program, baseline data on physical activity behaviors and potential correlates of these behaviors, were collected from 2285 students aged 9-13 in all 130 grade 4 to 6 classes in 24 inner-city elementary schools from May to June 1993. RESULTS: One-fifth of boys (20.5%) and 24.4% of girls were inactive; 40.0% and 33.3% of boys and girls respectively, participated in school sports teams; 82.5% and 74.7% participated in organized sports outside school. Declines in activity levels with age were apparent in both genders. Children who participated in organized sports programs at and outside school, those with higher perceived self-efficacy for physical activity, and those with more parental support for engaging in physical activity were more active. Children of Asian family origin were less active. Socioeconomic status was related to participation in organized sports outside school. CONCLUSIONS: To reach children in socio-economically disadvantaged areas and to prevent age-related declines in activity levels, interventions promoting physical activity should focus on increasing availability and access to community-based organized sports programs at and outside school. Also they should include components to increase parental support and to improve perceived self-efficacy for physical activity.
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: Increasing prevalence of skin cancer over the past few decades and their relationship with childhood sun exposure, show that educational campaigns on sun protection are urgently needed. The aim of this study is to estimate the degree of children's sun exposure in the south of France (43 degrees latitude north) and to study sun protection behaviors according to phenotypic characteristics. POPULATION AND METHODS: The population was a randomly selected sample of 573 schoolchildren between 3 and 15 years of age living in Montpellier. The questionnaire provided information about sociodemographic characteristics, summer sun exposure and sun protection. Phenotypic characteristics, reactivity to sunlight and number of sunburns since birth were also reported. RESULTS: Exposure time was very high: half of children spend over 6 hours per day outside in summer. The youngest children were the most protected either by sunscreen, or by shirt. On the beach, sunscreens were used more than half of the time of exposure by 70 p. 100 of the children. At the swimming pool, sunscreens were used by 45 p. 100 of the children and only by 14 p. 100 of them during
other outdoor activities. A tee-shirt was only wore by 50 p. 100 of the children when playing on the beach, and by 75 p. 100 of them at the swimming pool. In addition, the application of sunscreen varied by body site. The adolescents, although they were exposed less than the youngest children, were very poorly protected. Light skinned children who do not tan easily had highest risk of sunburns, although they were generally more protected. CONCLUSION: The parents are able to identify highly sensitive children according to phenotype, but in practice the use of sunscreens and tee-shirt is very low. Parents and adolescents must be the target population but also insufficiently protected children. Health education at school must be an important measure for prevention.

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BACKGROUND: One-third of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) are reported to have had normal early development followed by an autistic regression between the ages of 2 and 3 years. This clinical profile partly parallels that seen in Landau-Kleffner syndrome (LKS), an acquired language disorder (aphasia) believed to be caused by epileptiform activity. Given the additional observation that one-third of autistic children experience one or more seizures by adolescence, epileptiform activity may play a causal role in some cases of autism. OBJECTIVE: To compare and contrast patterns of epileptiform activity in children with autistic regressions versus classic LKS to determine if there is neurobiological overlap between these conditions. It was hypothesized that many children with regressive ASDs would show epileptiform activity in a multifocal pattern that includes the same brain regions implicated in LKS. DESIGN: Magnetoencephalography (MEG), a noninvasive method for identifying zones of abnormal brain electrophysiology, was used to evaluate patterns of epileptiform activity during stage I-II sleep in 6 children with classic LKS and 50 children with regressive ASDs with onset between 20 and 36 months of age (16 with autism and 34 with pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified). Whereas 5 of the 6 children with LKS had been previously diagnosed with complex-partial seizures, a clinical seizure disorder had been diagnosed for only 15 of the 50 ASD children. However, all the children in this study had been reported to occasionally demonstrate unusual behaviors (eg, rapid blinking, holding of the hands to the ears, unprovoked crying episodes, and/or brief staring spells) which, if exhibited by a normal child, might be interpreted as indicative of a subclinical epileptiform condition. MEG data were compared with simultaneously recorded electroencephalography (EEG) data, and with data from previous 1-hour and/or 24-hour clinical EEG, when available. Multiple-dipole, spatiotemporal modeling was used to identify sites of origin and propagation for epileptiform transients. RESULTS: The MEG of all children with LKS showed primary or secondary epileptiform involvement of the left intra/perisylvian region, with all but 1 child showing additional involvement of the right sylvian region. In all cases of LKS, independent epileptiform activity beyond the sylvian region was absent, although propagation of activity to frontal or parietal regions was seen occasionally. MEG identified epileptiform activity in 41 of the 50 (82%) children with ASDs. In contrast, simultaneous EEG revealed epileptiform activity in only 68%. When epileptiform activity was present in the ASDs, the same intra/perisylvian regions seen to be epileptiform in LKS were active in 85% of the cases. Whereas primary activity outside of the sylvian regions was not seen for any of the children with LKS, 75% of the ASD children with epileptiform activity demonstrated additional nonsylvian zones of independent epileptiform activity. Despite the multifocal nature of the epileptiform activity in the ASDs, neurosurgical intervention aimed at control has lead to a reduction of autistic features and improvement in language skills in 12 of 18 cases. CONCLUSIONS: This study demonstrates that there is a subset of children with ASDs who demonstrate clinically relevant epileptiform activity during slow-wave sleep, and that this activity may be present even in the absence of a clinical seizure disorder. MEG showed significantly greater sensitivity to this epileptiform activity than simultaneous EEG, 1-hour clinical EEG, and 24-hour clinical EEG. The multifocal epileptiform pattern identified by MEG in the ASDs typically includes the same perisylvian brain regions identified as abnormal in LKS. When epileptiform activity is present in the ASDs, therapeutic strategies (antiepileptic drugs, steroids, and even neurosurgery) aimed at its control can lead to a significa

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The purpose of this research was to examine the peer processes that occur during bullying episodes on the school playground. These processes were examined from a social learning perspective, allowing us to consider the effects of various types of reinforcement among bullies, victims, and peers. Fifty-three segments of videotape were examined. Each segment contained a peer group (two or more peers) that viewed bullying on the school playground. Peers were coded for actively joining with the bully, passively reinforcing the bully, and actively intervening on behalf of the victim. On average, four peers viewed the schoolyard bullying, with a range from two to 14 peers. Averaged across all episodes, peers spent 54% of their time reinforcing bullies by passively watching, 21% of their time actively modelling bullies, and 25% of their time intervening on behalf of victims. Older boys (grades 4-6) were more likely to actively join with the bully than were younger boys (grades 1-3) and older girls. Both younger and older girls were more likely to intervene on behalf of victims than were older boys. The results were interpreted as confirming peers' central roles in the processes that unfold during playground bullying episodes. We discuss the results in terms of the challenges posed to peer-led interventions. Peers' anti-bullying initiatives must be reinforced by simultaneous whole-school interventions.

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N2 - Puppet script training was used to teach the social skills of greeting, responding to conversations, and initiating conversations to a preschool child with visual impairments. Susie and four peers without disabilities were taught social skills utilizing puppets enacting sociodramatic scripts within group training sessions. Training sessions were immediately followed by free-play activities among peers without disabilities to assess skill generalization. A single-case study using a multiple-baseline design demonstrated that the intervention increased performance of social skills during recess with peers. Results demonstrated that Susie learned the target behaviors and generalized their use to free-play activities with her peers
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There is strong evidence that sun exposure during childhood and adolescence plays an important role in the etiology of skin cancer, in particular cutaneous melanoma. Between the age of 6 and 18, most children and adolescents will spend around 200 days per year at school and may receive a substantial fraction of their daily total solar ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure while at school. This study estimated the average daily erythemally effective dose of 70 grade 8 students from a high school in Townsville during 5 school days in July 1998. Through UV measurements of shade locations at the school and a combination of frequency counts and a questionnaire of grade 8 students, it was possible to determine the fraction of solar UVR reaching under the shade structures during lunch breaks and routine outdoor activities. Also, a routinely operating UV-Biometer provided the annual variation of the daily dose that was used to calculate exposure levels for the 70 students. Our results suggest that up to 47% of the daily total dose fell within the time periods where students were outdoors during school hours. For students not seeking shade structures during the breaks (which usually was the case when involved in sport activities such as basketball or soccer), the average daily dose could have been as high as 14 SED (standard erythemal dose). Using results from the questionnaire of 70 grade 8 students, their average annual dose while at school was 414 SED or 2 SED per school day. However, the distribution of average daily erythemal effective dose per grade 8 student over the whole year showed that on 31% of all school days in 1998, this dose was exceeded. Because most previous attempts to change arguably poor sun-protective behavior of young Australian children and adolescents at school showed little success, one way of decreasing the amount of harmful UVR reaching unprotected skin is the more careful design of shade structures at schools.
BACKGROUND: The design of childhood injury prevention programmes is hindered by a dearth of valid and reliable information on injury frequency, cause, and outcome. A number of local injury surveillance systems have been developed to address this issue. One example is CHIRPP (Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program), which has been imported into the accident and emergency department at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. This paper examines a year of CHIRPP data. METHODS: A CHIRPP questionnaire was completed for 7940 children presenting in 1996 to the accident and emergency department with an injury or poisoning. The first part of the questionnaire was completed by the parent or accompanying adult, the second part by the clinician. These data were computerised and analysed using SPSSPC for Windows. RESULTS: Injuries commonly occurred in the child's own home, particularly in children aged 0-4 years. These children commonly presented with bruising, ingestions, and foreign bodies. With increasing age, higher proportions of children presented with injuries occurring outside the home. These were most commonly fractures, sprains, strains, and inflammation/oedema. Seasonal variations were evident, with presentations peaking in the summer. CONCLUSIONS: There are several limitations to the current CHIRPP system in Glasgow: it is not population based, only injuries presented to the accident and emergency department are included, and injury severity is not recorded. Nevertheless, CHIRPP is a valuable source of information on patterns of childhood injury. It offers local professionals a comprehensive dataset that may be used to develop, implement, and evaluate child injury prevention activities.
Concurrent and longitudinal relations between children's playground behavior and social preference, victimization, and bullying

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N2 - Prior research with contrived play groups suggests that how children interact with one another can influence their social relationships, but few studies have been carried out to determine if this is the case in naturalistic settings. This study examined the concurrent and longitudinal links between four observational measures of 8- to 9-year-old children's (N = 89) playground behaviors/peer contacts (Alone, Conversation, Group Size, and Network) and three sociometric measures of their peer relationships (Social Preference, Bully, and Victim). The latter were assessed at 2 points within a school year, the first corresponding with the playground observations and the second 5 months later. Several of the concurrent correlations were found to be significant. For boys, Group Size was positively correlated with Bully Score and Social Preference Score, but negatively correlated with Victim Score; and time Alone was positively correlated with Victim Score. For girls, time Alone was positively correlated with Victim Score; Network was negatively correlated with Bully Score but positively correlated with Social Preference Score; and Group Size was positively correlated with Social Preference Score. The longitudinal analyses indicated that for boys, elevated levels of time Alone and, separately, Conversation, predicted the highest increases in Victim Score. For girls, low levels of time Alone predicted the sharpest increases in Social Preference Score. There was also some marginally significant evidence, p < .06, that among girls, high levels of time Alone predicted the greatest increases in Bully Score, and high levels of Conversation predicted the greatest increases in Social Preference Score. The theoretical and practical importance of these links between children's nonaggressive playground behaviors and their emerging peer relationships are discussed.
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Evolution of the weight-height and weight-age relationship in children 3-6 years of age receiving preschool care in Sorocaba (SP), Brazil. [Portuguese]

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The nutritional status of Brazilians has improved over the last three decades. Still, little is known about the role played by nutritional assistance programs that public institutions and philanthropic organizations provide for low-income preschool children, who face greater nutritional risk. Therefore, we carried out a quasi-experimental study to evaluate the nutritional impact of the municipal preschool nutritional assistance program in the city of Sorocaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Over the course of a year, we performed quarterly measurements of weight and height on 444 children, whose ages ranged from 3 months to 6 years. In this population, 164 children were assisted by the preschool nutritional program (intervention group), and 280 children were not (nonintervention group). The children in the nonintervention group were identified by a special census for that purpose; they did not attend the preschool but lived nearby. After obtaining informed consent and carrying out a pretest, professionals and university students interviewed the mothers of the participating children, following standard techniques and conditions. Anthropometric measurements were done by teams of two interviewers, one of whom was a permanent member of the team, using equipment calibrated by the appropriate regional technical organization. The correspondence between the first measurement and subsequent measurements was evaluated by stratifying the population into three groups by z scores for weight-for-age and for weight-for-height, using U.S. National Center for Health Statistics reference curves. The z score groupings were established at the
beginning of the study for three different age groups: younger than 24 months, 24-36 months, and older than 36 months. The two study groups (intervention and nonintervention) were similar sociodemographically, with the following exceptions: maternal employment (more of the mothers of children in the intervention group had jobs outside the home); age (children in the intervention group were significantly older); nutritional status (it was worse in the intervention group); and prevalence of hospital admittance (it was higher in the intervention group). After just the first three months of the study, 32% of the children in the intervention group had moved to a higher nutritional stratum, whereas only 13% of children in the nonintervention group had shown improved nutritional status. The difference in favor of the intervention group increased with the length of the intervention and was higher among older children. These results show that the preschool nutritional assistance program helped to improve the assisted children's nutritional status.
INTRODUCTION: This paper describes the evaluation of a skin cancer prevention program for preschools and daycare centers. The intervention was targeted primarily at staff of child care centers, with the aim of increasing use of sun protection practices for young children while attending these centers. Secondary target groups included parents and the children themselves. The intervention, which adopted the slogan, "Block the Sun, Not the Fun," included workshops for child care center staff, and information/activity packets for parents. METHODS: Twenty-seven preschools and daycare centers were randomly assigned to an intervention or wait-list control group. The intervention group received the intervention during the spring of 1994; the wait-list control group received the intervention during the spring of 1995. Evaluation consisted of interviews with center directors, observations of practices, and review of written policies before the intervention (in summer, 1993) and after the intervention (in summer, 1994). A survey of 201 parents was conducted during late summer 1994. RESULTS: While the intervention did not appear to change the sun protection attitudes or practices of parents, or use of clothing and shade at child care centers, results suggested significant changes in the sun protection knowledge/attitudes of center directors and the use of sunscreen at child care centers. Additionally, parents with children attending centers in the intervention group were more likely to be satisfied with sun protection practices at their centers. CONCLUSION: This low-intensity intervention appears to be effective at changing sun protection attitudes and sunscreen use at child care centers, and can be easily replicated. However, high staff turnover at child care centers would suggest that "boosters" will be necessary to sustain the impact. More intensive efforts directed at social norms are likely to be necessary to change clothing and outdoor play practices.
BACKGROUND: "Kidskin" is an intervention study involving children at 33 primary schools in Perth, Western Australia. This study includes measurement of changes in implementation of schools' sun protection policies. This paper reports on measurement of observable aspects of sun protection. METHODS: Hat use was assessed from videos of children in the playground. Shade use was measured using UVR-sensitive polysulfone badges worn by a random sample of children. Shade provision was measured from aerial photographs of the schools. Principals were surveyed about school policies and practices. RESULTS: Eighty-seven percent of children wore a hat during lunch time at school, although only 14% wore the most protective styles of hats. The mean proportion of ambient UVR exposure received by Year 1 children was 15.5%; children spent less time in the sun on sunnier days. On average, 14.5% of the playground was shaded; this was not associated with children's sun exposure. Correlations between these results and the principals' estimates were poor. CONCLUSIONS: Children should be encouraged to wear more protective styles of hats and to avoid sun exposure, even on less sunny days during spring and summer. Principals' estimates of shade provision and children's sun protection behavior at school are of little value. Copyright 1999 American Health Foundation and Academic Press
The pathogenesis of allergy depends on the interaction between the time and amount of allergen exposure and the presence of nonspecific "adjuvant" factors in genetically susceptible individuals. There seems to be a period in early life during which the individual is particularly susceptible to sensitization, and there are variations in susceptibility over time. Allergens are almost ubiquitous, but the relative importance of the individual allergens varies between regions. In many temperate regions, house-dust mites used to be absent but are now more common. This may be due to modern methods of building houses. Differences in the prevalence of a particular allergy cannot explain variations in the prevalence of allergy in general. Various environmental factors that may enhance sensitization include tobacco smoke, NO2, SO2, ozone, and diesel particles. Passive smoking is by far the best established risk factor, particularly in early childhood. The indoor environment probably plays a larger role than outdoor air pollution in the development of allergic disease. The mother is not only a source of genetic information, but also an "environmental factor", as there is a close immunologic interaction between the mother and her offspring, mediated through the placenta and the breast milk, which may affect the likelihood of allergic disease. The concepts of "lifestyle" and "environment" should be expanded to include, for example, dietary changes, the microbial environment, and extensive traveling, as all the currently suspected risk factors taken together can only explain a small proportion of the geographic differences in and increasing prevalence of allergy. The future search for significant environmental factors should be interdisciplinary and be directed toward areas that have not yet been explored, thus giving "lifestyle" a broader interpretation.
OBJECTIVE: This study was conducted to describe changes in prescription practices outside the hospital, to evaluate the adaptation of such prescriptions to current scientific knowledge, and to compare medical practices in France with those in other European countries. METHODS: Data were collected from several sources: analysis of the literature, surveys conducted in the Loiret department and in the Rhone-Alps region, ten-year health surveys (INSEE), data from the Sentinel network, sales statements from pharmaceutical firms, the Permanent Survey of Medical Prescription (EPPM) of the Medical Information and Statistics (IMS) firm. Comparisons between France, the United Kingdom and Germany were conducted by the French Medicine Agency’s Pharmaco-economic Studies and Information Department using data furnished by the IMS firm and by pharmaceutical firms. RESULTS: In France, antibiotic sales increased by a mean annual rate of 2.1%, expressed in antibiotic units, and 2.6%, expressed in turnover (manufacturer price) between 1991 and 1996. The majority of these antibiotics were prescribed for respiratory and ENT infections with a presumed viral etiology such as rhino-pharyngitis and acute bronchitis. The results of the different surveys were in agreement showing that antibiotic prescriptions are made in approximately 40% of all consultations for rhino-pharyngitis and in 80% of those for acute bronchitis. Antibiotics were prescribed in more than 90% of cases of pharyngitis whatever the age of the patient. The situation was different for acute middle ear infections as the number of consultations has remained relatively unchanged over the last 10 years while antibiotic prescriptions have strongly increased, reaching 80% of the consultations. The number of consultations for pharyngitis and acute rhino-pharyngitis appears to be greater in France than in the United Kingdom and in Germany. Likewise, the proportion of patients using antibiotics after consulting for presumed viral conditions would be higher in France with different antibiotic classes being used. CONCLUSIONS: There is a gap between official guidelines (product description documents, therapeutic information documents, good practice guidelines, consensus conferences) and the state of current practices. Excessive and poorly-adapted antibiotic prescription favors the disturbing phenomenon of resistance which is all the more alarming because the emergence of resistant strains is difficult to predict and concerns bacteria causing the most common infections. To improve medical practices and achieve a persistent reduction in the use of antibiotics for viral infections, validated recommendations should be distributed to physicians. An effort should be made to prescribe the most appropriate active substance at optimal dose and treatment duration to limit the development of bacterial resistance. In addition, patients and the general public should be informed of the absence of any beneficial effect and the individual and collective risks involved in using antibiotics for viral infections in order to help them better understand and comply to their physician’s prescription. [References: 14]
N2 - Townsville, in Queensland, Australia, experiences very high levels of ambient solar ultraviolet radiation (UVR) throughout the year and has a predominantly white population which is prone to developing skin cancer. The UVR exposure of 1-year-old and 2 1/2-year-old children raised in Townsville was measured using UVR-sensitive polysulphone film badges. In two separate exposure studies undertaken for 7 days in October 1995 and 5 days in April 1997, exposure at the chest and shoulder for each subject was determined. The chest exposures for the 1-year-olds were significantly higher at weekends than on weekdays, whereas for the 2 1/2-year-old children the shoulder exposures were significantly higher at weekends than on weekdays. The median daily total exposure for 1-year-old infants was 0.4 SED (standard erythemal dose) for the chest and 0.4 SED for the shoulder. The median daily total exposure for 2 1/2-year-olds was 0.6 SED for the chest and 0.9 SED for the shoulder. Although the median daily total exposures were comparatively low, the maximum values for the chest and shoulder were 6.5 SED and 2.4 SED, respectively, for the 1-year-old infants, and 20.6 SED and 8.4 SED, respectively, for the 2 1/2-year-olds. While the 2 1/2-year-old children spent most of their time outside between 9 am and 4 pm, the 1-year-old infants spent more time outside before 9 am and after 4 pm. Exposure increases with age in early childhood. Increased mobility and a greater tendency to play outdoors is likely to account for the higher exposure levels in 2 1/2-year-old children, compared to 1-year-old infants

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T1 - Impact of a single exercise bout on energy expenditure and spontaneous physical activity of obese boys

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The main objective of the present study was to determine whether a structured, laboratory-based exercise task would modify the energy expenditure (EE) and the pattern of spontaneous physical activity (PA) of obese boys on the day of an exercise laboratory visit and on the following day. Fourteen 10- to 15-y-old moderately obese (36.6±3.3% fat) boys volunteered. They each had three laboratory visits, 1 wk apart. In one visit, they performed a strenuous 50-min cycling task; in another, a 30-min medium-intensity cycling task; and in another (which served as placebo), they did not exercise. PA was monitored the day before (d 1), during (d 2), and after (d 3) each laboratory visit by use of a heart rate monitor and a 12-h recall interview. EE was calculated from minute-by-minute heart rate and each child's predetermined relationship between oxygen uptake and heart rate. EE and PA were analyzed from 1300 to 1900 h each day using 15-min intervals. EE tended to decrease (p < 0.087) in the afternoon of all d 2 compared with d 1, and it increased on d 3 after the medium-intensity exercise (p < 0.0005). EE during d 2 and 3 combined, compared with d 1, decreased after the high-intensity exercise (534.2 versus 564.3 kJ/h, p < 0.05). It increased after the medium-intensity exercise (561.8 versus 526.7 kJ/h, p = 0.052) and was not affected after the placebo visit (589.4 versus 574.3 kJ/h). Time spent outdoors was consistently reduced on the day of laboratory visit compared with the day before and after the visit, regardless of the contents of intervention. In conclusion, a single laboratory visit is followed by a reduction in EE and PA on the day of intervention. However, its effect on EE the following day may be dose dependent: medium-intensity exercise induces an increase in EE, but high-intensity exercise causes a decrease in EE. One implication is that intervention by physical training should employ medium-intensity exercise to enhance the EE of obese boys.

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OBJECTIVE: To measure the incidence of childhood fractures in a defined population. SETTING: Accident and emergency (A&E) departments covering the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot areas of South Wales in 1996. METHODS: Linkage of data from A&E departments with population data to produce fracture incidence rates by anatomical site and cause in children aged 0-14 years. RESULTS: During 1996, 2463 new fractures occurred in 2399 residents yielding a fracture rate of 36.1/1000 children. Fractures were more common in boys than girls and increased with age in both groups. Sports and leisure activities accounted for 36% of fractures, assaults for 3.5%, and road traffic accidents 1.4%. Fractures of the radius/ulna were most frequent (36%). CONCLUSIONS: The fracture rate in South Wales children is twice the rate reported in previous studies. Further research is required to elucidate the reasons behind this high rate. Many fractures could be prevented by the use of safer surfaces in school playgrounds, and wrist protection in in-line skaters and possibly in soccer players.

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T1 - An intervention to reduce playground equipment hazards
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OBJECTIVES: A community intervention trial was carried out to evaluate the relative effectiveness of two methods of reducing playground hazards in schools. The study hypotheses were: (1) a health promotion programme addressing barriers to implementing the New Zealand Playground Safety Standard will reduce playground hazards and (2) the intervention programme will be more successful than providing information alone. METHODS: Twenty four schools in Wellington, New Zealand were randomly allocated into two groups of 12 and their playgrounds audited for hazards. After the audit, the intervention group received a health promotion programme consisting of information about the hazards, an engineer's report, regular contact and encouragement to act on the report, and assistance in obtaining funding. The control group only received information about hazards in their playground. RESULTS: After 19 months, there was a significant fall in hazards in the intervention schools compared with the control schools (Mann-Whitney U test, p = 0.027). No intervention schools had increased hazards and eight out of 12 had reduced them by at least three. In contrast, only two of the control schools had reduced their hazards by this amount, with three others increasing their hazards in that time. CONCLUSIONS: It is concluded that working intensively with schools to overcome barriers to upgrading playground equipment can lead to a reduction in hazards, and that this form of intensive intervention is more effective than providing information alone.
Each year approximately 211,000 U.S. children receive emergency department care for injuries sustained on playground equipment, making the use of this equipment the leading cause of injuries to children in school and child care environments. In response to the problem, the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) developed a national action plan that focuses on four areas of playground injury prevention: supervision, age-appropriateness of equipment, suitable fall surfaces, and equipment maintenance. During 1998-1999, NPPS surveyed a sample of the nation's child care, elementary school, and park playgrounds. This report summarizes the survey results, which indicate that playground injuries could be reduced by measures such as resilient surfacing below equipment, better equipment maintenance, improved supervision, and use of age-appropriate equipment.
OBJECTIVES: To describe the incidence of severe traffic injuries before and after implementation of a comprehensive, hospital-initiated injury prevention program aimed at the prevention of traffic injuries to school-aged children in an urban community. MATERIALS AND METHODS: Hospital discharge and death certificate data on severe pediatric injuries (ie, injuries resulting in hospital admission and/or death to persons age <17 years) in northern Manhattan over a 13-year period (1983-1995) were linked to census counts to compute incidence. Rate ratios with 95% CIs, both unadjusted and adjusted for annual trends, were calculated to test for a change in injury incidence after implementation of the Harlem Hospital Injury Prevention Program. This program was initiated in the fall of 1988 and continued throughout the study period. It included 1) school and community based traffic safety education implemented in classroom settings in a simulated traffic environment, Safety City, and via theatrical performances in community settings; 2) construction of new playgrounds as well as improvement of existing playgrounds and parks to provide expanded off-street play areas for children; 3) bicycle safety clinics and helmet distribution; and 4) a range of supervised recreational and artistic activities for children in the community. PRIMARY RESULTS: Traffic injuries were a leading cause of severe childhood injury in this population, accounting for nearly 16% of the injuries, second only to falls (24%). During the preintervention period (1983-1988), severe traffic injuries occurred at a rate of 147.2/100 000 children <17 years per year. Slightly <2% of these injuries were fatal. Pedestrian injuries accounted for two thirds of all severe traffic injuries in the population. Among school-aged children, average annual rates (per 100 000) of severe injuries before the intervention were 127.2 for pedestrian, 37.4 for bicyclist, and 25.5 for motor vehicle occupant injuries. Peak incidence of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries occurred during the summer months and afternoon hours, whereas motor vehicle occupant injuries showed little seasonal variation and were more common during evening and night-time hours. Age-specific rates showed peak incidence of pedestrian injuries among 6- to 10-year-old children, of bicyclist injuries among 9- to 15-year-old children, and of motor vehicle occupant injuries among adolescents between the ages of 12 and 16 years. The peak age for all traffic injuries combined was 15 years, an age at which nearly 3 of every 1000 children each year in this population sustained a severe traffic injury. Among children hospitalized for traffic injuries during the preintervention period, 6.3% sustained major head trauma (including concussion with loss of consciousness for >/=1 hour, cerebral laceration and/or cerebral hemorrhage), and 36.9% sustained minor head trauma (skull fracture and/or concussion with no loss of consciousness >/=1 hour and no major head injury). The percentage of injured children with major and minor head trauma was higher among those injured in traffic than among those injured by all other means (43.2% vs 14.2%, respectively; chi2 = 336; degrees of freedom = 1). The percentages of children sustaining head trauma were 45.4% of those who were injured as pedestrians, 40.2% of those who were injured as bicyclists, and 38.9% of those who were injured as motor vehicle occupants. During the intervention period, the average incidence of traffic injuries among school aged children declined by 36% relative to the preintervention
period (rate ratio: .64; 95% CI: .58,.72). After adjusting for annual trends in incidence, pedestrian injuries declined during the intervention period among school aged children by 45% (adjusted rate ratio: .55; 95% CI: .38,.79). No comparable reduction occurred in nontargeted injuries among school-aged children (adjusted rate ratio: .89; 95% CI: .72, 1.09) or in traffic injuries among younger children who

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T1 - Communicating about youth's sun exposure risk to soccer coaches and parents: a pilot study in Georgia
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N2 - Efforts to increase the sun-protective behaviors of children were extended to outdoor recreational sports and youth soccer settings in this study. The pretest results of a pilot survey of coaches (n = 12), parents (n = 50),
and youths (n = 61) on eight soccer teams in south Georgia were used to guide the development of a health education program for coaches. In the pilot programs, half the coaches were trained to be involved in soccer-playing youths’ sun protection by acting as positive role models and promoting sun protection to youths and their parents. The pilot demonstrated coaches' willingness to participate in sun protection promotion to youth: Youths indicated that coaches and parents were more likely to tell youths to wear sunscreen after the training than before, and coaches perceived getting youths to wear sunscreen to be less difficult than before.

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N2 - Any discussion of obesity in youth must consider physical activity level or energy output. Many suggest that increasing levels of obesity among children is the direct result of declining levels of physical activity. There is accumulating evidence that physical activity among youth has declined over the past several decades. Less time is spent on physical education classes in school and many popular activities among youth such as television and computer games, involve minimal physical exertion. These observations are confirmed by studies of physical fitness and endurance. These measures have also declined among youth. Much has been learned about the factors associated with physical activity among youth. These factors were used to develop several innovative school-based programs which demonstrate increased physical activity and performance. Recommendations are made for increasing physical activity both in the school curriculum and outside the school day. Potential health benefits and likely effects on obesity are substantial. [References: 20]
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The use of observational methods for monitoring sun-protection activities in schools

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Evaluation of health promotion interventions aimed at behavioural or environmental change involves assessing change that occurs as a result of the program. Direct observational methods can be used for this purpose and this paper describes three such methods that we pilot tested for use in a 5-year intervention study aimed at reducing sun exposure in primary school children. (1) Monitoring 'No hat, no play' policies. This method involved video taping children in selected school play areas during lunch time and analysing the content of the videos to assess the proportion of children wearing various types of hats. (2) Assessing shade provision in the playground. This method involved taking aerial photographs of each school and using them to estimate the proportion of shade in play areas available to children at lunchtime. (3) Shade use. This involved children wearing polysulphone film badges to measure the amount of UV-B exposure they received during one lunch period, relative to the total possible dose registered on index badges. Each method was implemented successfully, and we demonstrated that the video and aerial photography methods produced highly reproducible results and that all three methods were feasible. These three methods will be used in our intervention study to assess longitudinal change in schools' sun-protection policy and practice.

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Initial field evaluation of the Harvard active ozone sampler for personal ozone monitoring
Assessing personal exposure to ozone has only been feasible recently with the introduction of passive ozone samplers. These devices are easy to use, but changes in air velocity across their collection surfaces can affect performance. The Harvard active ozone sampler (AS) was developed in response to problems with the passive methods. This active sampler has been tested extensively as a microenvironmental sampler. To test for personal sampling, 40 children attending summer day-camp in Riverside, California wore the active ozone sampler for approximately 2.6 h on July 19 and 21, 1994, when ozone concentrations were about 100 ppb and 140 ppb, respectively. The children spent 94-100% of the sampling period outside, staying within a well-defined area while participating in normal camp activities. Ambient ozone concentrations across this area were monitored by two UV photometric ozone monitors. The active sampler was worn in a small backpack that was also equipped with a passive ozone sampler. Device precision, reported as the percent difference between duplicate pairs of samplers, was +/- 3.7% and +/- 4.2% for the active and passive samplers, respectively. The active sampler measured, on average, 94.5 +/- 8.2% of the ambient ozone while the passive samplers measured, on average, 124.5 +/- 18.8%. The samplers were worn successfully for the entire sampling period by all participating children.
BACKGROUND: Playground equipment resulted in >200,000 injuries from 1990 to 1994, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission; 88% were attributable to climbers (monkeybars/jungle gyms [MB/JGs]), swings, and slides. Equipment-specific injury requiring emergency department (ED) evaluation has not been reported previously. OBJECTIVE: To describe the spectrum of significant MB/JG-related injuries.

METHODS: A 2-year retrospective chart review was performed using the computerized charting system at a large urban Children's Hospital/Regional Pediatric Trauma Center with 50,000 ED visits per year. A telephone survey also was conducted after the chart review to obtain additional information concerning the injury location, the surface type below the equipment, and the presence of adult supervision.

RESULTS: A total of 204 patients were identified. Mean age was 6.2 years (range, 20 months to 12 years); 114 (56%) were male. A seasonal variation was noted with June to August accounting for 43% of visits. Injuries included fractures in 124 (61%), contusions in 20 (10%), neck and back strains in 17 (8%), lacerations in 16 (8%), closed head injuries in 10 (5%), abdominal trauma in 5 (3%), genitourinary injuries in 5 (3%), and miscellaneous injuries in the remainder.

Among fractures, 90% were fractures of the upper extremity; 48 (40%) were supracondylar fractures. One child sustained a C7 compression fracture. Abdominal injuries included 1 child who sustained a splenic laceration. All genitourinary injuries (2 vaginal hematomas, 1 vaginal contusion, 1 penile laceration, and 1 urethral injury) were from straddle-type injuries. Fifty-one (25%) patients were admitted to the hospital. Of these, 47 (92%) required an operative procedure (orthopedic reduction or vaginal examination under anesthesia). Analysis of the telephone data revealed that the surface did not influence the injury type. Of the 79 fractures, 30 occurred on "soft surfaces." Injury type was associated significantly with chronologic age. Younger children (1 to 4 years of age) sustained more long-bone fractures than did older children. The presence of adult (at least 18 years of age) supervision, did not influence the occurrence of fractures.

CONCLUSIONS: These data suggest that 1) a significant proportion (25%) of MB/JG-related injuries that are evaluated in the ED require hospitalization; 2) most of the injuries resulting in admission will require operative intervention (92%); 3) the surface below the equipment has no influence on the type or severity of the injury; 4) younger children are more likely to sustain...
long-bone fractures than are older children; and 5) adult supervision does not influence the injury pattern. These data identify the need for additional investigation of means of making MB/JGs safer for child use.

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N2 - The latest available data indicate that an estimated 83 400 trampoline-related injuries occurred in 1996 in the United States. This represents an annual rate 140% higher than was reported in 1990. Most injuries were sustained on home trampolines. In addition, 30% of trampoline-related injuries treated in an emergency department were fractures often resulting in hospitalization and surgery. These data support the American Academy of Pediatrics' reaffirmation of its recommendation that trampolines should never be used in the home environment, in routine physical education classes, or in outdoor playgrounds. Design and behavioral recommendations are made for the limited use of trampolines in supervised training programs
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Interrupter technique for evaluation of exercise-induced bronchospasm in children

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KW - Asthma
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KW - Bronchial Hyperreactivity/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Confidence Intervals
KW - Exercise Test/mt [Methods]
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N2 - The free running test is a useful method for evaluation of exercise-induced bronchospasm in children. In young children this test simulates real-life circumstances and can be done more easily than histamine or methacholine challenges. The interrupter technique is a noninvasive method for measuring airflow resistance during tidal breathing. This approach requires minimal cooperation, and is therefore promising for use in young children. Fifty children aged 5-15 years with asthma symptoms were tested by exercise challenge consisting of free outdoor running for 8 min at 85% of maximal predicted heart rate for age. Pulmonary function was measured by using the interrupter technique (IR), with a Wright's peak flow meter (WPEF), and by flow-volume spirometry (FVS). The measurements were done before and 10 min after exercise. In addition, WPEF was measured at 5, 15, and 20 min after exercise. A fall of 15% or more in WPEF associated with wheezing or cough symptoms was considered a positive test. The exercise challenge was positive in 16 (32%) of the 50 children. Measurements at 10 min by WPEF identified 9 positive cases. At the same time point the IR identified 10 positive cases; a rise in resistance of 15% or more was considered positive, giving it 80% sensitivity and 93% specificity. The repeatability coefficient (CoR) for the interrupter technique was 0.06 kPa x L(-1) x s (13%) before and 0.07 kPa x L(-1) x s (14%) after exercise. The IR provides a useful alternative for estimation of airway obstruction in children following exercise challenge. The results were comparable with the current reference methods of forced expiratory volume in 1 s and peak flow measurements

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BACKGROUND: Children with Crohn's disease may have an impaired quality of life. METHODS: A validated questionnaire was mailed to the parents of all child members of Crohn's in Childhood Research Association (CICRA) (age range, 5-17 years). It investigated aspects of the quality of life of children with Crohn's disease. Sixty-four questionnaires were returned together with another 35 from those outside the defined age range. Patients in the latter group were not included in the analysis. RESULTS: Of the children investigated, 60% had significant absences from school, with a mean of 3+/-2.8 months' absence in the previous year. Most (53%) thought that their teachers knew nothing about Crohn's disease, and 50% thought that teachers were unsympathetic. Of the 24 who had taken examinations 80% thought they had underachieved because of ill health. Sixty-seven percent of children were unable to participate in sports on a regular basis, 60% felt unable to leave the house, and 50% were unable to play with their friends. Information about Crohn's disease had predominantly come from doctors (89%), information booklets (83%), and nursing staff (42%). The commonest questions asked by the children were: what is Crohn's disease (50%), why me (64%), will it affect my schooling (52%), and will it affect my chances of getting a job (67%). CONCLUSION: Children with Crohn's disease have a significantly impaired quality of life. They fear everyday childhood activities and fear for their future. These children need sympathetic management, and effort should be concentrated on improving their day-to-day existence to enable them to lead as normal a life as possible.

BACKGROUND: A comparison of New York City playground hazards in high- and low-income areas.
OBJECTIVE: To compare playground hazards in high- and low-income neighborhoods. DESIGN: Forty-five playgrounds were randomly selected from the 9 New York City community districts that met our study criteria and were divided into high- and low-income groups based on comparison to the median of the median incomes ($24452 per year) of the 9 districts. Playgrounds are maintained by the City of New York Parks and Recreation Department and were assessed by one of us (S.A.S.) using a standardized on-site survey based on the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's guidelines for public playground safety. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Total hazards per play area were subdivided into 3 categories: park design hazards, equipment maintenance hazards, and equipment hazards relating to fall injuries. A play area was defined as an individual set of equipment. RESULTS: Twenty-five (56%) of the parks were located in low-median-income districts and contained 98 (53%) of the total play areas. High- and low-income playgrounds did not differ significantly in the amount or type of equipment, mean fall injury hazards per play area, or mean park design hazards per play area. Low-income districts had a significantly higher mean total hazards per play area (6.1 vs. 4.2; P = .02) and mean equipment maintenance hazards per play area (2.1 vs. 1.0; P = .02). CONCLUSION: Significantly more hazards per play area were identified in the low-income group compared with the high-income group.
This study examined the correlates of mothers' and fathers' knowledge about the daily experiences of their firstborn (M = 10.9 years) and secondborn (M = 8.3 years) children in 198 nondivorced, predominantly dual-earner families. Results revealed between- and within-family differences in knowledge as a function of mothers' work involvement, sibship composition (i.e., sex, birth order), children's personal qualities (e.g., temperament), and parents' personal qualities (e.g., education, gender role attitudes). Mothers' knowledge did not vary as a function of how much they worked outside the home, but fathers knew more about their children's activities, whereabouts, and companions when their wives worked longer hours. Parents knew more about their younger than their older offspring. Both mothers and fathers knew more about offspring of the same sex than about opposite-sex children, leading to greater within-family differences in families with mixed-sex siblings. Perhaps because parental involvement and monitoring are more "scripted" for mothers than fathers, fathers' knowledge was more consistently related to their children's characteristics than was mothers'.

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T1 - Child centered literacy orientation: a form of social capital?
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OBJECTIVE: To describe the home literacy environment and to identify financial, human, and social capital variables associated with the presence or lack of Child Centered Literacy Orientation (CCLO) in families with young children who regularly attend pediatric primary care clinics. DESIGN: Cross-sectional case-control analysis of structured parent interviews conducted in two hospital-based and four community-based pediatric clinics in New England. SUBJECTS: Parents of 199 healthy 1- to 5-year-old children whose mean age was 30 +/- 15 (SD) months were interviewed. Parents were primarily mothers (94%) with a mean age of 28 +/- 7 (SD) years 60% of whom were single. Educational levels of study parents varied: 43% had not graduated from high school, 29% had a high school equivalency, and 28% had at least a year of college or vocational training. This was a multiethnic parent group. Sixty-five percent were bilingual or non-English speaking. Fifty-eight percent were born outside of the continental United States. Parents were primarily of low-income status with 85% receiving Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) food supplements, Aid to Families With Dependent Children, and/or Medicaid. RESULTS: Half of the parents interviewed reported that they rarely read books. Sixty percent of children had fewer than 10 books at home and two-thirds of these households contained fewer than 50 books total. When asked open-ended questions, 28% of parents said that sharing books with their child was one of their three favorite activities together, 14% said that looking at books was one of their child's three favorite things to do, and 19% reported sharing books at bedtime at least six times each week. Thirty-nine percent of families had at least one of these three literacy-related responses present and so were said to have a CCLO. A backwards stepwise multiple logistic regression on CCLO was performed with family financial, human, and social capital variables. Parents married or living together (odds ratio [OR] 2.56, 95% confidence interval [CI] = 1.21-5.42), higher adult-to-child ratios in the home (OR 1.92, 95% CI = 1.20-3.05), households speaking only English (OR 2.67, 95% CI = 1.24-5.76), parents reading books themselves at least a few times a week (OR 2.86, 95% CI = 1.38-5.91), and homes with more than 10 children's books (OR 3.3, 95% CI = 1.6-6.83), were all independently and significantly associated with the presence of CCLO. Older child age and higher parent education remain in the model but were not significant at the P <.05 level. Ethnicity and income status were dropped for lack of additional significance from this model, which described 24% of the variance in CCLO. CONCLUSION: Although two-parent families and higher adult-to-child ratios in the home appear to be social capital variables with protective effects, low-income, single-parent, and minority or immigrant families are at significant risk for lacking both children's books and a CCLO. We suggest that CCLO may itself be another form of social capital reflecting parental goals and expectations for their children. We speculate that interventions which provide children's books and information about reading with children to impoverished families with young children may facilitate more parent-child book sharing. Pediatricians and other primary care
providers serving underserved populations may have a unique opportunity to encourage activities focusing on young children and promoting literacy

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T1 - Influence factors on the development of obesity in 3-year-old children based on the Toyama study
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KW - Body Mass Index
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KW - Child Welfare
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KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Food Habits
KW - Health Knowledge
KW - Attitudes
KW - Practice
KW - Humans
KW - Life Style
KW - Logistic Models
KW - Male
KW - Multivariate Analysis
KW - Obesity/et [Etiology]
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KW - Parents/ed [Education]
KW - Parents/px [Psychology]
KW - Questionnaires
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KW - Socioeconomic Factors
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JF - Preventive Medicine
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BACKGROUND: Obesity in childhood increases the risk of obesity in adulthood. Obesity in adulthood is a risk factor for chronic diseases such as hypertension and atherosclerosis. Therefore, it is important to eliminate factors influencing the development of obesity in children from the viewpoint of preventive medicine. The purpose of this study is to elucidate the relationship between obesity and lifestyle in 3-year-old children in a case-control study. METHODS: Subjects were selected from the Toyama study at health checkups for 3-year-old children which are done routinely by local governments in Japan on all children of that age. A special questionnaire consisting of items on lifestyle and environmental factors of the children and past histories of parents was distributed to the Toyama study participants beforehand and was collected at the checkup. Matched-pair comparisons were performed between obese children whose body mass index was 18 or more (N = 427) and control children (N = 854) matched by sex and birth month. Multivariate stepwise conditional logistic regression analysis was also applied to assess the influence of confounding factors. RESULTS: The following six factors significantly influenced the development of obese 3-year-old children using the Mantel-Haenszel method: the mother's job, limited playtime outdoors (1 hour or less), snacking irregularity, an overweight father (body mass index $\geq 24$), an overweight mother (body mass index $\geq 24$), and overweight at birth (birth weight $\geq 3,500$ g). An overweight mother or father, limited playtime outdoors, overweight at birth, and snacking irregularity were significantly related to obesity in 3-year-old children after adjusting for confounding factors by multivariate stepwise conditional logistic regression analysis. CONCLUSIONS: We have suggested several factors influencing the development of obesity in 3-year-old Japanese children: parental overweight and overweight at birth as host factors, physical inactivity and snacking irregularity as behavioral factors, the mother's job as an environmental factor. Copyright 1999 American Health Foundation and Academic Press SN - 0091-7435 AD - Department of Preventive Medicine, St. Marianna University School of Medicine, Kawasaki, Japan. etaka@anet.ne.jp UR - 10072748 ER - TY - JOUR ID - 1804 T1 - Community-wide outbreak of enteroviral illness caused by echovirus 30: a cross-sectional survey and a case-control study A1 - Reintjes,R. A1 - Pohle,M. A1 - Vieth,U. A1 - Lyytikainen,O. A1 - Timm,H. A1 - Schreier,E. A1 - Petersen,L. Y1 - 1999/02/ N1 - Reintjes, R. Pohle, M. Vieth, U. Lyytikainen, O. Timm, H. Schreier, E. Petersen, L The Pediatric infectious disease journal oxj, 8701858 IM Journal Article. Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't English KW - MEDLINE KW - Adolescent KW - Case-Control Studies KW - Child KW - Preschool KW - Cross-Sectional Studies KW - Disease Outbreaks KW - Echovirus Infections/ep [Epidemiology] KW - Echovirus Infections/vi [Virology] KW - Enterovirus B KW - Human/ip [Isolation & Purification] KW - Germany/ep [Epidemiology] KW - Humans
BACKGROUND: In June, 1997, 21 children from a single community in Germany were hospitalized with aseptic meningitis. An epidemiologic investigation was conducted to determine the extent of the outbreak and risk factors for illness. METHOD: The extent of the outbreak was assessed with a cross-sectional survey of every 10th child listed in the town register among the 2240 town children < 16 years old. A case-control study determined risk factors for illness. Sixty-two cases were identified through the cross-sectional survey from hospitalized persons and from persons seen by local physicians. Controls were 114 asymptomatic persons identified from the cross-sectional survey. RESULTS: The overall attack rate was 16%, with the highest attack rates (24%) among the 6- to 8-year olds. Onsets occurred during a 37-day period. Among the 2240 town children <16 years of age, an estimated 353 met the case definition for enteroviral illness, 168 visited a doctor and 21 were hospitalized. Data from the case-control study indicated that contact with an ill household member [odds ratio (OR) = 6.3; 95% confidence interval (CI) 2.6 to 15.5], day-care attendance (OR = 2.6; 95% CI 1.1 to 6.2) and playground use, either two to three times per week (OR = 3.7; 95% CI 1.3 to 10.2) or daily (OR = 4.3; 95% CI 1.6 to 11.3), were risk factors for illness. CONCLUSION: Echovirus 30 caused substantial morbidity during this community outbreak caused by person-to-person spread. Household contacts, day-care centers and playgrounds were prominent risk factors for transmission.
PURPOSE: To report the results of a Phase II study of hyperfractionated craniospinal radiation therapy, with and without adjuvant chemotherapy for primitive neuroectodermal brain tumors (PNETs) and malignant ependymomas.

METHODS AND MATERIALS: Newly diagnosed PNET or malignant ependymomas were treated with hyperfractionated craniospinal radiation therapy. The primary tumor site was treated to a dose of 72 Gy, with 30 Gy given to the rest of the craniospinal axis. The fraction size was 1.0 Gy, given twice a day. Patients with poor risk factors also received adjuvant chemotherapy with CCNU, cisplatin, and vincristine. Patients had follow-up for survival, time to tumor progression, and patterns of relapse.

RESULTS: A total of 39 patients (21 males/18 females) were treated between March 12, 1990 and October 29, 1992. The median age was 16 years (range 3-59 years). Tumor types included 25 medulloblastomas, 5 pineoblastomas, 5 cerebral PNETs, 1 spinal cord PNET, and 3 malignant ependymomas. Twenty cases were staged as poor-risk and received adjuvant chemotherapy following radiation. Three-year progression-free survival (PFS) was 60% and 63% for poor-risk and good-risk patients, respectively. Overall 3-year survival for these groups was 70% and 79%, respectively. For the 25 patients with medulloblastoma, there were 16 good-risk and 9 poor-risk patients. Three-year PFSs were 63% and 56%, respectively. The 5-year survival for good-risk medulloblastoma was 69% with 43.7% of these patients having failures outside the primary site. CONCLUSIONS: Survival in patients with good-risk medulloblastoma was no better than that seen in previous studies with single-fraction radiation, and the rate of failure outside the primary site is excessive. Those with poor-risk features had comparable survival to that seen in patients with good risk factors, but these patients were treated with chemotherapy, and the role that hyperfractionated radiation played in their outcome is uncertain.

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The study examined the effects of beverage composition on the voluntary drinking pattern, body fluid balance, and thermoregulation of heat-acclimatized trained boys exercising intermittently in outdoor conditions (wet bulb globe temperature 30.4 +/- 1.0 degreesC). Twelve boys (age 13.4 +/- 0.4 yr) performed two 3-h sessions, each consisting of four 20-min cycling bouts at 60% maximal aerobic power alternating with 25-min rest. One of two beverages was assigned: unflavored water (W) or flavored water plus 6% carbohydrate and 18 mmol/l Na (CNa). Drinking was ad libitum. Total intake was higher (P < 0.05) during CNa (1,943 +/- 190 g) compared with W (1,470 +/- 143 g). Euhydration was maintained with CNa (+0.18% body wt), but a mild dehydration resulted with W (-0.94% body wt; P < 0.05). Sweat loss, much higher than previously published for children of similar age, was similar between conditions (CNa = 1,644.7 +/- 143 g). The increase in rectal temperature (CNa = 0.86 +/- 0.3; W = 0.76 +/- 0.1 degreesC), heart rate, and all perceptual variables did not differ between conditions. In conclusion, a flavored carbohydrate-electrolyte drink prevents voluntary dehydration in trained heat-acclimatized boys exercising in a tropical climate despite their large sweat losses. Because hydration changes were minor, the thermoregulatory strain observed was similar between conditions.
Exhaled nitric oxide (NO) is increased in exhaled breath of asthmatic patients. The aim of this study was to investigate the longitudinal changes of exhaled NO outside and during the pollen season in pollen-allergic asthmatic children. Twenty-one children (age 6 to 16 yr), with a seasonal allergic asthma sensitive to grass pollen, underwent measurements of exhaled NO and pulmonary function before (March), during (May), and after (November) the pollen season. Exhaled NO was measured by a tidal breathing method with a chemiluminescence analyzer and NO steady-state levels were recorded. The timing of the measurements during
the pollen season was based on the atmospheric pollen count. Exhaled NO values of asthmatic children were compared with those of 21 sex- and age-matched healthy children. Pulmonary function and symptoms of asthma were also evaluated at each visit. The mean value of exhaled NO before the grass season was $12.7 \pm 5.1$ ppb (mean $\pm$ SD), significantly higher when compared with controls ($7.8 \pm 2.7$ ppb, $p < 0.001$). In the pollen season there was a significant ($p < 0.001$) twofold increase in exhaled NO ($21.4 \pm 7.6$ ppb) that, after the season, returned to values similar ($12.8 \pm 5.8$ ppb, $p = \text{NS}$) to those found before the season. There were no significant changes in FEV1 before and during the season (98.6% predicted versus 101% predicted, $p = \text{NS}$). We conclude that natural allergen exposure is related to an increase of exhaled NO in asthmatic grass pollen-allergic children even in absence of significant changes in airways function. We speculate that measurement of exhaled NO could be a sensitive noninvasive marker of asthma disease activity.

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exposure. RESULTS: Geometric means of lead concentrations in indoor floor dust, peeled-off paint chip, dust fallout, outdoor floor dust, soil and drinking water were 86.5 microg/m², 235.5 microg/g, 445.9 microg/g, 172.4 microg/m², 70.1 microg/g and 12.5 microg/L, respectively. Lead level on children's hands averaged 3.4 microg at both hands. Blood lead levels in children correlated positively with the lead concentrations of outdoor floor dust and their hand dust, with correlation coefficients of 0.5186 and 0.2206, respectively. Multiple regression analysis showed that hand dust lead level in children entered the regression model with a largest standardized partial regression coefficient of 0.3842 and a coefficient of determination of 0.673 for the full equation with F = 6.52 and P < 0.01. CONCLUSION: Status of environmental health in kindergartens plays an important role in children's lead exposure. It is necessary to offer health education for children and make them wash their hands often and overcome unhealthy behavior of sucking their fingers.

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KW - Family Characteristics
KW - Family Relations
KW - Health Manpower
KW - Housekeeping
KW - Kenya
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KW - Population
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Dopa-responsive dystonia induced by a recessive GTP cyclohydrolase I mutation

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KW - DNA Mutational Analysis
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KW - Dihydroxyphenylalanine/tu [Therapeutic Use]
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KW - Female
KW - GTP Cyclohydrolase/df [Deficiency]
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KW - GTP Cyclohydrolase/me [Metabolism]
KW - Gene Expression Regulation
KW - Enzymologic
KW - Genes
KW - Recessive
KW - HeLa Cells
KW - Homozygote
KW - Humans
KW - Mutation
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GTP cyclohydrolase I (GTPCH) catalyzes the rate-limiting step of tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4) biosynthesis. GTPCH has been associated with two clinically distinct human diseases: the recessive hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA) and the dominant dopa-responsive dystonia (DRD). We found a recessive GTPCH mutation (R249S, 747C-->G in a dystonia patient. Her PHA-stimulated mononuclear blood cells had a normal amount of GTPCH mRNA, but low GTPCH activity. Arginine 249 is located at the C-terminus of GTPCH, outside the catalytic site. E. coli expressed recombinant R249S mutant protein possessed normal enzyme activity and kinetics. However, in transfected eukaryotic cells, R249S mutant protein expression level was lower than the wild-type protein. Therefore, this is suspected to be a destabilizing mutation. Our data suggest that DRD could be either dominantly or recessively inherited, and the inheritance might be determined by the mechanism of mutation.
Many parents in Japan today are very concerned and have daily problems with their children over the following kind of issues concerning video games, multimedia, and similar devices. 1) Is children's enthusiasm for video games actually harming their growth (physically or mentally)? 2) Is there any way that video games can help children in the future? For example, will playing these games help children learn to use computers or develop their power of thought? 3) Will excessive enthusiasm for TV games undermine our basic lifestyle? Is the time they spend studying at home or playing outside actually decreasing? 4) Will the methods of communication brought about by computers, pagers, and cellular phones weaken human relations among children? 5) Will being immersed in a virtual world created by computers result in a diminished sense of reality? The causes of this uneasiness may be traced to parents' own anxieties and concerns about the exceedingly rapid growth of the "information society" of today, together with the fact that their children are directly caught up in the deluge of this information and multimedia society. The development of media has coincided with the growth of today's adults, but children are immersed in a media-filled environment from the day they are born. In Japan, there are now children who can play video games before even learning to write. No one can predict what kind of adults these children will grow to be in the future, and it is fair to say that the most parents and children in Japan are being tossed about on the waves of this information explosion. At this international symposium, we hope to hear the many views that are held around the world concerning children and multimedia.
Rectal diazepam is widely used in the treatment of acute seizures in children but has some disadvantages. Nasal/sublingual midazolam administration has been recently investigated for this purpose but never at home or in a general paediatric hospital. The aim of this open study was to determine the efficacy, the tolerance and the applicability of nasal midazolam during acute seizures in children both in hospital and at home. We included known epileptic children for treatment at home and all children with acute seizures in the hospital. In all, 26 children were enrolled, 11 at home and 17 in the hospital (including two treated in both locations); only one had simple febrile seizure. They had a total of 125 seizures; 122 seizures (98%) stopped within 10 minutes (average 3.6 minutes). Two patients in the hospital did not respond and in three, seizures recurred within 3 hours. None had serious adverse effects. Parents had no difficulties administering the drug at home. Most of those who were using rectal diazepam found that nasal midazolam was easier to use and that postictal recovery was faster. Among 15 children who received the drug under electroencephalogram monitoring (six without clinical seizures), the paroxysmal activity disappeared in ten and decreased in three. Nasal midazolam is efficient in the treatment of acute seizures. It appears to be safe and most useful outside the hospital in severe epilepsies, particularly in older children because it is easy for parents to use. These data should be confirmed in a larger sample of children. Its usefulness in febrile convulsions also remains to be evaluated. Copyright 1999 European Paediatric Neurology Society

Use of pocket-sized turbine spirometer in monitoring exercise-induced bronchospasm and bronchodilator responses in children

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N2 - Rectal diazepam is widely used in the treatment of acute seizures in children but has some disadvantages. Nasal/sublingual midazolam administration has been recently investigated for this purpose but never at home or in a general paediatric hospital. The aim of this open study was to determine the efficacy, the tolerance and the applicability of nasal midazolam during acute seizures in children both in hospital and at home. We included known epileptic children for treatment at home and all children with acute seizures in the hospital. In all, 26 children were enrolled, 11 at home and 17 in the hospital (including two treated in both locations); only one had simple febrile seizure. They had a total of 125 seizures; 122 seizures (98%) stopped within 10 minutes (average 3.6 minutes). Two patients in the hospital did not respond and in three, seizures recurred within 3 hours. None had serious adverse effects. Parents had no difficulties administering the drug at home. Most of those who were using rectal diazepam found that nasal midazolam was easier to use and that postictal recovery was faster. Among 15 children who received the drug under electroencephalogram monitoring (six without clinical seizures), the paroxysmal activity disappeared in ten and decreased in three. Nasal midazolam is efficient in the treatment of acute seizures. It appears to be safe and most useful outside the hospital in severe epilepsies, particularly in older children because it is easy for parents to use. These data should be confirmed in a larger sample of children. Its usefulness in febrile convulsions also remains to be evaluated. Copyright 1999 European Paediatric Neurology Society

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T1 - Use of pocket-sized turbine spirometer in monitoring exercise-induced bronchospasm and bronchodilator responses in children
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For field studies of asthma, portable hand-held pulmonary function testing devices are required. Other than for peak flow measurements, little has been done to validate their use in children. Fifty children aged 5-15 years having asthma symptoms were examined using an exercise challenge (8 min free running outdoors) and a bronchodilation test (salbutamol inhalation at a dose of 0.15 mg/kg). Pulmonary function was measured with a turbine spirometer, with a Wright peak flow meter (WPEF) and with a flow-volume spirometer (FVS). A fall of 15% or more in peak expiratory flow associated with wheezing or cough was considered diagnostic for bronchial hyper-responsiveness to exercise (BHRE). A rise of 15% or more from baseline in peak expiratory flow after salbutamol inhalation was considered as a positive bronchodilator response (BDR). BHRE was present in 16 children (32%). Using the limit of a 15% or greater fall in FEV1, turbine spirometry identified 12 as BHRE-positive and no additional cases, giving a sensitivity of 75% and a specificity of 100%. The turbine spirometer showed lower FEV1 values than the FVS, the difference increasing with airway obstruction. BDR was positive in eight children (16%). Using the limit of a 10% or greater rise in FEV1, turbine spirometry was positive in six cases. FEV1 measured by turbine spirometry could not be used interchangeably with conventional FVS. However, the turbine spirometer offers the possibility to measure FEV1 repeatedly in field conditions, such as during exercise challenges outdoors.
As the primary community institution in the lives of children, schools have much to contribute to plans for addressing the needs of today's youngsters during the time when classes are not being held. In recent years, demands have escalated for after-school child care, educational enrichment, and safe havens that also foster positive youth development. Many programs that respond to these needs are housed in school buildings. Some are operated by the schools, some by community-based organizations, and others by partnerships between schools and outside groups. New public funding for after-school programs often flows through the school system. This article reports the prevalence of school-based programs and discusses extracurricular activities, child care and extended-day programs, enrichment programs, and ambitious efforts to transform the schools into full-time community hubs offering something for residents of all ages. Implementation challenges accompany program expansion, and this article also examines major issues that arise in school-based programs: governance, space, program quality, funding, and accountability. If these programs fulfill their promise, the school of the future may, indeed, be open extended hours for the enrichment of the children and the sustenance of the family.
OBJECTIVE: To determine the prevalence of alcohol and drug consumption and its relationship to sociodemographic variables, leisure activities, antisocial behavior, family norms and conflicts, among others.

MATERIAL AND METHODS: Data derive from a representative survey of 1,929 students of junior high and high school, conducted in 1996 in the city of Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico. Of these, 44.9% were boys and 52.5% were girls; mean age was 14. A self-applied questionnaire, prepared by the WHO together with some countries, among them Mexico, was completed by the studied subjects, and included indicators of alcohol and drug consumption. RESULTS: Of the total sample, 47.9% had tried alcohol, and 12.6% had drunk large quantities--5 drinks or more per sitting--during the month previous to the survey. Preferred drinks are beer and "coolers", which they buy at shops where no identification is required and drink at home or at friend's homes. With respect to drugs, 5.1% had tried illegal or medical drugs without prescription, in particular inhalants, marihuana and tranquilizers. More boys consumed illegal drugs, and more girls medical drugs without prescription. Boys, who are also older, more frequently consumed alcohol and drugs and were more often employed during the previous year at part-time jobs. High alcohol level and drug consumers were characterized by their frequent report of being bored in their free time, drinking with friends and enrolling in antisocial behavior. With respect to family norms, they follow them less and show less interest in doing so. An elevated percentage informed that their parents fight frequently, that they have sought help for this reason and have intended separation.

CONCLUSIONS: Groups who drink more alcohol and use other drugs, in contrast with nonusers, presented more behavioral problems, more outdoors activities that included drinking with friends, more antisocial behavior, had a distant relationship with their families sharing few activities with them, an showed little interest in following family rules and perceiving conflicts within their families.

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This study examined whether the relative reinforcing value of physical activity (RRVPA) measured in the laboratory predicted physical activity measured in the natural environment in 32 6-11-year-old children. RRVPA correlated with physical activity level (r = .42, p < .05), and contributed to the prediction of physical activity level along with child obesity. RRVPA was related to the number of moderate to vigorous physical activity exercise bouts (r = .35, p < .05), not to the duration of those bouts. These results suggest that RRVPA is a determinant of child physical activity level, and that it may be naturally more reinforcing for children to engage in multiple, short exercise bouts than fewer, more extended bouts.
OBJECTIVE: To carry out a door-to-door survey in rural areas of the Cordillera Province, Santa Cruz Department, Bolivia, to determine the prevalence of neurologic diseases (epilepsy, stroke, parkinsonism, and peripheral neuropathy) in a sample of approximately 10,000 inhabitants. METHODS: A team of non-doctor health workers administered a standard screening instrument for neurologic diseases—a slightly modified version of the World Health Organization protocol. All subjects found positive during the screening underwent a neurologic examination. RESULTS: On screening, the authors found 1,130 positive subjects, of whom 1,027 were then investigated by neurologists. On the basis of the definition proposed by the International League Against Epilepsy, we detected 124 epileptic patients (prevalence, 12.3/1,000), 112 of whom had active epilepsy (prevalence, 11.1/1,000) on the prevalence day (November 1, 1994). Peak age-specific prevalence occurred in the 15 to 24-year age group (20.4/1,000). Sex-specific prevalence was higher in women (13.1/1,000) than men (11.4/1,000). Eighty-nine patients (71.8%) underwent a standard EEG recording. Considering both EEG and clinical data, partial seizures were the most common type (53.2%) based on the classification of the International League Against Epilepsy. The mean age at onset was 20.7 years for partial seizures and 13.6 years for generalized seizures. Only 10.5% of patients had received specific treatment for more than 2 months of their life. CONCLUSION: This report on epilepsy prevalence in Bolivia confirms that epilepsy is a major health problem in rural areas of developing countries.

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T1 - Body proportions during long-term growth hormone treatment in girls with Turner syndrome participating in a randomized dose-response trial
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To assess body proportions in girls with Turner syndrome (TS) during long term GH treatment, height, sitting height (SH), hand (Hand) and foot (Foot) lengths, and biacromial (Biac) and biiliacal (Biil) diameters were measured in 68 girls with TS participating in a GH dose-response trial. These previously untreated girls with TS, aged 2-11 yr, were randomly assigned to 1 of 3 GH dosage groups: group A, 4 IU/m² x day; group B, first year 4 and thereafter 6 IU/m² x day; group C, first year 4, second year 6, and thereafter 8 IU/m² x day. Seven-year data were evaluated to assess the effect of GH treatment on body proportions during childhood. In addition, data from all girls who had reached adult height were evaluated to determine the effect on the adult body proportions. All results were adjusted for age and sex and expressed as SD scores using reference values of healthy Dutch girls. To describe the proportions of SH, Hand, Foot, Biac, and Biil to height, these values were adjusted for the SD score of height and were expressed as shape values, using the formula, e.g. for SH: shape SH = (SH SD score - height SD score)/square root(2 - 2 x correlation coefficient between SH and height in the reference population). Furthermore, SD scores using references of untreated girls with TS were calculated for height and SH. Values less than -2 or more than +2 were considered outside the normal range. At baseline, the shape values of all measurements were significantly higher than zero, but most mean shape values were still within the normal range. Seven-year data of 64 girls and adult height data of 32 girls showed that an increase in height was accompanied by an even higher increase in Foot, resulting in mean SD scores above zero and shape values of +2 and higher. The increase in the shape value of Foot was significantly higher in groups B and C compared to that in group A after 7 yr of GH treatment, but there were no significant differences between the GH dosage groups in the girls who had reached adult height. The shape values of SH had decreased to values closer to zero after reaching adult height, especially in group A. A similar pattern in the relationship of SH to height was seen using references of girls with TS. No significant changes in the other proportions were found after reaching adult height. In conclusion, on the average, untreated girls with TS have relatively large trunk, hands, and feet, and broad shoulders and pelvis compared to height. The increase in height after long term GH
treatment is accompanied by an even higher increase in foot and a moderate improvement of the disproportion between height and SH. Recently published reference data from untreated adults with TS and the results of a different patient group receiving a comparable GH dosage suggest that the disproportionate growth of feet has to be considered a part of the natural development in TS, but might be influenced by higher GH dosages. The development of large feet can play a role in the decision of the girl to discontinue GH treatment in the last phase of growth.

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KW - Incisor/ab [Abnormalities]
KW - Male
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N2 - Autosomal dominant holoprosencephaly is a rare but well documented entity and it can be the result of mutations in the Sonic Hedgehog gene (SHH). The transmitting parent may be normal or have a single maxillary central incisor. We describe a skewed sex ratio among the transmitting parents with SHH mutations, with more mothers than fathers having the mutation (p=0.002). The mechanism underlying this skewed sex ratio is not clear; the SHH mutations do not involve triplet repeats, imprinting is plausible but untested, and there is no evidence that the risk of holoprosencephaly is greater among males carrying such a mutation (p=0.15). We considered the possibility that males with such a mutation are at greater risk of other malformations outside the
central nervous system, which could reduce their reproductive fitness. To avoid ascertainment bias in identifying children with various malformations in kindreds with familial holoprosencephaly, we reviewed the reports of people with single maxillary central incisor and no other congenital malformations. Of the 16 cases identified, 13 were female (p=0.0085). We suggest that boys with mutations associated with autosomal dominant holoprosencephaly may be at greater risk of major malformations outside the central nervous system than girls.

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N2 - PURPOSE: The purpose was to describe current levels of physical activity and inactivity among adults and young people in the United States. METHODS: Estimates of participation in regular physical activity were derived from three national surveys for adults (National Health Interview Survey, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) and from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for high school students. RESULTS: Overall, 63.8% of high school students surveyed on the 1997 YRBS reported participating in vigorous physical activity for at least 20 min on 3 or more days per week. Participation in vigorous activity was higher for boys (72.3%) than girls (53.5%), whites (66.8%) compared with blacks (53.9%) and Hispanics (60.4%), and decreased with advancing grade. Among adults, 27.7% meet recommended levels of either moderate or vigorous physical activity, whereas 29.2% report no regular physical activity outside of their work. Gender differences in participation in physical activity are less pronounced than
in youth, and age-related patterns were complex. Whites are more active than blacks and Hispanics, and persons with higher family incomes and more education report being more physically active. There have been only minor changes in reported participation in leisure time physical activity over the past 15 yr. CONCLUSION: National estimates of physical activity appear to be reliable and valid for adults but may be less so for adolescents and are poor measures for children. Research is needed to determine the role that objective monitoring with accelerometers may play in surveillance. Reliable and valid measures of occupational, household, and transportation-related physical activity and sedentary behaviors are needed to better characterize the range of activity that is associated with health. [References: 51]

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T1 - The epidemiology of injuries in 4 child care centers
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N2 - OBJECTIVES: (1) To describe the pattern of injury in preschool-aged children in 4 child care centers as compared with the results of other studies; (2) to compare injury rates by sex, age, and child care center; and (3)
to examine environmental and child factors contributing to injury severity. DESIGN: A 2-year cohort study of 362 preschool-aged children attending 4 urban child care centers. Teachers completed standardized injury forms on the type of injury, body location, site of injury, and contributing factors. RESULTS: During the 2 years of the study, 1886 injuries were reported. The mean and median child injury rate was 6 and 4 injuries per 2000 exposure hours (equivalent to 1 full-time child care year), respectively. The majority of injuries (87%) were minor, occurred during free play (81%) and on the playground (74%), and were precipitated by child-related factors (59%), such as being pushed. Boys had significantly higher median injury rates than girls. Age-adjusted injury rates for each child care center were significantly different by center (F3 = 61, P<.001). While moderate to severe injuries were more often precipitated by combinations of child and environmental factors (chi2(4) = 20, P<.001), minor injuries were usually precipitated by child-related factors. CONCLUSIONS: Injury data from child care centers are important for identifying common risk factors for frequent or severe injury events and for designing injury prevention programs. More research is needed to identify factors contributing to injuries, such as children’s behavior and the child care centers’ physical and socioemotional environments.

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Holocarboxylase synthetase (HCS) deficiency is a metabolic disorder that causes a biotin-responsive multiple carboxylase deficiency. We analyzed the kinetic properties of seven mutant HCS proteins. Two of these enzymes harbored mutations within the putative biotin-binding region of HCS and showed elevated $K_m$ values for biotin compared with that of the wild-type form ($K_m$ mutant; Gly581Ser: 45 times, delThr610: 3 times). The remaining five mutations (Arg183Pro, Leu216Arg, Leu237Pro, Val333Glu, and Val363Asp) were located outside the biotin-binding region. The enzymes containing these mutations showed normal or low $K_m$ values for biotin (non-$K_m$ mutant). Symptoms of patients who have the non-$K_m$, mutants, as well as those of patients who have the $K_m$, mutants, responded to biotin therapy. This is probably because the $K_m$ value for biotin of normal HCS is higher than the physiologic concentration of biotin in human cells. The $V_{max}$ values of all mutant HCS proteins were considerably decreased, but to a variable degree. The responsiveness to biotin supplementation of propionyl-CoA carboxylase activity in cultured cells bearing the mutations correlated well with the degree of reduction in the $V_{max}$ of HCS. Patients who have mutant HCS proteins with lower $V_{max}$ showed poorer clinical and biochemical responses to biotin therapy. These observations suggest that the reduction of $V_{max}$ is an essential factor for pathophysiology and prognosis of HCS deficiency under treatment with large amounts of biotin. The determination of HCS genotype can be valuable for characterizing the clinical phenotype in HCS deficient patients.
We measured personal exposure to nitrogen dioxide (NO(2)), nitrogen monoxide (NO), and ozone (O(3)), using personal passive samplers during three 4-day periods, in a panel study of asthmatics continuing the normal activities of everyday life. Fifty-five adults, mean age 42 years, 53% men, and 39 children, mean age 11 years, 67% boys, wore two Ogawa passive samplers simultaneously: one for O(3), the other for NO(2) and NO. Mean outdoor pollution was measured at a regional monitoring network. Personal exposure levels were scattered; they were (on average) higher than stationary-site levels for NO and lower for NO(2) and O(3). In adults, 41% of the variance of personal exposure to NO(2) was explained by mean stationary-site measurement levels (P<0.0001). Twenty-one percent additional variance was explained by living near a main road, not having an extractor fan over the cooker, older age, and male sex. NO and O(3) personal exposures correlated poorly with stationary-site measurements. In panel studies of the health effects of air pollution, personal exposure to NO(2) and NO can be measured satisfactorily by passive samplers: such measurements are necessary for NO but not for NO(2). For O(3), accurate personal exposure measurement remains a challenge and further technical development is required. Copyright 1999 Academic Press
This report describes program effects of the Tri-Ministry Study, a school-based, longitudinal trial carried out over a 5-year period to assess the effectiveness of classwide social skills training (SS), partner reading (RE), and a combination of both (SS & RE) to reduce maladjustment among children in the primary division (up to grade 3) of Ontario schools. It also places these effects in the context of other school-based prevention studies and discusses them in view of important methodological and programmatic issues. The incremental effects attributable to the intervention programs were small and sporadic. There were statistically significant increases in prosocial behavior observed in the playgrounds of intervention schools with no differentiation by program type. Furthermore, there was some evidence—a reduction in teacher and parent-rated externalising problems—that the combination of SS & RE and SS alone may have had modest beneficial effects. A review of nine other school-based studies, which evaluated universally delivered mental health prevention programs in general populations of students, revealed similar mixed results. There are both methodologic and programmatic issues implicated in the weak findings that have been reported to date. These issues need to be addressed to advance knowledge about the potential impact of mental-health prevention initiatives delivered universally through school-based programs. A companion paper gives the specific details on the programs, randomisation of schools, selection of subjects, measurements, and analysis.
A population-based randomized intervention trial for the prevention of conduct problems (i.e., oppositional defiant disorder and conduct disorder) is described. The LIFT (Linking the Interests of Families and Teachers) intervention was designed for all first- and fifth-grade elementary school boys and girls and their families living in at-risk neighborhoods characterized by high rates of juvenile delinquency. The 10-week intervention strategy was carefully targeted at proximal and malleable antecedents in three social domains that were identified by a developmental model of conduct problems. From 12 elementary schools, 671 first and fifth graders and their families participated either in the theory-based universal preventive intervention or in a control condition. The intervention consisted of parent training, a classroom-based social skills program, a playground behavioral program, and systematic communication between teachers and parents. A multiple measure assessment strategy was used to evaluate participant satisfaction and participation, fidelity of implementation, and the immediate impacts of the program on targeted antecedents.

Information on human time-activity patterns is often required to interpret environmental exposure data fully and to implement exposure assessment models. Data on short-term time-activity patterns for individuals, such as 1-day measurements, are relatively abundant. The reliability of such data for use in chronic exposure (e.g., 1 or more years) assessments performed for evaluation of health risks is not well understood. As part of the NHEXAS-Maryland investigation, daily time budget data for seven microenvironments were collected from 80 people during as many as six 1-week Cycles over a 12-month period. The data were summarized and analyzed statistically by sampling Cycle, day of week, and individual to characterize long-term average microenvironmental time budgets and to identify their determinants. Median times spent in transit, indoors at home, outdoors at home, indoors at work or school, outdoors at work or school, indoors at other locations, and outdoors at other locations were found to vary significantly, although not substantively in many cases, by time of year (i.e., Cycle), by day of week, and by individuals. Time budgets for most of the microenvironments also exhibited significant variability by gender, age group, education level, annual household income, and work status. The results indicate that short-term (e.g., 1-day) measures of microenvironmental time budgets for individuals are unlikely to be representative of their long-term patterns. Thus, health risk or epidemiological assessments performed for a population mean or specific quantile may be relatively insensitive to when time budget data were collected. However, the accuracy of such assessments performed for individuals is likely to be greatly improved by collection of time budget data from numerous points in time.
Within the context of the National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS), metals were evaluated in the air, soil, dust, water, food, beverages, and urine of a single respondent. Potential doses were calculated for five metals including arsenic. In this paper, we seek to validate the potential dose calculations through spatial analysis of the data. Others report elevated arsenic concentrations in biological and environmental samples from residents of mining towns, particularly Ajo, Arizona. These reports led us to expect potential arsenic doses above the 90th percentile of the NHEXAS exposure distribution to be from residents of mining communities. Arsenic dose was calculated using media concentrations, time activity patterns, and published exposure factors. Of the 179 homes evaluated, 54 were in mining communities; 11 of these were considered separately for reasons of population bias. Of the 17 homes with the greatest potential arsenic doses, almost half (47%) were in mining communities. We evaluated the potential doses by media from nonmining and mining areas using the nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test. Statistically significant (p = 0.05) differences were found between mining (n = 43) and nonmining sites (n = 122) for total exposure and for each of the following media: house dust, yard soil, outdoor air, beverage consumed, and water consumed. No differences were found in either food or indoor air of mining and nonmining areas. We eliminated outliers and repeated the test for all media; significance increased. Dietary, organic arsenic from fish consumption contributed to elevated arsenic exposure among people from nonmining communities and acted as an initial confounder. When controlling for fish consumption, we were able to validate our potential dose model using arsenic, particularly in Ajo. Further, we identified three mining communities lacking elevated arsenic exposure. Additional work is needed speciating the arsenic and evaluating health risks. The utilization of Geographic Information System facilitated spatial this project and paves the way for more sophisticated future spatial analyses.

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The appropriateness of recess in the elementary program continues to be questioned although generally it is believed to be useful by elementary principals despite a dearth of supportive data. This study was a developmental study of the effects of physical activity on concentration. Comparison of passive and directed physical education activities on the concentration of second-, third-, and fourth-grade children was made. The Woodcock-Johnson Test of Concentration showed better performance by the fourth grades and within Grade 4 in favor of the physical activity group. A structured physical activity or a classroom activity immediately prior to a concentration task was not detrimental to children in Grades 2 and 3. Fourth-grade children performed significantly better on a test of concentration after engaging in a physical activity.
A Computerised Mapping Programme (CMP) was created step by step to cover all the needs of a cross-sectional population survey conducted in eight villages of Fokida, a rural area of central Greece. The maps of Greece (boundary) and the topographical maps of the eight villages were created using the CMP. A volunteer sample of 1121 out of 2607 inhabitants of the study area participated in the population survey. The participants were tested for brucellosis using serological tests (ELISA and Rose Bengal) and the intradermal reaction test. A questionnaire was used to obtain information concerning the risk factors for brucellosis. The risk factors found through statistical analysis were occupation (RR: 5.81, p < 0.00001), consumption of raw milk (RR: 1.98, p < 0.001) and unpasteurised fresh cheese (RR: 2.13, p < 0.01). The same factors were indicated by the CMP. The CMP also indicated manure-contaminated playgrounds in residential yards as a potential risk factor for children. The origin and dissemination were delineated using time space association display. The CMP proved to be a useful tool in this epidemiological study.
Starting from the beginning of January 1998, school health service in Croatia became exclusively a preventive activity. This change provoked a lot of controversial discussions among general public and medical profession. This paper gives an outline of the historic course, the aims and content of school health in different countries. From its very beginning in the middle of the 19th century, school health started to develop as a preventive activity directed primarily towards organic etiology dominant in the morbidity of school children at that time (infectious diseases, tuberculosis, malnutrition). The morbidity has changed over time. Nowadays, the problems of psychosocial etiology have emerged into the first plane. Moreover, schooling has been prolonged. It covers a great part of childhood and almost the entire adolescence. The problems of adolescents are different and complex. Health care of school children and adolescents is functionally bound to the school as their natural environment. The most efficient health care is provided in close cooperation between medical personnel and teachers. Besides, the classical model of school health offers, particularly with respect to current problems, large possibilities for health promotion of children and adolescents, and in the long run, of the whole population. Health care of school children is not equally organized in different countries. The main difference depends on whether the school health team is directed only towards preventive and specific activities or towards comprehensive primary health care. In Croatia, traditionally, the integrated health care has developed. Beside preventive health care, the school doctors provided curative care for students in their schools. Within the reorganization of health care a new situation has arisen. Compulsory integration of preventive and curative activities at the school level is completely incompatible with the right to a free choice of primary care physician. However, by the strict interpretation of the principle of indivisibility of preventive and curative care, one school should cooperate with numerous personal doctors for its students. The essential principle of school health would be lost. The school represents a community which is exposed to the same health risks but keeps a great potential for health promotion. So, if this advantage is to be utilized, preventive care must be organized at the school level. This is the very nature of the reorganization in school health service which is performed in Croatia under the auspices of the Ministry of Health. Providing the preventive and specific health care for all school children and adolescents is the responsibility of school doctors who have become the employees of the Institutes of Public Health, while the curative care is provided by the personal physician of a student's or his parents' choice.
We studied 10 patients who had neurological disorders with a MRI-based diagnosis of perisylvian dysgenesis based on the fact that the parasagittal and centrifugal extremity of the sylvian fissure was abnormally mesial. This abnormality was bilateral in seven cases; in the other three patients, the contralateral sylvian fissure appeared either normal (two cases) or enlarged (open operculum). The perisylvian cortex had a polymicrogyric appearance in most patients. Potential aetiopathogenic factors were determined in four patients. In two of them, ischaemia at mid-gestation was ascribed to death of a co-twin in a context of monozygotic twinning. In the other two patients, who were siblings, genetic factors were suspected. Pseudobulbar palsy was found in eight patients.
and epilepsy in five patients. We used PET with [18F]fluorodeoxyglucose to test the hypothesis that, despite this clinical and MRI heterogeneity, regional cerebral glucose distribution could have common features in these patients. The analysis of PET data was performed by visual inspection in two cases and by using statistical parametric mapping (SPM) in eight patients compared with a control group. Segmented grey matter MRIs of seven out these patients were also analysed using SPM. We found that the abnormal perisylvian cortex had normal grey matter activity in eight patients and in the other two there was a heterogeneous pattern with areas of preserved metabolism and of decreased metabolism. Metabolic changes were also detected outside the polymicrogyric-like cortex; three patients had hypometabolic areas in cortical regions where the MRI appeared normal and had a normal intensity. When polymicrogyria extended into the white matter, this ectopic dysgenetic cortex was associated with a grey matter pattern within the white matter territory, and was detected by SPM as areas of PET hypermetabolism and MRI hyperintensity. In order to detect possible metabolic changes undetected by the individual analyses, the group of patients was compared with the control group. This comparison revealed bilateral hypometabolism in the frontal opercular cortex. We propose that these PET data be considered in light of the presumed cyto-architectonic pattern of perisylvian dysgenesis, i.e. polymicrogyria. In this malformation, two dense cell layers are separated by a necrotic sparse cell layer. We speculate that the amount of synaptic activity preserved in these dense cell layers depends on the importance and timing of the necrotic process; this hypothesis accounts for the large range of metabolic patterns found, from profoundly decreased glucose metabolism to nearly normal activity.

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KW - Fluorescent Antibody Technique
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Four hundred seventy-five permanent residents of Wisconsin were tested for antibodies to the agent of human granulocytic ehrlichiosis (HGE) by indirect immunofluorescent antibody (IFA) testing with Ehrlichia equi as antigen marker. Each resident completed a standard survey questionnaire about outdoor activities, animal and tick exposure, and any febrile illness during the preceding 12 months. Seventy-one serum samples (14.9%) contained E. equi antibodies. The mean IFA titer for seropositive residents was 250 (range, 80-10,240). Seropositive residents were older than seronegative ones (62 vs. 56 years; P = .019). None of the seropositive residents had a history suggestive of ehrlichiosis. There was no association between the IFA test outcome and specific demographic variables or history of tick bites. HGE appears to be a common subclinical or mild infection among residents in northwestern Wisconsin.
Tobogganing is a very popular outdoor winter recreational activity. In order to elucidate the patterns of injuries associated with tobogganing all patients with an injury caused by falls from or collisions while on or being hit by a sled were sampled prospectively between the period of November 1996 and March 1997. 50 patients were included in this study, aged from 7 to 69 years (mean 25.5 years). Of these, 14 (= 28%) patients required admission to hospital lasting from 1 to 31 days (mean 13.5 days), 11 (22%) needed an operation. Overall we could register 55 injuries; the lower extremity was the region most commonly injured (63.6%), followed by upper extremity with 21.8%. The most common injury was the sprain of the knee. The most severe injuries could be found at the lower limb and at the vertebral column, including four fractures of the lower leg and 8 ankle-joint fractures as well as two fractures of the lumbar spine. The most common single procedure was the open reduction and internal fixation of a fibular fracture. In 48.6% of the cases the riders struck an object (tree, wall, post), while 32.4% fell from the toboggan caused by environmental conditions such as a bump or a ditch. The most important risk factor was an unadjusted speed referred to the environmental circumstances. Preventive strategies include tobogganing in adequate environmental conditions with no trees, no post or other stationary objects that could result in a collision. Speed should be adapted to the slope conditions.
INTRODUCTION: Physical inactivity has been identified as an important public health concern for youth. School and community settings can be important infrastructures for promoting physical activity (PA). This paper reviews studies of physical activity in school and community settings among preschool through college-aged persons to determine characteristics and effects of interventions. Studies in progress are included.

METHODS: Studies from 1980 to 1997 testing physical activity interventions in schools and community settings were identified by computerized search methods and reference lists of published reviews. Studies needed to have used a quantitative assessment of PA, used a comparison or control group, included participants who were preschool through college age, and be conducted in the United States or foreign school or community settings. Significance of effects was examined overall and for various types of interventions. RESULTS: Twenty-two school-based studies were reviewed, 14 completed and 8 in progress. Three studies were in countries other than the United States. The 8 studies in progress were all in the United States. Only 7 community studies were reviewed, all in the United States. Four studies were in progress. Several community studies involved a high percentage of African-American or Hispanic youth and their families. Studies showing the best results used randomized designs, valid and reliable measurements, and more extensive interventions. Some follow-up results showed PA was sustained after interventions ended. CONCLUSIONS: The collection of school and community studies is limited for several age groups with none below third grade and only three at college age. There are few community studies. The most is known about upper-elementary-age-students, including the first multicenter randomized trial to report significant results for increasing moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in physical education (PE) and increase vigorous PA outside of school. A number of older study designs were weak and assessments less than optimal, but studies in progress are stronger. Special attention is needed for girls, middle schools, and community settings for all youth. More objective assessments are needed for measuring PA outside of school and in younger children, since they cannot provide reliable self-report. [References: 108]
BACKGROUND: Giardia infection is an ongoing problem in Tasmania and occurs throughout the state. It has been postulated that part of the problem is the reservoir of infection in native animals which is suggested to contribute to infections in humans. To date, however, no detailed study on the epidemiology of giardiasis in Tasmania has been carried out. METHODS: Information regarding the prevalence of Giardia infection in humans and the risk of intrafamilial transmission was obtained from the Department of Community and Health Services and from the direct examination of human or animal fecal samples. RESULTS: Giardia has been found to be present in a wide range of native and domestic animals and in humans of all ages from all over the state. CONCLUSIONS: Giardiasis is endemic in Tasmania and poses a risk to locals as well as to visitors to the state, especially those who participate in wilderness activities such as bushwalking. These people must be aware of the possible risk of Giardia infection and should take precautionary measures to avoid infection.
In order to evaluate the load on the low back of teachers in kindergartens, basic activity and working posture were analyzed for four teachers by means of video recording. The trunk inclination angle (TIA) was also measured continuously during full workshifts for 12 kindergarten teachers by means of an inclination monitor.

The kindergarten teachers spent 67% of the workshift on activities in contact with children, "indoor group childcare", "indoor free playing", "outdoor childcare", "preparation and clearing away" and "help and care", and did not take a recess during the workshift. They spent 36% of the workshift in three working postures with the load on the low back, "standing bent forward", "squatting" and "kneeling". Cumulative time at a TIA of 20 degrees or more represented 43% of the workshift. The frequency of trunk-lifting from severe bending forward (TIA > 45 degrees) was 95 times/hr on average. A comparison of the kindergarten teachers and nursery teachers in 4-5 year age classes showed that the time distributions of basic activities were generally similar to each other. Although the time distributions of working postures were also similar, time spent "standing bent forward", "squatting" and "kneeling" was longer in the kindergarten teachers than in the nursery teachers. Cumulative time at a TIA of 45 degrees or more was significantly longer in the kindergarten teachers. Although the frequency of trunk-lifting was not significantly different, the kindergarten teachers tended to lift their trunk more frequently. The present study found that the load on the low back was considerably great in the kindergarten teachers.
Extrathymic T cell differentiation in the human intestine early in life


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It is clear from experimental studies in mice that T cell maturation can occur outside the thymus, especially in the intestine. There is little sound evidence so far that extrathymic T cell maturation occurs to any significant extent in human gut, and, postnatally, there is abundant evidence that the gut mucosa is an immune effector organ. Here, we describe a large population of T lymphocytes in human fetal intestinal mucosa that are proliferating (Ki67+) in the absence of foreign Ag (CD3+, Ki67+ lamina propria lymphocytes (LPL) 22 +/- 1.8% and CD3+, Ki67+ intraepithelial lymphocytes (IEL) 9.1 +/- 1.4%), that express the T cell activation markers CD103, HLA-DR, and L-selectin(low), and that express mRNA transcripts for pre-TCR-alpha. There is also a substantial proportion of CD7+ LPLs that do not express CD3 (CD3-7+, 14 +/- 7% of all LPLs) in the fetal gut that may be differentiating into CD3+ cells. Rearranged TCR-beta transcripts of fetal LPLs, IELs, and paired blood lymphocytes were cloned and sequenced, and virtually no overlap of clonality was observed between blood and intestine, suggesting that gut T cells may not be derived from the blood. In addition, 30 days after engraftment of SCID mice with fetal intestine, CD3-7+ cells, proliferating T cells, and pre-TCR-alpha transcripts were abundant, and there is a threefold increase in CD3+ IELs. These data show that in the human intestine before birth a population of precursor T cells exists that may be differentiating into mature T cells in situ.
We evaluated the GH-releasing effect of hexarelin (Hex; 2 microg/kg, i.v.) and GHRH (1 microg/kg, i.v.) in 18 patients (11 males and 7 females, aged 2.5-20.4 yr) with GH deficiency (GHD) whose hypothalamic pituitary abnormalities had been previously characterized by dynamic magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Ten patients had isolated GHD, and 8 had multiple pituitary hormone deficiency. All patients were receiving appropriate hormone replacement therapy. Twenty-four prepubertal short normal children (11 boys and 13 girls, aged 5.9-13 yr, body weight within +/-10% of ideal weight) served as controls. MRI studies revealed an ectopic posterior pituitary at the infundibular recess in all patients. A residual vascular component of the pituitary stalk was visualized in 8 patients with isolated GHD (group 1), whereas MRI showed the absence of the pituitary stalk (vascular and neural components) in the remaining 10 patients (group 2), of whom 8 had multiple pituitary hormone deficiency and 2 had isolated GHD. In the short normal children, the mean peak GH response to GHRH (24.8 +/- 4.4 microg/L) was significantly lower than that observed after Hex treatment (48.1 +/- 4.9 microg/L; P < 0.0001). In the GHD patients of group 2, the mean peak GH responses to GHRH (1.4 +/- 0.3 microg/L) and Hex (0.9 +/- 0.3 microg/L) were similar and markedly low. In the patients of group 1, the GH responses to GHRH (8.7 +/- 1.3 microg/L) and Hex (7.0 +/- 1.3 microg/L) were also similar, but were significantly higher that those observed in group 2 (P < 0.0001). In the whole group of patients, a significant correlation was found between the GH peaks after Hex and those after GHRH (r = 0.746; P < 0.0001). In this study we have confirmed that the integrity of the hypothalamic pituitary connections is essential for Hex to express its full GH-releasing activity and that Hex is able to stimulate GH secretion in patients with GHD but with a residual vascular component of the pituitary stalk.
Experimental research in humans and animals points to the importance of adverse respiratory effects from short-term particle exposures and to the importance of proinflammatory effects of air pollutants, particularly O\(_3\). However, particle averaging time has not been subjected to direct scientific evaluation, and there is a lack of epidemiological research examining both this issue and whether modification of air pollutant effects occurs with differences in asthma severity and anti-inflammatory medication use. The present study examined the relationship of adverse asthma symptoms (bothersome or interfered with daily activities or sleep) to O\(_3\) and particles (less than or equal to) 10 micrometer (PM10) in a Southern California community in the air inversion zone (1200-2100 ft) with high O\(_3\) and low PM (R = 0.3). A panel of 25 asthmatics 9-17 years of age were followed daily, August through October 1995 (n = 1,759 person-days excluding one subject without symptoms). Exposures included stationary outdoor hourly PM10 (highest 24-hr mean, 54 microgram/m\(^3\), versus median of 1-hr maximums, 56 microgram/m\(^3\) and O\(_3\) (mean of 1-hr maximums, 90 ppb, 5 days (greater than or equal to) 120 ppb). Longitudinal regression analyses utilized the generalized estimating equations (GEE) model controlling for autocorrelation, day of week, outdoor fun, and weather. Asthma symptoms were significantly associated with both outdoor O\(_3\) and PM(10) in single pollutant- and co-regressions, with 1-hr and 8-hr maximum PM(10) having larger effects than the 24-hr mean. Subgroup analyses showed effects of current day PM(10) maximums were strongest in 10 more frequently symptomatic (MS) children: the odds ratios (ORs) for adverse symptoms from 90th percentile increases were 2.24 [95% confidence interval (CI), 1.46-3.46] for 1-hr PM10 (47 microgram/m\(^3\); 1.82 (CI, 1.18-2.81) for 8-hr PM10 (36 microgram/m\(^3\); and 1.50 (CI, 0.80-2.80) for 24-hr PM10 (25 microgram/m\(^3\)). Subgroup analyses also showed the effect of current day O\(_3\) was strongest in 14 less frequently symptomatic (LS) children: the ORs were 2.15 (CI, 1.04-4.44) for 1-hr O\(_3\) (58 ppb) and 1.92 (CI, 0.97-3.80) for 8-hr O\(_3\) (46 ppb). Effects of 24-hr PM10 were seen in both groups, particularly with 5-day moving averages (ORs were 1.95 for MS and 4.03 for LS; p(less than or equal to) 0.05). The largest effects were in 7 LS children not on anti-inflammatory medications [5-day, 8-hr PM10, 9.66 (CI, 2.80-33.21); current day, 1-hr O\(_3\), 4.14 (CI, 1.71-11.85)]. Results suggest that examination of short-term particle excursions, medication use, and symptom severity in longitudinal studies of asthma yields sensitive measures of adverse respiratory effects of air pollution.

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Total exposure assessment identifies the various sources of exposure to air pollution which affect each individual, thus functioning as a useful tool in clinical and environmental exposure management. A cross-sectional survey was performed in order to create a total exposure model of inhaled particulates. This survey involved 544 subjects located within the Mexico City Merced monitoring station, an area covering three kilometers in diameter. Two questionnaires were developed one on housing and the other on respiratory symptoms. A diary on daily activity was kept, and an outdoor monitoring station was also installed. A new technology was adapted and incorporated for personal and indoor monitoring. A correlation of up to 0.38 was identified between the environmental concentrations. Exposures at home and at other extramural activities are most predictive of personal exposure. It was determined that 8.8% of the subjects studied had chronic bronchitis, and that this percentage increases with greater levels of exposure and outdoor sports. These findings conclude that the models are useful for risk assessment and management in Mexico.

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Outbreaks of yellow fever (YF) have never been recorded in Kenya. However, in September 1992, cases of hemorrhagic fever (HF) were reported in the Kerio Valley to the Kenya Ministry of Health. Early in 1993, the disease was confirmed as YF and a mass vaccination campaign was initiated. Cases of suspected YF were identified through medical record review and hospital-based disease surveillance by using a clinical case definition. Case-patients were confirmed serologically and virologically. We documented 55 persons with HF from three districts of the Rift Valley Province in the period of September 10, 1992 through March 11, 1993 (attack rate = 27.4/100,000 population). Twenty-six (47%) of the 55 persons had serologic evidence of recent YF infection, and three of these persons were also confirmed by YF virus isolation. No serum was available from the other 29 HF cases. In addition, YF virus was isolated from a person from the epidemic area who had a nonspecific febrile illness but did not meet the case definition. Five patients with confirmed cases of YF died, a case-fatality rate of 19%. Women with confirmed cases of YF were 10.9 times more likely to die than men (P =
0.010, by Fisher's exact test). Of the 26 patients with serologic or virologic evidence of YF, and for whom definite age was known, 21 (81%) were between 10 and 39 years of age, and 19 (73%) were males. All patients with confirmed YF infection lived in rural areas. There was only one instance of multiple cases within a single family, and this was associated with bush-clearing activity. This was the first documented outbreak of YF in Kenya, a classic example of a sylvatic transmission cycle. Surveillance in rural and urban areas outside the vaccination area should be intensified.

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T1 - Objective method for localization of cortical asymmetries using positron emission tomography to aid surgical resection of epileptic foci
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KW - Implanted
KW - Electroencephalography/ls [Instrumentation]
KW - Epilepsy/ri [Radionuclide Imaging]
KW - Epilepsy/su [Surgery]
KW - False Positive Reactions
KW - Female
KW - Fluorodeoxyglucose F18/du [Diagnostic Use]
KW - Humans
KW - Image Processing
KW - Computer-Assisted/mt [Methods]
KW - Infant
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Patient Care Planning
KW - ROC Curve
KW - Radiopharmaceuticals/du [Diagnostic Use]
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We designed a semiautomated method for the objective detection of abnormal regions of tracer accumulation in the brain. The purpose of the present study was to examine the diagnostic performance of this method by applying it to patients with clinically intractable epilepsy of unilateral origin; they underwent [F-18] deoxyglucose positron emission tomography (PET) prior to surgical resection of epileptic foci. A semiautomated method for assessment of asymmetries in the brain cortex was developed that compares activity concentrations in homotopic cortical areas. When these differences exceeded a predefined threshold, the areas with lower activity were marked and 3-dimensional surface rendered images were created to guide placement of intracranial electrodes (ECoG) followed by surgical resection. The normal amount of asymmetry between small (0.5-0.7 cm2) homotopic cortical regions was determined as 5.9 +/- 4.0% (mean +/- SD). The false-positive fraction was determined for cutoff thresholds of 1 SD (10%), 1.5 SD (12%), and 2 SD (15%) outside the mean and was found to be 89, 44, and 0%, respectively. The obtained sensitivity-specificity pairs for correct localization of epileptogenic lobes based on the ECoG results were best for the 15% threshold (80/94%, accuracy 0.90). This objective PET method allows the accurate determination of cortical asymmetries, and it proved to be highly efficient in guiding epilepsy surgery.
INTRODUCTION: Campfires, bonfires and barbecues play a prominent role in outdoor activities and serve a variety of decorative and functional purposes. Given all of it's various forms, uses and benefits, the outdoor fire can turn dangerous in a matter of seconds: a stumble or fall (the child running that trips) leads to direct contact with the flames and subsequent burn injury. With it's everyday occurrence, we were surprised to find a paucity of information regarding this type of burn in the literature, including the NBIE analysis.

METHODS: A retrospective review of 107 patients admitted to the Maricopa Medical Burn Center, from 1987 to 1996, was conducted. Each chart was analyzed for the patient demographics, mechanism of injury, percent total body surface area burned, operative versus non-operative treatment and overall outcome. RESULTS: An average burn injury involved 5.7% TBSA, with a wide range from 1 to 47%. The majority of our population involved either small children or intoxicated adults and a total of 50 patients required 92 operations. Severe morbidity, including 4 amputations and 2 mortalities, were seen. The average hospital stay was 14.3 days, ranging from 1 to 52 days. CONCLUSIONS: Recreational outdoor burns were extremely common injuries leading to loss of functional employment and prolonged physical therapy requirements. Small children and intoxicated adults comprised the majority of our study population. The impact and severity of such outdoor fires could be greatly affected by appropriate attention to prevention.
Due to the large number of differential diagnostic possibilities, the etiology of endogenous uveitis is still hard to determine. One reason for uveitis may be the occurrence of parasites. However, too little attention is paid to this underlying disease. METHODS: To identify certain sources of infection, ovoscopic probes of 98 dog feces from the urban area of Halle were taken. The material was collected from children's playgrounds, parks and swimming pools. A retrospective analysis of patient case data from the records of the University Eye Hospital for the years 1986-1995 complemented the environmental and parasitological examination of patients with Toxocara canis and T. cati infections. RESULTS: From the ovoscopic examinations, 16% of the fecal samples contained T. canis eggs. Seventeen percent contained coccidial sporocysts. Eggs of Trichuris vulpis and not clearly identifiable nematodal larvae were found in 1% of the samples. The reasons for the morphology was, in one instance, suspected Echinococcus eggs. The fact that 12 or 15 parasitologically positive dog excrement samples were taken from the immediate vicinity of children's playgrounds and another three directly from these grounds should be regarded as particularly critical. The investigated patient case data records revealed for the period studied nine uveitic patients with T. conis infection. The diagnosis was based on the larva precipitation test in all cases. After correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment, the prognosis was favorable. The specific treatment had to be repeated in two patients. CONCLUSIONS: The environmental parasitological study presented proves the relatively high prevalence of pathogenic causal agents in dog excrement samples from the area of urban recreation and leisure grounds, in particular, children's playgrounds. Parasite infestation is a mirror of the efficiency of hygienic and social measures. Public health education must be reinforced. Differential diagnosis of chronic endogenous eye diseases must pay more attention to infections by parasites.
BACKGROUND: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in its 1996 regulations to restrict certain forms of cigarette advertising likely to appeal to adolescents, prohibited outdoor tobacco advertising within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds. No published studies have determined the density of outdoor tobacco advertising within the FDA's prescribed 1,000-foot buffer zone around schools. OBJECTIVE: To determine the prevalence, type, and proximity to public schools of all stationary, outdoor tobacco advertising in six Boston neighborhoods. DESIGN: A cross-sectional field survey conducted in six Boston neighborhoods with varying ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic characteristics. The main outcome measure was advertising density within buffer zones around public schools. RESULTS: Youth in the six neighborhoods are heavily exposed to stationary, outdoor cigarette advertising. This exposure is intense in areas close to public schools, and more intense in neighborhoods with more children, with significant Black and Hispanic/Latino populations, and with low socioeconomic status. Advertising strategies employed by the tobacco industry are in line with accepted professional marketing practice that targets adolescents for other products. CONCLUSIONS: Given the pervasive nature of the outdoor tobacco advertising we observed in the present study, it appears that the only way to protect youth from exposure is by eliminating it from the community.

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T1 - The effects of primary division, student-mediated conflict resolution programs on playground aggression
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This study examined the effects of a student-mediated conflict resolution program on primary school (junior kindergarten to grade 5) playground aggression. Mediation teams of grade 5 students (approximately age 10) participated in 15 hours of training according to the model developed by Cunningham, Cunningham, and Martorelli (1997). Following baseline observations, mediation was introduced onto the playgrounds of three schools according to a multiple baseline design. Mediators successfully resolved approximately 90% of the playground conflicts in which they intervened. Direct observations suggest that the student mediation program reduced physically aggressive playground behavior by 51% to 65%. These effects were sustained at 1-year follow-up observations. Teacher and mediator satisfaction questionnaires provided strong support for impact, feasibility, and acceptability of this program.
OBJECTIVE: To examine the relationship between the number of male sexual partners of adolescent males and the frequency of victimization at school, missed school because of fear, used drugs at school, and engagement of fighting and weapon carrying both in and out of school. STUDY DESIGN: Sexually active male adolescents (N = 3886) in 8th through 12th grades were administered the 1995 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey. RESULTS: A total of 8.7% of male adolescents reported one or more male sexual partners. Alcohol, marijuana, and smokeless tobacco use at school, not attending school because of fear, having been threatened or injured with a weapon at school, and weapon carrying at school accounted for 15.8% of the variation in the number of male sexual partners (p < 0.0001). Suicide attempts, school absence because of fear, cigarette smoking, alcohol use, and smokeless tobacco use at school, frequency of fighting requiring medical treatment, carrying a weapon, and carrying a weapon at school accounted for 17.2% of the variation in the number of male sexual partners (p < 0.00001). CONCLUSION: The number of male sexual partners reported by sexually active male adolescents correlated with a higher frequency of victimization, use of violence and drug use at school. Frequency of suicide attempts and fighting outside of school were also correlated with the number of same-sex sexual partners.

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T1 - A comparative study of Greek children in long-term residential group care and in two-parent families: I. Social, emotional, and behavioural differences
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The social, behavioural, and school adjustment of 41 9-year-old children in long-term residential group care in Greece was compared with that of children of the same sex and age brought up in two-parent families. Observational, interview, and questionnaire measures were employed. Observations in school classrooms showed that compared with their classmates, the group care children were more inattentive, participated less often in the classroom activities, were more likely to be passive, and tended to be involved in alternative and nonproductive activities. In the playground, they rarely interacted with non-institutional children. On both parent and teacher scales the group care children showed significantly more overall disturbance. The boys showed poor task involvement in the classroom and more emotional difficulties, conduct problems, and hyperactivity, whereas the between-group differences for girls were statistically significant only for emotional disturbance and poor task involvement in the classroom. Both boys and girls in long-term residential care showed less harmonious, confiding relationships with peers than those reared in families, and were more affection-seeking with teachers.
Second only to traffic accidents, accidental falling is the most significant cause of death in children. Included in this category is a special group of accidents -- falling from a height -- where preventative measures would give good results. Cases of child abuse have also been found in this group. From 1989 to 1994 64 children, 19 girls and 45 boys, were treated in our surgical department after accidental falls. There were 99 injuries in all, most of them caused by falls from heights less than 2.5 m. Only two children suffered penetrating injuries. Two of the 64 children died from cerebral injuries after falling from great heights. One child died from heart tamponade, caused by rupture of the right auricle after falling down a steep staircase. One child survived a fall from a great height despite multiple injuries. In such cases, treatment is dependent on a multiple trauma team being available on a 24-hour basis. Measures to prevent falls in the home, as well as in children's playgrounds and in kindergartens are not only very important, but also easy to apply. Suspicion of child abuse must be raised where unusual injuries are observed in children who have reportedly fallen from low heights.
OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the effectiveness of a skills training program in improving safe cycling behavior, knowledge, and attitudes in young children. METHODS: Grade 4 children from six elementary schools in East York (a borough of Metropolitan Toronto) participated. The intervention -- playground based instruction on bicycle handling skills by certified instructors -- was randomly allocated to three schools. Altogether 141 children participated: 73 in the intervention group and 68 in the control group, with follow up evaluations available on 117 (83%). The primary outcome was safe cycling behavior (straight line riding, coming to a complete stop, and shoulder checking before a left turn). A self report questionnaire collected data on knowledge and attitudes. Baseline assessments were made in June, with follow up evaluations in September, 1995. RESULTS: The prevalence of safe cycling behaviors at follow up in the intervention and control groups respectively, were: straight line riding (90% v 88%; p = 0.782), coming to a complete stop (90% v 76%; p = 0.225), and shoulder checking (0% v 2%; p = 1.000). Over time (from baseline to follow up) children in both groups were more likely to maintain straight line riding, less likely to ride on the sidewalk, and less likely to consider that a car had more right to the road. CONCLUSIONS: This brief skills training program was not effective in improving safe cycling behavior, knowledge, or attitudes among grade 4 children.
OBJECTIVES: To assess the impact of potentially modifiable environmental factors on the risk for pedestrian and cyclist injuries among school age children.

SETTING: Population of school age children in Dusseldorf (population 570,000) in the west of Germany. All pedestrian and cyclist injuries involving children between 6 and 14 years brought to the attention of the police between January 1993 and March 1995 were eligible.

METHODS: A case-control design was used, with controls matched by age and sex. Criteria for inclusion of cases were: residence in Dusseldorf, and injury within 500 meters from home. A random sample of 174 cases was selected. For each an age-sex matched child, resident in Dusseldorf, was randomly selected from a list of all school age children. The environment within a radius of 500 meters around the homes of cases and controls was analysed by blinded on site investigators. These used a standardized questionnaire to assess the number of streets with speed limits of 30 kph, the number of pedestrian crossings with traffic lights per street with speed limits of 50 kph or above, and the number of playgrounds for children.

RESULTS: Complete information was available for 170 cases and 168 controls. There were significantly more streets with a speed limit of 30 kph around the homes of controls (p = 0.0003; mean 9.5; 95% confidence interval (CI) 8.8 to 10.1) than cases (mean 7.8; 95% CI 7.3 to 8.3). For every five streets with a speed limit of 30 kph injury risk was reduced by nearly 50% (odds ratio 0.57; 95% CI 0.43 to 0.76). There were also significantly more pedestrian crossings with traffic lights on streets with a speed limit 50 kph or above around the homes of controls (p = 0.0004; mean 2.7; 95% CI 2.4 to 2.9) compared with cases (mean 2.1; 95% CI 1.9 to 2.3). Finally there were significantly more playgrounds around the houses of controls (p = 0.04; mean 1.9; 95% CI 1.7 to 2.2) compared with the houses of cases (mean 1.7; 95% CI 1.4 to 2.0).

CONCLUSIONS: Significant associations with injury risk were identified for some prespecified modifiable environmental factors.
QOL assessment in pediatric oncology is seriously understudied, especially compared with the adult population. The limited progress is due to the methodological complexity of the task, which should not be viewed as insurmountable. Given a precise study question, the methodological issues can be clarified simply, piece by piece. Researchers must consider very carefully the specific characteristics that define a study population in order to choose an instrument that is domain-appropriate and valid for the assessment paradigm. The first priority should be that a researcher must identify the means of accessing the information of interest. In the pediatric population, information about children's status may be elicited from parents, medical personnel, teachers, or the children themselves. Clearly, the type of instrument to be used for assessment is dependent on the choice of reporter. Researchers must also account for developmental age and disease; in assessing generic and disease-specific functioning, the "functional scale" against which an individual is compared must implicitly reflect the types of activities and/or levels of functioning that are realistic norms for the patient. Equally important is the analysis of independent domains in order to characterize the dynamics/divergence of clinical status and functional status. What are the merits of conducting QOL research for the pediatric cancer-survivor population? The policy implications are profound and pervasive both for the individual survivors (regarding treatment, care, and his/her ultimate ability to reintegrate into society) and for society (regarding resource allocation, cost planning, and productivity). Commensurate with the rapid advancement of oncologic therapy, there is now an expanding cohort of pediatric cancer survivors. Current estimates suggest that, by the turn of the century, 200,000 children will be in this category. The long-term survivorship of this cohort is still poorly defined. However, as the survivors mature, it is likely that their needs will evolve as well-whether for treatment of secondary malignancies, long-term morbidities, and fertility issues or for neuropsychological dysfunction, emotional counseling, or occupational issues. Children, as survivors, are unique, in that their future (the context within which long-term outcome is defined) spans decades. Based on a median age at diagnosis of 6 years, survivors can expect to live an additional 66 years. From a cost or policy perspective, children represent enormous future potential. The implications of children's long-term outcomes must be considered regarding the change in future potential secondary to survivorship. Pediatric QOL research plays a role both inside and outside the health care system. Clearly, in the provision of health care, QOL data may be used to improve or modify patient care by supplementing information about the clinical status of individual patients. Information about an individual's general functioning, particularly as it diverges from disease-specific functioning, complements clinical data to facilitate comprehensive care. Information about the long-term outcomes of pediatric cancer, as a whole, will influence the policies of health care institutions and the allocation of health care resources. By expanding the scope of survivorship (or cure) to include long-term clinical and general "costs" the "cost of cure" is shifted: this shift will ultimately impact estimations of cost effectiveness, with ramifications for the evaluation of hospital-wide protocols, utilization priorities, and cost policies. Outside of the hospital, the implications of QOL research are equally ubiquitous. Pediatric survivors will live an estimated 7 decades after "cure," during which time they will exist almost entirely outside the realm of health care; yet, their condition as a survivor, with or without the long-term clinical toxicities secondary to treatment, will continue to affect some or all of thei

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T1 - Post traumatic paraplegics living in Athens: the impact of pressure sores and UTIs on everyday life activities
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This paper contains the findings of a scientific research which was done on post-traumatic paraplegics who live in the area of Athens, Greece, and measured the impact of pressure sores and UTIs on their everyday life activities. The target population was 127 individuals out of which 98 were observed and interviewed. A semi-structured questionnaire which consisted of two parts used; the first part of the questionnaire included general questions whereas the second contained the Sarno Functional Life Scale (SFLS) which is a tool measuring the level of independence of disabled people. Sixty-two per cent of the population was male. The mean age of the sample population at the time they had the accident which caused the paraplegia was 31.5, while the median was 28.5. The majority of the subjects comes from the lower socioeconomic class. Traffic accidents accounted for the 55% of the occurrences of paraplegia, falls for 37%, surgical complication for 4% and athletic activities for the remaining 4%. Forty-nine percent of the sample had been hospitalised in a rehabilitation centre. However, the multiple regressions used did not reveal any statistically significant relation between the hospitalisation in a rehabilitation centre and the paraplegic's scores in any of the Sarno Functional Life Scale's (SFLS) variables. Instead, the multiple regressions employed yielded paraplegics' scores in the SFLS's everyday life activities that were negatively related to age ($P = 0.004$) and pressure sores ($P = 0.021$).
The paraplegics' scores on the SFLS's indoors activities are positively related to the years since injury (P = 0.048) and health education on daily fluid consumption (P = 0.003). The scores of the subjects on the SFLS's outdoor activities are positively related to the years of education (P = 0.008), the years since injury (P = 0.011), while are negatively related to pressure sores (P = 0.034) and UTIs (0.044). The subjects' scores on the SFLS variables regarding social relations had a negative relation to sex, (female) (P = 0.0001), age (P = 0.001) and pressure sores (P = 0.019), while they have a positive relation with the years since injury (P = 0.024).

The Welfare of Sick Children in Hospital' was the formal title of a report published in Britain in 1959 which came to be known as the Platt Report, after Sir Harry Platt, the chairman of the parliamentary committee which investigated the care of children in hospital. The committee found the hospitals were miserable places for children, where they were expected to conform to ward routines, not allowed to play; where to lie quietly was the accepted norm, and where, under no circumstances, were the parents allowed to visit outside the declared visiting hours. Subsequent to the publication of the Platt Report a revolution occurred in children's hospitals in Britain and other western countries, including Australia. This paper explores these changes, and discusses implications for paediatric care in hospitals and paediatric nursing education today.
Acute effects of ambient ozone on asthmatic, wheezy, and healthy children

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N2 - Southern California children (10 to 12 years old) participated in a two-season study to assess the potential acute respiratory effects of ambient ozone (O3). Asthmatic (n = 49), wheezy (n = 53), and healthy (n = 93) children completed a four-day (Friday through Monday) study protocol, once in spring and again in summer, that included the use of daily activity and symptom diaries, heart rate recording devices, personal O3 samplers, and maximal effort spirometry several times per day. Data from regional monitoring stations were used to establish ambient hourly O3 concentrations. Analyses revealed that the children spent more time outdoors and were more physically active in the spring. Girls spent less time outdoors and were less physically active than boys. Personal O3 samplers correlated poorly with, and generally gave lower readings than, outdoor ambient monitors. Higher personal O3 exposures were associated generally with increased inhaler use, more outdoor time, and more physical activity. Children with asthma spent more time outdoors and were more active in the spring on high-O3 days (measured by personal sampler), and had the most trouble breathing, the most wheezing, and the most inhaler use on these days. Activity pattern data suggested that children with asthma protected themselves by being less physically active outdoors during the summer on high-O3 days. Wheezy children had the most trouble breathing during the summer on low-O3 days (measured by personal sampler). Observed relationships between O3 and pulmonary function were erratic and difficult to reconcile with existing knowledge about the acute respiratory effects of air pollution. We conclude that although asthmatic and wheezy
children behave differently from their healthy peers with regard to symptoms and patterns of activity when challenged by ambient ozone, the nature of these changes remains inconsistent and ill-defined

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KW - Glyburide/po [Poisoning]
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N2 - A normally healthy 6-year-old woke in an agitated state, limp, and moving only her left extremities. Upon arrival at the emergency department, a blood glucose measurement was 34 mg/dL. The child was lethargic, not responding to questions appropriately, and not moving her right extremities. The right arm was flexed, and the right leg was flexed and abducted. Pupils were equal and reactive, and eyes were deviated to the left. Six loose tablets of the grandmother's glyburide were found at home in the child's outdoor playhouse. Administration of glucose produced no change in the child's clinical condition. Intravenous glucose was begun at 4 mg glucose/kg/min, and the blood glucose level did not fall below 74 mg/dL after that. Over the next 48 h, the hemiparesis and mental status changes resolved without sequelae. The events of the case suggest a hypoglycemia-induced seizure with subsequent Todd's paralysis. Early direct medical evaluation in suspected glyburide ingestions in children is suggested
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T1 - Validation of cardiovascular fitness field tests in children with mental retardation
The validity of the 600-yard walk/run, the 20-m shuttle run, and a modified 16-m shuttle run was determined to measure aerobic capacity (VO2peak) in children with mild and moderate mental retardation. Practice sessions for all tests were conducted. All field tests were very reliable, and VO2peak was significantly related to them all. A stepwise multiple regression showed that field test performance, body mass index (BMI), and gender, but not age, were also significant predictors of VO2peak. All field tests were valid and reliable indicators of aerobic capacity, suggesting that these tests can be used to predict VO2max in children with mild and moderate mental retardation.
To monitor personal exposure to biologically effective solar-UV radiation, Bacillus subtilis spores on a membrane filter and UV-coloring labels were incorporated into a monitoring badge. The samples were covered with one of three types of filter sheet, dependent on the season, to reduce the amounts of exposure to measurable levels. Five fifth- or sixth-grade classes of primary schools, each consisting of 30-40 children, were chosen in northern (Sapporo), central (Tsukuba and Tokyo), and southern (Miyazaki and Naha) cities in Japan. In all four seasons, each child wore a badge on an upper arm for the entire waking hours, changing it daily, for a week. Upon collection of the badges, the survival of spores and the extent of coloration of the label were determined. The results were used to estimate the amount of daily exposure to biologically effective UV radiation, expressed as the value of spore inactivation dose. Unexpectedly, the average amounts of exposure were not directly correlated with the outdoor UV irradiance: in the two southern cities, despite high outdoor irradiance from spring to autumn, the average amounts of exposure were less than 3.1% of the average irradiance. Highly concentrated exposures occurred in two central cities on three days when extensive outdoor exercise took place. These results contradict the simple notion that children's exposure is in proportion to the outdoor UV irradiance, and support the view that the extent of solar-UV exposure is primarily determined by life-style rather than living location.
A case-control study of risk factors for playground injuries among children in Kingston and area

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OBJECTIVE: To determine the risk for injury associated with environmental hazards in public playgrounds. SETTING: One hundred and seventeen playgrounds operated by municipalities or school boards in and around Kingston, Ontario, Canada. METHODS: A regional surveillance database was used to identify children presenting to emergency departments who were injured on public playgrounds; each case was individually matched (by sex, age, and month of occurrence) with two controls—one non-playground injury control, and one child seen for non-injury emergency medical care. Exposure data were obtained from an audit of playgrounds conducted using Canadian and US safety guidelines. Exposure variables included the nature of playground hazards, number of hazards, frequency of play, and total family income. No difference in odds ratios (ORs) were found using the two sets of controls, which were therefore combined for subsequent analysis.

RESULTS: Multivariate analysis showed strong associations between injuries and the use of inappropriate surface materials under and around equipment (OR 21.0, 95% confidence interval (CI) 3.4 to 128.1), appropriate materials with insufficient depth (OR 18.2, 95% CI 3.3 to 99.9), and inadequate handrails or guardrails (OR 6.7, 95% CI 2.6 to 17.5). CONCLUSION: This study confirms the validity of guidelines for playground safety relating to the type and depth of surface materials and the provision of handrails and guardrails. Compliance with these guidelines is an important means of preventing injury in childhood.

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T1 - Exposure to lead and other metals in children from Katowice district, Poland
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KW - Lead/bl [Blood]
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KW - Poland
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OBJECTIVES: To assess the exposure to toxic metals and to evaluate its possible association with essential elements and socioeconomic status in children from the town of Bytom in the Katowice area; this area is one of the most polluted industrialized regions in Poland. METHODS: Concentrations of lead, cadmium, mercury, selenium, magnesium, copper, and zinc were determined in whole blood of 211 children aged 9 years. The samples were analyzed using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS). Information on socioeconomic factors was collected using questionnaires. Concentrations of trace elements in the blood of 24 Swedish children aged 9-10 years were used for comparisons. RESULTS: The concentrations of lead detected in the blood of the Polish children ranged from 0.09 to 1.9 mumol/l, with the median value being 0.27 mumol/l. Statistically significant associations were found between lead and such socioeconomic factors as the number of siblings, trips outside the region, maternal smoking, playing outdoors, and apartment standard. The average blood lead level was about 3 times higher in the Polish children than in the Swedish group. The median blood concentration of cadmium found in the Polish children was 3.4 nmol/l (range 1.1-41 nmol/l; almost 3 times higher than that detected in the Swedish children), and that of mercury was 3 nmol/l (range 0.5-11 nmol/l). The median blood levels and ranges of the essential elements were 1.1 (0.7-2.0) nmol/l for selenium, 1.5 (1.2-1.9) mmol/l for magnesium, 17 (13-22) mumol/l for copper, and 78 (54-104) mumol/l for zinc, respectively. The concentrations of selenium and magnesium were significantly lower in the Polish group as compared with the Swedish children. CONCLUSIONS: In all, 7% of the Polish children had blood lead levels exceeding 0.5 mumol/l, the concentration above which negative effects on mental development have been reported. However, the findings indicate a decrease in lead exposure during recent years among the Bytom children.
This study was carried out to determine the concentrations of eosinophil cationic protein (ECP) and tryptase in the nasal lavage fluid (NLF) of 24 children (C) with grass pollen rhinitis as well as rhinitis symptoms before and after nasal provocation tests with or without a levocabastine (anti-H1 topical antihistamine) pretreatment. All C were monosensitized to grasses only. Twelve patients (Active Group = AG) were tested with a nasal provocation test with grass pollen (NPT) carried out by the insufflation of increasingly higher doses of an allergenic extract powder, while the other 12 patients (Placebo Group = PG) underwent just a nasal provocation test with lactose (placebo) (NPTp). The prechallenge NLF, obtained both before (C) and after (AG) levocabastine pretreatment, was compared to that obtained after periods of 2 and 24 hours postchallenge. In the AG, before and after levocabastine pretreatment, the tryptase concentrations had not significantly increased, whereas the ECP concentrations were found to be significantly higher (p < 0.05) in just the 24-hour postchallenge samples. In the PG the rhinitis symptoms were not induced by the NPTp and there was no significant change in either ECP or tryptase concentrations. In the AG a levocabastine pretreatment induced a significant increase (p < 0.05) in the cumulative allergen doses administered by the NPT. There was a reduction of the nasal symptoms in 7 patients, while in 3 subjects there was only a slight improvement, but in 2 subjects no effect was encountered. In conclusion this study shows that a levocabastine pretreatment before an NPT in patients with grass pollen rhinitis, outside the grass pollen season, induces a significant increase in the cumulative allergen doses (administered by the NPT) which provoked rhinitis symptoms but is not able to demonstrate any significant reduction in the ECP concentrations of the NLF.
STUDY OBJECTIVE: To describe the prevalence of smoking in junior secondary school students in Hong Kong and to analyse the relationship between a range of risk factors and ever-smoking experience, including tobacco advertisements. METHODS: Cross-sectional survey using an anonymous standardised self-administered questionnaire. SETTING: 61 randomly selected secondary schools in Hong Kong. PARTICIPANTS: 6,304 form 1 to 3 Chinese students from 172 classes (51% girls and 49% boys; 90% were aged 12 to 15 years). RESULTS: The smoking status (95% confidence interval) was: (1) never smoker, 71.1% (70.0%-72.2%), (2) tried only, 15.5% (14.6%-16.4%), (3) used to smoke but not now, 4.2% (3.7%-4.7%), (4) smoked < 1 cigarette per week, 2.9% (2.5%-3.4%), (5) smoked 1-6 per week, 1.7% (1.4%-2.0%), and (6) smoked > 6 per week, 4.5% (4.0%-5.0%). In a backward stepwise logistic regression model, ever-smoking (including categories 2 to 6 above) was independently associated with thirteen factors, including gender (boys), increasing age, place of birth (outside Hong Kong, mainly China), poor knowledge of the hazards of smoking, positive attitudes to smoking, smoking in family members, participation in tobacco promotional activities, and perception of cigarette advertisements as attractive. Among the strongest associations observed was the youth's perception of cigarette advertisements as attractive, with the adjusted odds ratio (95% confidence interval) of 2.68 (2.33-3.07). CONCLUSIONS: Smoking among young people is an important public health problem. Although the causes are multifactorial, in Hong Kong environmental tobacco advertising is an important risk factor that can be removed by banning all forms of tobacco promotion to young people.
A comprehensive review of 487 emergency dental trauma visits seen at a children's hospital during a 3-year period was performed to investigate aspects of trauma care that have not been previously reported. Patient characteristics, diagnoses, and injury treatment were analyzed. General patient characteristics and diagnoses were consistent with other studies. Young children were often injured in falls within the home whereas older children were often injured in sports and activities outside the home. The emergency visit was the first contact with the dentist for 80% of children 3.5 years old and younger. Maxillary incisors accounted for 84% of primary tooth injuries: examination and extraction were common treatments. Maxillary incisors accounted for 87% of permanent tooth injuries: bandage restorations and splint placement were frequent treatments. An assistive restraint device was used most often for children 4 years and younger who required extractions. The restraint
was used more frequently during clinic hours with support staff present than after hours with a sole provider. Hospital facilities were not essential for treatment of the patients in this study.

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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To map the frequency (prevalence) of torture victims among parents in asylum seeking Middle Eastern refugee families, to map the occurrence (prevalence) of experiences of war and other forms of organised violence among the children in these families, to map the occurrence (prevalence) of emotional symptoms and behavioural problems among the children, and to identify risk indicators and modifying factors for anxiety symptoms among the children. DESIGN: Interview with parents using a structured interview questionnaire developed for this study. Validated through a blinded semi-structured interview conducted with approximately 1/3 of the families. AUSPICES: The study has been carried out by the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT) in cooperation with the Danish Red Cross. MATERIAL: Structured interviews with parents regarding 311 children aged 3-15 from 149 families, all registered as asylum seekers from the Middle East between February 1, 1992 and April 30, 1993. The response was 90.4%. PRINCIPAL VARIABLES: Background (past-past)--social and demographic data; trauma complex (past)--war-related life circumstances (conditions) and experiences of war and other forms of organized violence such as loss,
separation, direct exposure to violence and witnessing acts of violence (specific events and changes of life conditions); present life context (past-present)--family circumstances upon arrival in Denmark; effect (present)--the child's current psychological state. RESULTS: 28% of the parents (44% of the fathers and 13% of the mothers) had been tortured, to the effect that 51% of the children were part of a family including a survivor of torture. The most frequent specific types of violence-related events or circumstances were 'lived in a refugee camp outside the home country' (92%), 'lived under conditions of war' (89%) and 'been on the run with parents' (89%). Twenty percent of the children had lost one parent, and another 60% had been separated from one parent for more than a month. The highest prevalence of emotional symptoms were found within the anxiety dimension, as 67% of the children were assessed as being clinically anxious. The most important risk indicators for anxiety were 'lived in a refugee camp outside the home country', 'part of a torture surviving family', 'lack of opportunities for play with other children', 'beaten/kicked by an official', and 'loss of father'. Current parental behaviour was also an important risk indicator for anxiety, if the mother or father hit or punished the child more than was the case prior to arrival in Denmark. The most important anxiety-modifying factor was arrival in Denmark in the company of both parents. CONCLUSIONS: Asylum seeking refugee children from the Middle East have had many experiences of war and other forms of organised violence. The children frequently reacted with anxiety and with other symptoms of emotional instability. Prevalent anxiety symptoms correlated both with previous living conditions and present family situation. Living under prolonged conditions influenced by war and other forms of organised violence (prevalence) were found to a higher degree to be risk indicators for anxiety than were specific events or changes of life conditions (incidence)

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OBJECTIVE: To identify the epidemiologic characteristics of tuberculosis (TB) in Montreal and the patterns of resistance to antituberculous drugs in order to improve TB control in the region. DESIGN: Descriptive analysis of surveillance data for TB cases reported in Montreal by physicians and laboratories between 1992 and 1995. SETTING: Region of Montreal, population 1,775,889. PARTICIPANTS: All cases of active TB among Montreal residents reported to the Department of Public Health between Jan. 1, 1992, and Dec. 31, 1995. OUTCOME MEASURES: Epidemiologic characteristics, proportion of cases resistant to antituberculous drugs and types of resistance. RESULTS: A total of 798 cases of TB (mean annual incidence 11.2 per 100,000) were reported in Montreal during the study period. Of these patients, 617 (77.3%) were born outside Canada. The annual incidence of TB in the foreign-born population (37.5 per 100,000) was 10 times the rate in the Canadian-born population, and the highest rate among foreign-born residents (62.8 per 100,000) occurred in those 15-29 years of age. In general, annual incidence in Montreal's foreign-born population reflected the reported incidence of TB in their regions of birth. In 8.7% of all cases, the disease was resistant to isoniazid, and the proportion of cases resistant to this drug was greater than 4% in almost all age groups, among both foreign-born and Canadian-born patients. CONCLUSIONS: TB remains a major problem in Montreal, as in other large cities. Surveillance data give opportunities to public health agencies to adapt their prevention and control strategies to local situations and can also help clinicians in their clinical decision-making.
BACKGROUND: Children are at particular risk for sun exposure, a major cause of skin cancer. Parents and caregivers can help protect children by educating them about practicing safe sun habits, serving as role models, and providing supportive environments. OBJECTIVE: We evaluated SunSmart, a cancer prevention program for 6- to 8-year-old children, their parents, and outdoor recreation staff. METHODS: The intervention included staff training, on-site activities for children, interactive take-home booklets, behavior-monitoring scoreboards, incentives, providing sunscreen, and encouraging sun safe environments and policies. The program was evaluated by baseline and follow-up surveys of parents and recreation staff, monitoring forms, and on-site observations. RESULTS: There were positive changes in all major outcomes, including knowledge; sun protection habits of parents, children, and staff; readiness to change; sun protection policies; and sun protection norms. The changes ranged from improvements of 3% to more than 20%, and several changes were statistically significant. CONCLUSION: The results demonstrated the feasibility and short-term impact of Hawaii’s SunSmart program and suggested areas for refinement and expansion.
OBJECTIVE: To design a structured curriculum to teach pediatric residents about wilderness medicine.

BACKGROUND: An increasing number of children are involved in more rigorous and potentially risky outdoor activities. Despite the breadth of exposure characteristic of most pediatric residencies, we are aware of no formalized syllabus that prepares residents to both treat injuries sustained in outdoor pursuits, and help parents and children to prepare safely for such activities.

METHODS: The first half of the course was designed to teach a broad range of topics in wilderness medicine through a series of readings, lectures, and field trips. The second half of the course involved a six-day course in wilderness skills.

RESULTS: Over a three-week period, the major topics of wilderness medicine were thoroughly covered. The three residents involved in the planning and execution of the course felt that the course succeeded in filling an important gap in their pediatric residency training.

CONCLUSIONS: The addition of a structured wilderness medicine elective to pediatric residencies, with or without a field component, may provide a valuable opportunity for pediatric residents to broaden their skills and knowledge base to include these increasingly important topics.

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KW - Humans
KW - Lead/an [Analysis]
KW - Lead/bl [Blood]
KW - Lead Poisoning/et [Etiology]
KW - Male
KW - Mining
KW - Water Pollutants
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Hettstedt, a city in eastern Germany with a long history of mining and smelting of non-ferrous ores, has multiple lead waste deposits and the remains of a former lead smelter and a copper-silver smelter. As part of a cross-sectional study, an analysis of lead concentrations in drinking water and in blood was undertaken to determine the impact of lead in drinking water on the internal burden of lead in children. The geometric mean of blood lead levels among children 5-14 years old was 35.0 micrograms/l with a 95% confidence interval (C.I.) of 33.4-36.7. The geometric mean of lead in the random tap water samples was 0.5 microgram/l (95% C.I., 0.5-0.6) and 0.7 microgram/l (95% C.I., 0.6-0.8) in the stagnant tap water samples. Blood lead levels were somewhat correlated with the random water measures but not the stagnant water measures (random sample: r = 0.12, P = 0.012; stagnant sample: r = 0.04, P = 0.396). After adjustment for relevant confounders, lead in drinking water (random sample) was not significantly associated with blood lead levels. Factors that were significantly associated with blood lead included gender, the city area of residence, lead in house dust, regular contact with dogs and dirtiness of the child after playing outdoors. Based on this study, lead in domestic tap water contributed little to the lead exposure of children in the lead contaminated region of Hettstedt.
A study of personal exposure to respirable particles (PM10) and fine particles (FP) was conducted in groups of 50-70 year-old adults and primary school children in the Netherlands. Four to eight personal measurements per subject were conducted, on weekdays only. Averaging time was 24 hours. Method performance was evaluated regarding compliance, flow, weighing procedure, field blanks and co-located operation of the personal samplers with stationary methods. Furthermore, the possibility that subjects change their behavior due to the wearing of personal sampling equipment was studied by comparing time activity on days of personal sampling with time activity other weekdays. Compliance was high; 95% of the subjects who agreed to continue participating after the first measurement, successfully completed the study, and, expect for the first two days of FP sampling, over 90% of all personal measurements were successful. All pre and post sampling flow readings were within 10% of the required flow rate of 4 L/min. For PM10 precision of the gravimetric analyses was 2.8 microgram/m³ and 0.7 micrograms/m³ for filters weighted on an analytical and a micro-balance respectively. The detection limit was 10.8 micrograms/m³ and 8.6 micrograms/m³ respectively. For FP, weighing precision was 0.4 micrograms/m³ and the detection limit was 5.3 micrograms/m³. All measurements were above the detection limit. Co-located operation of the personal sampler with stationary samplers gave highly correlated concentration (R > 0.90). Outdoor PM10 concentrations measured with the personal sampler were on average 4% higher compared to a Sierra Anderson (SA) inlet and 9% higher compared to a PM10 Harvard Impactor (HI). With the FP cyclone 6% higher classroom concentrations were measured compared to a PM2.5 HI. Adults spent significantly less time outdoor (0.5 hour) and more time at home (0.9 hour) on days of personal sampling compared to other weekdays. For children no significant differences in time activity were found.

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KW - Preschool
KW - Female
KW - Health Education
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The study was conducted from November 1995 to May 1996 at the one general hospital in Seoul. The total subjects of this study were 412 patients who have the experience of fall accident, among them 31 was who have fallen during hospitalization and 381 was who visited emergency room and outpatient clinic. The purposes of this study were to determine the characteristics, risk factors and results of fall accident and to suggest the nursing strategies for prevention of fall. Data were collected by reviewing the medical records and interviewing with the fallers and their family members. For data analysis spss/pc+ program was utilized for descriptive statistics, adjusted standardized X2-test. The results of this study were as follows: 1) Total subjects were 412 fallers, of which 245 (59.5%) were men and 167 (40.5%) were women. Age were 0-14 years 79 (19.2%), 15-44 years 125 (30.4%), 45-64 years 104 (25.2%), over 65 years 104 (25.2%). 2) There was significant association between age and the sexes (X2 = 39.17, P = 0.00). 3) There was significant association between age and history of falls (X2 = 44.41, P = .00). And history of falls in the elderly was significantly associated with falls. 4) There was significant association with age and medical diagnosis (X2 = 140.66, P = .00), chief medical diagnosis were hypertension (34), diabetes mellitus (22), arthritis (11), stroke (8), fracture (7), pulmonary tuberculosis (6), dementia (5) and cataract (5). 5) There was significant association between age and intrinsic factors: cognitive impairment, mobility impairment, insomnia, emotional problems, urinary difficulty, visual impairments, hearing impairments, use of drugs (sedatives, antihypertensive drugs, diuretics, antidepressants) (P < 0.05). But there was no significant association between age and dizziness (X2 = 2.87, P = .41). 6) 15.3% of total fallers were drunken state when they were fallen. 7) Environmental factors of fall accident were unusual posture (50.9%), slips (35.2%), trips (9.5%) and collision (4.4%). 8) Most of falls occurred during the day time, peak frequencies of falls occurred from 1 pm to 6 pm and 7 am to 12 am. 9) The places of fall accident were roads (22.6%), house-stairs (16.7%), rooms, floors, kitchen (11.2%), the roof-top, veranda, windows (10.9%), hospital (7.5%), ice or snowy ways (5.8%), bathroom (4.9%), playground, park (4.9%), subway-stairs (4.4%) and public-bathrooms (2.2%). 10) Activities at the time of fall accident were walking (37.6%), turning around or reaching for something (20.9%), going up or down stairs (19.2%), exercise, working (17.4%), up or down from a bed (2.7%), using wheelchair or walking aids, standing up or down from a chair (2.2%) and standing still (2.2%). 11) Anatomical locations of injuries by falls were head, face, neck (31.3%), lower extremities (29.9%), upper extremities (20.6%), spine, thorax, abdomen or pelvic contents (11.4%) and unspecified (29.9%). 12) Types of injuries were fracture (47.6%), bruises (13.8%), laceration (13.3%), sprains (9.0%), headache (6.6%), abrasions (2.9%), intracranial hemorrhage (2.4%) and burns (0.5%). 13) 41.5% of the fallers were hospitalized and average of hospitalization was 22.3 days. 14) The six fallers (1.46%) died from fall injuries. The two fallers died from intracranial hemorrhage and the four fallers died of secondary infection; pneumonia (2), sepsis (1) and cellulitis (1). It is suggested that 1) Further study is needed with larger sample size to identify the fall risk factors. 2) After the fall accident, comprehensive nursing care and regular physical exercise should be emphasized for the elderly person. 3) Safety education and safety facilities of the public place and home is necessary for fall prevention.
The statuses of vector-borne diseases have changed over recent years. How a few such diseases have changed and the primary causes of change (urbanization, increased conflict, changes in water-resource management, ecological and environmental change, and reduced health service resourcing) are the subjects of the present review. The key impacts which these primary causes have on selected vectors and the infections they transmit are tabulated. The success of vector-control programmes against onchocerciasis and Chagas disease is discussed, and the methods used to evaluate the epidemiological impact of such controls are described. Bednet programmes for control of malaria are recognized as a potential future means of reducing morbidity and mortality in children. In contrast to the success achieved in limiting Simulium and Triatoma populations through vertical programmes, control of tsetse, whilst successful in Uganda, has not been utilized to stem recent epidemics of sleeping sickness in resource-stressed settings in Central Africa. Vector-borne diseases will continue to be a problem because of the adaptability of vectors, the potential problems of managing effective vector controls within decentralized health systems, and the influence of activities outside the health sector itself. Changes beyond the health sector can increase the problem posed by a vector and increase the frequency of transmission. [References: 59]
OBJECTIVE: To determine the seroprevalence of treponemal infection and possible risk factors among children aged 0-14 in the general population of a rural Tanzanian village. METHODS: The survey was conducted as a part of a cross section study of a total village population on HIV and sexually transmitted disease. Among 1708 registered children aged 0-14, the 553 first attending were tested for treponemal infection with both rapid plasma reagin test (RPR) and Treponema pallidum Haemagglutination test (TPHA). These children belonged to a household cohort--also including their parents, siblings, and other household members--with 1339 members; 1224 (91.4%) participated in the survey and 82.1% of these were tested for treponemal infection. RESULTS: The overall prevalence for the TPHA test was 6.4% among girls and 1.1% among boys (odds ratio, OR = 6.5; 95% confidence interval, CI: 1.9-22.3). The sex difference was most pronounced in the age group 10-14; 11.1% among girls versus 1.0% among boys (OR = 12.8; CI: 1.6-101.9). Among the 20 children who were TPHA positive, we found two cases of active, congenital syphilis. There was a lack of association between positive serology in children and positive serology in their parents. CONCLUSION: The highly significant predominance of girls testing positive for TPHA, and the concomitant lack of association
between parents' and children's serostatus might point to sexual transmission as being the most common route of transmission of treponemal infection in girls during childhood in this village. The sources of infection for the seropositive girls are possibly found outside the family.

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**KW** - Evaluation Studies as Topic

**KW** - Female

**KW** - Home Care Services

**KW** - Humans

**KW** - Infection/dt [Drug Therapy]

**KW** - Infusion Pumps

**KW** - Infusions

**KW** - Intravenous/is [Instrumentation]

**KW** - Male

**KW** - Middle Aged

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**N2** - OBJECTIVE: To determine whether intravenous home treatment with antimicrobial drugs of patients with an infection is feasible. DESIGN: Descriptive. SETTING: Academic Hospital, Leiden, the Netherlands.

METHODS: In October 1992 a programme for intravenous home treatment of patients with infectious diseases was started. The programme was based on self-administration of the intravenous antibiotic therapy by the patient. The hospital pharmacy provided the antibiotics and infusion devices, an infectious diseases specialist supervised the home treatment and the nursing staff of the First Aid Department was available to change
infusion cannulas. After assessment of their medical and psychosocial fitness in which the general practitioner was involved, thorough instruction on use of the infusion device and care of the infusion cannula, patients were sent home. RESULTS: In the period October 1992-September 1996, 162 patients (median age: 45.0 years (range: 3-82)) were treated at home for a median period of 15 days (1-221). Osteomyelitis, arthritis, Lyme disease, sepsicaemia with secondary foci, and herpes virus infections were the most frequent indications for home treatment. Penicillins and cephalosporins were given in 70% of the cases, teicoplanin and antiviral drugs in 12% and 14%, respectively. For intermittent administration bolus injection, a mechanical or elastomeric pump were used, for continuous infusion a syringe or cassette pump. The intention of the programme that the patient performed the home treatment as much as possible without extra professional help, was realised in 82% of the patients. In 60% of the cases the patients were fully self supporting, in 22% family or friends played an important role. CONCLUSION: Home treatment with antimicrobial drugs intravenously is quite feasible. If this were fully implemented, about 1400 patients in the Netherlands could be treated in this manner
OBJECTIVES: To describe factors that contribute to variations in health-related behaviours and attitudes among inner city 12-year-olds. To see if there was an identifiable patterning by ethnic group. DESIGN: Semi-structured interviews with a stratified sample of 12-year-old students and their parents from four ethnic groups, attending state secondary schools in two inner London boroughs. RESULTS: Bangladeshi young people were significantly more likely to receive school meals. There was no variation in reported snacking between the groups. Girls and Bangladeshi students were less likely to report exercising outside school (33% of Bangladeshi boys reported not exercising outside school compared to 5% of boys from all other groups). Bangladeshi boys and their parents were more likely to report that bullying or worries about racial violence prevented them from going out after school. White young people were more likely to report experimenting with and the regular use of cigarettes and alcohol. Use of alcohol and cigarettes was also associated with gender, religion and strength of religious observance. White parents were the least likely to report restricting their child's social activities as a way of influencing behaviour and expressed more concerns about their child's potential for health-damaging behaviour than parents in all other groups. CONCLUSION: This study shows that ethnicity alone is insufficient and inadequate in explaining variations in health behaviours among inner city teenagers. A complex mix of personal, cultural and social factors including ethnicity shape the behaviours and attitudes of these young people.
OBJECTIVES: To investigate the validity of outdoor concentrations of particulate matter < 10 microns diameter (PM10) as a measure of exposure in time series studies, and to study the extent to which differences between personal and outdoor PM10 concentrations can be explained. METHODS: Four to eight repeated measurements of personal and outdoor PM10 concentrations were conducted for 45 children, aged 10-12 years, from four schools in Wageningen and Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Repeated PM10 measurements in the classrooms were conducted in three of the schools. Averaging time was 24 hours for the personal and outdoor measurements, and eight hours (daytime) and 24 hours for the classroom measurements. For each child separately, personal exposures were related to outdoor concentrations in a regression analysis. The distribution of the individual correlation and regression coefficients was investigated. Information about factors that might influence personal exposures was obtained by questionnaire. RESULTS: Median Pearson's correlations between personal and outdoor concentrations were 0.63 for children with parents who did not smoke and 0.59 for children with parents who smoked. For children with parents who did not smoke, excluding days with exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) improved the correlation to a median R of 0.73. The mean personal PM10 concentration was 105 micrograms/m3; on average 67 micrograms/m3 higher than the corresponding outdoor concentrations. The main part of this difference could be attributed to exposure to ETS, to high PM10 concentrations in the classrooms, and to (indoor) physical activity. CONCLUSIONS: The results show a reasonably high correlation between repeated personal and outdoor PM10 measurements within children, providing support for the use of fixed site measurements as a measure of exposure to PM10 in epidemiological time series studies. The large differences between personal and outdoor PM10 concentrations probably result from a child's proximity to particle generating sources and particles resuspended by personal activities.
The aims of the study were to evaluate if the front-door concentrations of benzene, toluene, and xylenes can be used to classify the personal exposures of Danish children and to identify factors that affect their personal exposure. Average concentrations were measured over 1 week with diffusive samplers, and the personal exposures of 98 children and the concentrations outside the front doors of their homes were measured simultaneously. Time and activity patterns were noted in diaries. The front-door concentrations were significantly higher in Copenhagen than in rural areas (all P < 0.0001), but the personal exposures were only slightly higher. Even though the personal exposures were highly significantly associated with front-door concentrations in urban areas (all P < 0.004), use of the residential front-door concentration as an exposure surrogate would imply misclassification, as it cannot be used for rural children. Multiple regression analyses brought to light several factors that affect the exposure of children independently, including front-door concentration, riding in cars, and activities involving potential exposure to gasoline vapors like motocross, moped driving, and refueling of cars.
Sporotrichosis is a subcutaneous fungal infection caused by the traumatic implantation of the dimorphic, pathogenic fungus, Sporothrix schenckii. It constitutes the most common subcutaneous fungal infection in the general population in South Africa. Sporotrichosis in South Africa dates back to 1914, when the disease was first diagnosed in the gold mines. Occupational and recreational circumstances of infection are well established, and the environmental requirements for contracting the disease are better understood. Sporotrichosis cases were recorded from 42 suburbs in the greater Pretoria area as well as from 23 towns outside the Pretoria municipal boundary. It occurred in 154 patients with ages ranging from less than 1 year to 90 years old, with males predominating. Females in the area seemed to be at lesser risk, mainly becoming infected through gardening injuries, insect bites or other minor injuries due to outdoor activities. Exposure to possible sources of the fungus, either from recreational or occupational activities in males, was the main determining factor in acquiring the disease. The lymphocutaneous and localized forms of the disease were most often recorded. Our study indicates that, while there is no pronounced seasonal variation, the onset of the disease seemed to be mainly in the cooler and dryer months of the year.

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AIM: To identify risk factors, particularly paint removal and clean up practices, for elevated blood lead levels in children, 12 to 24 months old, living in Wellington city. METHODS: Children living in residences more than 50 years old, where residential paint removal had taken place in the last two years, were recruited. Caregivers were interviewed, a blood sample was taken from the child’s arm and a dust wipe sample was collected from the kitchen floor. Blood and dust samples were analysed for lead content. RESULTS: Data were collected for 141 children (75% of those eligible). The mean blood lead level was 0.24 µmol/L (5.06 micrograms/dL). Higher blood levels were associated with lower income of the main family earner, playing outside, eating dirt and parental hobbies involving lead use. Children receiving regular medical treatment were at lower risk of lead absorption. With the exception of paint removal involving blow torches, none of the paint removal, clean up, or disposal practices was more strongly associated than the other methods with elevated blood lead levels in children living in the household. Dust wipes from the kitchen floor had little predictive value for blood lead level. CONCLUSIONS: High temperature methods of paint removal and parental hobbies involving lead are associated with higher lead levels in children. Given the availability of alternative means of paint removal, continuing use of high temperature methods is unnecessary. Further work is needed to assess lead absorption risks associated with hobbies involving lead.
We conducted a cross-sectional study of tuberculin reactivity among residents of two northern California migrant-farm-worker housing centers. Participants completed a brief health questionnaire and were offered tuberculin skin testing with radiologic and medical follow-up. Four hundred and sixty-nine persons (estimated participation rate: 70%) completed questionnaires. All but one were Hispanic. Two hundred and ninety-six (63%) participants completed tuberculin skin testing and 49 (16.6%) showed reactivity (> or = 10 mm induration at 48-72 hours). Increased prevalence was seen for the 15-39-year age group (vs. persons younger than 15: OR 2.59; 95% CI 0.79-8.47), former smokers (vs. never smokers: OR 3.11; 95% CI 1.20-8.09), and persons born outside the U.S. (OR 2.09; 95% CI 0.66-6.61). Prophylaxis with isoniazid was recommended for 23 persons; nine (39%) completed therapy. No cases of active tuberculosis were found. Prevalence of tuberculin reactivity in this population is lower than reported among Hispanic farm workers in the eastern and midwestern U.S. Higher prevalence may obtain among California farm workers not included in the study population, including homeless, single, and highly mobile persons. Public-health efforts in this population should focus on ever-smokers, young adults, and persons born outside the U.S.
Sleep/wake patterns were recorded by continuous 24-hour ambulatory polysomnography in 339 patients, who had episodes of altered consciousness. Patients were recorded while they were outside the hospital. From a seven-channel montage of electrodes affixed below the hairline, sleep polygraphic EEG was easily read from T3-T4, EOG from F2-F8 and EMG from T3-T6. Sleep was staged by analysis of aural signals on 60 times real time playback, augmented by continuous visual display and selected frozen frames. Patient major sleep period patterns reflected those reported for general populations. Unexpectedly, 47% of the patients took daytime naps and 44% of the nappers took more than one nap. Naps had a mean duration of 71 minutes. Those who took no naps slept significantly longer at night by 23 min. Napping reduced night sleep much more in patients who did not take CNS-acting medications. We conclude that excessive sleepiness may in part explain complaints of episodically altered consciousness.
Communication is a process that begins at birth and continues throughout life. For young children with developmental delay or disability, the acquisition of expected communication skills may be compromised. Compromised communication skills, in turn, may lead to additional challenges when participating in daily activities and routines, forming social relationships, and developing independence. Assistive technology (AT) is one means by which a child's current communication skills can be expanded and enhanced within the child's natural environment. Increased awareness by both parents and professionals of the availability of AT has led to the inclusion of AT strategies within routine day-to-day early intervention practices. This article briefly highlights early aspects of communication development in typically developing infants and toddlers, then provides a framework through which AT strategies can be identified and utilized by parents and professionals to improve a child's existing communication skills.
In preparation for large-scale investigations, we have conducted some methodological studies with small groups in order to determine patterns of stay and time activity patterns in various microenvironments at different times of the day. A diary technique was used. This paper reports some results of this methodological study: In one study we investigated a group of toddlers (n = 52, aged 2-3 years) attending a nursery school, and in a second study we compared two groups of medical students (n = 79 and 54, respectively). The reported data was analyzed by descriptive statistical methods. The toddlers spent an average of 87.6% of their time indoors (66.2% at home, 20.4% at nursery schools, 1% at other indoor areas), 11.2% of their time outdoors, and 1.2% of their time using various means of enclosed transportation. In the student study, time budgets of the two student groups differ only slightly. The students spent about 87% of their time indoors (about 66% at home, 14% in rooms connected with their study, 7% in other indoor areas), about 6% of their time using various means of enclosed transportation, and about 7% of their time outdoors. In order to describe the physical activity, the students were asked to evaluate their physical activity according to a low, medium or high physical strain. These evaluations were used to calculate a "mean activity coefficient" for each microenvironment and each hour of day. Not every individual in a group spent time in every given microenvironment during the period of investigation. Therefore, the mean over all the individuals of the group (the "group mean") and the mean over the individuals who in fact did spend time in any given microenvironment (the "actual doers mean") may be very different. There are two kinds of frequency distributions of time spent in various microenvironments: (1) The distribution of the individual's mean time spent in the microenvironment across the entire investigation period (distribution of the individual means) and (2) the distribution of the duration of time spent in the microenvironment for all participants at all days (distribution of the person-days). Both types of frequency distributions should be determined for the purpose of exposure and risk estimation for pollutants.
BACKGROUND: Atopy is reported to play an insignificant role in wheezing during infancy in contrast to later childhood. For this reason skin testing may not be included in a workup of wheezing infants.

OBJECTIVE/METHOD: In order to evaluate the degree and evolution of skin sensitization to allergens in infants with asthma, we have retrospectively analyzed the skin test results from 40 referred asthmatic children less than 36 months of age, who had had more than three wheezing episodes and whose symptoms improved on treatment with beta-agonist and anti-inflammatory agents.

RESULTS: Skin sensitization (epicutaneous) to common indoor and outdoor aeroallergens and foods were demonstrated in 23 (58%) of these patients. Asthmatic children with the onset before 12 months of age and duration of less than 12 months were sensitive predominantly to foods. Those with later onset asthmases and longer duration developed sensitivity first to indoor and then to outdoor allergens. The most common food, indoor, and outdoor allergens were egg, dust mite, and pollens, respectively. Six of these patients had repeat skin tests later. Two demonstrated a decrease in skin sensitivities to foods, one gained a new sensitivity to grass, while three remained unsensitized.

CONCLUSION: Skin sensitization to allergens was common in selected asthmatic infants and evolves in the order of exposures: foods, indoor allergens, and outdoor allergens. Repeat skin tests showed changing skin test patterns in some patients.
The aims of the study were to evaluate the front-door concentration of traffic exhaust fumes as a surrogate for the personal exposure of children and to study factors in the behavior and the environment of children that affect their personal exposure to nitrogen dioxide (NO(2)). The exposure to NO(2) of 103 children living in Copenhagen and 101 children living in rural areas of Denmark was studied by measuring average concentrations over 1 week with diffusive badge samplers placed outside the front door of the home, inside the child's bedroom, and on each child. Detailed information about the activities of the children involving potential exposure to NO(2) was noted in diaries. The results indicated that the front-door concentration of traffic pollution might be used to classify the personal exposure of urban children, although misclassification would be introduced. Multiple regression analysis showed several factors that affected the personal NO(2) exposure of the children independently, including the front-door concentration, the bedroom concentration, time spent outdoors, gas appliances used at home, passive smoking, and burning candles.

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T1 - Physical activity levels and prompts in young children at recess: a two-year study of a bi-ethnic sample
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We investigated physical activity and encouragement for activity in a bi-ethnic cohort during recess. Activity and associated interactions of 287 children were recorded at preschool and again 2.2 years later. Children expended nearly twice as much energy at preschool recess than at elementary recess. Activity levels declined as recess time elapsed. At preschool, European-American children engaged in more moderate to vigorous activity than Mexican-Americans. As participants moved to elementary school, teachers' prompts to be active decreased and prompts from peers increased. Boys and girls received similar amounts of activity prompts at preschool, but prompts to boys increased over time. The findings suggest that school environments could be altered to promote healthful physical activity among young children.
The authors examine the theoretical possibilities of human dental transplants: autologous, homologous and heterologous. They then discuss, with reference to autologous transplants, an autotransplant as an alternative to prosthodontic treatment. This would apply both to traditional prosthodontic treatment and on implants or orthodontic treatment aiming at filling dental gaps. They show both general and local counterindications against this operational method the knowledge of which is necessary for an adequate selection of patients. They stress the determining factors for a successful autotransplant: 1) particular care with the choice of the germ to be transplanted taking into account its morphology and the stage of root development; 2) adequate surgical preparation of the receiving site in relation to the size of the germ to be transplanted; 3) suitable surgical technique entailing a particular care in the manipulation of soft and hard tissues and of the germ and appropriate conditions of sterilization; 4) use of appropriate retention means to ensure stability of the transplanted germ so as to favour cellular proliferation and reduce osteoclastic activity; 5) reduction of occlusal pressure on the transplanted germ. The authors describe for example's sake 3 out of 32 cases treated with the documentation of the achieved long-term success. They also analyse the possible causes of failure of such operational method (careless manipulation of the germ, incorrect surgical technique, removal of the germ in a too early stage of its development, too long exposure of the germ outside the oral cavity, poor oral hygiene, caries, periodontal disease, occlusal trauma.

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T1 - Children's perceptions concerning school injuries. [Review] [28 refs]
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This prospective study examined characteristics of school-related injuries in grades K-6 and children's perceptions regarding prevention and environmental influences. Injuries were most likely to occur on the playground, were most frequent for first and second graders, and for boys. Only 30% of the sample perceived that they could have prevented their injury. This perception was more frequent for children in higher grades. Fifty percent perceived an environmental influence. The Health Promotion Model was used as the theoretical framework to guide this investigation and provide implications for practice. School nurses are in an ideal position to counsel children on taking responsibility for their safety through preventive thinking. [References: 28]

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T1 - The effects of a 2-year physical education program (SPARK) on physical activity and fitness in elementary school students. Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids
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OBJECTIVES: This study evaluated a health-related physical education program for fourth- and fifth-grade students designed to increase physical activity during physical education classes and outside of school.

METHODS: Seven schools were assigned to three conditions in a quasi-experimental design. Health-related physical education was taught by physical education specialists or trained classroom teachers. Students from these classes were compared with those in control classes. Analyses were conducted on 955 students with complete data. RESULTS: Students spent more minutes per week being physically active in specialist-led (40 min) and teacher-led (33 min) physical education classes than in control classes (18 min; \( P < .001 \)). After 2 years, girls in the specialist-led condition were superior to girls in the control condition on abdominal strength and endurance \( (P < .001) \) and cardiorespiratory endurance \( (P < .001) \). There were no effects on physical activity outside of school. CONCLUSIONS: A health-related physical education curriculum can provide students with substantially more physical activity during physical education classes. Improved physical education classes can potentially benefit 97% of elementary school students.
The aim of this paper is to describe an epidemiological model to investigate the relationship between respiratory diseases and environmental air pollution. In the Po Delta prospective study, subjects were investigated before and after a large thermoelectric power plant began operating, in 1980 to 1982 and in 1988 to 1991, respectively. The Pisa prospective study was performed in 1986 to 1988 and in 1991 to 1993, before and after the construction of a new expressway that encircles the city from the North to the Southeast. In each survey, subjects completed the interviewer-administered standardized CNR questionnaire on respiratory symptoms/diseases and risk factors, and performed lung function tests. In the second survey of each study, skin prick tests, total serum IgE determination, methacholine challenge test and biomarkers (such as sister chromatide exchanges, micronuclei, chromosomal abnormalities, DNA and hemoglobin adducts) were also performed. Concentrations of total suspended particulate and SO2 in both surveys were higher in urban than in rural areas, as well as symptom/disease prevalences and bronchial reactivity. Subgroups of subjects from the two samples were enrolled to perform a specific study on the acute respiratory effects of indoor pollution; the daily presence of symptoms and measurements of peak expiratory flow (PEF), daily activity pattern, and assessment of the indoor air quality (particulates < 2.5 mu and NO2) were evaluated. Higher symptom prevalences and PEF variability level were observed in subjects with the highest levels of NO2 or particulates, especially asthmatics. In conclusion, these studies represent a basis for further analyses to better define the relationship between respiratory health and indoor/outdoor pollutant levels.
Numerous epidemiological studies on risk factors of malignant melanoma confirm the etiologic role of excessive UV-exposure especially in childhood. Preventive educational campaigns directed to parents of preschool children have been inaugurated in several countries. In Germany the information was distributed by the "Working group for Preventive Measures in Dermatology" in cooperation with different public health institutions and the media starting in 1993. To evaluate the influence of these efforts on the knowledge and behaviour of the parents, two successive cross-sectional studies at all 56 nursery schools using the same standardised questionnaire were performed. The first interview took place in spring 1993 (before the campaign) with 1341 evaluable questionnaires', the second in fall 1994 (after the campaign) with 1150 evaluable questionnaire. The knowledge of the parents on melanoma risk factors was significantly improved in the second interview. Also the parental behavior regarding sun-protective measures when their children were outdoor at the beach or in the garden definitely changed. In 1993 the best textile sun protection was used by 21% of the parents at the beach and 36% in the garden. These numbers rose to 34% (beach) and 57% (garden) by the second interview. The percentage of children with no sunburn recorded during the preceding summer rose from 39% to 51%. According to the child's gender the parental behavior was different between the sexes; boys were always better protected than girls. The design of this study with two cross-sectional surveys in the same populations does not provide a methodologically sound basis for attributing the observed positive changes to the campaign. Without any doubt it can be stated that the parental knowledge and their attention to sun protection in their children showed substantial improvement in the second survey after the campaign. Thus, these results provide some evidence for the success of the preventive activities and confirm the necessity to continue with such activities.
OBJECTIVE: To describe the profile of injuries sustained by children in school accidents and suggest preventive measures. DESIGN: A five month prospective study of children attending an urban accident and emergency (A&E) department. SUBJECTS: 500 children who sustained injuries in school due to a variety of activities. RESULTS: 10 and 12 year old pupils suffered most injuries in school grounds/playgrounds, on concrete, or on grass/soil surfaces due to random activities resulting in striking or being struck by objects/persons, tripping or slipping, and sports (mainly football); 65.5% of these activities were not supervised and 67.4% occurred "out of lessons"; 22% sustained fractures or dislocations, 28.2% needed follow up treatment, and 1.4% were admitted. CONCLUSIONS: Injuries to children in school are a cause for concern. Effective preventive measures should concentrate on (a) specific target areas using schemes based on individual school, and (b) establishing a credible system of monitoring of their effectiveness.
T1 - Relationship between allergic manifestations and Toxocara seropositivity: a cross-sectional study among elementary school children
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N2 - Toxocara (the cause of visceral larva migrans in humans) and allergy have in common both elevated immunoglobulin E (IgE) levels and eosinophilia. In the present study, we investigated: 1) associations between Toxocara seropositivity and allergic manifestations; 2) risk factors for Toxocara infection; and 3) differences in Toxocara seroprevalence, allergic manifestations and the associations between these two, in children from urban and rural environments. Blood samples from 1,379 Dutch urban and rural elementary schoolchildren, were examined for Toxocara antibodies, eosinophil numbers, total IgE concentrations, and the occurrence of inhaled allergen-specific IgE. Questionnaires investigating respiratory health and putative risk factors for infection were completed. It was found that 8% of the children had Toxocara antibodies, occurring significantly less often in
females than in males. The means of total serum IgE levels and blood eosinophils were significantly higher in the Toxocara-seropositive than in the seronegative group. Allergic asthma/recurrent bronchitis was found in 7% of the children, allergic reaction on animal contact in 4%, and IgE to at least one inhaled allergen in 16%. These variables were associated with Toxocara seroprevalence. Inhaled allergen-specific IgE and asthma/recurrent bronchitis occurred significantly less often in rural than in urban areas, and significantly less often among girls than among boys. Furthermore, occurrence of allergen-specific IgE increased significantly with age. No association existed between Toxocara seroprevalence and assumed risks, i.e. contact with pet animals and public playgrounds. In conclusion, our results indicate that allergic manifestations occur more often in Toxocara-seropositive children. A relationship with an already existing allergic condition is plausible.

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N2 - Physical performance of preschool children and elementary school pupils (N = 2309, age: 61 to 108 mo.) was related to characteristics of physical growth and cognitive performance and to ecological variables. Correlations between measures of physical growth and physical performance and between physical and cognitive performance were positive and significant. Measurements of physical fitness and body coordination increased across ages. Significant differences were found between boys and girls; however, boys exceeded on some items, girls on others. Children of higher socioeconomic status performed better than children of lower status and children who participated in sports outside school outperformed those who did not
BACKGROUND: The safety of playgrounds is important to protect children from injury, but studies are mostly done mainly under laboratory conditions without epidemiological data. We investigated the safety of different playground surfaces, and types and heights of equipment in public playgrounds in the City of Cardiff,
UK. METHODS: We did a correlational study of 330 children aged between 0 and 14 years. All children were hurt when playing in playgrounds in Cardiff and presented to the Accident and Emergency Department in Cardiff Royal Infirmary during summer (April to September) 1992 and 1993, and the whole of 1994. We studied the children's hospital records to establish the type of injury and interviewed their parents to find out the playground and type of equipment involved. The main outcome measures were the number of children injured whilst playing, and injury rates per observed number of children on different surfaces, types, and heights of equipment. FINDINGS: Children sustained significantly more injuries in playgrounds with concrete surfaces than in those with bark or rubberised surfaces (p < 0.001). Playgrounds with rubber surfaces had the lowest rate of injury, with a risk half that of bark and a fifth of that of concrete. Bark surfaces were not significantly more protective against arm fractures than concrete. Most injuries were equipment related. Injury risk due to falls from monkey bars (suspended parallel bars or rings between which children swing) was twice that for climbing-frames and seven times that for swings or slides. The height of the equipment correlated significantly with the number of fractures (p = 0.005) from falls. INTERPRETATION: Rubber or bark surfacing is associated with a low rate of injuries and we support their use in all public playgrounds. Bark alone is insufficient, however, to prevent all injuries, particularly arm fractures. Rubberised impact-absorbing surfaces are safer than bark. We believe that playing on monkeys bars increases the risk of injury in playgrounds and that they should generally not be installed. Safety standards should be based on physical and epidemiological data. Our data suggest that the proposed raising of the maximum fall height from 2.5 m to 3.0 m in Europe is worrying.
N2 - Primary monosymptomatic nocturnal enuresis (PMNE) is often not openly discussed in Asian societies. We report the parental view of PMNE in Singapore, its impact on patients and their families and the traditional beliefs and its influence on subsequent management. A screening questionnaire was used in evaluating 30 children enrolled in a clinical trial on the use of oral Desmopressin for the treatment of PMNE. Primary monosymptomatic nocturnal enuresis was familial in 56.7% of patients. Fifty per cent of them were previously unevaluated. Earlier remedial attempts included bedtime fluid restriction and voiding (100%), incentive measures (43.3%), traditional practices (26.7%), punishment (20%), drugs (16.7%), psychotherapy (100%) and bladder training (3.3%). Perceived causes of PMNE were maturational delay (50%), deep sleep (50%), familial (43.3%), behavioural problems (43.3%) and excessive fluid intake (26.7%). Reasons for seeking treatment included restricted outdoor activities (90%), parental fatigue (86.7%), disrupted sleep for the household (46.7%) and fear of underlying pathology (26.7%). Perceived adverse effects on patients included social stigma (83.3%), disrupted sleep (33.3%) and impaired school performance (13.3%). Primary monosymptomatic nocturnal enuresis can thus be a chronic distressing problem in Asian communities.
Injuries to children 0 to 12 years of age pose a national health problem. Injuries are a particular problem in child care settings. Both research and anecdotal reports confirm that most injuries in the child care setting are cuts, scratches, and abrasions caused by falls indoors and in playgrounds. Other injuries are caused by human bites and motor vehicle pedestrian injuries. Child development centers are an obvious focal point to direct injury prevention services by nurses. The nurse's role in injury prevention is to educate the child care providers about injuries and then teach them the skills to assess and monitor injury prevention strategies. This article discusses the problem of injuries in child care centers in general and discusses injury prevention strategies the nurse can share with the child care provider. Educational resources are included to help the child care providers assess and monitor their own center's injury risk. J Pediatr Health Care. [References: 24]
Orthodontic services for Finnish children and adolescents up to the age of 18 in 1992 were monitored by a questionnaire sent to all municipal health centres responsible for children's dental care in Finland, and 96% responded. All health centres provided some orthodontic treatment, but the percentage of 0-18-year-old children receiving treatment ranged from 1% to 19%. One-quarter of all dental visits of the 0-18-year-olds were in connection with orthodontics. The timing of treatment was early, the average age for starting was 9.5 years. In statistical analyses, the number of children receiving treatment was associated with the timing of treatment. At the age of 7, the most frequently used appliances were quad helix, removable appliance and orthopaedic headgear and, at the age of 13, fixed appliance and activator. Most treatments were provided by nonspecialists. The specialist expertise needed was usually purchased from an outside orthodontist by means of consultation contracts. Every fifth health centre, usually the largest, had employed one or more specialist orthodontists. The regional distribution of orthodontists was uneven, emphasizing regional variation in the delivery of orthodontic services.
Gender differences in nutrient and food intake were examined in Mexican Nutrition CRSP (Collaborative Research Support Program) infants (N = 75), preschoolers (N = 80), and school children (N = 91). No significant gender differences in dietary quality or quantity were seen for infants and preschoolers. For school children, the contribution of various foods to total energy intake (dietary quality) was also quite similar for girls and boys. Equity in dietary quality remained even under conditions of economic and demographic stress. Nevertheless, school girls consumed significantly less energy per day than boys (-300 kcal/d or 1.3 mJ/d), and less of all micronutrients examined. Gender differences in estimated basal metabolic rates of school children were slight (-20 kcal/d), and body composition and size were similar. When energy intakes were expressed as a percent of estimated requirement (calculated from age, sex and weight using WHO/FAO/UNU equations), intakes were adequate and not significantly different between girls (mean = 111%) and boys (mean = 113%). Playground observations showed girls to be less active than boys, which may reflect both cultural and biological influences. Apparently due to this lower activity, school girls consumed less energy, and may have been at much higher risk than boys of micronutrient deficiency. The lower food intakes of girls did not appear to be due to purposeful dietary discrimination, but rather to culturally patterned sex roles involving lower activity.
OBJECTIVE: To determine if a commonly used violence prevention curriculum, Second Step: A Violence Prevention Curriculum, leads to a reduction in aggressive behavior and an increase in prosocial behavior among elementary school students. DESIGN: Randomized controlled trial. SETTING: Urban and suburban elementary schools in the state of Washington. PARTICIPANTS: Six matched pairs of schools with 790 second-grade and third-grade students. The students were 53% male and 79% white. INTERVENTION: The curriculum uses 30 specific lessons to teach social skills related to anger management, impulse control, and empathy. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Aggressive and prosocial behavior changes were measured 2 weeks and 6 months after participation in the curriculum by parent and teacher reports (Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist and Teacher Report Form, the School Social Behavior Scale, and the Parent-Child Rating Scale) and by observation of a random subsample of 588 students in the classroom and playground/cafeteria settings. RESULTS: After adjusting for sex, age, socioeconomic status, race, academic performance, household size, and class size, change scores did not differ significantly between the intervention and control schools for any of the parent-reported or teacher-reported behavior scales. However, the behavior observations did reveal an overall decrease 2 weeks after the curriculum in physical aggression (P=.03) and an increase in neutral/prosocial behavior (P=.04) in the intervention group compared with the control group. Most effects persisted 6 months later. CONCLUSIONS: The Second Step violence prevention curriculum appears to lead to a moderate observed decrease in physically aggressive behavior and an increase in neutral and prosocial behavior in school.
This article examines heat-related illnesses and deaths that occurred in Wisconsin during the summer of 1995, which was among the warmest seasons on record. Death certificates that listed heat exposure as a contributing or underlying cause of 154 deaths and ambulance run reports for 454 heat-related emergency calls were analyzed. The time and place of these events and patient information were used to evaluate risk factors such as age, medical condition, physical activity, and environmental temperature. Three-fourths of the deaths and nearly half of the heat-related illnesses occurred during or shortly after two days of intense heat. Major risk factors for these heat-related illnesses and deaths included age, underlying chronic illness, physical exertion, and lack of air-conditioning. To reduce the number of illnesses and deaths that occur during future heat waves, all residents should be advised to install air-conditioning systems in their homes or apartments and encouraged to use them when indoor temperatures are uncomfortably warm. Summer weather forecasts should include heat index information. During periods of extreme heat, public health advisories should be issued encouraging residents to seek shelter in air-conditioned areas and to avoid strenuous outdoor activities and prolonged sun exposure. Region-specific criteria and procedures for issuing public health advisories should be developed jointly by the National Weather Service and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
OBJECTIVE: To assess the exposure to violence of a representative sample of children living in an inner-city public housing development. DESIGN: Self-report survey. SETTING: Chicago public housing development that covers 4 census tracts; population, 95% African American, 75% below the poverty level.

PARTICIPANTS: One hundred forty-six African American youth, aged 7 through 13 years, completed the survey; 53% were male, mean and median ages, 11 years. Seventy-two children (case subjects) are involved in a community-based health and recreation program. They completed the survey prior to participating in a peer-mentoring violence prevention curriculum. The other 74 children (control subjects) were recruited by a community member going door to door. Control subjects were matched to case subjects for age, sex, and census tract.

RESULTS: The case and control subjects were similar in their exposure to violence and so were grouped for analysis. Of the 146 children, 42% had seen someone shot and 37% had seen someone stabbed; 21% lived with someone who had been shot and 16% lived with someone who had been stabbed. Forty-seven percent of the girls and 55% of the boys had witnessed violence (P > .25). Almost all subjects (90%) felt safe at home. Two thirds (65%) of the children were not afraid to play outside, but almost half (43%) worried about getting hurt at school.

CONCLUSIONS: These data, which describe a representative sample of children from an inner-city housing project, confirm the results from older clinic- and school-based convenience samples. In this low-income community, children are frequently exposed to deadly violence. In contrast with other reports, girls here are not spared.
This study investigated the prevalence of elevated blood lead (PbB) levels in children 1-6 years old in Kaduna, a medium size city in northern Nigeria. Mean PbB was found to be 10.6 micrograms/dl, and 2% of the children had PbB levels greater than 30 micrograms/dl. Highest average PbB levels were found in children 5 years old and was attributed to the tendency for this age group to play longer in contaminated outdoor environments. The strongest associations were found between PbB and whether the family owned a car or lived in a house on a tarred road. Potential sources of lead in the city as well as household and behavior risk factors likely to result in exposure of children to lead are discussed. This study provides additional data pointing to childhood lead poisoning as being a major public health problem in urban areas of Africa.
BACKGROUND: Extensive print, radio, and television coverage about the dangers of sun exposure and benefits of sun protection occurred over the past decade. Illinois teen knowledge and attitudes about sun exposure/protection, sun-exposure/protection behavior, and information sources were determined by a summer telephone survey. METHODS: Telephone interviews with 658 teenagers between ages 11 and 19 included African-American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, and white teenagers. RESULTS: Teens knew that too much sun was harmful as it caused skin cancer and sunburn. Sunburn was mentioned more often by those with skin types that burned easily and tanned poorly (I,II) (P < 0.001), was better known to girls than to boys (P < 0.001), and was recognized more by those with higher socioeconomic status (P < 0.001) but was not associated with age. Widely held sun exposure attitudes were socializing with friends and feeling better when outdoors. On weekdays, boys averaged 5.3 hr (SD, 1.65 hr) outside compared with 3.9 hr (SD, 0.75 hr) for girls (P < 0.001). Teenage boys were more likely to obtain occupational sun exposure, and girls sunbathed. Subjects with skin types I and II reported an average of 3.3 sunburns in the past year. During unprotected sun exposure, extensive numbers of teens with moderate-risk skin type experienced at least 1 sunburn per year. Indoor tanning use was more prevalent among older girls and those with skin types I and II. Sunscreen use was associated with water recreational activities (swimming, water sports, and going to the beach) by girls slightly more than by boys (P < 0.001). Hat-wearing was more common among boys than among girls. CONCLUSIONS: Teen knowledge that excessive sun exposure causes skin cancer and sunburns and that wearing sunscreens and hats were sun-protective methods did not enable sun protection that prevented burning. This is particularly troublesome because severe sunburns in youth are associated with an increased risk of melanoma. Existing teen sunscreen use could be broadened by educating teens to use adequate quantities of sunscreen prior to daily sun exposure to prevent painful burns. Messages to teens that emphasize the short-term consequence of painful sunburns because of inadequate protection during outdoor occupational and non-water-related recreational exposure would increase the relevance of the message and may enable behavioral change. Parents and physicians need to be included in messages that are directed to teens and to become part of their education. Parents could ensure an adequate sunscreen supply for daily use by the family, encourage teens not to deliberately tan, and serve as role models for the use of protective clothing.

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OBJECTIVES: To examine behavioral differences between children with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and tics and their peers and the extent to which methylphenidate (0.1, 0.3, and 0.5 mg/kg) normalized the behavior of probands and indirectly influenced the behavior of peers (treatment spillover).

METHOD: Thirty-four prepubertal children with ADHD and chronic tic disorder (who were participating in a double-blind, placebo-controlled methylphenidate evaluation) and their peers were observed for approximately 20 hours in the school setting (classroom seatwork activities, lunchroom, and playground). RESULTS: Children with ADHD and tics were more inattentive and more disruptive in the classroom and more aggressive in all school settings than their peers. Although treatment with methylphenidate made probands less easily distinguished from their peers (normalization), many children still scored in the deviant range for at least one ADHD behavior when receiving the 0.5-mg/kg dose. There was little evidence that peer behavior improved as a function of the proband's dose of medication. CONCLUSIONS: Although conventional doses of methylphenidate produced dramatic clinical improvement in ADHD-related behavior, complete behavioral normalization is often not attained.
Work and workload of nursing personnel in a nursery school and two institutions for handicapped children

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N2 - Work-related low back pain and cervicobrachial disorders have become increasingly common among nursing personnel with the increase in the number of social welfare institutions and workers. The aim of this study is to assess the burden on the low backs of personnel caring for children. We measured work content, working time, posture and muscular activity in 16 nursery workers in three different types of institutions for healthy and handicapped children. The working time and posture of 7 nursery teachers in a public nursery school for healthy children (A school), 7 nursing workers (4 nursery teachers and 3 nursery instructors) in a public daycare center for mentally and physically handicapped children (B center), and 2 nursery instructors in a private home for severely handicapped children (C home) were analyzed. The muscular activity of the erectors spinae muscle of three subjects was measured using a newly developed EMG monitor (portable EMG monitor, PEMM). The following results were obtained. The average length of a lesson or activity in A school was greater than that in B center and C home. The time required by care for meals was longest in C home. The arrangement and rearrangement times were longest in the classes of children aged 3-5 in A school. The time occupied for clerical work and other work was relatively longer, while recess including lunch time was approximately one hour. The most commonly observed posture was sitting on the floor in all kinds of classes, with this occurring most often in C home. Hazardous postures such as bending forward, squatting, and kneeling appeared in 11-
18% (48-81 min) of a day's working time. The average muscular activity of the erectors spinae muscle of three subjects throughout a day was approximately 10% of the maximum isometric contraction (% maximum work load, %MWL), when muscular activities were measured by PEMM. The relatively high %MWL values (19-27%MWL) were obtained at a slightly bending posture and a kneeling posture, while lower (1-9%MWL) values were observed at a sitting posture. The %MWL values at a sitting posture varied according to such conditions as duration of sitting, back rest, weight on the arms, twisting of the trunk, and hip movement. The risky nature of the sitting posture are also discussed.

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KW - Infant
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N2 - Childhood injuries are a major source of morbidity and mortality in industrialized countries, and many injuries occur on playgrounds. Our purpose was to examine childhood playground injuries in a metropolitan center in Canada. All children injured on playground equipment who were seen in the emergency department (ED) at The Hospital for Sick Children between March 1990 and July 1991 and were entered in the Children's
Hospital Injury Research and Prevention Project (CHIRPP) database were included. The type, body part, and mechanism of injury were determined as well as the type of equipment, location, and surface. Among the 289 children injured on playground equipment, the mean age was 5.9 years with 39% < 5 years (range: 1 to 18 years). The most common injuries included fractures (28%), lacerations (24%), and hematomas (14%). The head and neck were injured 43% of the time, the upper extremity 41%, lower extremity 10%, and the trunk 6%. Climbing apparatus injuries occurred in 29% of children < 5 years compared with 47% of those injured who were > or = 5 years (P = 0.002). Injuries related to slides occurred in 40% of children < 5 years compared to 26% of children > or = 5 years (P = 0.033). Of children < 5 years, 58% had head and neck injuries compared to 32% of children > or = 5 years (P = 0.0006). Of children < 5 years, 28% had upper extremity injuries compared to 49% of children > or = 5 years (P = 0.0005). There were no fatalities and the overall hospitalization rate was 18%. Of those children hospitalized, 77% had fractures, compared to 16% of those not hospitalized (P = 0.00001). Of all children hospitalized, 62% were injured on climbing apparatus, compared to 37% of those not hospitalized (P = 0.0004). There were no significant differences between nonprotective and natural protective surfaces with respect to hospitalization. We conclude that: 1) upper extremity injuries, especially fractures, accounted for the majority of hospitalizations resulting from injuries on playground equipment; 2) climbing apparatus-related injuries accounted for nearly two thirds of hospitalizations; 3) older children sustained more injuries on climbing apparatus, where younger children sustained more injuries on slides; and 4) younger children sustained more head injuries on playground equipment than older children, but most of these were minor.

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BACKGROUND: The amount of time children spend in play spaces (ie, physical locations that are appropriate for children's physical activity) near their homes is correlated with their level of physical activity.

OBJECTIVE: To examine factors used in parents' decisions about the selection of play spaces for their children.

SUBJECTS: Parents (primarily mothers) of 178 Mexican American and 122 white children who were a mean age of 4.9 years old at the first measurement. MEASURES: In individual interviews, parents rated 24 factors on their importance in selecting for their children a play space that is away from their home or yard. Decision factors were rated from 1 (ie, not important at all) to 5 (ie, very important). RESULTS: The most important factors, with ratings ranging from 4.8 to 4.2, were safety and availability of toilets, drinking water, lighting, and shade. Mexican American parents rated 8 of 24 items significantly higher than did white parents, including lighted at night, organized activities, play supplies, and drinking water. White parents rated 5 of 24 items significantly higher than did Mexican American parents, including distance from home, cost of admission, and child's friends go there. The rated importance of 7 of 24 items increased during 1 year, including play supplies, drinking water, distance from home, and parents' friends or relatives go there. CONCLUSIONS: These results indicate that parents can identify factors they use in selecting places for their young children to play, and selection factors differ somewhat by ethnicity or socioeconomic status. Further studies are needed to determine whether improvements on the most important selection factors might be effective in increasing the use of play spaces by children and their parents. Clinicians may be able to use the most highly rated decision factors to help parents assess the acceptability of play spaces in their areas.
An ozone exposure assessment study was conducted in a Southern California community. The Harvard ozone passive sampler was used to monitor cohorts of 22 and 18 subjects for 8 weeks during the spring and fall of 1994, respectively. Ozone exposure variables included 12-hr personal O3 measurements, stationary outdoor O3 measurements from a continuous UV photometer and from 12-hr Harvard active monitors, and time-activity information. Results showed that personal O3 exposure levels averaged one-fourth of outdoor stationary O3 levels, attributable to high percentages of time spent indoors. Personal O3 levels were not predicted well by outdoor measurements. A random-effect general linear model analysis indicated that variance in personal exposure measurements was largely accounted for by random error (59-82%), followed by inter-subject (9-18%) and between-day (9-23%) random effects. The microenvironmental model performs differently by season, with the regression model for spring cohorts exhibiting two times the R2 of the fall cohorts (R2 = 0.21 vs. 0.09). When distance from the stationary monitoring site, elevation, and traffic are taken into account in the microenvironmental models, the adjusted R2 increased almost twofold for the fall personal exposure data. The low predictive power is due primarily to the apparent spatial variation of outdoor O3 and errors in O3 measurements and in time-activity records (particularly in recording the use of air conditioning). This study highlights the magnitude of O3 exposure misclassification in epidemiological settings and proposes an approach to reduce exposure uncertainties in assessing air pollution health effects.
Medical conditions may be exacerbated by environmental stresses or may limit tolerance to them. To advise patients who are planning foreign or wilderness travel of potential health risks, medical providers must first understand the interactions between physiologic demands from environmental factors and from exercise, and the patient's medical problems. This article considers medical limitations owing to specific environmental stresses and limitations imposed by specific medical problems. The challenge is to match the prospective participant with the proposed activity to minimize the risk of failure caused by medical problems. [References: 73]
We retrospectively reviewed the clinical and radiographic results of total hip arthroplasty with cement in patients with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis who were less than thirty years old at the time of the index procedure. Thirty-nine patients (sixty-six hips) were managed with this procedure at our institution between 1971 and 1983. Six patients (eleven hips) died before a minimum of ten years of follow-up; the remaining thirty-three patients (fifty-five hips) were followed for at least eleven years. Twenty-eight patients (forty-six hips) had at least one original component in situ after an average duration of clinical follow-up of 15.1 years, and twenty-three of these patients (thirty-eight hips) were followed radiographically for an average of 14.7 years. At the time of the latest follow-up examination, all twenty-eight patients were able to walk outside the home; twenty of these patients (thirty-five hips; 76 per cent) had no pain with activity, and eight patients (eleven hips; 24 per cent) had mild-to-moderate pain with activity. Over-all, twelve (18 per cent) of the sixty-six femoral components and twenty-three (35 per cent) of the sixty-six acetabular components were revised after an average of 12.8 and 11.8 years, respectively. The fifteen-year survival rate for the femoral components was 85 per cent with revision or radiographic loosening as the end point. The fifteen-year survival rate for the acetabular components was 70 per cent with revision as the end point and 61 per cent with revision or radiographic loosening as the end point. The benefits of total hip arthroplasty were maintained over the long term in most of our patients who had juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. However, the durability of the components in these young patients remains a concern.
OBJECTIVE: To assess the effectiveness of a new multidisciplinary method for reconstructing the causal sequences that lead to child pedestrian injuries. SETTING: Subjects were 5-12 year old residents of Chicago, Illinois, USA, presenting for care due to pedestrian injury at one pediatric trauma center. METHODS: The interactions of medical, child, psychosocial, and traffic factors contributing to the injury were analysed. For 142 cases, information about the victim, his/her family, the injury site, and the activities just before the injury, was used in a structured manner by a multidisciplinary team to produce injury scenarios. Each scenario comprised a list of contributing factors, an estimate of the importance of each, and a narrative description of the causal sequence leading to the injury event. Face validity was assessed by two outside teams that performed a structured review of a subsample of cases (n = 11). Reliability was evaluated by comparison of the results of parallel teams assessing the same cases (n = 14). Process consistency and bias were assessed by analysis of the correlations of factor-importance rating patterns between members and over time. RESULTS: The outside team's agreement scores were based on a 1-5 Likert scale; these showed a mean of 3.6 and median of 4.0. Parallel teams consistently showed agreement greater than 85% on global attributes of cases. Intraclass correlation coefficient scores showed fair or better agreement for all classes of contributors, and excellent agreement for more than one third. Rating pattern analyses showed strong agreement by team members. Agreement did not increase over the period of the study. CONCLUSIONS: This causal sequence reconstruction method has acceptable face validity, reliability, and internal consistency. Although labor intensive and thus costly, it can produce unique, rich information for understanding injury causation and for guiding the search for promising interventions.
OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this study was to determine adherence to selected recommended safety standards in North Carolina child care centers. METHODS: A self administered questionnaire eliciting information about safety practices in child care was mailed to a randomly selected sample of 409 North Carolina child care centers. RESULTS: One hundred and ninety five usable questionnaires were returned from child care centers in 75 counties. Results indicated that all of the standards included in the state's child regulations were being adhered to by at least 80% of the centers. However, adherence to recommended standards not included in the state's regulations was quite variable, with one standard implemented by less than 5% of the centers. The lowest rates of adherence were found for standards specifying that resilient surface material be used under playground equipment (4%) and that certain foods that may present a choking hazard to small children not be served (27%). CONCLUSIONS: Many hazards not addressed in North Carolina child care regulations are present in child care centers. Some safety standards are not adhered to due to lack of knowledge or limited resources. Inclusion of national standards in state child care regulations appears to reduce, but not eliminate, the likelihood of hazards being reported. Further research should include on-site inspections and attention to safety in family child care.
OBJECTIVES: To prospectively determine the incidence rate of injuries that required medical attention among children in day care and to identify possible hazards related to these injuries. SETTING: King County, Washington. METHODS: Prospective cohort study of children in a sample of licensed day care facilities. RESULTS: From 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993, 53 medically attended injuries were reported by 133 day care sites; incidence rate 1.9 per 100,000 hours of day care attendance. The rate of injury in 91 small family day care homes was essentially the same as that in 42 larger day care centers; relative rate 1.0 (95% confidence interval 0.6 to 1.9). Injuries that required sutures accounted for 39% of the cases, while 17% required a cast, splint, or sling. No child was hospitalized. Sixty nine sites were inspected and all had potentially correctable physical hazards, with a median of 15 hazards per site (range 7 to 26). These potential hazards had little relationship to the risk of injury and a case-by-case review identified only two injuries that might have been prevented by a more energy absorbent playground surface. CONCLUSIONS: The incidence of medically attended injuries found in this study is consistent with other studies from the United States. Most injuries were minor and had little relation to physical hazards at day care locations.
OBJECTIVES: Despite the widespread promotion of safety standards no epidemiological studies have adequately evaluated their effectiveness in preventing injury in falls from playground equipment. This study evaluated the effectiveness of the height and surfacing requirements of the New Zealand standard for playgrounds and playground equipment. SETTING: Early childhood education centres and schools in two major cities in the South Island of New Zealand. METHODS: Data were collected on 300 children aged 14 years or less who had fallen from playground equipment. Of these, 110 (cases) had sustained injury and received medical attention, while 190 (controls) had not sustained injury requiring medical attention. RESULTS: Logistic regression models fitted to the data indicated that the risk of injury being sustained in a fall was increased if the equipment failed to comply with the maximum fall height (odds ratio (OR) = 3.0; 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.7 to 13.1), surfacing (OR = 2.3; 95% CI 1.0 to 5.0), or safe fall height (OR = 2.1; 95% CI 1.1 to 4.0) requirements. Falls from heights in excess of 1.5 metres increased the risk of injury 4.1 times that of falls from 1.5 metres or less and it was estimated that a 45% reduction in children attending emergency departments could be achieved if the maximum fall height was lowered to 1.5 metres. CONCLUSIONS: Although the height and surfacing requirements of the New Zealand standard are effective in preventing injury in falls from playground equipment, consideration should be given to lowering the maximum permissible fall height to 1.5 metres.
N2 - PURPOSE: The purpose of this study was to determine how injury prevention awareness of children ages 3, 4, and 5, based on recognition of hazards in pictures differs in the United States, Belgium, East Germany and West Germany. METHODS: Children from these four countries were presented with 10 different pictures. Each picture represented a common injury producing situation to which children are exposed in traffic, home, and recreation. RESULTS: Results indicate that for pictures relating to home hazards, less than 22% of children from Belgium (21.5%), West Germany (4.7%), and the United States (20.3%) clearly recognized the essential hazards in the pictures, whereas over 40% of the East German children clearly recognized these dangers. A higher proportion of the children from all countries recognized the traffic hazards. Only 23.9% of all children had a clear recognition of the playground situations. The child's age had a bearing on ability to recognize hazards overall. CONCLUSIONS: Children need to be provided with better injury prevention education at an early age, especially those from West Germany.
The growth in liver transplantation activity recorded by the Pitt-UNOS Liver Transplant Registry since October 1987 continued. However, for the first time since the establishment of the LTR, there was no net gain in the number of centers in 1995. The large differences in volume per center also diminished. PATIENTS: The age of pediatric recipients increased significantly in 1995, due to a decrease in the proportion of recipients under age one. For the first time, in 1995 fewer than half of transplantations in children were for biliary atresia. The addition of bone marrow transplantations, for which collection began in 1994, accounted for half of the multi-organ transplantations in 1995. Many of the characteristics examined for adult recipients changed between 1994 and 1995. The proportion of Hispanic recipients increased. The mean age of adult recipients continued to increase, but there was not a significant change in the prevalence of positive CMV serology. Reversing a trend, the proportion of adult recipients awaiting transplantation outside of the hospital decreased between 1994 and 1995. As with children, the proportion of adult multi-organ transplantations which included bone marrow increased. Hepatitis non-A, non-B, or C and alcoholic liver disease (ALD) were the most common reasons for LTX in 1995. While the proportion of recipients with ALD alone decreased slightly, the proportion with ALD and hepatitis C increased from 1994 to 1995. OUTCOME: The cumulative probability of surviving (without retransplantation) for 8 years after initial transplantation was .71 (.60) for pediatric recipients. The one-year survival for pediatric recipients changed significantly over time with the increase from 1994 to 1995 being similar to the increase between 1994 and prior years. Independent risk factors for survival among children included age, race, location awaiting transplantation, primary liver disease, and serum creatinine. Year of transplantation and bilirubin were independently associated with retransplantation-free survival, whereas multi-organ transplantation was associated with poorer patient survival. The cumulative probability of adults surviving (without retransplantation) for 7 years following LTX was .58 (.50). Independent risk factors were year of transplantation, age, location awaiting transplantation, primary liver disease, albumin, creatinine, and ABO match. Black recipients had poorer patient survival rates than other recipients whereas increased prothrombin time and CMV-positive donors were risk factors for retransplantation or death.
The Burn Unit of Dona Estefania Hospital admitted a total of 454 patients from January 1992 to January 1995, 24 of these patients suffered from electric shock. Of these 24 patients 3 suffered burns in the mouth, 15 in one or both hands and 6 multiple burns. In 19 patients the burns were up to 1%. A description is made of 5 cases, male children between the ages of 9 and 13 years, which were deemed severe. The incidents occurred outdoors with different voltages and in activities considered of ludic or experimental nature: two on the roof of a house, two with railway cables and one with an electrical cable in a port zone. The burnt areas vary between 4% and 70%, all of them 2nd and 3rd degree, with hospitalization lasting from 36 to 116 days. In addition to early and coordinated medical and rehabilitative treatment, according to individual needs, a description is also made of the cutaneous sequelae (forming cicatrices, bridles), neurologic and psychologic sequelae, with emphasis on a patient who underwent amputation of the lower left leg and 4th and 5th ranges of the right foot. It was concluded that measures should be taken in education and legislation to prevent these accidents. Relevance is given to the need for a multidisciplinary team and specialized center for the treatment of these patients.

Reactions

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OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the pattern of fractures in children in the south eastern region of Nigeria, seeking to highlight the planning and designs of buildings, roads and playgrounds to prevent paediatric fractures. DESIGN: Retrospective review of paediatric patients with fractures who presented at the only tertiary referral centre in the region. SETTING: A university teaching hospital situated in the south eastern corner of Nigeria. SUBJECTS: 102 paediatric patients treated for fractures between January 1993 and December 1995. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Causes of fractures and their anatomical distribution. RESULTS: 71 boys and 31 girls were treated for fractures. The commonest cause of fractures was road traffic accidents accounting for 50% of the patients, followed by falls and collapsing mud walls. Most of the fractures seen (58 patients) were of the green stick type. The femur was the commonly fractured bone (25 patients) followed by the radius (22 patients) and humerus (20 patients). Road traffic accident victims presented earlier at the hospital than victims of other causes. Also lower limb fracture patients presented earlier than patients with upper limb fractures. CONCLUSION: Paediatric fractures are amenable to conventional conservative therapy and open reduction became necessary in long neglected cases with associated malunion. Since the causes of fractures are largely preventable, public enlightenment campaigns, provision of pedestrian pathways, care on the part of school authorities and proper structural construction of the traditional houses may help reduce the number of cases of fracture in our environment.
The assessment of health risk due to environmental contaminants depends upon accurate estimates of the distribution of population exposures. Exposure assessment, in turn, requires information on the time people spend in micro-environments and their activities during periods of exposure. This paper describes preliminary results including study methodology and population sampled in a large Canadian survey of time-activity patterns. A 24-hour diary recall survey was performed in 2381 households (representing a 65% response rate) to describe in detail the timing, location and activity pattern of one household member (the adult or child with the next birthday). Four cities (Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and Saint John, NB) and their suburbs were sampled by random-digit dialling over a nine-month period in 1994/1995. Supplemental questionnaires inquiring about sociodemographic information, house and household characteristics and potential exposure to toxins in the air and water were also administered. In general, the results show that respondents spend the majority of their time indoors (88.6%) with smaller proportions of time outdoors (6.1%) and in vehicles (5.3%). Children under the age of 12 spend more time both indoors and outdoors and less time in transit than do adults. The data from this study will be used to define more accurately the exposure of Canadians to a variety of toxins in exposure assessment models and to improve upon the accuracy of risk assessment for a variety of acute and chronic health effects known or suspected to be related to environmental exposures.
We studied 269 school children from three Southern California communities of contrasting air quality in two successive school years, to investigate short-term effects of ambient ozone (O3), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), or particulate matter (PM) on respiratory health. We measured lung function and symptoms twice daily for one week each in fall, winter and spring; and concurrently assessed time-activity patterns and personal exposures. Average daily personal exposures correlated with pollutant concentrations at central sites (r = 0.61 for O3, 0.63 for NO2, 0.48 for PM). Questionnaire-reported outdoor activity increased slightly in communities/seasons with higher pollution. Lung function differences between communities were explainable by age differences. Morning forced vital capacity (FVC) decreased significantly with increase in PM or NO2 measured over the preceding 24 hours. Morning-to-afternoon change of forced expired volume in one second (FEV1) became significantly more negative with increase in PM, NO2, or O3 on the same day. Predicted FVC or FEV1 loss on highest- vs lowest-pollution days was < 2%. Daily symptoms showed no association with current or prior 24-hour pollution, but increased with decreasing temperature. Parents' questionnaire responses suggested excess asthma and allergy in
children from one polluted community while children in the other polluted community reported more symptoms, relative to the cleaner community. We conclude that Los Angeles area children may experience slight lung function changes in association with day-to-day air quality changes, reasonably similar to responses seen by others in less polluted areas. Although short-term pollution effects appear small, they should be assessed in longitudinal lung function studies when possible, to allow maximally accurate measurement of longer-term function changes.

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N2 - This report uses data from the Kingston and Region Injury Surveillance Program (KRISP), a subset of the Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program (CHIRPP), to describe rates and identify patterns of injury among children aged 0-19 years in Kingston and area. During 1994, there were 7572 reported injury events, resulting in an overall rate of 173.6 injuries per 1000 children per year (males: 202 per 1000; females: 143.7 per 1000). Four major patterns of injury were identified as priorities for intervention: 1) household injuries among children aged 0-4 years; 2) injuries occurring on playgrounds to children aged 5-14 years; 3) sports injuries among 10-19-year-old children and youth; and 4) bicycle-related injuries among children 5-14.
years of age. Discussion focuses on the use of the surveillance system in prioritizing interventions and evaluating injury prevention programs for this population.

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N1 - Vertical infection with human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) causes profound changes in the proportions of subpopulations of lymphocytes in the peripheral circulation. In this study the percentages in whole blood of CD4 and CD8 cells, and of immunologically important subpopulations, were measured in 19 HIV-infected children over periods of up to 4 years and compared to our recently published ranges for normal children of various ages. The rate of CD4 decline and of CD8 increase differed between clinically fast and slow
On CD8 cells, cytotoxic, memory (CD11abright and CD45R0), and activation (HLA-DR) markers were raised soon after birth to levels outside the normal range, and compared favorably with HIV culture as a method for early diagnosis of HIV infection. Mean levels of naive (CD45RA) and memory (CD45R0, CD29) markers on CD4 cells became significantly altered after 48 months of age, suggesting that these are markers of more advanced disease. Despite different ages of enrollment into the study, in the cohort as a whole, the levels of the lymphocyte subpopulations studied changed consistently. Thus, their measurement could be useful both in the diagnosis and prognosis of HIV infection in individual children. This is the first report showing that lymphocyte subpopulation analysis can play a major role in the diagnosis of pediatric HIV infection.
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N2 - SETTING: Passive smoking-related respiratory disorders in children. OBJECTIVES: To assess the effect of passive smoking on the development of active pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB) in children immediately following infection by Mycobacterium tuberculosis within the family. DESIGN: An unmatched case-control study in which 93 contacts who became cases (active PTB diagnosed) and 95 contacts who did not become cases (tuberculin-positive children without evidence of active disease) were included. All were household contacts of a new case of pulmonary bacillary tuberculosis. Smoking habits were investigated by a questionnaire. Urinary cotinine was analysed. Odds Ratio (OR) was adjusted for age and socio-economic status using multiple logistic regression analysis. RESULTS: Passive smoking was a risk factor for PTB (OR: 5.29; 95% confidence interval (CI): 2.33-12.82; P < 0.00005). The adjusted OR was 5.39 (95% CI: 2.44-11.91; P < 0.00001). The risk increased when contacts were passive smokers both at home and outside the home within the family (OR: 6.35; 95% CI: 3.20, 12.72; P < 0.00001). Contacts 0-4 and 5-9 years old showed a significantly higher risk than those aged > or = 10. There was a dose-response relationship between the risk of developing active PTB immediately following infection and the number of cigarettes smoked daily by the household adults (P < 0.001). Mean (SD) urinary cotinine detectable concentrations (ng/ml) were different between disease contacts (119.46 [68.61]) and non diseased contacts (91.87 [73.10]). The difference was statistically significant (P < 0.001). CONCLUSIONS: Passive exposure to tobacco smoke in children was associated with an increased risk of developing pulmonary tuberculosis immediately following infection. This is an association of great concern requiring health education programmes and antitobacco medical advice.

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The aim of this analysis is to evaluate the gonadal function in children with true undescended testes and in those with retractile testes, in order to verify a possible impairment of the testicular steroidogenesis due to the permanent or transitory anomalous position of the gonad outside the scrotum. The authors carried out a prospective study on 29 prepubertal children affected by true undescended testes (monolateral in 20 cases and bilateral in 9), as well as on 25 prepubertal children with retractile testes (monolateral in 10 cases and bilateral in 15), assaying the testosterone (T) levels, basal and 72 hours after stimulus with human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG) administered in a single dose of 100 U/kg i.m. Furthermore, to verify the hypothesis of a possible progressive reduction of the Leydig cells function, particularly in the gonads bilaterally affected, the authors also evaluated the testosterone response to gonadotrophic stimulus compared to age (> 0 < 4 years). This study in agreement with data already published, confirms the normality of gonadal function both in children with mono or bilateral true undescended testes and in those with retractile testes. The lower the age of the subject the higher is the peak of testosterone after stimulus, confirming the active steroidogenesis of the gonads in infants and small children and sustaining the "non quiescence" of this organ during infancy, even in cases of true undescended testes.
This review summarizes studies comparing the epidemiology of asthma, allergic rhinitis, and atopic dermatitis in eastern versus western German populations. These studies clearly revealed that the prevalence of physician-diagnosed allergic rhinitis was higher in western Germany than in eastern Germany. The rate for asthma also tended to be higher in western than in eastern populations, whereas a tendency for less atopic dermatitis was found in western German children. When sensitization rates, as measured by RAST and skin-prick tests, were compared, a clear increase was found in western versus eastern young-adult German populations. This phenomenon may be related to exposure to different allergens, such as those associated with nutritional patterns or pet ownership, as well as to different environmental factors, such as outdoor and indoor pollutants. If lifestyle or environmental factors play a role in developing allergic sensitization, then one would expect the rates of sensitization in eastern and western Germany to converge as the two societies become more similar. [References: 49]
Over a period extending from 1984 to 1993, 16 children ranging in ages from 2 months to 12 years with posterior fossa ependymoma were treated. Four of these tumors were classified as lateral ependymomas because of their configuration and suspected site of origin. These 4 patients' ages ranged from 2 months to 5 years. Signs and symptoms of increased intracranial pressure and cranial nerve dysfunction were the hallmark of their presentation. Their imaging evaluation included a preoperative and postoperative CT scan and/or MRI. A gross total surgical resection was completed in the 4 children. At least a 1-year follow-up was available for all the patients. Intraoperative brain stem evoked potentials and facial and glossopharyngeal nerve monitoring were used in all the surgeries. Three children required a ventriculoperitoneal shunt postoperatively. Chemotherapy was used postoperatively in 3 children. The 4th child did not receive chemotherapy due to parental refusal and succumbed to a recurrence 1 years postoperatively. Radiation therapy was given to 2 children. Tumor recurrences developed in all children at 12 months, 18 months, 3 years and 4 years postoperatively in proximity to the original tumor site. Histologic sections in 3 patients, including those at the time of recurrence, were consistent with a low mitotic index. Only 1 child's histologic diagnosis was consistent with a high-grade ependymoma. The lower cranial nerve dysfunction transiently worsened in all the patients and was permanent in 2. The child's age, tumor histology and extent of resection play an important role in the prognosis of posterior fossa ependymoma. The lateral posterior fossa ependymoma has a particularly poor prognosis due to its location and its significant postoperative morbidity. The authors propose a combined midline and lateral suboccipital approach in order to expose the fourth ventricular floor, upper cervical spine, lateral recess, cerebellomedullary fissure, cerebellopontine and the cerebellomedullary cistern in an attempt at a 'total' resection with a focus on the site of origin. The usage of neurophysiological monitoring appears to be useful in limiting and predicting the extent of postoperative complications. However, prolonged morbidity is likely and is commonly related to lower cranial nerve deficits. The author proposes a proactive approach in order to limit the sequelae of these complications.
Unintentional injuries sustained on school playgrounds are a continual problem not only for children but also for the school nurses who are concerned with their safety. A group of school nurses organized by the local health department's pediatric nurse practitioner responded proactively to this problem by enlisting both school officials and students to accept joint responsibility for a safe play environment. The school nurses assisted the staff in providing a safe play environment and encouraged the students to behave in a safe and acceptable manner on the playground. The nurses developed (a) a Playground Safety Assessment Guide for the school staff to establish and maintain a safe play environment, (b) an in-service session for playground monitors to learn how to supervise children at recess, and (c) a student-oriented program for the children to improve behavior on the playground based on a program conceived by Utah State University (Daug & Fukui, 1988). School nurses and pediatric nurse practitioners can use this program as a model for other schools to improve the physical play environment and behavior of the children at recess.
Elevated concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAK) are often found in the soil of former waste disposal sites, industrial areas, etc. It is desirable and useful to determine orientation values to facilitate and unify the evaluation of contaminations under the aspects of present or planned uses of an area, health protection and decision-making on remedial measures. In the present paper we wish to draw attention to, and discuss problems resulting from, particular characteristics of PAK, e.g. the toxicological property “complete carcinogens” or the necessity of taking into account oral, inhalative and dermal exposure of children on a playground. Based on the discussion, orientation values for benzo[a]pyrene and PAK ("normal" pattern) of 0.5 mg/kg soil and 5 mg/kg soil, respectively, are recommended for top soil of vegetation-free playgrounds. In comparison, deductions carried out by other working groups are presented.
The prevalence and level of sensitivity to indoor allergens were studied in relation to current exposure at home in 124 children with perennial asthma living in three climatic zones of Sweden. The house dust mite (HDM) allergen levels were higher in the South than in the North (p < 0.001), while cat and dog allergen levels tended to be higher in the North than the South (n.s.). Thirty-four percent of the children were sensitive to the HDM Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus, as determined by IgE antibodies in vitro, 27% were sensitive to D. farinae, 57% to cat and 55% to dog. Sensitivity to HDM was significantly more prevalent in Southern, than in Central and Northern Sweden (p = 0.001) where the children were more often sensitive to pets (cat p = 0.005, dog p = 0.002). A significant association between the concentration of Der p I and Der fI in the house dust and both the prevalence of sensitivity to HDM and the IgE antibody levels against mites was found even at concentrations well below the commonly suggested risk level for sensitisation of 2 micrograms/g dust. No relationship was found between pet allergen concentration in the home dust and sensitivity to pets, possibly because of exposure outside home, e.g. in schools and meeting places for leisure activities. Similarly, there was no consistent association between the level of mite or pet allergen exposure at home and asthma severity as judged by symptom and medication score. The study indicates that there is no threshold value for sensitisation to mite allergens in asthmatic children, and therefore, dust allergen levels at home should be kept as low as possible in homes of children at risk for asthma.

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T1 - Antimicrobial therapy of pneumonia in infants and children
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To provide optimal management for the child with community-acquired pneumonia, the clinician must take multiple factors into consideration. The etiology of pneumonia is difficult to determine and initial choice of therapy is based on the frequency of pathogens in various age groups, local antibiotic resistance patterns of the organisms, clinical presentation, and epidemiological data. Streptococcus pneumoniae and Haemophilus influenzae remain the most common bacterial pathogens outside the newborn period. Increasing numbers of multidrug-resistant strains of S pneumoniae in the United States and Europe, the decline in H influenzae type b because of current vaccination strategies, and increasing recognition of nontypeable H influenzae as etiologic agents of pneumonia have prompted reconsideration of the drug of choice. Amoxicillin and its derivatives or oral cephalosporins are the drugs of choice for initial therapy for mild to moderate disease. For severe disease or if beta-lactamase producing organisms are a concern, extended spectrum cephalosporins are indicated. Pneumococcal pneumonia unresponsive to penicillin therapy may warrant the use of extended spectrum cephalosporins or vancomycin. For older children in whom mycoplasma is a significant cause of pneumonia, the new macrolides have provided additional options for the clinician. Azithromycin and clarithromycin are efficacious, well tolerated, and require less frequent dosing intervals. The introduction of ceftriaxone, a third-generation cephalosporin with a broad spectrum of activity and prolonged half-life, allows once-a-day intramuscular therapy that can be administered on an outpatient basis. With the availability of parenteral outpatient therapy, hospital admission is no longer required for the treatment of most cases of serious community-acquired pneumonia.
The aim of the present study was to replicate earlier findings of beneficial effects of ORG 2766, an ACTH-(4-9) analog, in autistic children. Fifty children with autism, 7-15 years old and with a Performance IQ of more than 60, participated in a double-blind placebo controlled parallel trial. Active treatment was 40 mg ORG 2766 for 6 weeks. The outcome was assessed on the basis of the Aberrant Behavior Checklist completed by parents and teachers, and by means of a detailed behavioral observation (30 subjects). ORG 2766 failed to improve social and communicative behavior at a group level. The rate of individual response, defined as a reliable change in social withdrawal at home and at school, to ORG 2766 (10 out of 30) and placebo (4 out of 20) was not significant either. The children who responded to ORG 2766, but not those who responded to placebo, manifested significant improvements outside the changes in the defining variables, including a decrease in hyperactivity at school. The responders to ORG 2766 were characterized mainly by a relatively lower PIQ; further by more initial hyperactivity, stereotypies and abnormal speech, and less initial eye contact. The responders to placebo could not be differentiated from the non-responders to placebo. Future studies should examine whether ORG 2766 differentially affects various subtypes of autism.
PURPOSE: To study fixation patterns and reading rates in eyes with central scotomas from geographic atrophy (GA) of age-related macular degeneration and to compare fixation patterns with those of patients with Stargardt disease. METHODS: Scanning laser ophthalmoscope analysis of fixation patterns in eyes with 20/80 to 20/200 visual acuity. Included were 41 eyes of 35 patients with GA and 10 eyes of 5 patients with Stargardt disease. The patients with GA also were tested for maximum reading rate, and the size of the areas of atrophy were measured by fundus photograph analysis. RESULTS: Sixty-three percent of GA eyes fixating outside the atrophy placed the scotoma to the right of fixation in visual field space, 22% placed the scotoma above fixation, and 15% placed it to the left, regardless of the laterality of the GA eye. Fixation was stable in subsequent years of testing for scotoma placement to the right of or above fixation. All GA eyes fixated immediately adjacent to the atrophy. In contrast, seven of ten eyes with Stargardt disease fixated at a considerable distance from the scotoma border, with the dense scotoma far above the fixation site in visual field space. For the patients with GA, the maximum reading rate was highly correlated with size of the atrophic area, but not with age or visual acuity within the limited visual acuity range tested. There was a trend to more rapid reading with the scotoma above fixation and slower reading with the scotoma to the left. CONCLUSION: There is a preference for fixation with the scotoma to the right in eyes with GA. Patients with Stargardt disease use different strategies for fixation, perhaps due to subclinical pathology adjacent to the atrophic regions. The size of the atrophic area in GA plays the predominant role in reading rate for eyes that have already lost foveal vision.
Environmental and life-style risk factors for Lyme disease in children

A case-control study was performed using Lyme disease patients from our Lyme Clinic population. Age- and sex-matched controls from the same neighborhood were identified by the Lyme patients' families. A site visit was made to each case/control neighborhood. Twenty-four environmental variables, especially the ecologic characteristics of the home environment were examined. Forty-five items were surveyed by parent questionnaire, including certain "high-risk" activities and behaviors, whether ticks or certain animals were present on the property, and whether antitick measures were used. Control subjects had serologic assays for antibodies to B. burgdorferi. Forty-four Lyme disease patients and 44 well-matched control subjects participated; 2 controls were seropositive. Significant associations with Lyme disease were found for deer ticks in the home environment, ground cover containing moist humus, and leaf litter in the yard. Among the 45 items...
related to life-style, there was no correlation with Lyme disease for the use of any antitick measures or for any childhood activities; in fact, an inverse correlation was observed for camping and fishing. We conclude that conditions in the immediate home environment, including certain ecologic factors that favor the presence of Ixodes ticks, are associated with an increased risk for Lyme disease in children.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Trends in the nutritional status of Salvadorian children: the post-war experience
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A1 - Caceres, J.M.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adult
KW - Anthropometry
KW - Child
KW - Child Nutrition Disorders/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child Nutritional Physiological Phenomena
KW - Preschool
KW - Demography
KW - El Salvador/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Nutrition Surveys
KW - Nutritional Status
KW - Socioeconomic Factors
KW - War
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 369
EP - 374
JF - Bulletin of the World Health Organization
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VL - 74
IS - 4
CY - SWITZERLAND
N2 - This article examines trends in the nutritional status of children in El Salvador between 1988 and 1993 (before and after the signing of a peace accord that ended the civil war.) The data derive from two national surveys, each of which included measurements of the height and weight of children aged 3-59 months. The prevalence of low weight-for-age (< -2 SD) dropped from 15% in 1988 to 10.5% in 1993. The prevalence of low weight-for-height (< -2 SD) was minimal in both surveys: falling from 3.9% to 2.9%. The prevalence of low height-for-age (< -2 SD) fell from 28.1% to 22%. These declines in malnutrition indicators resulted from an upward shift in the distributions of weight and height of children, not from thinner lower tails of the distributions. The quality of anthropometric data appears to be high for both surveys; < 1% of surveyed children had heights or weights outside the expected range. This analysis demonstrates the value of repeated surveys of nutritional status.
The role of the family physician in the day care setting. [Review] [32 refs]

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KW - Child
KW - Child Day Care Centers
KW - Preschool
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Infection
KW - Physician's Role
KW - Physicians
KW - Family
KW - Wounds and Injuries
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1257
EP - 1265
JF - American Family Physician
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N2 - Injuries and infectious respiratory, gastrointestinal and dermatologic diseases are common in day care settings. Most day care injuries are contusions, abrasions and cuts involving the head and extremities. Impact-absorbing surfaces under playground equipment, safety-proofing of all play areas, increased staff supervision, and staff and parental education might reduce injuries by as much as 75 percent. Respiratory illnesses are the most common day care infections. Chemoprophylaxis with rifampin is required for all close contacts of children infected with Haemophilus influenzae type B and Neisseria meningitidis. Diarrheal illness may be caused by viral pathogens, bacterial agents such as Shigella, Campylobacter or Salmonella, or parasitic infections caused by Giardia lamblia and Cryptosporidium. Strict hand-washing procedures, especially before food preparation and after toileting, may reduce diarrheal illness by 50 percent. Head lice (Pediculus capitis) and scabies are common dermatologic infections spread by direct contact and through clothing, bedding and hair brushes. Screening and treating affected children with permethrin preparations and thoroughly washing bedding and clothing are necessary to stop outbreaks. Use of universal precautions for the handling of stool is essential to prevent the spread of both ordinary diarrheal illnesses and serious infections such as hepatitis A and B, human immunodeficiency virus and cytomegalovirus. [References: 32]
BACKGROUND: Physical inactivity is a risk behavior for cardiovascular and other diseases. Schools can promote public health objectives by increasing physical activity among youth. METHODS: The Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health (CATCH) was a multicenter, randomized trial to test the effectiveness of a cardiovascular health promotion program in 96 public schools in four states. A major component of CATCH was an innovative, health-related physical education (P+) program. For 2.5 years, randomly assigned schools received a standardized PE intervention, including curriculum, staff development, and follow-up. RESULTS: Systematic analysis of 2,096 PE lessons indicated students engaged in more moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in intervention than in control schools (P = 0.002). MVPA
during lessons in intervention schools increased from 37.4% at baseline to 51.9%, thereby meeting the established Year 2000 objective of 50%. Intervention children reported 12 more min of daily vigorous physical activity (P = 0.003) and ran 18.6 yards more than control children on a 9-min run test of fitness (P = 0.21).

CONCLUSIONS: The implementation of a standardized curriculum and staff development program increased children's MVPA in existing school PE classes in four geographic and ethnically diverse communities. CATCH PE provides a tested model for improving physical education in American schools.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Physical activity levels of 5-11-year-old children in England: cumulative evidence from three direct observation studies
A1 - Sleap, M.
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
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KW - England
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Life Style
KW - Male
KW - Physical Education and Training
KW - Recreation
KW - Time
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 248
EP - 253
JF - International Journal of Sports Medicine
JA - Int J Sports Med
VL - 17
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CY - GERMANY
N2 - The aim of this study was to determine the physical activity levels of a sample of young children. Data were collected using direct, continuous observation by trained observers. The observational method utilised a points system to differentiate intensity of physical activity. Observations were carried out during school break times, lunch times and physical education lessons and during free time outside of school. The sample consisted of 93 girls and 86 boys aged between 5 and 11 years. Only 38 children (21%) engaged in a sustained 20-min period of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA), but nearly all children (95%) took part in a 5-min period of MVPA. The highest recordings of MVPA occurred during school break times but MVPA was less prominent during free time outside of school. One hundred and seventy eight children were observed during school physical education lessons. Sustained MVPA was particularly low during physical education lessons with only 13 children (8%) participating in at least one sustained 10-min period. There appeared to be no difference in activity levels between boys and girls or between children of differing ages. During all observation periods the main activity of the child was recorded. Soccer, brisk walking, general play and chasing games were the most common activities. The results are disturbing since preadolescent children appear to be engaging in very little sustained, playful physical activity during their free time outside of school. If childhood is considered
to be the most active stage of life there must be concern for the future. There is a need for health professionals to promote active lifestyles from birth.

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T1 - Prevalence of abnormal eating attitudes and behaviors in hospital-based primary and tertiary care clinics: a window of opportunity?
A1 - Rome, E.S.
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OBJECTIVE: The "athletic triad" of amenorrhea, osteopenia, and eating disorders (EDs) has received increasing attention in the past decade. Adolescents may seek care for amenorrhea or other menstrual irregularity before disclosure of an eating disorder to a primary care clinician. The purpose of this study was to determine the prevalence of abnormal eating attitudes and behaviors in adolescent girls going to a clinic for reproductive endocrinology (RE) visits versus the prevalence in girls going for health maintenance (HM) visits.

DESIGN: All patients aged 8-22 years going to RE or HM clinics were given a 26-item modified eating attitudes test (EAT) and two pages of questions on other eating issues and demographics. Informed consent was obtained from all participants, and also from the parents of those less than 18 years of age. SETTING: All subjects were seen at a hospital-based ambulatory (HM) or subspecialty (RE) clinic, with both clinics located on the same floor. PARTICIPANTS: The study included 53 girls from the RE clinic and 108 girls from the HM clinic. All demographics were similar except that the RE patients were slightly older and had significantly more parents with masters or doctorate degrees. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Study variables were compared between RE and HM groups using either the Student's t test or the Chi-square test, with statistical significance defined as p < 0.05. A score of 20 or higher on the modified EAT was correlated with a high risk of EDs and was used as a measure of prevalence of abnormal eating attitudes and behaviors. RESULTS: Modified EAT scores were 11.8 +/- 8.9 in RE patients vs 7.0 +/- 7.2 in HM patients (p < 0.001), with 10 (18.9%) RE patients and 7 (6.5%) HM patients having scores of at least 20 (p = 0.016). No differences in daily exercise, dairy consumption, or use of vomiting or laxatives to control weight were found. As expected, RE patients were significantly more likely to experience menstrual irregularities than the HM patients (p < 0.001).

CONCLUSIONS: Adolescents attending a reproductive endocrinology clinic showed a higher prevalence of abnormal eating attitudes and behaviors than did those going to a clinic for HM visits. Early detection of eating disorders may occur both within and outside of the primary care setting through use of a modified EAT.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Food waste is reduced when elementary-school children have recess before lunch
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KW - Food Services/st [Standards]
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Time Factors
KW - United States
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T1 - Two years of school injuries in a Scottish education sub-division
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Injuries sustained in schools account for 20-30% of all accident and emergency attendances in school age children. Little information has been available on the epidemiology of school accidents in the United Kingdom. Two years of routine school incident reports were analysed from Renfrew Sub-Region, an area with a school roll of 55,521 children attending 135 schools. Schools returned 1,660 report forms in the two year period, of which 1,440 referred to injuries to school children. The peak incidence of injuries was in the 10-12 year age group. The male:female ratio was 1.37:1. Cuts/ laceration and fractures were the commonest diagnoses reported for both Primary and Secondary Schools. Injuries to face and features were commonest in Primary, and upper limb injuries in Secondary Schools. Uncontrolled areas, e.g. playgrounds, stairways and corridors were the most frequent places of occurrence in Primary Schools (Relative Risk 5.24, 95% C.I. 3.28-8.35). Report accuracy was assessed by comparing one year of school reports in a Local Government District to records in the local District General Hospital. This identified 156 children who had attended hospital as the result of a school accident. Schools overestimated the number of fractures by 27%, but where schools had not provided a diagnosis, 15.4% were identified as fractures in hospital records. Each child seen at the hospital received an average of 2.1 X-rays. Nine children underwent manipulations under general anaesthetic. Seventeen children were admitted to hospital, and the group required 103 outpatient follow-up appointments.
N2 - Diverse environmental exposure profiles exist in the Americas because of widely different climates, ambient pollutants, and bioaerosols in these continents. This paper reviews selected studies from the Americas that support the broad hypothesis that environmental factors contribute to respiratory hypersensitivity. Processes influenced by environmental factors include primary immunologic sensitization, the development and exacerbation of specific immunologic diseases and the activation of nonspecific mechanisms with tissue inflammation, injury and remodeling. Endpoints resulting from these processes include respiratory symptoms, diseases such as asthma, with measures of disease severity including medication use and hospitalization rates, and death due to cardiorespiratory disease. Studies associate sensitization rates to specific allergens with environmental factors such as humidity and indices of allergen exposure. Regional variation occurs with exposure to outdoor source pollutants such as ozone, but varies by household to bioaerosols such as dust mite, cat or cockroach allergen. Indoor allergens are associated with asthma while outdoor allergens are associated with allergic rhinitis. In a national survey, the atopic sensitization rate in the USA increased with urban residence (defined as towns of population > 2500) and varied by region. Controlled human challenge studies show that ozone increases the response of allergic subjects to allergen. Increased ambient photochemical pollution concentrations, of which ozone is an important component, are associated with increased emergency room visits for asthma in cities such as Toronto, New York, Atlanta, and Mexico City. In Sao Paolo, Brazil, mortality due to childhood respiratory disease was influenced by the ambient levels of NO2. Epidemiologic studies including the recent meta-analysis of a large, longitudinal study population associate ambient concentrations of particulate matter < 10 microns and respiratory symptoms, disease severity and increased cardiorespiratory deaths. Toxicology studies show that individual variation in responsiveness is important in nonspecific inflammatory responses to irritant pollutants such as ozone and environmental tobacco smoke. These studies indicate that environmental factors influence primary allergen sensitization, secondary allergic responses, the activation of nonspecific inflammatory responses, and the severity of respiratory diseases, including asthma. [References: 28]
BACKGROUND: Previous studies have shown an inconsistency in the association between maternal education and child nutritional status across socioeconomic levels. This may be because the beneficial effects of education are only significant when resources are sufficient but not abundant. METHODS: Associations were examined for differences across socioeconomic levels using data collected from 41 rural communities of Benin for 435 children aged 13-36 months. Village level indicators of household wealth were used together with child z-scores to partition the sample into three levels of socio-environment relative to conditions more or less conducive to child growth. RESULTS: Using an interactive linear regression model it was shown that for the population of children of women who had no more than 4 years of formal schooling, the association of maternal education and child weight differed significantly across the socio-environment. The relationship was flat and non-significant in the lowest socio-environment, positive and significant (P < 0.05) in intermediate conditions, and weakly positive under the best socio-environment conditions. Among children of mothers attaining higher levels of education, an unexpected negative association was found. It could be that maternal education had enabled women to participate in activities outside the home without simultaneously ensuring adequate child care.
A longitudinal epidemiologic survey (1989-1991) plus a cross-sectional parasitologic, clinical, and sociodemographic survey (July-October 1990) were conducted in Candeias do Jamary, a village with approximately 7,000 inhabitants in Rondonia, Brazil. Analysis of the results revealed hypoendemic malaria with a complex epidemiology. Plasmodium vivax predominated over P. falciparum infections while infections with P. malariae were absent. Malaria is present throughout the year but was clearly seasonal with epidemic outbreaks in the dry season from June to August. Malaria prevalence was lower in children less than 10 years of age and significantly higher in young adult males, which represent the high-risk group. The incidence of locally acquired infections (autochthonous cases) was significantly lower in the rainy season as compared with the dry season. This is not true with respect to heterochothdonous (imported) malaria cases, that is, malaria acquired elsewhere by Candeias residents, most of whom are male adults working outside the town. In both cases, however, the age and sex distribution of prevalence and its relationship with occupational activities indicate a predominance of outdoor transmission. The results of the cross-sectional survey are in agreement with those of the longitudinal passive survey and, in addition, disclose the absence of asymptomatic infection.
Nutrition and physical activity program to attenuate obesity and promote physical and metabolic fitness in elementary school children

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Obesity/pc [Prevention & Control]
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Obesity and low levels of physical and metabolic fitness are risk factors for cardiovascular disease and diabetes. The purpose of this investigation was to attenuate obesity and improve physical and metabolic fitness in elementary school children. Schools have the opportunity, mechanisms, and personnel in place to deliver nutrition education, fitness activities, and a school food service that is nutritious and healthy. Cohorts from grades 3 to 5 in two school districts in rural Nebraska (Intervention/Control) participated in a 2-year study of physical activity and modified school lunch program. Data collection for aerobic capacity, body composition, blood chemistry, nutrition knowledge, energy intake, and physical activity was at the beginning and end of each year. Int received enhanced physical activity, grade specific nutrition education, and a lower fat and sodium school lunch program. Con continued with a regular school lunch and team sports activity program. At year 2, Int lunches had significantly less energy (9%), fat (25%), sodium (21%), and more fiber (17%). However, measures of 24-hour energy intake for Int and Con showed significant differences for sodium only. Physical activity in the classroom was 6% greater for Int compared to Con (p < 0.05) but physical activity outside of school was approximately 16% less for Int compared to Con (p < 0.05). Body weight and body fat were not different between schools for normal weight or obese children. No differences were found for cholesterol, insulin, and glucose; however, HDL cholesterol was significantly greater and cholesterol/HDL was significantly less for Int compared to Con (p < 0.05). It appears that compensation in both energy intake and physical activity outside of school may be responsible for the lack of differences between Int and Con.
A case-control investigation of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia was conducted in the town of Carbonia (Sardinia, Italy). Parents of 9 cases diagnosed between 1980 and 1989 and 36 controls were interviewed at their respective residences. None of the risk factors analyzed was associated significantly with childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia. The following were associated with an increased risk for childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia: parents born outside of Carbonia, family history of cancer, alcohol consumption by fathers that exceeded 60 g/d, exposure of fathers to solvents at their workplaces, maternal smoking, use of antinausea medications during pregnancy, and presence of a well in the backyard. Chance and recall bias likely played a role in generating positive associations. The increases in childhood leukemia risk associated with the presence of a well and with use of antinausea medications during pregnancy are consistent with previous reports and require further investigation.

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Personal exposure to airborne particles and metals: results from the Particle TEAM study in Riverside, California

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The PTEAM Study was the first large-scale probability-based study of personal exposure to particles. Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Air Resources Board of California, it was carried out by the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and the Harvard University School of Public Health (HSPH). HSPH designed and constructed a 4-lpm, battery-operated personal monitor for inhalable particles (PM10) that could be worn comfortably for up to 14 hours by persons from 10 to 70 years old. The monitor was worn for two consecutive 12-hour periods (day and night) during the fall of 1990 by 178 participants representing 139,000 nonsmoking residents of Riverside, California. Nearly identical monitors were employed to collect concurrent indoor and outdoor samples. The monitors were equipped with a different sampling nozzle to collect fine particles (PM2.5). Population-weighted daytime personal PM10 exposures averaged 150 +/- 9 (SE) micrograms/m3, compared to concurrent indoor and outdoor concentrations of 95 +/- 6 micrograms/m3. This suggested the existence of excess mass near the person, a "personal cloud" that appeared related to personal activities. Fourteen of 15 prevalent elements also were evaluated in the personal samples. The two major indoor sources of indoor particles were smoking and cooking; even in these homes, however, more than half of the indoor particles came from outdoors, and a substantial portion of the indoor particles were of undetermined indoor origin. Outdoor concentrations near the homes were well correlated with outdoor concentrations at the central site, supporting the idea of using the central site as an indicator of ambient concentrations over a wider area. Indoor concentrations were only weakly correlated with outdoor concentrations, however, and personal exposures were even more poorly correlated with outdoor concentrations. Elemental profiles were obtained for environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) (major contributions from potassium and chlorine) and cooking emissions (aluminum, iron, calcium, and chlorine). These profiles can be used in future source apportionment studies.

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OBJECTIVES: To determine the prevalence, causes and clinical features of short lasting recurrent limb pain (recurrent limb pain) in children. DESIGN: Population-based study in two stages, with an initial screening questionnaire followed by clinical interviews and physical examination of symptomatic children. SETTING: 67 primary and secondary schools in the city of Aberdeen. SUBJECTS: 2165 children representing a random 10% sample of all schoolchildren aged between 5-15 years. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: (a) The causes of limb pain in children, (b) the prevalence of recurrent limb pain in schoolchildren, (c) the relationship of recurrent limb pain to childhood migraine. RESULTS: Sports and playground injuries were the most common cause of limb pain, affecting 9% of all children. The prevalence rate of recurrent limb pain was 2.6% (95% confidence interval 1.9 to 3.4). Episodes of recurrent limb pain had similar trigger factors, associated symptoms, and relieving factors to episodes of headache in children with migraine. CONCLUSIONS: Recurrent limb pain is a common cause of limb pain, with a prevalence rate of 2.6%. The close clinical and epidemiological similarities between recurrent limb pain and childhood migraine suggest a common pathogenesis.
The role of sun exposure in development of basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas among different populations from south Europe was investigated. Between 1989 and 1993 we interviewed incident cases and a random population sample of controls from five centres where a cancer registry was operating, whereas we selected a sample of hospital-based cases and controls from the other three centres. We gathered information on life-long exposure to sunlight during different activities. Results are analysed for 1549 basal cell carcinoma (BCC) cases and 228 squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) cases compared with 1795 controls. We observed a statistically significant increase of risk of SCC with increasing sun exposure beyond a threshold of 70,000 cumulated hours of exposure in a lifetime. Sun exposures during work and holidays were, however, inversely correlated. Odds ratios (ORs) of SCC were up to eight or nine times the reference for the highest exposures (200,000 cumulated hours or more). BCC exhibited a 2-fold increase of risk for lower exposure (8000-10,000 cumulated hours in a lifetime) with a plateau and a slight decrease of risk for the highest exposures (100,000 cumulated hours or more). Outdoor work showed a significantly increased risk of SCC (OR 1.6 for more than 54,000 cumulated hours of exposure in a lifetime), whereas recreational activities such as sun exposure during holidays at the beach (OR 1.6 for more than 2600 cumulated hours of exposure in a lifetime) or during water sports (OR 1.6 for more than 2600 cumulated hours of exposure in a lifetime) were associated with an increased risk of BCC. Risk patterns were different in poor or good tanners with a significant risk trend for good tanners, whereas poor tanners were on a plateau of increased risk at any level of exposure. Solar radiation is associated with a risk of BCC even for relatively short periods of exposure such as during holidays and sports, whereas SCC develops later if exposure continues. The skin's ability to tan modulates the risk of BCC; subjects who tan poorly have a steady risk increase, whereas people who tan easily develop cancer only after prolonged exposures.
OBJECTIVES: To conduct the first nationwide investigation of violent deaths associated with schools in the United States, to quantify the risk of school-associated violent death, and to identify epidemiologic features of these deaths. DESIGN: Descriptive case series. SETTING: United States, July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1994. METHODS: School-associated violent deaths were identified by study collaborators and through 2 online news databases. Police reports, medical examiners' records, and interviews with police and school officials provided detailed information about each case. RESULTS: In a 2-year period, 105 school-associated violent deaths were identified. The estimated incidence of school-associated violent death was 0.09 per 100 000 student-years. Students in secondary schools, students of minority racial and ethnic backgrounds, and students in urban school districts had higher levels of risk. The deaths occurred in communities of all sizes in 25 different states. Homicide was the predominant cause of death (n = 85 [80.9%]), and firearms were responsible for a majority (n = 81 [77.1%]) of the deaths. Most victims were students (n = 76 [72.4%]). Both victims and offenders tended to be young (median ages, 16 and 17 years, respectively) and male (82.9% and 95.6%, respectively). Approximately equal numbers of deaths occurred inside school buildings (n = 31 [29.5%]), outdoors but on school property (n = 37 [35.2%]), and at off-campus locations while the victim was in transit to or from school (n = 37 [35.2%]). Equal numbers of deaths occurred during classes or other school activities (n = 46 [43.8%]) and before or after official school activities (n = 46 [43.8%]). CONCLUSIONS: School-associated violent deaths were more common than previously estimated. The epidemiologic features of these deaths were similar to those of homicides and suicides that occur elsewhere. A comprehensive approach that addresses violent injury and death among young people at school and elsewhere in the community is suggested.
OBJECTIVES: To assess the distribution of personal exposures to nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in school children, and to investigate factors that might influence personal exposure. METHODS: NO2 exposures were assessed by use of passive diffusion tubes for 46 children aged 9-11 years, selected from two Southampton schools. The tubes were worn for seven days, and parallel measurements were made with static samplers in the child's kitchen, living room, classroom, and playground. Information about potential exposures was collected by questionnaire. RESULTS: Personal exposures to NO2, averaged over seven days, ranged from 11 to 257 micrograms/m3 (6 to 137 ppb) with a geometric mean of 36 micrograms/m3 (19 ppb). Exposures correlated with concentrations of NO2 recorded in the home, but the relation was far from exact. Factors associated with increased personal exposure included the use of gas appliances in the home, living with one or more smokers, and travel to school by means other than a car. However, together these variables only explained a small part of the variation in personal exposures. CONCLUSIONS: These findings reinforce the need for personal monitoring of exposure in studies investigating potential health effects of NO2 in children.
OBJECTIVE: To describe our experience with developing, implementing, and evaluating the educational effect of a school health experience for pediatric residents. DESIGN: Descriptive. SETTING: University-based pediatric residency program and five public elementary and middle schools in surrounding communities.

PARTICIPANTS: Eleven pediatric residents. INTERVENTION: A school health experience for pediatric residents was developed in response to the report of the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Pediatric Education and the new training recommendations of the Residency Review Committee of the American Council for Graduate Medical Education. Residents spent 3 weeks in the schools engaged in teaching and observational activities. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Questionnaires of residents' attitudes and knowledge, structured resident interviews, and teacher questionnaires. RESULTS: Positive effect on resident's knowledge of school structure, child development, communication with children, school-related problems, and special education. Positive effects on resident's attitudes about teamwork between teachers and pediatricians and roles of pediatricians in schools. Teacher feedback showed acceptance by the school community.

CONCLUSIONS: Pediatric residents benefit from exposure to children in school settings. Schools provide an opportunity to observe normal childhood development and behavior in a more natural setting than that provided in the hospital.
T1 - Nodular fasciitis and related pseudosarcomatous lesions of soft tissues
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KW - Sarcoma/di [Diagnosis]
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N2 - BACKGROUND: Nodular fasciitis is characterized by a proliferation of spindle cells which may be
misdiagnosed as sarcomas due to the rich cellularity, mitotic activity and variant morphologic patterns.
METHODS: This report includes 42 cases of nodular fasciitis and related conditions of skin and soft tissue from
the pathology files of the Royal Brisbane Hospital, Queensland, Australia. There were 33 cases of nodular
fasciitis, three cases of ossifying fasciitis, three cases of proliferative fasciitis, two cases of proliferative myositis
and one case of intravascular fasciitis. Two-thirds of cases were referred from outside Royal Brisbane Hospital.
RESULTS: Nodular fasciitis and ossifying occurred most commonly in young adults with 16 patients (44%)
between the ages of 20 and 29. However, the other variants of nodular fasciitis including proliferative myositis
and intravascular fasciitis occurred in older people (six patients being older than 49 years) and more commonly
occurring in men (n=5). A painless rapidly growing mass was most common. The lesions of nodular fasciitis
were most often located in the upper extremity with the forearm most commonly affected. CONCLUSIONS:
Nodular fasciitis and related conditions are benign. All patients are alive and well 3 months to 13 years (mean
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T1 - Comparative outdoor study of the efficacy, onset and duration of action, and safety of cetirizine,
loratadine, and placebo for seasonal allergic rhinitis
BACKGROUND: Cetirizine, a new once-daily highly specific H1-antagonist, has been shown in conventional studies to be efficacious in the treatment of seasonal and perennial allergic rhinitis and chronic idiopathic urticaria. OBJECTIVE: The efficacy, duration and onset of action, and safety of cetirizine, 10 mg once daily, was compared with that of loratadine, 10 mg once daily, and placebo in a field study of patients with seasonal allergic rhinitis. METHODS: This was a randomized, double-blind, parallel, double-dummy study conducted over 2 days in spring allergy season at outdoor parks in San Diego and Iowa City. Study medication was administered at 10:00 AM on both days. After screening, eligible patients completed rhinitis symptom diaries in the park hourly from 7:30 to 9:30 AM (baseline); at 10:30 AM and hourly from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (period I); at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 PM at home (period II); and the next day in the park hourly from 8:00 to 10:00 AM (period III), and from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (period IV). Major and total symptom complex scores, global efficacy and overall satisfaction, and adverse events were assessed. RESULTS: Of the 279 patients (140 men and 139 women; mean age, 29 years) randomized to treatment, 278 were included in the efficacy analysis. Cetirizine produced significantly greater mean reductions than loratadine or placebo in all periods (p < 0.05), except period I for placebo. Cetirizine also produced mean reductions in total symptom complex severity scores that were superior to loratadine at every evaluation period (p < 0.05) and were statistically different from placebo at period II (p < 0.01). A rapid onset of action was observed with cetirizine, as was a better response pattern in the patient global assessment of efficacy compared...
with loratadine. Study medications were well tolerated; no patient stopped treatment because of side effects. The incidence of somnolence with cetirizine was 13% versus 2% with placebo (p < 0.05); headache occurred more frequently with loratadine (23%) than with cetirizine (11%, p = 0.03). CONCLUSIONS: Cetirizine relieved rhinitis symptoms more effectively and quickly than loratadine and placebo in this field study of seasonal allergic rhinitis. Both active agents were generally well tolerated.

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T1 - Utility of a risk assessment questionnaire in identifying children with lead exposure
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To evaluate the utility of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Risk Questionnaire and a behavioral risk factor questionnaire in identifying children with blood lead concentrations of 0.48 mumol/L (10 micrograms/dL) or more. DESIGN: Cross-sectional study of 463 urban Massachusetts children (6 to 72 months of age) screened for lead with venous blood. RESULTS: Twenty-two percent of the children had elevated blood lead concentrations. Of the five CDC questions, only one was significantly associated with an increased adjusted odds ratio for elevated blood lead: having a sibling, housemate, or playmate who was followed up or treated for lead poisoning (odds ratio, 2.7; 95% confidence interval, 1.7 to
4.2; P < .001). Children who had at least one positive or equivocal response to any of the five CDC questions (n = 318 [68.7%]) were not at higher risk than were children who displayed a negative response to all five questions (odds ratio, 1.1; 95% confidence interval, 0.7 to 1.8; P = .69). Of nine behaviors surveyed, two were associated with an increased adjusted odds for elevated blood lead: use of a pacifier (odds ratio, 2.4; 95% confidence interval, 1.3 to 4.4; P = .01) and playing near the outside of the home (odds ratio, 3.4; 95% confidence interval, 2.0 to 5.8; P < .001). CONCLUSIONS: In this population of children, the CDC risk questionnaire did not identify a group at higher risk for lead exposure. We suggest that practitioners in urban communities screen all children according to the same schedule. We conclude that risk factors differ by community and no risk questionnaire developed at the national level should be applied across communities to target screening.
reference dose for a phantom standing permanently over an open field with the same average 137Cs activity per unit area as in the settlement. The behavior factors were derived for five population groups (children younger than seven years, the age group from eight to seventeen years, employees, agricultural workers, and pensioners) by two methods: first from direct measurements of individual doses by thermoluminescent dosimetry and an experimental determination of the average 137Cs activity per unit area in the settlement of interest; and second from external gamma-exposure rates in air at various types of locations and from the questionnaire data. The methods were found to be consistent and the results were used to calculate external exposures of the five population groups in the years 1987 through 1991.

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This paper reviews the use of exposure modeling by the Ambient Standards Branch (ASB) of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards. The Branch uses exposure assessments to evaluate health risks associated with attainment of alternative National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This paper examines the history of the NAAQS Exposure Model (NEM) and probabilistic NEM (pNEM) models and the role that they have played in NAAQS reviews of lead, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and oxygen. Trends in how the following substantive issues were addressed in the NEM series of models are reviewed: (1) exposure and dose metrics; (2) microenvironmental (mu e) concentration estimation; and (3) human activity and breathing rate simulation. In response to an outside peer review of its recent exposure assessments, ASB is deemphasizing modeling the entire population in favor of limited modeling of narrowly defined "sensitive groups." In addition, ASB increasingly is focusing its exposure assessments on those human activities that lead to high intake dose, or high intake dose rate. Examples are provided that highlight these changes in emphasis.
SN increases and SP decreases as the child grows older. The implications of low SN, high SP and varying predictive values of the mother's history of measles are discussed.

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T1 - [Head injuries in children and adolescents: causes and natures]. [Chinese]
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N2 - To investigate the nature of exposure factors, and effectiveness of countermeasures in head injuries in children and adolescent of Taiwan area, we conducted a retrospective study on 820 children and adolescents with head injuries consecutively admitted to Chang Gung Memorial Hospital from January 1985 to December 1989. We analyzed the data by chart review and divided the cases into four age-groups: group A (0-4 years old), group B (5-9 years old), group C (10-14 year old) and group D (15-17 years old). The boy to girl ratio was 2.43. The largest proportions of head injuries were the adolescents in group D. The most common cause of head injury was traffic accidents (74%); while the falls were contributed the main cause in other studies. In all group A, B and D, the majority of traffic accidents were pedestrian injury; while in group D, the motorcyclists or car drivers were responsible for the accidents. Fall from height was the major cause of fall in all four age-groups, but it was fall from bicycle or during play or sports in group C. Injuries were most common in summer and clustered at afternoon in all patients. Majority of head injuries occurred outdoors. Most children and adolescents suffered from mild head injury, but there were still 203 cases with severe head injury (24%). Eighty-one cases (9.9%) were either discharged in critical condition or died at the hospital. There were no significant differences in mortality among four age-groups.
Air pollutants have been documented to be associated with a wide variety of adverse health impacts in children. These include increases in mortality in very severe episodes; an increased risk of perineonatal mortality in regions of higher pollution, and an increased general rate of mortality in children; increased acute respiratory disease morbidity; aggravation of asthma, as shown by increased hospital emergency visits or admissions as well as in longitudinal panel studies; increased prevalence of respiratory symptoms in children, and infectious episodes of longer duration; lowered lung function in children when pollutants increase; lowered lung function in more polluted regions; increased sickness rates as indicated by kindergarten and school absences; the adverse effects of inhaled lead from automobile exhaust. These impacts are especially severe when high levels of outdoor pollution (usually from uncontrolled coal burning) are combined with high levels of indoor pollution. In developed countries, where indoor pollution levels are lower, increasing traffic density and elevated NO2 levels with secondary photochemical and fine particulate pollution appear to be the main contemporary problem. By virtue of physical activity out of doors when pollution levels may be high, children may experience higher exposures than adults. Air pollution is likely to have a greater impact on asthmatic children if they are without access to routine medical care. [References: 49]
To determine Colorado American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) pediatricians' involvement in community-based activities and awareness of and interest in the AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) program, a 22-item survey was mailed to all general pediatrician AAP fellows and candidate fellows practicing in Colorado (n = 434). The return rate was 65%. Of the respondents, 73% provide direct patient care as their primary professional activity, 58% reported either current or past involvement in community-based programs outside of their practices, 91% of this community-based work was voluntary, and 80% of the respondents described this work as moderate to very rewarding. Half of the respondents (51%) were aware of the AAP CATCH program, and 68% were interested in attending a statewide CATCH meeting. We conclude that Colorado AAP pediatrician survey respondents participate heavily in community programs outside of their clinical practices and that among this group there is substantial interest in the AAP CATCH program.
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N2 - Stool disposal practices have been shown to be associated with childhood diarrhoea. However, efforts to promote improved hygiene behaviour are hampered by a lack of understanding of what determines those behaviours. Data from 2793 household interviews with mothers of children from the town of Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso were analyzed to examine what differentiated mothers who reported using safer stool disposal practices from those who did not. Three 'outcomes' were considered: where the child was reported to defaecate; where the mother reported disposing of the child stools; and whether excreta were observed in the compound. Regression models were developed to identify those factors with the strongest independent associations with the outcomes. There was a consistent association between the source of water and the outcomes. Mothers with access to a tap in the yard reported using safe hygiene practices three times more often than mothers using wells outside the compound and twice as often as mothers who used public standpipes or wells within the yard. The source of water showed a similar pattern of association with observations of faecal matter in the environment. Improved sources of water may contribute to safer stool hygiene by reducing the time spent on water collection or by encouraging mothers to conform to higher standards of hygiene. Other factors which played a role in predicting the hygiene behaviour of mothers were the husbands' occupation, the number of health education sessions that she had attended, her zone of residence and family ownership of certain valuable objects. These factors are likely to be related and to be, to some extent, proxies for the real determinants of her behaviour. A model of the cultural, psycho-social and infrastructural proximate determinants of hygiene behaviour is proposed. Data from focus group discussions suggested that the main purpose of hygienic behaviour is to conform to existing norms of social etiquette. Trials of interventions based on changing such norms are needed to test whether this is an effective means of promoting of safer hygiene practices

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The acute effects of ozone (O3) on the change in lung function before and after exercise was assessed in 22 boys and 18 girls from 7 1/2 to 11 yr of age tested up to eight times over a 1 1/2-yr period outdoors (under a tarpaulin) at a school in Mexico City. Ozone and particulates were monitored at an adjacent government station, in the school yard, and under the tarp. Subjects were selected to oversample children with chronic respiratory symptoms, although children with active asthma under regular medication or FEV1 < 80% predicted were excluded. Of the participants, 21 had chronic cough, chronic phlegm, or ever wheeze with colds or apart from colds. Children performed two cycles of treadmill exercise (15 min) and rest (15 min) for a total of 1 h of intermittent exercise. Most subjects attained the target minute ventilation of 35 L/min/m2. Subjects exercised alternately during low ozone hours (8:00-10:00 A.M.) and during peak O3 hours (12:00-2:00 P.M.), to assure a range of exposures. On 85% of exercise days, the maximum daily 1-h average for ambient O3 exceeded the Mexican guideline of 110 parts per billion (ppb). O3 exposure during the hour of exercise was divided into quintiles, and the response was adjusted for repeated measures, subject having a cold, and prior outdoor exercise. Ambient O3 in the fifth quintile (mean = 229 ppb) was associated with a percentage change in FVC (-1.43% +/- 0.70), FEV1 (-2.85% +/- 0.79), FEF25-75% (-6.32 +/- 1.87) and FEV1 (-1.41% +/- 0.46). (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)
To identify risk factors for incident Lyme disease in California during the period June 1, 1991 to December 31, 1992, the authors compared the activities of 101 cases of physician-diagnosed erythema migrans ascertained via both active and passive surveillance with those of 107 controls matched on sex, age, and neighborhood. Questions asked by telephone pertained to location of home, presence of wildlife around the house, hours of outdoor work and outdoor leisure activities, pet ownership, precautionary measures to avoid tick bites, tick removal methods, and knowledge about Lyme disease. For cases, activities pertained to the month prior to the onset of erythema migrans; controls were interviewed about the same activities during the same one-month period. The observation of deer and lizards around the home and a history of exposure to ticks were associated with Lyme disease (deer, odds ratio (OR) = 2.53, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.25-5.15; lizards, OR = 2.14, 95% CI 1.14-4.04). However, the only activity associated with Lyme disease was the use for more than 5 hours per week of wide maintained trails (OR = 11.33, 95% CI 1.33-123.5); this association occurred only in persons with other outdoor leisure activities. No other behaviors or activities were identified as risk factors for acquisition of Lyme disease in California.
age = 4.4 yr), and 83% completed 2 yr of measurement. Physical activity was directly observed on 10 d over 2 yr. Measurement waves occurred every 6 months, and each wave consisted of 2 d of observation within 1 wk. Children were observed for 60 min at home on a weekday evening and up to 30 min during recess at preschool or school. Maximum likelihood procedures using a linear mixed-effects model indicated that most of the variance in home and recess physical activity was accounted for by short-term/weekly factors. Tracking of physical activity accounted for 15% of the total variance at home and 8% at recess. Pearson correlations for physical activity over time were higher at home than at recess. Tracking of home physical activity was r = 0.15 when single days were correlated and r = 0.36 when the means of 4 d were correlated. There was a small, but detectable, stable component of physical activity in young children, at least at home
Although clinicians have described the value of support groups in assisting children mourn the death of someone close, little is known about helping children with bereavement. By understanding what helps children mourn, nurses can better facilitate a healthy bereavement process. The purpose of this mini-ethnographic study, which used observation and participation procedures, was to identify what 16 children found helpful during their bereavement. Initially, the children's expressions of feelings were demonstrated both verbally and through art work. The patterns of the children's emotions were labeled as affective distress, somatic complaints, and for the boys, disruptive behavior. The children then described their mourning processes as being facilitated by out-of-door activity, yelling, and talking to others (e.g. God, mom, grandmother or grandfather).
The Harlem Hospital Injury Prevention Program (HHIPP) was established in 1988 with the goal of reducing injuries to children in central Harlem by providing safe play areas, supervised activities, and injury prevention education. To achieve this goal, a broad-based coalition was formed with state and local governmental agencies interested in injury prevention and with community groups, schools, parents, and hospital staff. An evaluation of the program in terms of both process and outcome formed a critical element of this effort. Since 1988 the HHIPP, as the lead agency for the Healthy Neighborhoods/Safe Kids Coalition, developed or participated in two types of programs: injury-prevention education programs and programs that provide safe activities and/or environments for children. The educational programs included Window Guards campaign; Safety City Program; Kids, Injuries and Street Smarts Program (KISS); Burn Prevention Curriculum and Smoke Detector Distribution; Harlem Alternative to Violence Program; Adolescent Outreach Program; and Critical Incident Stress Management Teams. The safe activities and environmental programs included the Bicycle Safety Program/Urban Youth Bike Corps; Playground Injury Prevention Program; the Greening of Harlem Program; the Harlem Horizon Art Studio; Harlem Hospital Dance Clinic; Unity through Murals project; baseball at the Harlem Little League; winter baseball clinic; and the soccer league. Each program was conceived using injury data, coupled with parental concern and activism, which acted as catalysts to create a community coalition to respond to a specific problem. Data systems developed over time, which monitored the prevalence and incidence of childhood injuries in northern Manhattan, including central Harlem, became essential not only...
to identify specific types of childhood injuries in this community but also to evaluate these programs for the prevention of injuries in children

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N2 - One hundred and eighty-five rural Bangladeshi children (80 boys and 105 girls) aged 4-27 months were observed to investigate developmental, behavioural, and environmental risk factors for diarrhoea during a 6-month period. Incidence of diarrhoea was found to be the highest among children aged 10-12 months. Children of this age group had the greatest exposure to environmental contaminants in the neighbourhood. Incidence of diarrhoea was the highest in hot, dry months. Risk factors for diarrhoea included: faecal contamination and garbage disposal in infant's outdoor play compound, crawling, contact of hand and mouth with contaminated materials, greater distance of household from water source, inadequate cleaning after defecation; dirt of child's face, presence of flies, feeding rotten food; insufficient washing of infant's and caretaker's hands before feeding rice meals or soft, wet foods; and lack of mothers' willingness to visit a modern (allopathic) health practitioner
A summer camp for childhood obesity in Thailand


The results of a 4-week summer camp for childhood obesity were reported. Twenty-one children with moderate to severe obesity, aged between 8-13 years, joined the program. Dietary restriction during the official hours and dietary self-control at home were implemented throughout the program. Exercise, swimming and group therapy were also implemented throughout the program. Weekly sight-seeing outside the camp was very interesting for the participants. After the program, all participants had lost weight which was about 5 per cent of their initial weight. Most of the weight loss was due to loss of body fat but not lean body mass. No complications occurred during the program. The 4-week summer camp is then practical for initiating weight loss for obese children. Long-term follow-up which is underway will be reported later.
The effect of remediation of chromium waste sites on chromium levels in urine of children living in the surrounding neighborhood

Exposure to chromium was assessed for 40 children living near chromium waste sites. Sampling was conducted in one Jersey City, New Jersey neighborhood during the summer and fall of 1991. Household dust samples from residences and urine samples from children living near chromium waste sites were collected and analyzed for chromium. During the summer and fall visits when the samples were collected, the children were also interviewed about lifestyle/activity patterns. Comparisons were made with similar samples collected from children and homes in other areas of New Jersey outside of Hudson County with no known chromium waste sites. Household dust masses and chromium loadings and concentrations in the dust showed a significant decline in this Hudson County neighborhood since the area was first sampled in 1990. Interim remediation of neighborhood sites and an active community education program in the interval between the first and second year of sampling may have contributed to the reduction in dust masses and chromium levels in dust. Children's urine chromium concentrations were consistent across the two sampling periods despite reported changes in activity patterns. Chromium concentrations in urine were found to be age-dependent and related to home location. In this sample of Jersey City children less than six years old, time spent playing outdoors was a weak secondary contributor to urine chromium levels.

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Sports and recreation injuries in US children and adolescents

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OBJECTIVE: To estimate and describe morbidity from sports and recreation injuries in children and adolescents. DESIGN: Survey conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics--the Child Health Supplement to the 1988 National Health Interview Survey. SETTING: The general community. PARTICIPANTS: Representative sample of the noninstitutionalized civilian US population. Five percent of the eligible households did not participate. The subject of this report is 11,840 children and adolescents aged 5 to 17 years. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Medically attended nonfatal injuries resulting from sports and recreation, and serious sports injuries, defined as injuries resulting in hospitalization, surgical treatment, missed school, or half a day or more in bed. Sports and recreation injuries were defined as those occurring in a place of recreation or sports, or receiving any of the following International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) E-codes: struck in sports, fall in sports, bicycle-related injury, riding an animal, water sports, overexertion, fall from playground equipment or other vehicles, primarily skates and skateboards. RESULTS: The estimated annual number of all injuries from sports and recreation in US children and adolescents is 4,379,000 (95% confidence interval = 3,147,000 to 5,611,000); from serious sport injuries, 1,363,000 (95% confidence interval = 632,000 to 2,095,000). Sports account for 36% of injuries from all causes. Cause and nature of injury are strongly related to age. Sports do not account for a disproportionate number of serious or repeated injuries compared with other causes of injuries. CONCLUSION: Sports activities account for a large number and substantial proportion of all injuries to children and youth.

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It has been suggested that all children with skull fractures require urgent CT scanning to exclude intracranial injury. Adhering to such a policy could both tax limited scanning facilities and result in unnecessary exposure to radiation. The aim of this study is to assess the level of consciousness in determining the need for urgent CT scanning, and the possible role of the mechanism of injury as a secondary risk factor. We identified 140 children admitted during a 7-year period with a skull fracture after falling outside the home. Thirteen children had a diminished level of consciousness. Scans were performed in nine, and seven of the scans revealed significant intracranial injuries. By comparison, all 127 children with a normal level of consciousness recovered fully. Scanning was performed in only eight of them; seven scans were normal and one revealed a small subarachnoid haemorrhage which did not require active treatment. In addition, all 13 children with a diminished level of consciousness had sustained their injuries by falling from greater than their own standing height. By comparison, none of the children who had sustained their skull fractures by tripping up had a diminished level of consciousness or a significant intracranial injury. We conclude that all children with a diminished level of consciousness need to undergo an urgent CT scan. Children with skull fractures and a normal conscious level may be managed initially by neuroobservations and the clinician may be further reassured if the child's injury resulted from tripping up.
Southwest Metropolitan Mexico City (SWMMC) preadolescent children have been exposed to a highly polluted urban atmosphere most of their lives. The main objective of this study was to determine by nasal lavage (NAL) the acute inflammatory nasal influx elicited in these children upon exposure to three different polluted days. Ozone, the main criteria pollutant for SWMMC, varied both in the number of hours above the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), which is 0.12 ppm as a 1-h maximum concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year, and in the maximal concentrations in the preceding three NAL sampling dates. Nasal neutrophilic influx, the surface expression of the B2 integrin CD11b on the nasal polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNs), rhinoscopic findings, respiratory symptoms, and nasal cytologies were evaluated in the 38 exposed children and in the 28 control children living in a nonpolluted Pacific coast port. SWMMC children had an average daily outdoor exposure of 7.7 h and complained of nasal mucus secretion, epistaxis, intermittent nasal obstruction, diurnal cough episodes, and chest discomfort. Nasal mucosal atrophy by rhinoscopy was present in 37/38, and all children had an abnormal nasal cytology. Exposed children had significantly higher nasal PMNs and nasal PMN-CD11b expression than controls. PMN median values in exposed children were higher than controls on all sampling dates (November 12, p < .001; November 17, p < .001; and November 24, p < .00001). Interestingly, a lower nasal neutrophilic response (p < .0004) was recorded in the SWMMC children 18 h after exposure to the highest O3 concentrations (up to 0.307 ppm) and the largest number of hours with O3 > 0.12 ppm (7 h). The question of a competing inflammatory response at the bronchioalveolar level with structural damage is raised. These NAL findings underscore the need to restrict outdoor activity in SWMMC children during the months of greater potential exposure to ozone.
Injuries from falls on playgrounds. Effects of day care center regulation and enforcement

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OBJECTIVES: To measure the incidence of playground fall injuries among children attending licensed US day care centers and to evaluate how injury incidence varies with center characteristics and with the regulatory and enforcement climate in which centers operate. DESIGN: Telephone surveys of directors of day care centers and enforcement agencies and review of written day care regulations. SETTING: Probability sample of licensed day care centers in 50 states and the District of Columbia. PARTICIPANTS: Children attending day care centers with playgrounds. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Medically attended playground fall injuries. RESULTS: Among the 1740 day care centers studied, a weighted total of 89.2 injuries occurred during the 2-month study period (0.25/100,000 child-hours in day care). The most important risk factor for injury was height of the tallest piece of climbing equipment on the playground in both bivariate (P = .01) and multivariate (P = .02) analyses. Neither regulations addressing playground safety or playground surfaces nor enforcement patterns were associated with lower injury rates. CONCLUSIONS: Additional effort is needed to develop and evaluate regulations and enforcement that reduce injury risks for children while minimizing burden on day care centers. In the meantime, limiting climbing equipment heights may reduce playground injury rates.
Effective communication between Hispanic parents and teens about sexual issues may deter adolescent pregnancy, yet little is known about the prevalence or impact of such communication. The study examined this potential relationship in a cohort of urban Hispanic adolescents. A questionnaire was administered to a non-random sample of pregnant and non-pregnant Hispanic women aged 12-18 years attending inner city schools in Los Angeles to obtain demographic, sexual activity and communication information. Logistic regression analysis was used to evaluate the independent contribution of risk factors to teenage pregnancy. Good communication with one's mother was inversely related to pregnancy; the adjusted odds ratio of pregnancy if the mother told the daughter about sex was 0.3 (95% CI 0.2-0.6). Friends' love was also inversely related to pregnancy (odds ratio 0.7; 95% CI 0.6-0.8). In order of increasing strength, alcohol and drug use, favorable attitude toward premarital sex, receipt of welfare, older age at menarche, and older age were all significantly related to pregnancy. Pregnant Hispanic teenagers have poorer communication with their parents than do other Hispanic teens. Efforts to reduce the incidence of adolescent pregnancy among Hispanics may need to address not only family communication but also issues outside the home such as alcohol and recreational drugs.
The study examines the role of several potential predictors of urinary cotinine levels in a cross-sectional sample of 1,072 nonsmoking children and adolescents in Latium, Italy, during 1990-1991. As expected, there was a strong relation between passive exposure to smoking and the amount of maternal and paternal self-reported smoking. The urinary cotinine level increased with a decreasing level of paternal education and with an increasing index of household crowding; self-report of recent exposure to smoking outside the home was a strong predictor of the biologic marker. The analysis was then restricted to 346 subjects whose parents claimed that they were nonsmokers and that there were no smokers at home. In this group, however, 57 children reported some active smoking at home by their parents. Those with parents suspected to be "deceivers" had higher level of urinary cotinine than did those truly not exposed. In addition, urinary cotinine in this group was clearly associated with duration of exposure to smoking outside home. The study indicates that both factors related to family circumstances and exposure outside the household setting are strong determinants of urinary cotinine levels. The finding may be considered a direct confirmation that passive smoking among children should be viewed as a specific community responsibility.
Use of ethnography in the evaluation and targeting of HIV/AIDS education among Latino farm workers

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Ethnography can be utilized to assess the impact of HIV/AIDS education simultaneous with the implementation of program activities. An ethnographic analysis based on field methods adapted in a Michigan program that targets migrant farmworkers highlights responses to showings of a bilingual AIDS education video; the things to which migrants attend while they are interacting with the educator and each other in HIV
education presentations; the tactics they employ to direct discussion when talking about HIV/AIDS, and the manner in which they use language to "distance" themselves from the topic of HIV infection and AIDS. Migrants in Michigan experience the same risks to health as farmworkers in other states; their pay is low, their hours are long, and the time they spend in the state is seasonal (summer). They engage in risk behavior while in the state (primarily consensual/contracted sex). Some migrants through use of drugs may come closer to exposure to the HIV virus outside the state than when they are working as migrants in Michigan SN - 0899-9546 AD - Comprehensive Drug Research Center, University of Miami School of Medicine, FL 33136, USA UR - 7619646 ER -

BACKGROUND: Ehrlichiosis due to Ehrlichia chaffeensis usually occurs sporadically or in small clusters, with an annual incidence estimated at 3 to 5 cases per 100,000 population in areas of endemic disease. The putative principal vector is the Lone Star tick (Amblyomma americanum). We investigated an outbreak of ehrlichiosis that occurred in June 1993 among members of a golf-oriented retirement community (community A) in Tennessee. The community is densely wooded and borders a wildlife-management area where deer are numerous.

METHODS: We conducted a case-control study, using medical-history reviews, serologic testing, and testing with the polymerase chain reaction for E. chaffeensis infection. We also surveyed a sample of 10 percent of the households in community A and in another golf-oriented community (community B) more than 20 miles (32 km) from the wildlife-management area. Survey participants completed a questionnaire and provided specimens for serologic testing. In both communities, searches for ticks were undertaken.

RESULTS: Eleven cases of symptomatic ehrlichiosis were identified in the case-control study, 10 of which were in community A (attack rate, 330 per 100,000). Of 311 surveyed residents of community A, 12.5 percent had serologic evidence of past E. chaffeensis infection, as compared with 3.3 percent of 92 in community B (relative risk in community A as compared with community B, 3.9; 95 percent confidence interval, 1.2 to 12.2). The risk of infection was associated with tick bites, exposure to wildlife, golfing, and among golfers, retrieving lost golf balls from the rough. Persons who never used insect repellent were more likely to have had infection than persons who did. In community A, thousands of Lone Star ticks were found; in community B, only three ticks were found.

CONCLUSIONS: The high rate of E. chaffeensis infection in community A resulted from its proximity to a wildlife reserve. When outdoor recreational activities are common and concentrations of ticks are high, outbreaks of arthropod-borne zoonoses can be anticipated.
BACKGROUND: Sudden death from cardiac arrest in a young person may occur during sports play after a blunt blow to the chest in the absence of structural cardiovascular disease or traumatic injury (cardiac concussion or commotio cordis). We studied the clinical features of this apparently uncommon but important phenomenon.

METHODS: We identified cases from the registries of relevant agencies and organizations, as well as newsmedia accounts, and developed a clinical profile of 25 children and young adults, 3 to 19 years of age. RESULTS: Each victim collapsed with cardiac arrest immediately after an unexpected blow to the chest, which was usually inflicted by a projectile (such as a baseball or hockey puck). Incidents took place during organized competitive sports in 16 cases and in recreational settings at home, at school, or on the playground in 9. In each instance, the impact to the chest was not judged to be extraordinary for the sport involved and did not appear to have sufficient force to cause death. Twelve victims collapsed virtually instantaneously on impact, whereas 13 remained conscious and physically active for a brief time before cardiac arrest. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered within about three minutes to 19 victims, but normal cardiac rhythm could be restored in only 2 (both incurred irreversible brain damage and died shortly thereafter). Seven victims (28 percent) were wearing some form of protective chest padding.

CONCLUSIONS: We speculate that most sudden deaths related to impact to the chest (not associated with traumatic injury) are due to ventricular dysrhythmia induced by an abrupt, blunt precordial blow, presumably delivered at an electrically vulnerable phase of ventricular excitability. This profile of blunt chest impact leading to cardiac arrest adds to our understanding of the range of causes of sudden death on the athletic field and may help in the development of preventive measures.
A cross-sectional study was carried out to determine whether environmental exposure of children to lead may cause renal effects. The study involved a total of 195 children aged 12 to 15 years. One hundred forty-four children (63 boys and 81 girls) were recruited from two schools in the vicinity of a lead smelter and 51 (25 boys and 26 girls) from a school in a rural area. Compared to their referents, boys and girls from the two schools in the polluted area had significantly higher levels of lead in blood (PbB) but similar levels of cadmium (CdB) and zinc protoporphyrins (ZPP). The functional integrity of the kidney was assessed by measuring the urinary excretion of beta 2-microglobulin, Clara cell protein, retinol-binding protein (RBP), albumin and beta-N-acetyl-D-glucosaminidase. The most significant and consistent finding of the study was that children from the two schools in the polluted area showed a significant elevation of the urinary excretion of RBP that paralleled the level of lead in blood or in the dust collected on the school playgrounds. A similar pattern was observed for the prevalence of elevated values of urinary RBP which increased from 3.9% in the control area up to 17% in the most polluted school. Urinary RBP was found to be associated with PbB (partial r² = 0.046, P = 0.005) in a stepwise regression analysis testing also the influence of age, sex, CdB, and ZPP. In conclusion, the present study suggests that lead contaminating the environment may cause slight effects on the proximal tubule function in children at exposure levels close to those associated with CNS deficit.
We report the clinical manifestations and outcome of 82 patients with nontumoral parietal lobe epilepsy treated surgically at the Montreal Neurological Institute between 1929 and 1988. Patients with extensive resections extending outside the parietal lobe were excluded. Ninety-four percent exhibited aurae: the most common were somatosensory, described by 52 patients; 13 of these also described pain. Other aurae included disturbances of body image, visual illusions, vertiginous sensations and aphasia or dysaphasia. A few patients exhibited complex visual or auditory hallucinations and elementary visual hallucinations. Intraoperative cortical stimulation reproduced the habitual aurae in 44 patients. Often the clinical manifestations indicated ictal spread to the frontal, supplementary motor area, or temporo-limbic areas: 28% of patients exhibited tonic posturing of the extremities, 57% unilateral clonic activity, 17% oral or gestural automatisms and 4% complex automatisms. Sixty-one percent of patients with tonic posturing had epileptogenic zones which included the superior parietal lobe, and in 79% of patients with automatisms the epileptogenic zones extended to the inferior parietal lobe, suggesting different spread patterns. Forty-three patients underwent right, and 39 left parietal corticectomies. Postoperative sensory deficits were seen only when the corticectomy extended into the post-central gyrus. Early in the series extensive nondominant inferior parietal resections led to disturbances of body image in a few
patients. Follow-up ranging from 2 to 50 years was available for 79 patients. Sixty-five percent had a complete or nearly complete cessation of seizures. Those patients with no post-resection electrocorticographic epileptiform discharges had a more favourable outcome. [References: 63]

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N2 - Diet, weight-bearing physical activity (WPA) and daylight hours spent outdoors (DE) were related to bone mineral density in the distal (BMDd) and ultradistal (BMDud) forearm of 495 healthy children (8-11 years) and adolescents (11-17 years). BMD was assessed by single photon absorptiometry. Using multiple regression, BMDd was predicted by saturated fat and BMDud by fiber in children. In adolescents, BMDd was predicted by saturated fat and vitamin C, and BMDud by calcium and vitamin C. WPA and DE were not related to BMD. In conclusion, our results showed that current intake of calcium, saturated fat, fiber and vitamin C were positively associated with forearm BMD in children and adolescents. These associations depended on age and bone type. If our findings are verified, dietary recommendations, especially when aimed at young people, may have to be reconsidered
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We analyzed the relationship between daily high temperature and mortality in Kyushu, Japan, 1972-1990.

Mortality rate was obtained by dividing the number of deaths in a certain daily high temperature category by person-days in the same category. The results were as follows: (1) With daily high temperature on the x-axis and mortality rate on the y-axis, the relationship between the two variables appeared to be V-shaped. The minimum mortality rate was observed at the 28 degrees C-33 degrees C level. (2) Among all deaths at 33+ degrees C level, the proportion of deaths from "excessive heat" never exceeded 0.4%. This suggested that heat stroke is not a major contributor to the V-shape formation. (3) The V-shape was observed even in 1990, suggesting that the rapid spread of air conditioners did not alter the relationship between daily high temperature and mortality rate. (4) For the 0-4 years age group, mortality was not temperature dependent. However, the 5-14 years age group showed high mortality rates at 33+ degrees C. This may be attributed to outdoor activities during summer. After 30 years of age, the overall mortality rates rose with age, with greater increases at lower ambient temperature levels. As a result, the 65+ years age group had the greatest temperature dependence. (5) Deaths from respiratory diseases, circulatory diseases, and senility were highly temperature dependent, whereas death from cancer was not temperature dependent. Deaths from digestive diseases, infectious diseases, and accidents showed moderate temperature dependence.
Residential exposure to elemental mercury typically involves small amounts (e.g., the approximately 0.3 mL in a thermometer). During August 1994, five children residing in a neighborhood in Palm Beach County, Florida, found 5 pints of elemental mercury in an abandoned van. During the ensuing 25 days, the children shared and played with the mercury outdoors, inside homes, and at local schools. On August 25, 1994, a parent notified local police and fire authorities that her children had brought mercury into the home. On the same day, 50 homes were immediately vacated and an assessment of environmental and health impacts was initiated by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Health and Rehabilitative Services of the Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This report summarizes the investigation of this incident.

Hypothesis: the risk of childhood leukemia is related to combinations of power-frequency and static magnetic fields.
We present a hypothesis that the risk of childhood leukemia is related to exposure to specific combinations of static and extremely-low-frequency (ELF) magnetic fields. Laboratory data from calcium efflux and diatom mobility experiments were used with the gyromagnetic equation to predict combinations of 60 Hz and static magnetic fields hypothesized to enhance leukemia risk. The laboratory data predicted 19 bands of the static field magnitude with a bandwidth of 9.1 microT that, together with 60 Hz magnetic fields, are expected to have biological activity. We then assessed the association between this exposure metric and childhood leukemia using data from a case-control study in Los Angeles County. ELF and static magnetic fields were measured in the bedrooms of 124 cases determined from a tumor registry and 99 controls drawn from friends and random digit dialing. Among these subjects, 26 cases and 20 controls were exposed to static magnetic fields lying in the predicted bands of biological activity centered at 38.0 microT and 50.6 microT. Although no association was found for childhood leukemia in relation to measured ELF or static magnetic fields alone, an increasing trend of leukemia risk with measured ELF fields was found for subjects within the static field bands (P for trend = 0.041). The odds ratio (OR) was 3.3 [95% confidence interval (CI) = 0.4-30.5] for subjects exposed to static fields within the derived bands and to ELF magnetic field above 0.30 microT (compared to subjects exposed to static fields outside the bands and ELF magnetic fields below 0.07 microT). When the 60 Hz magnetic fields were assessed according to the Wertheimer-Leeper code for wiring configurations, leukemia risks were again greater with the hypothesized exposure conditions (OR = 9.2 for very high current configurations within the static field bands; 95% CI = 1.3-64.6). Although the risk estimates are based on limited magnetic field measurements for a small number of subjects, these findings suggest that the risk of childhood leukemia may be related to the combined effects of the static and ELF magnetic fields. Further tests of the hypothesis are proposed.
Research in West Africa has begun to document the phenomenon of child fostering although little attention has focussed on other types of non-maternal child care arrangements and their impact on child health. Evidence from a sample of 77 weaned children under five in rural Mali found that over one third (35%) of children were not the prime responsibility of both their biological parents. Nineteen per cent (N = 15) of the sample were formally fostered children, known as sukaabe bambaaabe, who lived neither with their biological mothers nor with their biological fathers. Others lived under flexible or semi-permanent non-maternal care arrangements both within and outside the agnatic family. Factors precipitating fostering are outlined and are divided into: (i) those under which the child is fostered away from its biological family through force of circumstance; and (ii) those under which the child is actively requested by its foster mother. Rather than fostering providing a universal option for over-burdened mothers with too many or too closely-spaced children, the field evidence shows that the movement of children within and between households is rigorously controlled by the female social hierarchy. Children are transferred in a uni-directional fashion from the care of their low status biological mothers to high status foster mothers. Their transfer serves to visibly reinforce socio-political
power differentials between these women who are at different stages of the female life-cycle and in different sets of household circumstances. Economic factors are not associated with the decision to keep the child or to foster it away, but do appear to determine whether the children living under non-maternal care are fostered out under a structured or unstructured fostering arrangement. Contrary to findings in other West African settings, fostering per se has little impact on children's nutritional outcomes as measured by their weight-for-age Z-Scores, probably because the use of surrogate or sibling caretakers is common in this environment even for children who are the full responsibility of their biological mothers. The context of the fostering, however, does influence fostered children's nutritional status. Those children who were requested by their foster mothers had better nutritional outcomes than those who were fostered in by force of circumstances. It is concluded that the concept of 'maternal and child health' and the 'maternal-child' dyad around which both health interventions and demographic evaluations are centred, may not always be appropriate in areas of high fostering prevalence.
who also completed detailed time-activity diaries. A total of 2,274 O3 samples were collected. In addition, weekly air exchange rates of homes were measured
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N2 - OBJECTIVE: To determine the pattern of perineal injuries and frequency of hymenal involvement resulting from unintentional trauma in prepubescent girls. DESIGN: Prospective, multicenter. Observation by skilled observers. Determination of the circumstance and physical pattern of injury, with specific attention to the hymen. SETTING: Children's emergency department or acute care clinic. PATIENTS: Tanner stage 1 girls presenting with acute perineal injury. Criteria for unintentional injury: observation of the event or knowledge of the girl's engagement in a risky activity (eg, biking or climbing monkey bars) immediately before the injury. RESULTS: Fifty-six girls were evaluated. Age range: 1 to 12 years (median, 6 years; mean, 6.2 years). Associations: bicycle, 39%; other outdoor injuries, 25% (climbing apparatus, straddling an object, and falls); indoor injuries, 36% (straddling furniture and falls). Most injuries were minor. In each group the labia minora was the most frequent structure involved. The majority of injuries were anterior or lateral to the hymen. However, in 34% some or all of the injuries were posterior to the hymen. Thigh injuries were observed only in older children engaged in bicycle riding or outdoor play. In only one patient was the hymen involved. That patient was a 2 year old who fell outdoors, at a park, abducting her legs in a splits-type mechanism. She had a
pinpoint abraded area on the hymenal surface at three o'clock. Otherwise, no unique pattern of injury was associated with age or circumstance of injury. CONCLUSIONS: Hymenal injuries are rarely the result of unintentional injury. The presence of a hymenal injury should suggest sexual abuse. Involvement of other perineal structures was commonly associated with unintended injury. Given the limited resources for prevention, the relative infrequency of perineal injuries and the minor nature of most of these injuries, significant preventive efforts are not justified.

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N2 - The objectives of this research were to study the epidemiological characteristics and home-based treatment of childhood burns in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. Children aged 0-5 years with a burn history were identified through a community-based, multisite survey. A standard questionnaire was administered to mothers of 630 of these children to elicit information on their sociodemographic characteristics and the circumstances of the burn event. Ninety-two per cent of the burns occurred in the home, particularly in the kitchen (51 per cent) and the house yard (36 per cent), with most of them happening in the late morning and around the evening meal. The main causes of the burns were scalds (45 per cent), contact with a hot object (34 per cent) and flame (20 per
'Cool' water was applied to the burned area in 30 per cent of cases. Otherwise, treatment with a traditional preparation was the most popular first-aid choice. Since a considerable proportion of burns happened between meals when children 'play with fire' in the house yard, the provision of alternative play activities and community play areas may reduce the incidence of burns to these children. Secondly, we recommend that education on first-aid management of burns be intensified, with special emphasis on alternatives to the use of traditional preparations.
The epidemiology of tuberculosis remains poorly understood. We investigated the relative importance of within-household and community transmission of infection among children aged 6 months to 14 years living in a Peruvian shanty-town. The prevalence of Mycobacterium tuberculosis exposure among 175 contact children (sharing a household with a person who had confirmed pulmonary tuberculosis) and 382 control children (living in nearby households free of active tuberculosis) was defined as the proportion of children with a positive purified protein derivative (PPD) skin-test. 97 (55%) contact children and 129 (34%) controls were PPD positive. Living in a contact household (odds ratio 1.74, 95% CI 1.11-2.73) and age (1.11, 1.06-1.18) were significant risk factors for PPD positivity. We calculated the community infection ratio (CIR) as the odds ratio of PPD-positive controls to PPD-positive contacts: CIR = [formula: see text] A low CIR therefore suggests mainly household spread of infection, whereas a high value suggests frequent transmission outside the household. The adjusted odds ratio (for age, sex, within-household correlation, and household size) was 0.40 (95% CI 0.26-0.64), compared with values of 0.18-0.37 in studies elsewhere. Currently recommended tuberculosis control strategies are suitable for areas with low CIRs. Different strategies may be needed for areas, such as that we studied, with high values.

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KW - Exercise/ph [Physiology]
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KW - Hydrogen-Ion Concentration
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Mitochondrial Myopathies/me [Metabolism]
KW - Muscle
KW - Skeletal/me [Metabolism]
KW - Ophthalmoplegia
Phosphorus nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy was used to examine skeletal muscle in 29 patients with mitochondrial myopathy, 9 male and 20 female. Gastrocnemius was investigated in 15 patients and 30 normal subjects and finger flexor muscle (flexor digitorum superficialis, fds) in 24 patients and 35 normal controls. Both muscles were studied in 10 of the patients. Results were abnormal (outside the full range of normal values) in all but 2 patients. In 86% of patients (25/29) abnormalities were detected in resting muscle. In most cases there was a low phosphocreatine/ATP ratio, high calculated free [ADP] and low phosphorylation potential. At rest, abnormality was detected with equal ease in fds and gastrocnemius. Exercise and recovery increased the sensitivity of MRS in detecting abnormal metabolism. Finger flexion was better tolerated by patients than plantar flexion and gave bigger changes in metabolite concentrations and intracellular pH. Thus, results from fds were more easily differentiated from normal. Exercise duration was significantly shorter than in controls while phosphocreatine depletion was more rapid than normal, consistent with a shortfall in mitochondrial ATP synthesis. Nearly all patients (25/27, 93%) showed abnormalities during recovery from exercise. [ADP] was high during exercise and its recovery was delayed, providing increased drive for oxidative phosphorylation. Phosphocreatine resynthesis during recovery (which reflects oxidative ATP synthesis) was slow both in absolute terms and in relation to [ADP]. Recovery of intracellular pH after exercise was significantly more rapid than normal, consistent with an upregulation of proton efflux.
Eighteen people with learning disabilities who moved from hospital to community-based homes were compared with a matched group of 18 who did not. A week-long time budget diary was used to record each occasion that the person left their home, the people accompanying them on each trip, their mode of transport and their destination. The diary was completed before they left the hospital and was repeated at least 1 year later. There was a strong correlation between the number of trips made from hospital wards at baseline and the number made at follow-up in both groups. Moving from the hospital had no significant effect on the number of trips made, but it did change their nature. Movers made more trips to unsegregated facilities; they made fewer trips alone and more in groups which included both staff and residents.
No gamma-interferon production was observed in peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) cultures from 45 patients living in an endemic area of schistosomiasis in Brazil following in vitro stimulation with schistosomula or adult worm antigens from Schistosoma mansoni (4.9 +/- 24 and 1.0 +/- 3.4 pg/ml, respectively). This immunological abnormality was observed in patients both with a high degree of infection (≥ 400 eggs/g feces) and with a low degree of infection (< 400 eggs/g feces), and was independent of the degree of natural exposure to infection. This absence of gamma-interferon production was antigen specific since high levels of this cytokine were detected in the same patients when their cells were stimulated with PPD (247 +/- 179 pg/ml) or PHA (408 +/- 328 pg/ml). In two of four subjects cured of a previous S. mansoni infection and currently living outside the endemic area, gamma-IFN was produced when their PBMC were stimulated with adult worm antigen (75 +/- 2.5 pg/ml).
We assessed blood pressure responses of a multiethnic (Black and White) sample of 120 children of hypertensive families to orthostasis, video game, forehead cold, and dynamic exercise, and monitored the children's ambulatory pressure 24 hours later. Thirteen children were studied twice (1-year stability). The Black children exhibited higher 24-hour ambulatory systolic and diastolic pressures than the White children. Regardless of ethnicity, peak and mean systolic pressures during each task were generally positively correlated with mean systolic pressure while the children were awake and asleep. Associations between diastolic pressor responses and ambulatory measurements were somewhat dependent upon ethnicity and task. Relatively few reactivity-ambulatory correlations were significant, using pressor reactivity change scores. The children who participated twice exhibited significant 1-year stability for most ambulatory and pressor measurements. Children's pressor responses to laboratory tasks may generalize to the natural environment.
Two-hundred-and-fifty patients were registered in a population-based study of neuroblastomas in Denmark in the period 1943-80. The major epidemiological findings were an increased incidence with an unchanged mortality rate during the study period. The increase in incidence related solely to children 0-4 years of age and was most pronounced in infants under 1 year of age. Several reasons for the observed epidemiological rates include (i) changes in the composition of the population, (ii) improved diagnostic procedures, (iii) a shift in the diagnostic criteria, and (iv) an increase in environmental carcinogens of importance in the induction of neuroblastoma. Associated with an increased risk were lower socio-economic levels and young or advanced parental age, suggesting the importance of environmental as well as genetic factors for the induction of neuroblastoma. The epidemiological findings of an increased incidence with an unchanged mortality rate, which suggests the inclusion of borderline lesions in recent years, are of major importance in interpreting the results of mass screening for the disease. The clinical findings in 253 patients treated in Denmark from 1943 to 1980 (including 5 patients resident outside Denmark and excluding 2 patients without available hospital records) were analysed. The major finding was a zero-time shift, that is, earlier diagnosis of the disease during the study period, with increasing survival rates from decade to decade mostly due to a better age and stage distribution, a zero-time shift which was also apparent in the changes of the symptomatology. Independent prognostic variables were age, stage, and treatment with chemotherapy for children over 1 year of age with stage II disease, and for infants with stages III-IV disease. Analysis of data from a subset of the 253 children suggested that high proliferative activity detected by flow cytometry may be an important prognostic variable. The study also suggests that the pattern of metastatic spread might have changed as a consequence of prolonged survival obtained by improved treatment modalities, stressing the importance of a high frequency of autopsy among cancer patients. Hypotheses generated by the study included (i) that most neuroblastomas might be congenital, (ii) that the age influence on prognosis might be explained in terms of growth rate, cell cycle transit time, and duration of the disease, and (iii) that some neuroblastomas might be borderline lesions. [References: 204]
This retrospective study was designed to document the etiology of traumatically ruptured globes in children and to determine the prognostic value of several clinical parameters with respect to visual outcome. Forty-six children 16 years of age and under seen in the emergency room over a 2-year period were found to have full thickness penetration of the globe. Fifty-nine percent of injuries occurred during recreational activities, and 59% occurred outside of the home. Boys outnumbered girls by a 6:1 ratio. For children, initial visual acuity proved to be less valuable as a prognostic indicator with regard to final vision than has been reported in adults. Smaller corneal wounds offered better visual outcomes. Four eyes were enucleated. Ten ruptures (22%) were related to activity involving guns. Four of six BB gun injuries were the result of a ricocheted BB. Visual outcomes in gun-related injuries were particularly poor.
Consultation-liaison psychiatry emerged in a particular socio-historical context, following a major shift of medicine into a more scientific, hospital-based system. Psychiatrists realized that they needed to move outside of the asylum and reintegrate themselves with the new structures of medicine, especially the general hospital and the medical school. Psychosomatic theory and psychoanalytic influence shaped the emergence of consultation-liaison activities in the 1930s through 1950s as they shaped most psychiatric services in the United States at that time, but they were an epiphenomenon to this powerful underlying dynamic that dictated psychiatry's move into the medical hospital. The experience of other countries tends to confirm this hypothesis, though a comparative history is limited by the strong postwar US influence. Pediatric consultation-liaison had a somewhat different evolution, reflecting the later emergence of pediatrics itself as a field and its strong psychosocial and preventive medicine emphasis.

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Allergic sensitization and symptoms from the airways in relation to air pollution were compared in 10-12-year-old school children (n = 1113) from urban Konin in central Poland and both urban and rural parts of Sundsvall in northern Sweden. The measurements included parental questionnaires, skin-prick tests and serial peak flow measurements during 2 weeks with simultaneous monitoring of outdoor air pollutants. The skin-prick test technique was validated by IgE antibody determinations. The levels of common industrial pollutants, SO2 and smoke particles were much higher in Konin than in urban Sundsvall and the levels of NO2 were similar. Various respiratory symptoms were more often reported among school children in Konin (except for wheezing and diagnosed asthma). Multiple logistic regression analyses yielded the following increased odds ratios for children in Konin as compared with the reference group (rural Sundsvall): chest tightness and breathlessness 3.48 (95% confidence interval 2.08-5.82), exercise-induced coughing attacks 3.69 (95% confidence interval 1.68-8.10), recurrent episodes of common cold 2.79 (95% confidence interval 1.53-5.09) and prolonged cough 4.89 (95% confidence interval 2.59-9.23). In contrast, as compared with rural Sundsvall, the adjusted odds ratio for a positive skin-prick test was decreased in Konin, but increased in urban Sundsvall, 0.58 (95% confidence interval 0.37-0.91) and 1.67 (95% confidence interval 1.15-2.42) respectively. The study confirms that living in an urban, as compared with rural areas, is associated with an increased prevalence of respiratory symptoms and sensitization to allergens. These differences could be explained by air pollution. Respiratory symptoms were more common in a similar urban group of Polish children who were exposed to even higher levels of air pollution. These children, however, had a much lower prevalence of sensitization to allergens, as compared with the Swedish children. This indicates that differences in lifestyle and standard of living between western Europe and a former socialist country influences the prevalence of atopy.
Sixty preschoolers (30 deaf and hard of hearing, 30 hearing) were observed in their integrated school during "centers" and outdoor play. Half the children experienced auditory communication and half total communication modes of communication. All children had known their classmates for six months to three years. It was found that all children preferred to play and communicate with same-hearing status children, however 63% of all children communicated with children of other-hearing status. Amounts of social play and communication differed somewhat between the two communication environments, and context of interaction was related to the behavior and communication of children who were deaf and hard of hearing. Implications are discussed for the education of young children who are deaf and hard of hearing—specifically that educational and social benefits accrue to those who are integrated throughout the school day (across context) and have access to hearing classmates and classmates who are deaf and hard of hearing.

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This study analyzed 73 electrocochleographic recordings made in children with a normal hearing threshold, selected retrospectively from 1563 recordings made between 1973 and 1990. The aim of the study was to check the original findings for any correlation between the various response parameters which might be indicative of a pathological condition. Compound action potential (AP) latency and amplitude, presynaptic summation potential (SP) and cochlear microphonic (CM) amplitudes and AP rapid adaptation behavior were calculated and recordings were associated with clinical information on aetiology diagnosis, otoscopic examination, impedance measurement data and the finding of any central nervous system (CNS) pathology. The trend of the amplitudes as a function of the intensity of all three potentials (input-output functions), CM and SP in particular, demonstrated unexpected scattered values especially towards the high intensities. This was found correlated to the presence of CNS pathology. The comparison between the two groups (with vs without CNS pathology) with the aid of the Student's t-test proved statically significant, especially for CM and SP amplitudes while rather less so for AP amplitude. In particular, all CM and SP amplitude values outside the confidence intervals (calculated as 95% of normal cases) revealed CNS pathology. It has been suggested that the influence of the CNS on cochlear function is due to a disturbed function of the olivocochlear bundle, which is known to have an inhibitory effect on cochlear dynamics; furthermore, there is also proof that it can be activated regardless of any ipsi- and/or contra-lateral acoustic stimulation. The effects observed on the electrocochleography in cases with CNS disorders would thus be explained by an interruption of the olivocochlear bundle at the CNS level or a disruption of the CNS mechanism capable of controlling its activation.

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BACKGROUND: Oral azelastine, a nonsteroidal antiinflammatory respiratory investigational drug has demonstrated activity in the treatment of allergic rhinitis and asthma with a good safety profile. METHODS: Azelastine nasal spray was compared with sustained-release oral chlorpheniramine maleate and placebo for efficacy and safety in the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis in a double-blind, two-center, 2-day, double-blind, randomized, dose-ranging, parallel-groups, onset and duration of action study. Two hundred sixty-four subjects reported to an outdoor park on Saturday morning during the height of the fall pollen season and remained there for 8 hours that day and the next to ensure maximal exposure to seasonal aeroallergens. Symptom diary cards were collected hourly Saturday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM (baseline period). Subjects who had sufficient symptoms were randomized into five groups and received medication at 10:00 AM and 10:00 PM on Saturday and at 10:00 AM on Sunday: azelastine 0.1% (1 spray [0.12 mg] per nostril every 12 hours, 2 sprays per nostril every 12 hours, or 2 sprays per nostril once daily), Chlor-Trimeton Repetabs (12 mg twice daily), or placebo (twice daily). Diary cards were completed hourly (11:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 PM on Saturday and again hourly on Sunday (from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) to evaluate rhinitis symptoms and adverse events. RESULTS: Two hundred fifty-nine subjects completed the study. The groups that received 2 sprays of azelastine per nostril once and twice daily and the chlorpheniramine group had statistically significantly more improvement in total rhinitis symptoms than the placebo group without serious adverse events. CONCLUSIONS: This study supports a once to twice daily dosing regimen for 2 sprays of 0.1% azelastine in the acute treatment of allergic rhinitis with onset of action within 2 to 3 hours.
This report, which is based on laboratory reports and patient records, covers the epidemiology, etiology and antibiotic susceptibility of all bacteremic episodes at a community hospital during 1988-90. The overall incidence was eight episodes per 1000 patient admissions, though this figure varied considerably between departments and between age groups. Most organisms were community acquired, and we had few Klebsiella spp., Pseudomonas spp., anaerobic bacteria, fungi and polymicrobial episodes. There were fewer antibiotic resistant strains than reported from outside Scandinavia. The combination of benzylpenicillin and aminoglycoside (plus metronidazole in surgical wards) has a broad enough spectrum of activity for 95% of our patients with sepsis of unknown origin. Thus, our rather "old-fashioned" prescribing policy, with the new and broadspectrum cephalosporins and betalactam drugs constituting only a minor part, is still good practice. The study also shows that cumulative reports issued by the local microbiological laboratory bring awareness to these issues and affect the prescribing pattern in a positive way.
The incidence and pattern of injuries to children in public playgrounds presenting to the accident and emergency department were reviewed over two six month summer periods in Cardiff. A total of 178 children (mean age 7.5 years) attended with a playground injury representing 1.1% of all the children attending. One hundred and five children fell from equipment, of which the commonest was the climbing frame; 125 children had playground surface related injuries, 86 on bark and 30 on concrete. The pattern of injuries on the playground surfaces was different: fractures and sprains were more common on bark surfaces and lacerations and abrasions on concrete surfaces. Comparison of total injury rates showed there were fewer injuries on modernised playgrounds than expected but these differences were not significant.

Modernised playgrounds are more popular, have new exciting equipment, and offer good play opportunities for children. However, the high fracture rate on modernised bark playgrounds is concerning and requires further research.

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Toxocara seroprevalence in 5-year-old elementary schoolchildren: relation with allergic asthma

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Toxocara seroprevalence and the relation between Toxocara seroprevalence and allergic asthma were investigated in Dutch schoolchildren aged 4-6 years. Data on Toxocara antibodies, allergen-specific immunoglobulin E, allergic manifestations, and risk factors (pets and playgrounds) were obtained from 235 children from The Hague and 477 from Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The surveys were carried out from September 1987 to January 1988 in The Hague and in March and April 1989 in Rotterdam. Logistic regression was used to evaluate putative relations. Toxocara seroprevalence was higher in The Hague (11%) than in Rotterdam (6%), but this difference was not quite significant. Seroprevalences varied widely among schools. No differences between socioeconomic categories or between the sexes were found. Occurrences of asthma/recurrent bronchitis and hospitalization due to asthma/recurrent bronchitis were significantly associated with seroprevalence. Furthermore, a marginally significant relation with eczema was found. Immunoglobulin E specific for inhaled allergens occurred significantly more often in the Toxocara-seropositive group. The risk factors investigated were not related to seroprevalence. It is suggested that Toxocara, among other environmental factors, may stimulate polyclonally immunoglobulin E production, including allergen-specific immunoglobulin E, and thus may contribute to the manifestation of allergic asthma and possibly of eczema in children predisposed to allergy.
If we are committed to the health and development of children, we need to recognize that the vast majority of the world's women are working women. In Africa, 80% of the women are actively engaged in economic activities outside the home. The "economic miracle" in Southeast Asia was made possible by the nimble fingers of thousands of women working in textile and electronics factories. There is need for pre-day-care advocacy for infants, through promotion of breast feeding and maternity leave. When the mother returns to work, the standard of the International Labor Organization should be applied, namely "...the care of children while the parents are working cannot be ignored because it forms a focal point on which three main concerns of development policy--work, health, and education--converge." Several principles emerged from the presentations in the international panel: 1. Child-care programs must be community based, using the resources of the families and the community organizations themselves. 2. Programs require the active involvement of the communities, women's groups, and other partners. 3. Programs are modified by innovations created by community organizations, universities, and other groups. 4. Programs require the mobilization of trained young men and women into the field of early childhood education and development. This international panel provided an overall unifying theme, that throughout the world the hope for the survival and better life for children unites parents of every country and every creed. This is one of the most powerful and strongest motivational resources in the world.
PURPOSE: Standard practice in protecting against chemotherapy-associated infection has been chemotherapy dose modification or dose delay, administration of progenitor-cell support, or selective use of prophylactic antibiotics. Therapy of chemotherapy-associated neutropenic fever or infection has customarily involved treatment with intravenous antibiotics, usually accompanied by hospitalization. The hematopoietic colony-stimulating factors (CSFs) have been introduced into clinical practice as additional supportive measures that can reduce the likelihood of neutropenic complications due to chemotherapy. Clinical benefit has been shown, but the high cost of CSFs has led to concern about their appropriate use. The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) wishes to establish evidence-based, clinical practice guidelines for the use of CSFs in patients who are not enrolled on clinical trials. METHODS: An expert multidisciplinary panel reviewed the clinical data documenting the activity of CSFs. For each common clinical situation, the Panel formulated a guideline to encourage reasonable use of CSFs to preserve effectiveness but discourage excess use when little marginal benefit is anticipated. Consensus was reached after critically appraising the available evidence. Guidelines were validated by comparing them with recommendations for CSF use developed in other countries and by several academic institutions. Outcomes considered in evaluating CSF benefit included duration of neutropenia, incidence of febrile neutropenia, incidence and duration of antibiotic use, frequency and duration of hospitalization, infectious mortality, chemotherapy dose-intensity, chemotherapy efficacy, quality of life, CSF toxicity, and economic impact. To the extent that these data were available, the Panel placed greatest value on survival benefit, reduction in rates of febrile neutropenia, decreased hospitalization, and reduced costs. Lesser value was placed on alterations in absolute neutrophil counts (ANC). CONCLUSIONS: CSFs are recommended in some situations, eg, to reduce the likelihood of febrile neutropenia when the expected incidence is > or = 40%; after documented febrile neutropenia in a prior chemotherapy cycle to avoid infectious complications and maintain dose-intensity in subsequent treatment cycles when chemotherapy dose-reduction is not appropriate; and after high-dose chemotherapy with autologous progenitor-cell transplantation. CSFs are also effective in the mobilization of peripheral-blood progenitor cells. Therapeutic initiation of CSFs in addition to antibiotics at the onset of febrile neutropenia should be reserved for patients at high risk for septic complications. CSF use in patients with myelodysplastic syndromes may be reasonable if they are experiencing neutropenic infections. Administration of CSFs after initial chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia does not appear to be detrimental, but clinical benefit has been variable and caution is advised. Available data support use of CSFs in pediatric cancer patients similar to that recommended for adult patients. Outside of clinical trials, CSFs should not be used concurrently with chemotherapy and radiation, or to support increasing chemotherapy.
dose-intensity. Further research is warranted as a means to improve the cost-effective administration of the CSFs and identify clinical predictors of infectious complications that may direct their use. [References: 256]

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N2 - PURPOSE: To assess the efficacy of interstitial brachytherapy in the treatment of patients with recurrent malignant astrocytoma. METHODS AND MATERIALS: Forty-six patients with recurrent malignant astrocytoma were treated with stereotactic high-activity temporary iodine-125 implants between September, 1986 and October, 1992. All patients had been initially treated for malignant astrocytoma (44) or low-grade astrocytoma (2) with surgery and external fractionated radiation. The median time between initial diagnosis and recurrence treated with brachytherapy was 12.5 months. Twenty-five patients received chemotherapy prior to brachytherapy. RESULTS: All but four patients have died; median survival time following brachytherapy is 46 weeks. Twelve patients underwent reoperation for radiation necrosis at a median interval of 6.5 months after treatment (26%). Five patients incurred complications directly due to brachytherapy (11%). Forty-four patients are evaluable regarding pattern of failure following brachytherapy. Six of these 44 patients (13.6%) recurred at a distance from the treatment volume (4 in brain and 2 in spinal subarachnoid space). CONCLUSION: Brachytherapy confers modest but meaningful prolongation of survival in selected patients with recurrent malignant astrocytoma, but complications are significant, reoperation frequently required, and recurrence outside the treatment volume common
The relationship among television watching, physical activity, and body composition of young children

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PURPOSE: Television watching has been reported to be associated with obesity, resting energy expenditure, and lower daily physical activity among both children and adolescents. However, most of these studies were based on self-report or data collected in laboratory settings. This study examined the relationship among observed time of television watching, observed physical activity level and body composition among 3- or 4-year-old children.

METHODS: African-American (41.4%), Mexican-American (23%), and Anglo-American (35.6%) children (N = 191, males = 90) from the Texas site of the Studies of Child Activity and Nutrition program were observed from 6 to 12 hours per day up to 4 days over 1 year. Activity level each minute of the day was measured with the Children's Activity Rating Scale (interobserver reliability = .84 +/- .001). The interobserver reliability of time of television watching was .96 +/- .08. RESULTS: The median of the longest number of consecutive minutes of television watching was 15 (range = 1 to 79). The median percent of minutes of television watching of total observed minutes was 14.8% (0% to 58%) and the median percent of minutes of inside minutes was 17.9% (0% to 80.9%). There were no gender or ethnic differences in time
watching television or physical activity during television watching. Physical activity during television watching was lowest during the longest bout of television watching (mean = 1.48 +/- .28) compared to outside minutes (mean = 2.38 +/- .21), inside non-television minutes (mean = 1.96 +/- .13) and inside television minutes (mean = 1.65 +/- .18). The level of physical activity during television-watching times was highest (P < .0031) during October and November and lowest during March, April, June, and July. Longest bout of television watching and percent of minutes watching television to total observed minutes were inversely associated with mean physical activity, percent of minutes of physical activity levels 3, 4, or 5, and percent of physical activity levels 4 or 5. Percent of television watching to inside minutes was negatively correlated with physical activity levels 4 or 5.

Television-watching behavior was not associated with body composition. CONCLUSIONS: Television watching was weakly negatively correlated with physical activity levels, and physical activity was lower during television-watching than non-television-watching time in this sample of children. Television viewing behavior was not associated with body composition.

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Serpentine asbestos from the Naslawice mine, which contains mineral impurities of the serpentinite group - chrysotile and antigorite, has been used to built school sports grounds as well as roads and playgrounds within residential areas. The study was aimed to measure concentrations of respirable mineral fibres in the atmospheric air at the time children were playing on one of the playgrounds as well as at four other sites of Wroclaw. Air samples were collected using individual dosimeters and distributions of length and concentration of fibres were measured by means of a laser fiber monitor FM7400. X-ray diffraction and infrared spectrometry were used to determine the mineral composition of raw material collected from the playground. Morphology of particles of dust from the atmospheric air was analysed by means of electronic microscopy. It was found that the concentration of mineral fibres in the air in question depended on the number of children playing, namely when 7 children were playing the concentration value was equal to 165 fibres/litre and 549 fibres/litre with the number of 20 children. The concentration of fibres in a flat in the vicinity of the playground covered with serpentinite was about 11 times higher than at a street crossing with heavy traffic of motor vehicles. Antigorite and chrysotile were found in samples of raw material used to cover the playground. Numerous particles of fibrous structure were observed in the electronic microscopy image of air dust samples collected from the playground.

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The Colorado Asthma Ski Day, an annual cross-country and alpine skiing event, encourages children with asthma to participate fully in outdoor winter sports. Since cold air and exercise can trigger bronchospasm, we examined the peak expiratory flow rates of 80 children who attended Asthma Ski Day 1992 or Asthma Ski Day 1993 to establish a safety profile for this event. Peak expiratory flow rates were measured prior to skiing, at lunchtime, and at the end of the day’s activities. We asked the children to pretreat with their regular medications, as prescribed by their physicians, to use their bronchodilator inhalers p.r.n., and to report to our medical station if an episode of acute asthma occurred. The average age of the participants was 9.5 years, and the average baseline daytime peak flow rate was 100.03% of predicted. The average percent change in peak flow rates during the day was an increase of 5.00%. Our results demonstrate that with medical supervision, peak expiratory flow rate monitoring, and properly administered medications, peak flow rates can be stabilized and even improve during cold-weather exercise to an extent that safety concerns need not restrict children with asthma from engaging in exercise or cold-weather sports. The Colorado Asthma Ski Day can serve as a model event for other organizations that want to promote outdoor activities for children with asthma.
Power mower trauma remains an alarmingly frequent cause of serious injury in young children. The patterns of mower-related injuries in children < 15 years old (n = 13) were compared with those of adults aged 15-64 (n = 16) and elderly victims ≥ 65 years old (n = 6), who were similarly injured over the past 5 years. Children were more likely to be injured in accidents involving high-energy riding mowers. Of those children injured, 69% (9 of 13) were playing in the yard while 31% (4 of 13) were riding on the mower with a guardian when the injury occurred. Amputations in children were more frequent and more extensive than in the adults and included one forearm, two Symes, and three below-knee amputations. The need for transfusion was also significantly increased in children (62% vs. 6% adults, p < 0.005), who were also more likely to require prolonged hospitalization (11.8 days vs. 5 days in adults, p < 0.005). Aggressive efforts to increase public awareness regarding the cause and nature of power mower injuries are warranted to decrease the incidence of this debilitating but preventable trauma in young children.
Representative isolates of Pseudomonas cepacia from 15 cystic fibrosis (CF) patients attending the Respiratory Unit of Alder Hey Children’s Hospital were investigated by SDS-PAGE of whole-cell polypeptides and by pyrolysis mass spectroscopy (PMS). SDS-PAGE was less discriminatory than PMS. Eleven isolates were indistinguishable by PMS and considered to represent re-isolates of an endemic strain; four isolates were distinct from this group, and from one another. P. cepacia was first isolated on the unit in July 1989 from a patient who had attended a UK selection meeting for a Canadian CF camp. A ward and outpatient segregation policy was introduced, but colonisation of further patients occurred. In August 1991, the Adult CF Association recommended that all social activities involving colonised patients should cease. This, and an increased awareness amongst older CF patients of the risks of person-to-person transmission, was associated with a marked decline in new cases. Social activity and hospital admissions were compared for colonised patients during the year before colonisation with P. cepacia, and matched patients who did not acquire the endemic strain. This showed a significantly higher attendance at CF social events for colonised patients, but no significant association between colonisation and hospital admission. These results are strong indirect evidence that transmission of P. cepacia occurs through social contact outside the hospital environment.

Inter-rater agreement of two functional independence scales: the Functional Independence Measure (FIM) and a subjective uniform continuous scale

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The needs and clinical decisions of care centres are related to patients' ability to carry out daily living activities. Most of the functional scales are not easy to use. This study examined the inter-rater agreement of the Functional Independence Measure (FIM) and a subjective uniform continuous scale (UCS) (the rating varied between 0 = complete dependence and 9 = complete independence) between 'educators', physiotherapists and occupational therapists. Two hundred and fifty-four patients aged below 20 in a rehabilitation centre were rated by professionals who were most familiar with them. For the two scales, inter-rater agreement was very good for all activities except for locomotion outside the centre for the UCS. The rating differences were slightly smaller for the FIM than for the UCS. Physiotherapists rated similarly to occupational therapists. The educators rated slightly though significantly lower than the other raters. The differences could be explained by their professional activities.
N2 - Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) are a major cause of death in children under five in rural Bangladesh. A popular strategy for lowering ARI mortality in such settings includes detecting and managing pneumonia in children at the community level. The success of programs using this approach requires a well-trained community-based cadre of health workers and the appropriate utilization of services provided. Determinants of health care seeking behavior are clearly of interest in this regard. A qualitative study was conducted in Matlab, Bangladesh to describe community perceptions of signs and symptoms of ARI, case management behavior, and constraints to service utilization. Mothers recognized pneumonia and thought it to be caused by "exposure to cold." They were able to identify labored breathing, chest retractions, lethargy, and inability to feed as signs of severe disease needing treatment outside the home. Nevertheless, similar illnesses were sometimes believed to be due to attack by evil influences. In these cases, spiritual healers were sought and allopathic treatment was avoided or delayed. The mothers' observance of purdah and "proper" behavior were reported to play a role in prevention of child death from disease. Implications of this belief and its impact on service utilization are discussed. Suggestions for program managers are made in addition to recommendations for further research.
Knowledge of how deaf children use speech outside the classroom or therapy room many enhance our ability to improve their speech in a variety of situations and with a variety of communication partners. Past research has shown that deaf children's interactions in informal settings with their mothers and hearing peers create situations that can foster improved linguistic skills. In the current study, the amount and intelligibility of spoken language output in 15 deaf children ages 4-5 to 9-8 years during 15 minutes of free play with their mothers was compared with output and intelligibility during a similar session with a self-selected hearing peer. The results, which indicated that significantly more speech was produced during the children's interaction with their mothers, are discussed in terms of future research.

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4 types of after-school care (formal after-school programs, mother care, informal adult supervision, and self-care) were examined for 216 low-income children (M age = 9.1 years). After-school care was associated with maternal education, race, and family income but not with child gender, family marital status, neighborhood safety, or parenting style. When maternal education, race, and family income were controlled, attending a formal after-school program was associated with better academic achievement and social adjustment in comparison to other types of after-school care. Children's activities and experiences also varied in different after-school settings. Children in formal programs spent more time in academic activities and enrichment lessons and less time watching TV and playing outside unsupervised than other children. They also spent more time doing activities with peers and adults and less time with siblings than did other children. The time that children spent in these activities was correlated with their academic and conduct grades, peer relations, and emotional adjustment.
Kenya experienced a severe drought and temporary food shortage during a study on mild malnutrition. Effects of the temporary food shortage on energy intake, weight, and behaviors were evaluated in schoolchildren and in toddlers and their mothers. Schoolchildren were seriously affected, showing significant declines in their energy intake, age-corrected weight, activity on the playground, and classroom attention. Toddlers appear to have been somewhat protected since their energy intake, weight, and play and language behaviors were stable. Maternal caregiving of toddlers declined for the group as a whole, but individually those mothers who maintained family food levels delegated responsibility for toddlers to other caregivers. While the food shortage affected poorer families more than those of higher SES, declines in the behaviors of schoolchildren occurred regardless of SES and previous level of nutrition, suggesting that food shortages can have behavioral consequences for schoolchildren in all communities.
This study was conducted in Switzerland between May and October 1989 to assess possible decrements in lung function occurring as a result of 10 minute exposure to ambient air containing different ozone concentrations. Once a month, 128 children in two different areas of Southern Switzerland (Chiasso and Aurigeno) had a pulmonary function test before and after a standardized 10 minute exercise (pulse rate, 170/min) on a cycle ergometer, outdoors. Ozone concentrations were similar in both areas, ranging from 40 to 157 micrograms/m3 (1/2h means) during the exercise tests. The two communities differed with respect to long-term average pollution levels. The mean NO2 concentration over the six months study period was 70 micrograms/m3 in Chiasso and 18 micrograms/m3 in rural Aurigeno. Of the eligible children 85% participated and attended 4-6 tests. Parents completed a standardized questionnaire on family background, home characteristics and the child's early and present illness history. A total of 500 acceptable pairs of spiromgrams and corresponding ozone concentrations (average 3.8 per child) were available for analysis. Regressions of each individual's pre-post differences of FVC, FEV1 and peak flow on ozone concentrations measured during the outdoor exercise indicated that elevated ozone levels significantly reduced peak flow values. Adjustments for temperature and relative humidity increased the magnitude of the peak flow slopes. The average adjusted regression coefficient for delta-peak flow on ozone was -2.28 mL/s/micrograms/m3 (95% CI, -0.57 -3.99). It is noteworthy that the observed relationships occurred at ozone concentrations below 160 micrograms/m3 and after an exercise duration of only 10 minutes.
OBJECTIVES: The aim of the study was to define the phenotype in three families with mild haemophilia A and to determine restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLP), which could support a hypothesis of a common progenitor of the families.

DESIGN: Family survey.

SETTING: Index cases were identified in and outside hospital and a family survey for symptoms and signs of bleeding in family members and sampling for coagulation and RFLP studies were mostly carried out in the field.

SUBJECT: Family members with and without symptoms of bleeding were selected for investigation and normal spouses and unrelated individuals were investigated for control.

INTERVENTIONS: Medical advice regarding affected family members were given to the families and their physicians.

MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: Bleeding time, factor VIII activity, quantification of factor VIII:Ag, von Willebrand factor (vWF) Ag and vWF ristocetin assay. Typing of RFLP polymorphisms for genetic homogeneity.

RESULTS: Bleeding manifestations are present in both sexes in the three families although more frequent and more severe in the males. The level of factor VIII activity is between 10 and 20% in most affected males whereas 35-60% is found approximately in 2/3 of female carriers and in 1/3 of them factor VIII activity is within the normal range. It is suggested that screening for this mild haemophilia A gene by a molecular genetic method would be of clinical value now, its mutation having been detected.

CONCLUSIONS: Transmission of mild haemophilia A through six to seven generations is demonstrated by the study. The mild haemophilia A type described is the most prevalent of haemophilia A types in Iceland (population 260,000, 1992). The founder effect was confirmed by studies of RFLP polymorphisms.
Two young boys were struck by lightning during summer outdoor activities. One of them died. A literature review reveals that the most commonly reported locations of childhood lightning injuries are on the playing field, at the swimming pool, and in tents. Knowledge of measures to lower the risks of lightning strikes as well as the use of new lightning detection technology should help to reduce the numbers of these tragic events in the future. [References: 19]
To examine injuries related to playground equipment, children's vehicles, roller skates, and skateboards, 1991 data on emergency room patients younger than 25 years in the Consumer Product Safety Commission's 91 surveillance hospitals were used. Head injury was the primary diagnosis for an estimated 58,480 patients, exceeding the total number of head injuries to bicyclists younger than 25 years. The head injury rate decreased with age. The large number and high rate of head injuries in children involved in a variety of recreational activities suggests the value of multipurpose helmets.
In 1991 it was discovered, that a large number of sporting grounds and playgrounds in Germany were covered with a waste slag material from a former copper smelter located at Marsberg, Germany. This material was found to contain high levels of PCDD/F ranging up to 100,000 TE/kg. The objective of the present study was to assess whether subjects sporting on such grounds had elevated levels of PCDD/F in blood. PCDD/F in blood fat was used as an indicator of the PCDD/F body burden. Additionally, six children and seven residents of a contaminated sporting and playground were examined. Generally, the levels of PCDD/F in blood fat were in the range of background levels in all subjects. Taking into account the effect of age, slightly elevated blood levels of PCDD/F were detected in children. The results show that the bioavailability of PCDD/F in the slag material is very low. However, from the preventive point of view children who might ingest slag material by hand-to-mouth-activities, should not play on such contaminated playgrounds.
We investigated whether an exercise challenge protocol is suitable for measuring bronchial responsiveness in epidemiological studies of asthma in children, and determined its comparability with histamine challenge. The exercise challenge was 6 minutes of outdoor, free-range running at 85-90% of maximum heart rate, measured by heart rate monitor. Nose clips were worn. Distance run was measured to estimate oxygen consumption. Water content of the inspired air was < 10 mg H2O.1-1. Histamine challenge was by the rapid method. We used questionnaires to measure respiratory symptoms and skin prick tests to measure atopy. A total of 96 children aged 8-11 years were studied. Bronchial hyperresponsiveness (BHR) to exercise challenge was defined as a fall in forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) of 13% of greater. Eleven children had a positive response to exercise challenge and 11 to histamine challenge but 12 responded to one challenge and not to the other. The correlation coefficient between the two tests was 0.65 (p = 0.0001). Exercise challenge thus proved to be a practical epidemiological tool for objective measurements of bronchial responsiveness in children. In this sample, some children responded to one challenge and not to the other which suggests that the two challenges identify different abnormalities of the airways.
Current guidelines for heparin therapy in pediatric patients have been extrapolated from trials in adult patients without rigorous evaluation of efficacy and safety. We prospectively monitored consecutive pediatric patients receiving systemic doses of heparin over 10 mo at one institution using a predetermined nomogram to monitor maintenance therapy. Sixty-five consecutive children; 38 males and 27 females, received systemic doses of heparin. Thirty children had deep venous thrombosis and/or pulmonary embolism; 11 had arterial thrombi, most frequently after diagnostic angiography; and the remaining 24 received heparin prophylactically, for congenital heart disease. Twenty-nine (45%) of the 65 patients were less than 1 y of age and 22 (34%) were 10 y or older. Congenital heart disease was the predominant diagnosis under 1 y and deep venous thrombosis in older children. After a bolus dose of 50 U/kg, 39% of children (n = 30) achieved a minimal level activated partial thromboplastin time (APTT). Sixty-eight percent of children achieved a minimal level APTT by 24 h and 81% by 48 h. For all 65 children, APTT values were within the therapeutic range 43% of the time. APTT values outside the therapeutic range were twice as likely to be low as high. The average amount of heparin required to maintain therapeutic APTT values for children was 22 U/kg/h: 28 U/kg/h for infants < 1 y and 20 U/kg/h for the rest. Bleeding was rare (2%) and mild. Documented recurrent thrombotic disease was more common (7%) with associated morbidity. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)
OBJECTIVE: To apply a measure of exposure to injury risk for schoolchildren aged 11-14 across a population and to examine how risk factors vary with sex, age, and affluence. DESIGN: Self completion questionnaire survey administered in schools in May 1990. SETTING: 24 schools in Newcastle upon Tyne. SUBJECTS: 5334 pupils aged 11-14, of whom 4637 (87%) completed the questionnaire. RESULTS: Boys were exposed to greater risk than girls in journeys to places to play outdoors; they took longer trips and were more likely to ride bicycles (relative risk 5.30 (95% confidence interval 4.23 to 6.64)) and less likely to travel by public transport or car. Younger pupils (aged 11-12) were less exposed to traffic during journeys to and from school: their journeys were shorter, they were less likely to walk (trip to school, relative risk 0.88 (0.83 to 0.94)), and they were more likely to travel by car (trip to school, relative risk 1.33 (1.13 to 1.56)) or school bus (1.33 (1.10 to 1.62)). Poorer children were exposed to greater risk than affluent children (from families that owned a car and a telephone): they were less likely to travel to school by car (relative risk 0.26 (0.20 to 0.33)) or to be accompanied by an adult (0.39 (0.32 to 0.48)). CONCLUSION: Injury risk data can provide useful information on child injury prevention and can be used to identify priorities and target resources for injury prevention on a citywide scale or for an individual school.
A large scale study of human exposure to nitrogen dioxide (NO2) was conducted in the Los Angeles Basin, the only metropolitan area in the United States that exceeds the NO2 NAAQS. Data are available for a population representative sample of 482 households and 682 individuals. Personal exposures, as well as indoor and outdoor home levels, were monitored using passive time-integrating filter badges. Monitoring extended over a one-year period (May 1987 to May 1988), with each individual providing two consecutive days of data. Information was also collected on activity patterns, household and personal characteristics, and spatial and temporal variables. This paper describes the study design, summarizes the sample characteristics and representativeness, and presents the distribution of personal, indoor, and outdoor NO2 concentrations recorded by the monitors. Over the entire sample, median personal and outdoor levels were 35 ppb; median indoor levels were 24 ppb. Personal exposures for those in homes with gas ranges with pilot lights average 10 ppb greater than those with electric ranges, and 4 ppb greater than those with gas ranges without pilot lights. Forty percent of the variation in indoor concentrations is explained by outdoor levels; 59 percent of the variation in personal exposures is explained by indoor levels; and 48 percent of the variation in personal exposures is explained by outdoor levels.
OBJECTIVE: Because an increasing proportion of US children spends time in day care center environments, a national estimate of injury risks in day care centers is needed.

METHODS: We interviewed directors of 1797 day care centers from every state and the District of Columbia from October to December 1990 and analyzed medically attended injuries and center characteristics reported by the directors.

RESULTS: The centers were attended by 138,404 children. In the 2 months before the center directors were interviewed, 556 children sustained injuries requiring medical attention while attending the centers. The injury rate was 1.5 injuries per 100,000 child hours in day care. The most common injuries were cuts or lacerations (31%), bumps or bruises (15%), fractures (10%), and dental injuries (8%). Most injuries (51%) occurred on the playground. Many injuries (18%), and more than half of fractures and concussions (53%) were due to falls from climbing equipment.

CONCLUSIONS: Day care center injury rates estimated by this study were relatively low. Many injuries that occur in this setting are probably minor. However, lowering the height of playground equipment and providing more resilient playground surfaces could further reduce injury risks in day care centers.

[References: 24]
A nine-home pilot study was conducted to evaluate monitoring methods in the field that may be used to assess the potential exposures of children aged 6 months to 5 years to pesticides found in the home environment. Several methods, some of which were newly developed in this study, were tested for measuring pesticide residues in indoor air, carpet dust, outdoor soil, and on the children's hands. Information was also collected on household characteristics, pesticides used and stored at the residence, and children's activities. Pesticides were detected at all nine study homes. With the exception of one home, at least one pesticide was detected in all matrices sampled at each house. Of the 30 target pesticides, 23 were detected during the study. The most frequently detected pesticides were chlordane, chlorpyrifos, dieldrin, heptachlor, and pentachlorophenol. The greatest number of pesticides and highest concentrations were found in carpet dust. The results of these investigations will be discussed in terms of performance of the methods and the distribution of pesticides across the various media sampled.
Varicella-zoster virus (VZV) is a highly contagious infectious agent that causes outbreaks in institutional settings. Transmission of VZV is felt to occur following direct contact with an infected individual and by aerosol spread. To document the aerosolization of VZV, a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay was used to detect VZV DNA in air samples obtained from hospital rooms of patients with active VZV infection. VZV DNA was detected in 64 (82%) of 78 air samples from rooms housing patients with active varicella and 9 (70%) of 13 samples from rooms of patients with herpes zoster. VZV was detected 1.2-5.5 m from patients' beds and for 1-6 days following onset of rash. On some occasions, VZV DNA could be detected outside the hospital isolation rooms housing patients. This PCR-based method allows the detection and semiquantitation of VZV aerosolization and can be a useful tool for monitoring efforts to control VZV aerosols in the environment.
Communities surrounding the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA), a Superfund site in Colorado, were studied in order to determine whether exposures to arsenic were greater among persons who resided there than among residents of a comparison area. A census was conducted in areas adjacent to the RMA and in a comparison area 12-15 miles distant. From a stratified random sample, 469 persons were interviewed and urine samples obtained. Arsenic was detected in urine from 43 (9.2%) of the 469 persons sampled at a detection limit of 10 ppb. Trace levels of arsenic (detectable, but non-quantifiable) were found in 184 (39.2%) of those persons sampled. Neither the frequency of detection, the arithmetic mean nor the geometric mean values for urine arsenic was found to be statistically different when persons living near the site were compared to persons from the more distant comparison area. Therefore, the data were pooled across the study areas to evaluate risk factors for exposure to arsenic in this population-based sample. Multivariate logistic regression analyses were conducted to evaluate the risk of arsenic exposure associated with variables included in the interviews while controlling for confounding. Pathways for exposure to arsenic were evaluated through analysis of residence history, occupation, hobbies, dietary habits, water supply, housing and activity patterns. Children of Hispanic origin or non-white race, children who drank less than three glasses of water daily, and children who spent more time outdoors had an increased risk of having > or = 10 ppb of arsenic in their urine. Among adults, younger persons, especially those less than 40 years of age, persons of Hispanic origin or non-white race, and those employed in occupations where arsenic is likely to be found had an increased risk of having > or = 10 ppb of urine arsenic. Consumption of red wine or fish during the week prior to sampling was associated with trace levels of arsenic in urine.
Between 1984 and 1992, we observed 8 patients with an obstructed St. Jude Medical (SJM) valve. Of these, 1 had an obstructed SJM valve in the aortic position, 3 in the mitral position, and 4 in the tricuspid position. Diagnosis of obstruction of the SJM valve was made by cineradiography combined with echocardiography in all 8 patients. Restriction or absence of movement of the leaflet of the SJM valve was observed by cineradiography in all of the 8 patients. Normal range of leaflet mobility of the SJM valve was measured by conventional cineradiography in 70 patients with a normal SJM valve, and the results were compared with the leaflet mobility obtained from the 8 patients with an obstructed SJM valve. In this study, leaflet function in the obstructed SJM valve was strikingly abnormal, with both opening and closing angles, and leaflet motion clearly outside the normal range. Of the 8 patients, 4 underwent urgent prosthetic valve replacements after cineradiography and echocardiography were carried out. Thrombolysis using urokinase was performed in 4 patients, and this treatment was successful in 1 patient. Efficacy of thrombolytic therapy was evaluated by repeat cineradiography. Three of the 4 patients who received thrombolysis showed no significant improvement of leaflet mobility after at least 72 hours of thrombolytic therapy, and finally required surgical correction for the obstructed SJM valve. We believe that cineradiography combined with echocardiography is the optimal method for the diagnosis of obstruction of the SJM valve, and to follow the effect of thrombolytic therapy on prosthetic valve function.(ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)
Epidemiological studies indicate a world-wide and significant increase in atopic diseases over the past decades, which has adopted alarming dimensions within the industrialized world. However, allergic asthma and pollinosis, in particular, are on the increase in Third world countries, in parallel to the industrialization and westernization of their life-style. Since both antigen exposure and the presence of additional realization factors are required for the manifestation of atopic diseases, this increase in prevalence is not surprising. In addition to increased indoor and outdoor pollution, changes in the way of living—causing increased allergen exposure—certainly play an important role as cofactor in the increased incidence of allergies. Accurate diagnostic procedures permit a better understanding of the realization factors for allergic diseases in epidemiological studies and identification of the causative agent in the individual so that effective therapeutic and prophylactic steps can be taken. Despite improved in vivo and in vitro test methods, the case history is still of paramount importance in reaching a diagnosis; the potential hazards of skin and provocation testing, as well as the high costs and limitations of in vitro methods prohibit "blind allergy screening". [References: 5]
In the wet season in Djohong, the prevalence of malaria is 17.5% for Plasmodium falciparum and 1.1% for Plasmodium malariae. In children 2 to 9 years of age, the plasmodic index is 38.6% (mesoendemicity) for the children of the peasants and 9.4% for those belonging to other socioeconomic groups. In infants less than 12 months old, the plasmodic index is 9.3%, this relatively high rate corresponding to the high transmission period of the rainy season. Anopheles gambiae is the mosquito species most often found in the area (2/3 of the mosquitoes caught in the houses). The breeding sites in the surrounding of the houses are rainwater holes linked to human activity. At a larger distance from the houses, in the valley, the breeding sites are water holes borrowed for the retting of cassava tubercle or natural rock pools found in the basaltic shores of the Mbere river. The trophic activity of Anopheles gambiae and Anopheles funestus is high between 0 and 4 hours a.m. In
October the mean number of anopheline mosquitoes bites per night per inhabitant is 33 inside the houses and 7 outside.

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T1 - Prevalence of Toxocara eggs in sandpits in Tokushima city and its outskirts
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KW - Animals
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Dog Diseases/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Dogs/ps [Parasitology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Incidence
KW - Japan
KW - Microscopy
KW - Electron
KW - Scanning
KW - Ovum/cy [Cytology]
KW - Ovum/ul [Ultrastructure]
KW - Parasite Egg Count
KW - Seasons
KW - Soil
KW - Suburban Population
KW - Toxocara/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Toxocara canis/ip [Isolation & Purification]
KW - Toxocariasis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Toxocariasis/tm [Transmission]
KW - Urban Health
KW - Urban Population
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 807
EP - 811
JF - Journal of Veterinary Medical Science
JA - J Vet Med Sci
VL - 55
IS - 5
CY - JAPAN
N2 - To demonstrate the prevalence of Toxocara eggs in sandpits in Tokushima Prefecture, Japan, sand samples were examined. Of 46 sandpits surveyed, 29 sandpits (63.3%) had Toxocara eggs. Sandpits in public parks and playgrounds in residential areas were more contaminated (87.5%) with the eggs than those in kindergartens, schools, and children's centers (36.4%). To examine the seasonal change in the contamination, sand samples obtained from five sandpits were examined monthly from May 1990 to April 1991. Toxocara eggs were found in the majority of sandpits (3/5-5/5) in the spring, early summer, and autumn. In the summer and winter, the...
rates of sandpits contaminated were lower (2/5-3/5) than in other seasons. Egg counts became smaller in the summer and winter, especially in summer. The ratio of T. canis to T. cati eggs recovered was 2:3. Fecal examination of 144 puppies revealed that 98 (68.0%) were positive for T. canis eggs. These findings show that Toxocara eggs, a possible causative agent of visceral larva migrans, commonly present in sandpits of the urban area. To prevent the contamination of sandpits with these eggs, control measures are needed.

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T1 - Use of personal measurements for ozone exposure assessment: a pilot study
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A1 - Koutrakis,P.
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Air Pollution
KW - Indoor/an [Analysis]
KW - Child
KW - Environmental Monitoring/mt [Methods]
KW - Humans
KW - Models
KW - Biological
KW - Ozone/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Pilot Projects
KW - Specimen Handling/mt [Methods]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 318
EP - 324
JF - Environmental Health Perspectives
JA - Environ Health Perspect
VL - 101
IS - 4
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - During summer 1991, we collected indoor, outdoor, and personal ozone concentration data as well as time-activity data in State College, Pennsylvania. These concentrations were measured for 23 children and their homes using passive ozone samplers. Outdoor concentrations were also measured at a stationary ambient monitoring site. Results from this pilot study demonstrate that fixed-site ambient measurements may not adequately represent individual exposures. Outdoor ozone concentrations showed substantial spatial variation between rural and residential regions. Ignoring this spatial variation by using fixed-site measurements to estimate personal exposures can result in an error as high as 127%. In addition, evidence from our pilot study indicates that ozone concentrations of a single indoor microenvironment may not represent those of other indoor microenvironments. Personal exposures were significantly correlated with both indoor (r = 0.55) and outdoor (r = 0.41) concentrations measured at home sites. Multiple regression analyses identified indoor ozone concentrations as the most important predictors of personal exposures. However, models based on time-weighted indoor and outdoor concentrations explained only 40% of the variability in personal exposures. When the model included observations for only those participants who spent the majority of their day in or near their
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T1 - [Handling of red silica gravel on sports, play and resort surfaces with special reference to new toxicologic results]. [German]
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - 80 and over
KW - Benzofurans/an [Analysis]
KW - Benzofurans/to [Toxicity]
KW - Body Burden
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Environmental Pollutants/an [Analysis]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Male
KW - Maximum Allowable Concentration
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Polymers/an [Analysis]
KW - Polymers/to [Toxicity]
KW - Soil Pollutants/an [Analysis]
KW - Sports
KW - Tetrachlorodibenzodioxin/aa [Analogs & Derivatives]
KW - Tetrachlorodibenzodioxin/an [Analysis]
KW - Tetrachlorodibenzodioxin/to [Toxicity]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 521
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JF - Gesundheitswesen
VL - 55
IS - 10
CY - GERMANY
N2 - In 1991 "Kieselrot", a material with extremely high PCDD/PCDF-contamination up to about 200,000 ng TEQ/kg was detected on many leisure centres and sports fields in Germany. The contaminated grounds were closed, and covered up. The following examinations to prepare the planned decontamination are described here. The need for decontamination of those "Kieselrot"-areas is discussed with special reference to its relevance on
behalf of environmental toxicology and preventive medicine. Risk estimates, based on mathematical models had shown a considerable health and cancer risk for the users of such play- and sports grounds. However, recent studies conducted with sportsmen, groundsmen, and residents after many years of contact with "Kieselrot"-covered grounds did not reveal any additional PCDD/PCDF blood fat burden. But raised TEQ-levels and a typical congeneric pattern pointing to a "Kieselrot"-load could be seen in some of the examined children. Following these results it was concluded that children play grounds contaminated with "Kieselrot" should remain closed and should be decontaminated, whereas sports fields could be used again. Another possibility could be the adaption of the decontamination concepts and methods to the proven low bioavailability of PCDD/PCDF from "Kieselrot"

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T1 - Cerebral palsy
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KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - India/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Prospective Studies
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 236
EP - 237
JF - Journal of the Indian Medical Association
JA - J Indian Med Assoc
VL - 91
IS - 9
CY - INDIA
N2 - In a prospective study it was found that cerebral palsy constituted 0.29% of total paediatric outdoor cases during the study period of 1988-1990. Seventy-five children suffering from cerebral palsy were studied at SN Children Hospital, Allahabad. Male to female ratio was 1:2. There were 42.8% cases who belonged to the age between one and 2 years. Hypertonic cases were predominant over hypotonic cases (3:1). Hemiplegia was commonest (68%) while triplagia was least common (2.7%). There were 24.5% cases who were mentally retarded. Hypertonic cases improved more frequently than hypotonic cases. An early management by paediatric physiotherapy may play an important role in the treatment of cerebral palsy
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Effect of continuous slow-speed running for 12 weeks on 10-14-year-old Indian boys

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Endurance training was conducted on a group of 41 East Indian boys aged 10-14 years and was compared with 25 untrained boys of the same age. A continuous slow-running method was adopted for 12 weeks. The intensity of the training was 80-85% of maximum heart rate and frequency was 3 days per week. The boys were trained for a 1500-m event and therefore they covered three to five times their racing distance. For psychological reasons the training was carried out in a playground. The investigations included different physical and motor fitness tests: measurement of flexibility, agility, speed, leg muscle strength etc. Their performance times were also recorded before and after training. From statistical analysis we concluded that this particular type of training programme did not produce any detrimental effects on 10-14-year-old boys. On the other hand, this type of training did have some influence on improving physiological parameters in this age group of boys when compared with untrained boys of the same age.

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The distribution of lifetime cumulative exposures to radon for California residents

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The distribution of individual lifetime exposures to radon was estimated using data from studies on radon concentrations, mobility, and time-activity patterns in the state of California. The distributions of radon concentrations in various geographic regions were obtained from the results of year-long radon measurements of 310 residences. The mobility patterns were acquired through a survey of the moving histories of the members of 507 households. The indoor and outdoor time-activity data were collected for 1,780 individuals in 1,596 households. Based on these data, a computer simulation technique was used to estimate the distribution of radon exposures with a parametric (lognormal model) and a nonparametric approach (bootstrap method). The estimated average lifetime exposure for radon was $2,448 \text{Bq.m}^{-3}\cdot\text{yr}$ for the lognormal model and $2,487 \text{Bq.m}^{-3}\cdot\text{yr}$ for the bootstrap method. The standard deviation was 1,130 and 1,145 Bq.m$^{-3}\cdot$yr respectively. Assuming no move over the lifetime, the estimated average lifetime exposure to radon was $2,052 \text{Bq.m}^{-3}\cdot\text{yr}$ for the lognormal model and $2,078 \text{Bq.m}^{-3}\cdot\text{yr}$ for the bootstrap method, while the standard deviation increased to 1,378 Bq.m$^{-3}\cdot$yr for the lognormal model and 1,514 Bq.m$^{-3}\cdot$yr for the bootstrap method.
Repeated measurements of nitrogen dioxide were obtained from 1988 to 1991 in the homes of 1,205 infants living in Albuquerque, NM. Passive diffusion samplers were used to obtain a series of two-week integrated measurements from the home of each infant for use in a cohort study of the relation of residential exposure to nitrogen dioxide and respiratory illnesses. Information on stove use and time spent inside the residence was collected at two-week and two-month intervals, respectively. During the winter, in the bedrooms of homes with gas cooking stoves, mean nitrogen dioxide concentrations were 21 parts per billion (ppb); mean concentrations in the living room and kitchen were 29 ppb and 34 ppb, respectively. In homes with electric cooking stoves, the mean bedroom concentration was 7 ppb during the winter. Lower indoor concentrations were observed during the summer in homes with both gas and electric stoves. On average, infants spent approximately 12.3 hours per day in their bedrooms, 7.3 hours in the living rooms, 35 minutes in the kitchens, and 3.8 hours out of their homes. (As a condition of participation, none of the infants spent more than 20 hours per week in day care outside of their homes). The mean time infants spent in the kitchen during cooking was approximately nine minutes per day. We tested whether exposures of infants living in homes with gas stoves could be reasonably estimated by measurements in the bedroom in comparison with time-weighted average concentrations based on time-activity data and simultaneous nitrogen dioxide measurements in the kitchen, living room, and bedroom. In 1,937 two-week intervals from 587 infants, 90% of time-weighted exposure (on the three-level classification used in this study) estimates were in agreement with estimates based on bedroom concentrations alone. The agreement of the time-weighted nitrogen dioxide exposure estimates with the bedroom concentrations is attributed to limited amounts of cooking stove use (the mean was 29 minutes per
day), small room-to-room differences in nitrogen dioxide concentrations (the mean kitchen-bedroom difference was 12 ppb), and the relatively large proportion of time that infants spent in their bedrooms.

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T1 - [Post-traumatic stress syndrome in children]. [Review] [23 refs] [French]
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Case Reports. English Abstract. Journal Article. Review
French
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/px [Psychology]
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/th [Therapy]
KW - Preschool
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Stress Disorders
KW - Post-Traumatic/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Post-Traumatic/px [Psychology]
KW - Post-Traumatic/th [Therapy]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 489
EP - 495
JF - Annales de Pediatrie
JA - Ann Pediatr (Paris)
VL - 40
IS - 8
CY - FRANCE
N2 - Posttraumatic stress disorder is a form of anxiety disorder which is poorly known in children and manifests as a series of symptoms occurring after an extraordinary event outside the range of usual human experiences and responsible for a feeling of terror. Virtually pathogmonic symptoms include re-experiencing the event through play and ceaselessly repeated behaviors (re-enactments), cognitive distortions when relating the facts (chronological errors, belief in omens), changes in attitudes towards others and life in general, and neurovegetative hyperactivity (hypervigilance, startle responses, difficulties controlling impulses). Although adequate follow-up data are lacking, the disorder can probably become chronic in children, as in adults. This nosographic entity raises the theoretical issue of the roles of life events and individual vulnerability. A number of factors may either "predispose" or "protect" the child: degree and duration of exposure to the trauma, nature of the event, preexistence of psychiatric disorders, level of cognitive development, sex, degree of social support, and containing or noncontaining attitude of the family. Treatments advocated in adults (pharmacotherapy, cognitive and behavioral therapies, group therapy) remain to be used and evaluated in children. [References: 23]
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AD - Service de Psychiatrie de l'Enfant et de l'Adolescent, Hopital Necker-Enfants Malades, Paris
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - The role of cognitive appraisal and friendship provisions in adolescents' affect and motivation toward activity in physical education
A1 - Duncan,S.C.
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adolescent Psychology
KW - Affect
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Internal-External Control
KW - Interpersonal Relations
KW - Male
KW - Models
KW - Theoretical
KW - Motivation
KW - Physical Education and Training
KW - Self Concept
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 314
EP - 323
JF - Research Quarterly for Exercise & Sport
JA - Res Q Exerc Sport
VL - 64
IS - 3
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - This study investigated the mediational role of affect in the influence of perceived success, causal attributions, and friendship provisions on choice and future expectancies for success and enjoyment, using a multi-sample structural equation modeling approach. Subjects were 422 seventh- and eighth-grade students participating in physical education classes. Higher levels of perceived success, personally controllable attributions, companionship, and esteem support were found to positively influence levels of affect experienced, which in turn enhanced future expectancies for success and enjoyment in physical education and choices to participate in physical activity outside of school. Furthermore, participation experience outside of school influenced adolescents’ perceptions within the physical education setting and their consequent affect and motivation
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T1 - Correlates of physical activity at home in Mexican-American and Anglo-American preschool children
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A1 - Broyles,S.L.
A1 - Berry,C.C.
Twenty-two potential correlates of children's physical activity were examined. Two hundred and one Mexican-American and 146 Anglo-American families with 4-year-old children were studied. Children's physical activity was directly observed in the evening at home on 4 visits for 1 hr each time. Anglo-American children and male children were found to be more active. Demographic variables explained 11% of the variance in children's physical activity. After adjusting for demographics, 3 children's variables and 6 social-family variables did not account for significantly more variance. Five environmental variables accounted for 11% additional variance. Variables observed concurrently with physical activity, such as time spent outdoors and prompts to be active, were highly associated with children's physical activity.
BACKGROUND: There is some controversy as to the fitness levels of U.S. school-age youth. Some experts claim that U.S. youth are fit. Others feel that there has been a decline, despite a recent adult fitness boom. METHODS: The purpose of this article is to examine the research conducted on the cardiovascular endurance and body composition levels of U.S. youth. Research studies noting the activity patterns of youth outside and during physical education are presented. The frequency and duration of physical education requirements are also reviewed. The effects of these patterns and requirements on cardiovascular endurance and body composition are presented. RESULTS: U.S. youth do not engage in physical activity, within our outside physical education, sufficient to develop cardiovascular endurance. Our youth are, therefore, at risk of developing a myriad of diseases associated with sedentary lifestyles. CONCLUSIONS: Exercise is known to have a prophylactic effect on disease, death, and disability. Young people must be instructed and encouraged to be involved in lifetime fitness activities if we are going to control health care costs, reduce disease incidence, and improve the overall quality of life of our citizens. [References: 58]
In a retrospective survey of patients with fractures and dislocations attending the Accident department of a District General hospital, comparison was made between patients with fractures and dislocations in the hand and fractures and dislocations of other sites. Patients with hand injuries accounted for 28% of the total patients seen. They were more likely than other fracture patients to be male and between the ages of 10 and 40 years. Almost a quarter of hand injuries attended on Monday. Leisure activities outside the home formed the commonest aetiological factor. Only 66% of patients with hand injuries attended the Accident department within 24 hours of injury. The little finger was the commonest site of injury. This survey emphasizes the differences between hand injuries and injuries of other sites, identifies the risk factors for hand injuries and has implications for the management of hand injuries in a District General Hospital.
Since reduced physical activity might be a risk factor for body weight gain, we studied the relationship between physical activity and body composition in 43 Pima Indian children (22 male/21 female, mean +/− s.d.: 9.9 +/− 1.1 years) and 42 Caucasian children (21 male/21 female, 9.7 +/− 1.2 years). A list of usual sport leisure activities was established (e.g. bicycling, swimming, basketball) and the subjects were asked how much time they had devoted to each activity over the past week and the last year. Data on time spent playing outside (excluding sport leisure activities for the estimation of physical activity) and watching television/videos were also collected. Pima Indians were taller (143 +/− 9 vs. 137 +/− 8 cm, P < 0.001), heavier (48.6 +/− 15.8 vs. 32.9 +/− 7.8 kg, P < 0.0001) and fatter (39 +/− 16 vs. 24 +/− 7% fat, P < 0.001) than Caucasians. Pima Indian girls showed significantly lower past year and past week sport leisure activity than Caucasian girls (P < 0.01) and spent significantly more time watching television/videos (P < 0.05). Pima boys also showed significantly lower past week sport leisure activity than Caucasian boys (P < 0.05). In Pima Indian boys, past year sport leisure activity correlated negatively (P < 0.05) with body mass index (r = −0.49) and percentage body fat (r = −0.56). However, such correlations were not found in Pima Indian girls, possibly due their very low levels of activity.
Hypoglycaemia is the most frequent acute complication of insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus. The clinical symptoms of insulin-induced hypoglycaemia can be grouped into those attributable to the sympathetic and adrenergic responses, e.g. tremor, pallor, palpitation, sweating, mydriasis ('hypoglycaemia awareness'), and those attributable to brain dysfunction, ranging from headache to convulsions and coma. Hypoglycaemia in diabetic children can occur at any time of the day, but nocturnal hypoglycaemia is a particular fear and worry. The frequency of mild hypoglycaemia is almost impossible to ascertain and the incidence of severe hypoglycaemia varies between 0.07 and 3.6 episodes per patient-year, though most authors report a range of 0.1-0.2 episode per patient-year. The most frequent causes of hypoglycaemia in diabetic children are deviations from treatment routine such as strenuous exercise, omission of snacks or skipped meals, and gross deviations from the prescribed times of insulin injections and recommended doses of insulin. Other predisposing factors include intensified insulin treatment, improved glycaemic control, young age, longer duration of diabetes and defective counterregulation. The available paediatric studies do not seem to support the suggestion that human insulin impairs the perception of hypoglycaemic symptoms ('hypoglycaemia unawareness') and increases the frequency of hypoglycaemic episodes, but further conclusive studies are needed. Prolonged and recurrent severe hypoglycaemia, particularly in younger children, can cause permanent neuropsychological dysfunction (e.g. learning disabilities) and permanent electroencephalographic abnormalities. Mild hypoglycaemia has also been documented to affect cognitive function, and the performance of neuropsychological tasks can remain decreased for some time (up to several hours) after full clinical recovery from hypoglycaemia. An impending hypoglycaemic attack can usually be averted by the ingestion of 20 g of rapidly absorbed carbohydrate. A severe episode can be effectively treated outside hospital with subcutaneous or intramuscular glucagon (0.5-1.0 mg) or in the hospital by an intravenous bolus of 0.2-0.5 g/kg glucose followed by a continuous glucose infusion. Patient and parent education and vigilant application of diabetes self-care principles are perhaps the most effective means of prevention, but in very young children a less strict metabolic control (higher glycosylated haemoglobin levels) may be necessary. [References: 45]
An epidemiologic survey was conducted of the 818 households in a community consisting of aggregated dwelling units in Tokyo, Japan, in order to assess the relationship between housing environment and psychological or physical health status of the female residents. Psychological health status was assessed by the 28-item General Health Questionnaire in Japanese translation. Main housing factors such as internal density (person-to-room ratio) and floor level (vertical location) of the dwelling unit did not have significant effects on the psychological health status of the sample of Japanese women, but the internal density generally did not exceed 1.5 persons per room. However, physical health status might be associated with floor level: women living at the highest levels complained of more symptoms than did those at lower floor levels, when the type of dwelling unit (i.e., high-rise, low or medium height building) was not taken into account. Poor psychological health status was found among women who were dissatisfied with the plan of their house or with the room arrangement, were anxious about earthquake or other accidents, perceived the house as inadequate for the children, were annoyed by indoor noise, and complained of outdoor noise.
In order to assess the health effect of environmental exposure to arsenic, the urinary arsenic concentrations were determined in 25 children aged 2-5 yr in the De Huet quarter in Doetinchem, an area with an increased amount of naturally occurring arsenic in the upper soil, and in 25 children from the other quarters of Doetinchem. With a questionnaire information was obtained regarding playing outdoors and eating fish (also a source of arsenic intake). There were no statistically significant differences in urinary arsenic concentrations between the subgroups of children.
To examine patterns of seeking care for gravely ill infants and children, we studied all deaths in children under 5 in 10,000 households in Indramayu, West Java, Indonesia, between July 1, 1991, and Dec 31, 1992. 141 deaths were identified (mortality rate 80.7 per 1000), of which 139 were due to causes other than trauma. No treatment of any kind was sought outside the home for 30 (22%) of the children who died from natural causes, and for 59 (42%) others only a traditional healer or other source of non-western medical advice was consulted. Whether or not a mother sought western medical care was strongly associated with the age of the child, the duration of the terminal illness, the previous attendance of the mother at a community-based maternal-and-child-health facility, and the mother's response to a prospectively asked question about what care should be sought for a hypothetical 1-month-old baby with signs of severe pneumonia. Household income, maternal age, and education, and distance between home and government health post were not associated with whether or not western medical care was sought.
We report the case of a 5-year-old girl with severe developmental disabilities, skeletal anomalies, hypotonia, rectal atresia, malrotation of the intestine, horseshoe kidney, vesicoureteric reflux, and minor facial anomalies. Conventional cytogenetic techniques suggested that she had a mosaic 46,XX/47,XX,+i(8p) constitution, and the identity of the isochromosome was confirmed by in situ hybridization and chromosome painting. Polymorphic DNA markers are consistent with the i(8p) having arisen as the result of a segregation error and centromere misdivision at the second maternal meiotic division. The i(8p) was seen in 17/25 (68%) lymphocytes at the age of one month but had declined to 3/100 (3%) cells by the age of 5 years. At this time the i(8p) was seen in 30/68 (44%) cultured skin fibroblasts. The proposita had an approximately twofold increase in red cell glutathione reductase activity but a normal level of tissue plasminogen activator. These enzyme results are consistent with the known localisation of the glutathione reductase gene on the short arm of chromosome 8 but suggest that the tissue-plasminogen activator gene may map outside this region. [References: 27]
Bicycle accidents often cause disability—an analysis of medical and social consequences of nonfatal bicycle accidents

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N2 - Social and medical consequences of 278 children and 264 adults injured in bicycle accidents and seen in two hospitals in Helsinki in 1985-86 were analyzed. Information was collected from patient records, by means of a special questionnaire and by telephone interview. A child outpatient required 1.7 and a child inpatient 3.0 physician visits on an average, while adults required 2.2 and 4.9 visits, respectively. The average duration of hospital stay was 8 days for hospitalized adults and 6 days for children. Rehabilitative care outside the hospital was received by 6% of the adult outpatients and 25% of the inpatients, but none of the injured children. The mean duration of work disability was 82 days among inpatients, 11 days among outpatients, 127 days among the inpatients injured in motor vehicle collisions and 65 days among inpatients injured in other bicycle accidents. Of inpatients 32% and of outpatients 5% reported persistent (> 6 months) disability. Persistent disability was recorded in 11% of children, in 47% of adults and in 67% of elderly inpatients. Most serious consequences were
due to intracranial injuries in motor vehicle-bicycle collisions. Of the hospitalized bicyclists 4% suffered from severe cognitive and behavioural changes or sense impairment and of adult inpatients 3% suffered from permanent work disability. The average costs of health and social services were about FIM 1000 per adult outpatient and FIM 13000 per adult inpatient. In prevention high priority should be given to motor vehicle collisions, head injuries and injuries among the elderly bicyclists.
patio) the risk was OR 2.48, C.I. 1.63-3.76. If mother is not encharged of children care (OR) 2.9, C.I. 1.8-4.8. The age > 40 years old of the person encharged of children care (OR) 2.2, C.I. 1.4-3.5. CONCLUSIONS: The results showed us how necessary is to develop injury prevention programs especially to implement passive measures, with target populations people encharged of children care.

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KW - Interpersonal Relations
KW - Male
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Schools
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Students/px [Psychology]
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SP - 231
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JF - British Journal of Educational Psychology
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VL - 63
IS - Pt 2
CY - ENGLAND
N2 - In study 1, 8- and 11-year-old girls and boys (N = 110) were interviewed individually and asked about why children in general, and themselves in particular, fight with fellow pupils in the playground. A substantial proportion of children (51 per cent) reported having had at least one aggressive fight during the previous year. The most common reasons for children resorting to fighting were retaliations to teasing, retaliations to unprovoked assaults, disagreements over aspects of the game that was being played, because another child was disliked, and to settle dominance disputes. In study 2, a direct observational methodology was employed to examine how often children of these ages engage in aggressive fighting, how long fights last, and their proximate causes. Among the younger pupils, a large proportion of fights (43.3 per cent) had no obvious immediate cause to an adult observer, but others were caused when a playful assault received an aggressive retaliation (15.4 per cent), and by disputes over space in the playground (13.5 per cent). Among the 11-year-old pupils, a smaller percentage of fights (14.8 per cent) had no obvious immediate cause. The two most common causes of fighting at this age were aggressive retaliations to teasing (25.9 per cent) and aggressive retaliations to accidental injury/hurt (18.5 per cent). In study 3, in situ interviews were combined with direct playground
observations in order to reveal participants' views (or onlookers' views if participants were not available to be interviewed) about the causes of fights. Again, the most common causes of fighting were disputes over some aspect of the game being played (33.3 per cent), aggressive retaliations to teasing (25.0 per cent), disagreements over possession of toys/equipment (14.6 per cent), and aggressive retaliations to accidental injury/hurt (14.6 per cent). Age and sex differences are reported in some measures across all three studies. The results are discussed in terms of their implications for interventions aimed at improving children's experiences of life on the school playground.

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T1 - Randomised controlled trial of single-dose azithromycin in treatment of trachoma
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KW - Oral
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Antigens
KW - Bacterial/an [Analysis]
KW - Azithromycin
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Chlamydia trachomatis/im [Immunology]
KW - Erythromycin/ad [Administration & Dosage]
KW - Erythromycin/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Erythromycin/aa [Analogs & Derivatives]
KW - Erythromycin/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Female
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Ointments
KW - Patient Compliance
KW - Recurrence
KW - Single-Blind Method
KW - Tetracycline/ad [Administration & Dosage]
KW - Tetracycline/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Tetracycline/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Trachoma/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Trachoma/mi [Microbiology]
Blindness due to trachoma is a serious public health issue worldwide. The currently recommended treatment of active trachoma with repeated doses of tetracycline eye ointment has many disadvantages. The new azalide antibiotic azithromycin is effective as a single oral dose in the chemotherapy of genital Chlamydia trachomatis infections, and we have assessed its efficacy for trachoma treatment. We carried out a randomised single-blind comparison of azithromycin (a single oral dose of 20 mg/kg) with conventional treatment (6 weeks of topical tetracycline plus erythromycin for severe cases) in two villages with endemic trachoma in The Gambia. The patients were followed up for 26 weeks from the start of treatment by an observer unaware of treatment allocation. By 6 months' follow-up, trachoma had resolved in 76 (78%) of 97 subjects who received azithromycin compared with 70 (72%) of 97 who were treated conventionally (95% CI for difference -6% to 18%). Compliance with both treatments was good, but that for conventional treatment could probably not be achieved outside the research setting. There were no significant differences in treatment effect, baseline characteristics, or re-emergent disease between the treatment groups. Azithromycin was well tolerated. As a systemic treatment effective in a single dose it has important potential for trachoma control.
PURPOSE: To discuss the factors that might explain the rate of myopic progression and the degree of myopia after a 3-year follow-up among schoolchildren with myopia. METHODS: Myopic progression among 238 schoolchildren was followed up in a randomized clinical trial of myopia treatment. The associations between the explanatory factors and myopic progression and the final value of the spherical equivalent after the follow-up were studied by analysis of variance and regression analysis. RESULTS: Myopia progressed faster among girls than boys. According to the regression model for the boys, 25% of the variation of myopic progression and 57% of the final spherical equivalent could be explained by initial spherical equivalent, age at receiving first spectacles, time spent on sports and outdoor activities, and on reading and close work. Among the girls, 30% of myopic progression could be explained by age at receiving first spectacles, time spent on reading and close work, and reading distance. Similarly, 49% of the final spherical equivalent could be explained by age at receiving first spectacles, initial spherical equivalent, time spent on reading and close work, and reading distance. The rest of the variations could not be explained by the variables measured in this study. CONCLUSIONS: The factors with the most significant relationships to myopic progression were sex, age of onset, and degree of myopia at the beginning of the follow-up. Myopic progression and final myopia were related to time spent on reading and close work and to reading distance but not, however, to accommodation stimulus.
The level of physical activity of 3- and 4-year-old children was assessed in alternative physical locations by month and time of day and by age, gender, and ethnicity. Physical activity was assessed by observation with the Children's Activity Rating Scale (CARS) for up to 12 hours from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. A sample of 191 three- and four-year-old children was observed for up to four times in the course of a year. The sample was tri-ethnic. Boys were significantly more active than girls. Activity was consistently higher outside than inside. There were significant differences in the amount of time children in this age group spent inside versus outside by time of year; the activity levels of boys and girls differed by time of year, particularly when outside. A model including gender, month, and location terms accounted for 75% of the variance in physical activity. These data further documented gender differences in physical activity among very young children using measures not subject to self-report biases but did not explain or clarify the gender differences. The substantial differences by physical location and time of year deserve future attention, but more refined methods will be needed to balance data by location and important seasonal times. An inference from these results is that activity levels among young children may be increased by encouraging them to spend more time outdoors.
Aspartylglucosaminuria is a lysosomal storage disorder inherited as an autosomal recessive trait. Progressive mental retardation is the main symptom, and the lifespan of the patient is abnormally short. The adaptive skills and maladaptive behaviour of 110 patients aged from 7 to 56 years were analysed using the Portage scale and the AAMD Adaptive Behaviour Scale Part two. The sample was divided into four groups; school-aged, young adults, adults and middle-aged. All patients needed help in the household and transactions outside the home. The school-aged turned out to be superior and middle-aged inferior to other groups concerning adaptive skills. The school-aged and young adults were quite independent in dressing, toileting, bathing and walking alone near the home. Out-of-home replacement became necessary in the majority in adulthood. Twenty-eight patients (25%) were regarded as having behavioural disturbances and the amount of personal disturbances increased significantly with age.

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The increasing number of children attending child day care has led to a corresponding concern for their safety in the absence of parental care. Previous studies have documented that the majority of injuries occurring in child day care involve falls, and that the most common consumer product associated with such falls is playground equipment. This study describes New Zealand children less than 5 years of age admitted to hospital between 1979 and 1988 for injuries associated with playground equipment located at home or a child care facility. There were 528 hospitalized home injuries involving playground equipment, and 145 such day care injuries. Fractures were the most common injury, and the head was the most commonly involved body region. Lower limb injuries were the most severe. Among the differences between home and day care injuries were the type of equipment involved. Swings were disproportionately associated with head injuries.
article we report on the present scientific-toxicological state of the art, on update data on environmental pollution and reasons for a quantitative risk assessment for different paths of pollution. [References: 104]

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Ciliary beating frequency in chronic sinusitis
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KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Chronic Disease
KW - Ethmoid Sinusitis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Ethmoid Sinusitis/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Ethmoid Sinusitis/su [Surgery]
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KW - Male
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KW - Maxillary Sinusitis/pp [Physiopathology]
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KW - Nasal Mucosa/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Recurrence
KW - Regression Analysis
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N2 - Ciliary beating frequency, one component of mucociliary function, was measured outside of the sinus in vitro with a photoelectric method in 150 patients with chronic sinusitis and in 26 control subjects. In the mucosal samples of 35 patients (23%), no ciliary activity was seen. Ciliary beating frequency in maxillary sinus mucosa of the rest of the 115 patients (77%) was, as an average, 16.6 +/- 3.0 Hz (range, 10.9 to 23.3 Hz) and it was 15.9 +/- 2.6 Hz (range, 13.2 to 22.8 Hz) for the control patients. No differences in ciliary beating frequency
were found according to quality of sinus secretion, prevalent respiratory allergy, or mucosal thickness. However, in sinuses with purulent secretion, ciliary beating frequency was slightly better (P < .05) than in "empty" sinuses. The study suggests that in many cases of chronic sinusitis, the sinus mucosa still has a capacity to recure.

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T1 - The risk of childhood injury on Boston's playground equipment and surfaces
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KW - Risk
KW - Sampling Studies
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/pc [Prevention & Control]
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SP - 731
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JF - American Journal of Public Health
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CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - The Childhood Injury Prevention Program of the Boston Department of Health and Hospitals conducted a survey of injury risk in Boston's playgrounds. A standardized checklist was used to assess a 25% sample of public playgrounds for hazards. Climbers accounted for 34% of the hazards observed and had the greatest proportion of significant hazards. The surfacing material in 100% of the playgrounds observed was unsafe. Urban children risk exposure to hazardous playground equipment frequently situated above unsafe surfacing material.
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Injuries in primary care practices
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A study of injuries among 0-15 year old children attending primary care clinics in a low social class and a middle class neighbourhood was carried out during a period of one year. Data were collected in a structured form by the physicians while the patient was in the clinic. The rate of injuries was 121.3/1000 children per year in the clinic from the lower social class neighbourhood and 70.7/1000 children per year in the clinic from the middle class neighbourhood. Injuries in playgrounds, and on pavements and streets occurred in higher proportions in the low social class than in the middle class neighbourhood clinics. The most frequent causes of injuries were falls and being struck and injured by cutting/piercing instruments; these caused mostly contusions and lacerations. The clinic was the first place of treatment in 65% of the cases in the middle class area and in 45% in the lower social class area; 28% and 10% respectively were referred to the hospital for additional treatment. Data from primary care clinics should be considered when estimating the incidence of injuries in the community, in planning intervention programmes, and future research.
BACKGROUND: Intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1) is expressed on follicular dendritic cells (FDC), and the ICAM-1/LFA-1 pathway is essential for affinity selection of activated B-cells in germinal centers (GC). The expression of ICAM-1 has been studied by immunostaining methods in GC, but not in neoplastic follicles (NF). METHODS: The authors studied the expression of ICAM-1 by the avidin-biotin-peroxidase complex (ABC) method with frozen sections in GC of reactive nodes (n = 22) and NF of follicular lymphomas (n = 19), in comparison with FDC staining. RESULTS: GC stained uniformly for ICAM-1, with staining intensity varying little from node to node, and follicular borders were well demarcated from the surroundings. Endothelial cells within GC did not stain whereas those outside stained strongly. In contrast, NF stained variably from tumor to tumor, and in any given tumor. Characteristically, follicular borders were not demarcated, and stained areas were difficult to define due to the lack of demarcation, with the exception of large cell type with diffuse areas (n = 2). Endothelium of intrafollicular vessels stained prominently (12 of 19), and appeared to contribute to the staining intensity of the follicles. FDC staining revealed a meshwork pattern in GC which was similar to that of ICAM-1. The FDC mesh-work pattern was present in 15 tumors. The pattern was remarkably uniform with sharply defined borders, which contrasted starkly to the variable staining and lack of follicular borders in the ICAM-1 stain of the same tumors. CONCLUSIONS: The staining pattern of follicles for ICAM-1 was similar to that for FDC in reactive nodes, but distinct from the latter in follicular lymphomas.

An appropriate expression of ICAM-1 appears to be essential for normal GC, as the alteration of the expression coincides with the malignant transformation of GC. The altered expression of ICAM-1 may be useful in distinguishing NF from reactive GC.
In this within-subjects design field experiment children's behaviour in the playground was charted as a function of gender and time in the classroom immediately preceding playtime. Playground behaviour was also related to post-recess classroom behaviour. Twenty-three 9-year-old children were observed for 14 weeks. Classroom behaviour (i.e., task relevant behaviour on standardised seat work immediately before and after playtime) and playground behaviour (i.e., social and non-social exercise and sedentary behaviour) were observed. Time in classroom before playtime was manipulated so that there was a shorter and a longer confinement period. Results indicated that children were less attentive to seat work as a function of time and that longer confinement resulted in more exercise for boys and more social sedentary behaviour for girls. Social behaviour at playtime and post-playtime attention to seat work were significantly related. Results are discussed in terms of Novelty Theory.
Lead poisoning in childhood is an important public health problem, and thus, it is important to determine how children are exposed to lead. In 1987, the authors conducted an exposure assessment and blood lead screening for children aged 6-71 months living in Leadville, Colorado. High levels of lead had been found in the soil as a result of both past mining and smelting activities and natural mineralization. Blood was collected from each child for lead analysis, and behavioral characteristics were identified through an interview with a parent or guardian. Three sources of exposure to lead were associated with blood lead levels: lead in a core sample taken from the backyard of the family's home, lead brought home on the clothes of a miner, and lead from soldering in the home. Two pathways of exposure were associated with blood lead levels: the child swallowing things other than food, and taking food or a bottle outside to play. Multivariate regression using these variables found effect modification by age. For children aged 6-36 months, only sources of exposure were independent predictors of blood lead levels, while in children aged 37-71 months, a pathway of exposure in addition to sources of exposure independently predicted blood lead levels.
The potential effects of elevated ozone concentrations in The Netherlands were evaluated by the measurement of peak expiratory flow (PEF) of exercising children. Peak expiratory flow was measured with mini-Wright peak flow meters, both before and after out-door sports training. The relationship between PEF and ozone was investigated with individual regression analysis. The difference of PEF after and before training (delta PEF) and the PEF after training were used as dependent variables. The ozone concentration during the training and the 1-h maximum ozone concentration of the same and the previous day were used as independent variables. The highest observed 1-h maximum ozone concentration was 236 micrograms/m3. delta PEF was unrelated to the ambient ozone concentration during training. Peak flow measured after the training was positively correlated with ambient temperature. The high correlation between ozone and temperature prevented the evaluation of effects of the maximum ozone concentration of the same day on PEF after training. A small negative association of borderline statistical significance between PEF after training and previous-day maximum ozone was observed.

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KW - Fluorescent Antibody Technique
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KW - Immunohistochemistry
KW - Infant
KW - Intervertebral Disc/blood Supply
KW - Intervertebral Disc/growth & development
KW - Laminin/analysis
KW - Lumbar Vertebrae
KW - Lymphatic System/Anatomy & Histology
KW - Lymphatic System/growth & development
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KW - Middle Aged
KW - Pregnancy
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VL - 64
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CY - DENMARK
N2 - Immunohistochemical (antibodies against laminin) and histochemical methods (Ulex europaeus lectin, 5'-nucleotidase activity) were used to describe the vascular pattern of human intervertebral discs and the surrounding tissue at different ages. Blood and lymph vessels were found in the connective tissue outside the annulus in all age groups. In the annulus blood vessels and lymphatics were detected up to 20 years of age, in the cartilage end-plate blood vessels appeared up to 7 years of age (cartilage canals). In the nucleus pulposus neither blood nor lymph vessels could be seen at any age. The occurrence of blood and lymph vessels in growing intervertebral discs help us to understand childhood discitis without simultaneous affection of the vertebral body
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2073
T1 - Impact of migraine in the United States: data from the National Health Interview Survey
A1 - Stang, P.E.
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Data from the 1989 National Health Interview Survey concerning migraine occurrence and impairment were analyzed to assess the impact of migraine on the US population. About four of every one hundred persons in the United States were found to have migraine, accounting for nearly 10 million individuals. Migraine was most prevalent in those aged 25 to 44 years and was about 2.5 times more frequent in females than males. Migraine was most common in whites (85%) and those with low household income. In women, migraine prevalence increased with the level of education. About 10% of migrainous children missed at least one day of school over a two-week period due to migraine; nearly 1% missed four days. Migraineurs were bedridden for about three million days per month and had an estimated 74.2 million days per year of restricted activity due to migraine. The potential cost of lost productivity was estimated at $1.4 billion per year for the estimated 6,196,378 migraineurs who worked outside the home. It is difficult to derive similar estimates for costs of lost productivity in housewives; however, housewives experienced an estimated 38 million days per year of restricted activity. Eighty-five percent of females and 77% of males reported a physician visit at some point for their migraine. Migraine is a relatively common disease whose social and financial impact has been poorly understood.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Black spots on the scalps of schoolchildren. A recurrent condition in the windy west
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During the past 10 years, epidemics of black spots on the scalps of schoolchildren have caused considerable concern in at least 4 communities in the Rocky Mountain states. We describe the clinical presentation of "black spots" in a group of Wyoming elementary school students and the epidemiologic investigation that revealed the cause. Our study included a questionnaire survey of students' parents, examination of students at the affected school and at two other schools, observation of playground activity patterns, and laboratory analysis of specimens taken from affected children and from the school environment. The black material in the scalp spots was chemically identical to flakes of windblown tar from the school roof. We concluded that the spots were caused by flakes of windblown tar from the school roof. Previous outbreaks of black spots may have had a similar cause.
In this study, 33% of the variance in the 10-year trend of forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1), used as an index of pulmonary health, was explained by differences in family characteristics at the start of the study. Balanced family coping, a family emphasis on personal growth, and compliance with treatment for 91 children with cystic fibrosis were assessed at the start of the study and the FEV1 was observed at every clinic visit over the next 10 years. When both parents’ coping emphasized family integration, support for self, and medical consultation, the FEV1 trend was better. Compliance with daily chest physical therapy and with quarterly clinic visits was associated with a better FEV1 trend. Poorer FEV1 trend was associated with active social involvement of family members. Older patients and patients whose parents worked more hours outside
the home had lower compliance. These findings support the importance of encouraging families to balance their resources between the child's health needs and family needs.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2076
T1 - Child care center's new playground proves that safety isn't child's play
A1 - Minnich, J.S.
Y1 - 1993/01/
N1 - Minnich, J S
Health facilities management
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Journal Article
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child Day Care Centers
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Facility Design and Construction
KW - Hospital Bed Capacity
KW - 500 and over
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Safety
KW - Virginia
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 14
EP - 15
JF - Health Facilities Management
JA - Health Facil.Manage
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IS - 1
CY - UNITED STATES
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T1 - Improving the quality of survival for infants of birthweight < 1000 g born in non-level-III centres in Victoria. The Victorian Infant Collaborative Study Group
Y1 - 1993/01/04/
N1 - The Medical journal of Australia
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Blood Gas Monitoring
KW - Transcutaneous
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
OBJECTIVE: To compare between eras the early care of extremely low birthweight (birthweight < 1000 g) infants born in non-level-III centres, that is, centres without a neonatal intensive care nursery, in Victoria, to identify changes associated with the improved quality of survival over time. DESIGN AND SETTING: The early care and outcome for infants of birthweight 500 to 999 g born in a non-level-III centre in Victoria were compared between two distinct eras, 1979-1980 and 1985-1987. PATIENTS AND OUTCOMES: Mortality data to two years of age were available for all infants liveborn in non-level-III centres in the two eras (1979-1980, n = 106; 1985-1987, n = 129). In 1979-1980, 47 of 52 infants transferred to a level-III centre were transported by the Newborn Emergency Transport Service (NETS); in 1985-1987, all 49 infants transferred were transported by NETS. Data concerning the immediate care after birth and during transport to a level-III centre were available for all infants transferred by NETS. All survivors were assessed for sensorineural impairments and disabilities at two years of age, corrected for prematurity. RESULTS: In both eras, 18 children born outside and transferred to a level-III centre survived to two years of age. Survivors in both eras had almost identical mean birthweights and gestational ages. There were trends for more survivors to be referred by paediatricians in 1985-1987 (1979-1980, 61%; 1985-1987, 83%; odds ratio (OR), 2.94; 95% confidence interval (CI), 0.7-12.4) and for quicker referral times to NETS in 1985-1987 (1979-1980, median 34.5 minutes after birth; 1985-1987, median 21.5 minutes after birth; z = 1.91, P = 0.056). It was possible only during 1985-1987 to monitor transcutaneous PO2 during transport. Durations of transport were similar in both eras. However, only in 1985-1987 was it possible in survivors to reduce significantly the inspired oxygen concentration during transport (median reductions in inspired oxygen, 1979-1980 3.5%; 1985-1987 20%; P = 0.028). Neurological impairment rates were substantially lower in survivors transported in the latter era (1979-1980 72% impaired; 1985-1987 22% impaired; OR 0.14, 95% CI 0.04-0.52). Of the neurological impairments, fewer had severe developmental delay alone (1979-1980 22%; 1985-1987 0%; OR 0.09, 95% CI 0.018-0.46), and the rate of blindness was lower, but the latter difference was not quite statistically significant (1979-1980 28%; 1985-1987 6%; OR 0.21, 95% CI 0.037-1.19). Over all, neurological disabilities were significantly reduced in the latter era (z = 2.93, P < 0.005). CONCLUSIONS: More active management of extremely low birthweight infants before transfer to a level-III centre, including prompt referral and transcutaneous PO2 monitoring during transport, may be important in improving the sensorineural outcome of survivors.
This study investigated sleeping habits, difficulties in being able to fall asleep and their connections to self-reported health conditions, as well as other selected health behaviours and use of leisure time, among 11-16 year old Europeans from 11 countries. The study was part of a larger, comparative, WHO coordinated project on the health and life-style of school children (Health Behaviour of School Age Children--A WHO Cross-National Survey, The HBSC Study). In most of the countries, research data were collected from samples representative of the whole country. Using a standardized survey questionnaire, the data were collected anonymously in schools. Altogether 40,202 students responded to the survey. Sleeping habits and an inability to fall asleep varied significantly between countries as well as between age groups but only slightly between the sexes. Finnish school children experienced the most difficulty in being able to fall asleep. After the Israeli youth, the Finnish school children had the shortest night's sleep. At least a fifth of Finnish and Norwegian school children also reported that they felt tired almost every morning, the corresponding figure being smaller in other countries. A frequent use of psychoactive substances (alcohol and tobacco), lack of physical activity, excessive watching of TV/videos together with numerous evenings spent outside the home were all connected with going to bed late as well as with frequent difficulty in not being able to fall asleep. The results of the study offer an important challenge to health promotion and health education. Much more attention must be paid to this essential and exciting health habit!
So-called accidental firearm fatalities in children and teenagers in Tennessee, 1961-1988

A total of 225 were analyzed. The peak age for victims was 17 years, and there were more than five times more male than female victims. In Shelby County (Memphis), the racial distribution of fatalities was approximately that of the general population. Playing with a gun was the most frequent circumstance. The person responsible for pulling the trigger was equally likely to be a friend, a family member, or the victim. Head or neck were injured in most cases. The urban mortality rate was nearly twice that of the rural rate. More than half of the deaths in urban counties occurred indoors and involved handguns, whereas in rural counties only a third were due to handguns and the location was more often outdoors. Deaths in rural counties showed a seasonal variation that corresponded with the hunting season; by contrast, a peak in early summer was noted in the urban deaths. Defective guns or guns unsafe in design caused several deaths. (Semiautomatic pistols, which can be fired after unloading the ammunition magazine, are conspicuous examples of guns unsafe in design.) An important observation of this study is that medical examiners vary considerably in their classification of accidental manner, particularly when children are involved. Furthermore, medical examiner reports need to include much more information than is currently recorded if they are to be useful in guiding public policy to reduce firearm injuries.
Although the rate of injuries in soccer is high, this sport puts children only at moderate risk of getting injured. In younger children this risk is very low but the number and severity of injuries increases with puberty. The most common cause for injuries is a collision with another player, the most common injury is distortion of the talocrural joint. Playing soccer indoors is more dangerous than playing outdoors. The danger of accidents and injuries can be reduced by preventive measures, such as weight categories in children leagues.
Because medical illness is associated with malnutrition, it might contribute to the poor outcomes seen in malnourished children. This study explored relations between frequency of mild illness and development in 133 mild-to-moderately malnourished school-age Kenyan children. Morbidity information was collected for one year. Concurrent assessments of cognitive status and playground behaviors were obtained. Nutritional and environmental variables were also assessed. Girls with more reported days of mild illness performed less well on developmental measures than did their healthier female peers. They were less cognitively advanced, and, on the playground, girls with more mild illness were less active, happy, and social. Furthermore, relations between frequency of mild illness and playground behaviors (but not cognitive score) in the girls remained statistically significant when other variables, such as socioeconomic status, parental literacy, food intake, and anthropometry, were considered. For the boys, frequency of mild illness was not related to cognition or play behaviors.
This article reviews the available evidence of mortality from acute respiratory infections (ARI) among children aged under 5 years in contemporary developing countries and compares the findings with European populations before 1965. In European populations before 1965, the level of mortality was found to be a determinant of the proportion of deaths due to ARI. There were marked differences according to regional patterns of mortality. Deaths from ARI played a smaller role after 1950, when the use of antibiotics became generalized. In developing countries, the role of ARI mortality seems to be similar to the European experience. The age pattern is very marked. In absolute values, ARI mortality is highest in the neonatal period and decreases with age. In relative values, ARI mortality is highest in the postneonatal period. ARI, mainly pneumonia, accounts for about 18% of underlying causes of death in developing countries. Pneumonia and other ARI are frequent complications of measles and pertussis; ARI is also commonly found after other infections and in association with severe malnutrition. Virtually no data are available in developing countries to provide final estimates of the role of ARI in mortality of children aged under 5 years. However, the WHO figure of 1 out of 3 deaths due to--or associated with--ARI may be close to the real range of the ARI-proportional mortality in children of developing countries. Results are discussed in light of the definitions of ARI used in various studies, the difficulties in ascertaining and coding multiple causes of death and the quality of data from some sources.
The prevalence of hepatitis B markers was determined in a representative sample of the general population of Catalonia (Spain). HBsAg was found in 0.5% of children (less than 15 years of age) and in 1.7% of adults (more than 15 years of age), and anti HBs in 1.6% and 18%, respectively. Age-specific prevalence for both markers showed a low risk for hepatitis B before puberty, and a progressive rise since adolescence, suggesting that perinatal transmission and horizontal transmission in children are relatively uncommon in Spain. Prevalence of hepatitis B markers was significantly higher among subjects with low education level, residing in an urban area and born outside Catalonia, but in the stratified analysis, a statistical significant difference was only maintained in the prevalence of HBV markers between those who live in urban and rural areas, and between those who were born outside Catalonia and in Catalonia. These data may be used as a basis for a strategy of hepatitis B prevention in Spain which include universal vaccination of adolescents, passive-active immunization of newborns to HBsAg positive mothers and vaccination of susceptible adults subjects from high-risk groups.
We investigated activity patterns of 17 elementary school students aged 10-12, and 19 high school students aged 13-17, in suburban Los Angeles during the oxidant pollution season. Individuals' relationships between ventilation rate (VR) and heart rate (HR) were "calibrated" in supervised outdoor walking/jogging. Log VR was consistently proportional to HR; although "calibrations" were limited by a restricted range of exercise, and possibly by artifact due to mouthpiece breathing, which may cause overestimation of VR at rest. Each subject then recorded activities in diaries, and recorded HR once per minute by wearing Heart Watches, over 3 days (Saturday-Monday). For each activity the subject estimated a breathing rate--slow (like slow walking), medium (like fast walking), or fast (like running). VR ranges for each breathing rate and activity type were estimated from HR recordings. High-school students' diaries showed their aggregate distribution of waking hours as 68% slow inside, 8% slow outside, 10% medium inside, 9% medium outside, 1.5% fast inside, 1.5% fast outside. Elementary students' distribution was 47% slow inside, 15% slow outside, 20% medium inside, 12% medium outside, 2.5% fast inside, 3.5% fast outside. Sleep occupied 38% of high-school students' and 40% of elementary students' time; HR were generally lower in sleep than in slow waking activity. High school students' mean VR estimates were 13 L/min for slow breathing, 18 for medium, and 23 for fast; elementary students' were 14 slow, 18 medium, and 19 fast. VR distributions were approximately lognormal. Maximum estimated VR were approximately 70 L/min in elementary and approximately 100 L/min in high school students. Compared to adults studied similarly, students reported more medium or fast breathing, and had equal or higher VR estimates during slow and medium breathing despite their smaller size. These results suggest that, relative to body size, young people inhale larger doses of outdoor air pollutants than adults.

TY - JOUR
ID - 2086
T1 - Rehabilitation after severe head injury
A1 - Frowein,R.A.
A1 - Terhaag,D.
A1 - auf der,Haar K.
A1 - Richard,K.E.
A1 - Firsching,R.
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Activities of Daily Living
KW - Adolescent
N2 - 123 survivors of severely head injured patients presenting with coma grade III show a decreasing mean
duration of coma with increasing age. The numbers and frequency of good recovery decrease, whereas poor
recovery increases with age. Increase of the duration of coma grade III produces an increase of the mean latency
and time of recovery and of the frequency of poor recovery, regardless of the age of the patients. Increasing age
does not increase the mean latency and time of recovery systematically. The important conclusion of this
analysis is, that the clinical feature of coma grade III, corresponding to GCS score of 4 and RLS of 6 and 7,
indicates a different kind of brain damage at various age groups. It represents a lesser degree of brain damage
for younger patients under 20, than for those over 20. In our opinion our observations do not demonstrate a
better capacity of recovery of the young patients: but the young patients show a more severe clinical picture than
the older patients do, if only the clinical syndrome of coma grade III with extensor rigidity, is considered as a
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T1 - [Is outdoor running exercise suitable for detecting bronchial hyperreactivity in children with mild episodic
bronchial asthma?]. [German]

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KW - Asthma/di [Diagnosis]

KW - Asthma/pp [Physiopathology]

KW - Asthma

KW - Exercise-Induced/di [Diagnosis]

KW - Exercise-Induced/pp [Physiopathology]
Bronchial hyperreactivity (BHR) can be proved by various methods. 21 children, 14 asthmatics and 7 healthy subjects were submitted to inhalative methacholine challenge as well as to 'free running' as a form of exercise challenge in a randomized sequence. For the methacholine inhalation a standardized procedure was followed and the provocative concentration defined (PC20) at which a decrease of more than 20% in FEV1 was found. There is no real standardisation for 'free running' (concerning temperature and humidity of the inspired air; individual level of exercise) but subjects had to run for 6 minutes while the heart rate should have been between 170 and 180 beats/minute. This increase in pulse rate relates to a submaximal work at which 60-85% of maximal O2 uptake are obtained. A decrease of 15% from basic value of FEV1 was defined as a positive result. By the use of methacholine inhalations we found 16 children (14 diseased, 2 controls) to be hyperreactive, whereas only 3 of them showed a positive result after 'free running'. We conclude, that firstly, methacholine provocations and exercise challenges assess different kinds of bronchial reactivity, secondly, 'free running' as a form of exercise is very difficult to standardize and therefore prone to errors and thirdly, 'free running' is not sensitive enough to assess BHR in children with mild asthma bronchiale if used as the only form of challenge. Problems concerning measurement of BHR are discussed.
N2 - Sick leave among the children in 24 day nurseries in Copenhagen was registered during a period of one year. The physical, environmental and hygienic conditions of the institutions were assessed by means of interviews and inspection, supplemented by information from the local authorities. Sick leave constitutes 7.5% of the days during which the institutions were open and the average number of sick days per child varied from 14.6 to 24.4. Comparisons with similar investigations are inclusive on account of variations in the methods of registration and age distributions. It was characteristic of the institutions investigated that these included a number of old institutions in flats, many in streets with considerable traffic and where the conditions of ventilation and space do not conform with present-day standards. In some of the institutions, the hygiene is unsatisfactory, particularly where ventilation, outdoor activities and hand-washing are concerned. A statistically significant connection was found between amount of traffic at the institution, the hygiene and playroom area per child, on one hand, and absence due to sickness, on the other, as assessed by a statistical model for sick leave for child in a given institution. In order to prevent sickness, it is concluded that efforts to improve hygiene and space are desirable and, similarly, further research concerning the effects of atmospheric pollution is relevant.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Maternal and paternal disciplinary styles: relations with preschoolers' playground behavioral orientations and peer status
A1 - DeWolf, D.M.
A1 - Wozniak, P.
A1 - Burts, D.C.
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Child development
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KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Father-Child Relations
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To explore relations among parents' self-reported disciplinary styles, preschoolers' playground behavioral orientations, and peer status, 106 mothers and fathers of preschool-age children (age range = 40-71 months) participated in home disciplinary style interviews. Observations of their children's playground behavior in preschool settings and measures of sociometric status were also obtained. Results indicated that children of more inductive mothers and fathers (i.e., less power assertive) exhibited fewer disruptive playground behaviors. In addition, daughters and older preschoolers of inductive mothers exhibited more prosocial behavior. Children of inductive mothers were also more preferred by peers. Few significant relations were found between paternal discipline and child behavior/peer status. Age-related patterns of behavior also indicated that older preschoolers who engaged in more prosocial and less antisocial and disruptive playground behavior were more preferred by peers. In addition, child behaviors were found to mediate maternal discipline and peer status.
In 86 asthmatics (age 8-16 years), divided into several groups, the protective effects of pharmacological and non-pharmacological agents on the exercise-induced airway obstruction (e.i.a.o.) by 5 minutes free running were studied. There were studied the preventive inhalations of bronchodilators, i.e. fenoterol (0.2 mg), ipratropium-bromide (0.06 mg) and both combined of 0.15 mg of fenoterol and 0.06 mg of ipratropium-bromide on the exercise-induced airway obstruction. The protective effects of breathing through nose as well as the effect of the temperature in the surrounding environment on the e.i.a.o. were studied too. The exercise-induced airway obstruction was assessed on the basis of parameters measured from maximum expiratory flow-volume curves. Maximum expiratory flow at 25% of vital capacity was most sensitive in the assessment of e.i.a.o. The studied bronchodilators protected all patients against e.i.a.o. The textile face mask (surgical mask) put on the nose and mouth during 5 min. free running outdoors and in a closed room protected some asthmatics completely against e.i.a.o. or reduced substantially e.i.a.o. in others. The nose breathing had a similar effect on e.i.a.o. as the textile face mask. The surrounding temperature of air was not decisive in the induction of post-exercise airway obstruction. Non-pharmacological agents ought to be thus more included among the therapeutical means in pediatric and adolescent asthmatics.
Three supervisors of integrated preschools were trained in a collaborative team approach to encourage resource and classroom teachers to develop strategies that promote peer interaction of all children, including children with disabilities. The focus of classroom teachers' behaviors and the interactive play of children with disabilities were measured daily in both a training (indoor play period) and a generalization (outdoor play period) setting. In a multiple baseline design, supervisors were individually trained in a collaborative team approach using a manual, modeling, and role playing; then they implemented the approach with classroom and resource teachers. We found that after supervisor training, classroom teachers increased their behaviors directed towards children with disabilities and decreased their behaviors directed towards nondisabled children. Moreover, we found a doubling of the interactive play of children with disabilities and, for two of the three classes, an increase in the interactive play of comparison children, randomly selected by the classroom teachers. Changes in both teachers' and children's behaviors were also found in the generalization setting. The implications of the results for interventions in community settings are discussed.
Among school-aged children, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of morbidity and mortality. We began this prospective study in a sample of nine schools within the Boulder Valley School District (Colorado) during the 1988-1989 school year in an effort to explore the etiology of school-related injuries and to provide information relevant to their prevention. During the study period, 509 injuries were reported among a population of 5,518 students, yielding an incidence of 9.22 per 100 students. Boys were nearly one and one-half times more likely to have sustained a school-related injury than girls (risk ratio (RR) = 1.41; 95% confidence intervals [CIs] 1.18, 1.68). We found a significant difference among injury rates by school level (P less than .001). Middle/junior high students had the highest rate, followed closely by elementary students and distantly by high school students. Sports activities accounted for the largest percentage of school injuries (53%), and the percentage of sports-related injuries increased with increasing grade level. Analysis of injury rates by school location revealed that high school students were most frequently injured in the gym (1.52 per 100), middle/junior high students on the athletic field (4.26 per 100), and elementary students on the playground (6.12 per 100). Using injury location as the focal point, we examined relationships among the variables sport/activity, body site, and nature of injury. We found that a large percentage of injuries sustained on the athletic field or in the gym were similar and affected similar body sites, whereas playground injuries differed in their nature and in body site affected. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

Lead levels in settled dusts of Tripoli, Libya

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The levels of lead in settled dust samples collected near small streets, playgrounds, gas stations and main streets in the Tripoli area have been determined by atomic absorption spectrophotometry. The overall mean values observed were 417, 533, 553 and 797 micrograms g⁻¹ dry wt for the above locations respectively. The overall mean concentration for main streets was significantly higher (P less than 0.05) than for other sites. The data were also compared with those reported in the literature for other cities.
alpha onsets were measured and the data pooled. There was a dominant interval of about 16 sec. It is suggested that this is a physiological cerebral rhythm involving the cortex and the brain-stem activating mechanisms, responsive to outside stimuli but essentially endogenous. It is related to the controls of the autonomic, motor, and some cerebral auto-regulatory mechanisms. It may be severely disturbed in brain damage.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Anglo- and Mexican-American preschoolers at home and at recess: activity patterns and environmental influences
A1 - McKenzie,T.L.
A1 - Sallis,J.F.
A1 - Nader,P.R.
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N2 - Habitual physical activity in children is related to physical fitness and appears to mediate cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors. We studied the physical activity patterns and associated variables of a large bi-ethnic cohort of 4-year-old children from low to middle socioeconomic families. Trained observers coded the behavior of 351 children (150 Anglo-American, 201 Mexican-American; 182 boys, 169 girls) during two 60-minute home visits and two unstructured recesses lasting up to 30 minutes each at 63 different preschools. Findings indicated that although children were much less active at home, there were low but significant correlations between their activity patterns at home and during recess (r = .13). Children who had activity-promoting toys at home also tended to have them available during preschool recess (r = .20). Ethnic differences were evident for both activity and environmental variables. Mexican-American children were less active than...
Anglo children at home (p less than .002) and during recess (p less than .03), thus adding to the adult literature that has found Mexican-Americans to be less active than Anglos, and supporting to the notion that physical activity life-style habits may be established in early childhood. In both settings, Mexican-American children spent more time in presence of adults (home, p less than .04; recess, p less than .03) and had access to fewer active toys (home, p less than .001; recess, p less than .05). Gender differences were also evident for both activity and environmental variables. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

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T1  - Wilderness injuries and illnesses
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A1  - Morris, J.A.
A1  - Schimelpfenig, T.
A1  - Bass, S.M.
A1  - Auerbach, P.S.
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KW  - Leisure Activities
KW  - Male
KW  - Middle Aged
KW  - Morbidity
KW  - Mountaineering
KW  - Primary Prevention
KW  - Skiing
KW  - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW  - Wounds and Injuries/mo [Mortality]
RP  - NOT IN FILE
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JF  - Annals of Emergency Medicine
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CY  - UNITED STATES
N2  - STUDY OBJECTIVE: To determine injury and illness patterns and occurrence rates during wilderness recreation. DESIGN: Prospective injury and illness surveillance study. SETTING: Wilderness areas throughout the Western hemisphere. TYPE OF PARTICIPANTS: All students and instructors on National Outdoor Leadership School courses over a five-year period. MAIN RESULTS: A single fatality occurred, resulting in a
death rate of 0.28 per 100,000 person-days of exposure. Injuries occurred at a rate of 2.3 per 1,000 person-days of exposure. Sprains and strains and soft tissue injuries accounted for 80% of the injuries. The illness rate was 1.5 per 1,000 person-days of exposure. Sixty percent of illnesses were due to nonspecific viral illnesses or diarrhea; hygiene appeared to have a significant impact on the incidence of these illnesses. Thirty-nine percent of the injuries and illnesses required evacuation (1.5 per 1,000 person-days of exposure). CONCLUSION: The injury and illness patterns indicate that wilderness medical efforts should concentrate on wilderness hygiene and management of musculoskeletal injuries and soft tissue wounds. The data also indicate that wilderness activities can be conducted relatively safely, but the decision to participate should be individualized, with an understanding of risks versus benefits

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2097
T1 - [Orofacial injuries in skateboard accidents]. [German]
A1 - Frohberg, U.
A1 - Bonsmann, M.
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Aktuelle Traumatologie
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English Abstract. Journal Article
German
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cross-Sectional Studies
KW - Female
KW - Germany/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Humans
KW - Incidence
KW - Male
KW - Maxillofacial Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Maxillofacial Injuries/et [Etiology]
KW - Skating/in [Injuries]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 84
EP - 86
JF - Aktuelle Traumatologie
JA - Aktuelle Traumatol
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IS - 2
CY - GERMANY
N2 - In a clinical study, 25 accidents involving injuries by a fall with a skateboard were investigated and classified in respect of epidemiology, accident mechanism and injury patterns in the facial region. Accident victims are predominantly boys between 7 and 9 years of age. A multiple trauma involving the teeth and the dental system in general and the soft parts of the face is defined as a characteristic orofacial injury pattern in skateboard accidents. The high proportion of damage to the front teeth poses problems of functional and aesthetic rehabilitation necessitating long-term treatment courses in children and adolescents. Effective prevention of facial injuries may be possible by evolving better facial protection systems and by creating areas of playgrounds where skateboarders can practise safely

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Three studies of calibration are reported. Calibration refers to the accuracy with which one can predict one's own performance. In the first study child chess players, non-chess playing parents, and statistics students were asked to predict chances of winning chess games against hypothetical opponents. These subjective probabilities were compared to the actual probabilities, based on the Elo rating system. Better players' predictions were better calibrated. Confidence and ratings are negatively correlated, indicating that with lower ratings, players are overconfident. Skilled child players' predictions were better calibrated than any of the adults'. In the second study subjects were asked to estimate chances of winning in conjunctive situations, e.g., winning all the rounds in a tournament. Again, better child players were more accurate in their predictions and more accurate than adults. In the third study, child players were asked to predict their chances of winning in a non-chess domain after hearing a hypothetical win/loss history. Higher-rated players' predictions were again better calibrated, even though the domain was outside their expertise. The motivational and cognitive implications of calibration are discussed.
Occurrences of spontaneous pointing in 20-, 30-, 40-, and 50-mo.-old children were observed during the children's indoor or outdoor free-play periods. Observers recorded the sex of the pointer, the behavioral pattern observed, the reason for the point, the response of the adult, and the distance of the child from the adult at the time of a point. Analysis indicated a significant dip in the rate of pointing among the 30-mo.-olds while the 20- and 50-mo.-olds were observed to point most often. With the exception of the 30-mo.-olds, pointing was significantly more likely to be observed in boys. For all age groups, the point was used primarily to name. After 20 months adults were significantly less likely to respond to the point, and when they did respond they were more likely to name or demonstrate irrespective of the apparent reason for the child's point. Finally, the probability of adults' response appeared to be unrelated to the distance from the child to the adult, and further, the likelihood of an adult's response appeared to exert little influence on the rate of pointing. The results suggest that pointing may be an expressive act that can be used as a communicative gesture, but there was little evidence that any of these age groups were using the point as a ritualized gesture, that is, as an action conventionalized within the context of social interaction.
Decreasing chronic joint pain is a major goal in the management of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Cognitive-behavioral self-regulatory techniques were taught to children with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis to reduce musculoskeletal pain intensity and to facilitate better adaptive functioning. Subjects were 13 children between the ages of 4.5 and 16.9 years who had pauciarticular or systemic onset juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Baseline data included an initial comprehensive assessment of pain, disease activity, and level of functional disability, as well as pain intensity ratings gathered over a 4-week period. Subjects were seen for eight individual sessions in which self-regulatory techniques (progressive muscle relaxation, guided imagery, meditative breathing) were taught, and parents were seen for two sessions in which key aspects of behavioral pain management techniques were reviewed. Results indicated that these techniques led to substantial reduction of pain intensity, which generalized to outside the clinic setting. Six- and 12-month follow-up data showed consistent decreases in pain as well as improved adaptive functioning. The data suggest that cognitive-behavioral interventions for pain are an effective adjunct to standard pharmacologic interventions for pain in patients with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.
In this study, 11 prepubertal hyperactive boys with tic disorder received placebo and three doses of methylphenidate (0.1, 0.3, and 0.5 mg/kg) for 2 weeks each, under double-blind conditions. Each boy was observed for approximately 20 hours in the school setting (classroom seatwork activities, lunchroom, and playground). Results showed that methylphenidate effectively suppressed hyperactive/disruptive behaviors in the classroom and physical aggression in the lunchroom and on the playground. Methylphenidate also reduced the occurrence of vocal tics in the classroom and the lunchroom. None of the motor tic measures revealed drug effects, but the lowest mean rate of motor tics occurred on the 0.3 mg/kg dose. On an operationally defined minimal effective dose, only one boy experienced motor tic exacerbation.

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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity/px [Psychology]
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/px [Psychology]
KW - Comorbidity
KW - Dose-Response Relationship
KW - Drug
KW - Double-Blind Method
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Methylphenidate/ad [Administration & Dosage]
KW - Neurologic Examination/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Personality Assessment
KW - Social Environment
KW - Tic Disorders/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Tic Disorders/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Tic Disorders/px [Psychology]
KW - Tourette Syndrome/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Tourette Syndrome/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Tourette Syndrome/px [Psychology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
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N1 - In this study, 11 prepubertal hyperactive boys with tic disorder received placebo and three doses of methylphenidate (0.1, 0.3, and 0.5 mg/kg) for 2 weeks each, under double-blind conditions. Each boy was observed for approximately 20 hours in the school setting (classroom seatwork activities, lunchroom, and playground). Results showed that methylphenidate effectively suppressed hyperactive/disruptive behaviors in the classroom and physical aggression in the lunchroom and on the playground. Methylphenidate also reduced the occurrence of vocal tics in the classroom and the lunchroom. None of the motor tic measures revealed drug effects, but the lowest mean rate of motor tics occurred on the 0.3 mg/kg dose. On an operationally defined minimal effective dose, only one boy experienced motor tic exacerbation.
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T1 - [Exercise-induced airway obstruction in asthmatic children and adolescents]. [Czech]
A1 - Zapletal,A.
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In 115 asymptomatic asthmatic children and adolescents (age 6-18 years) there was studied the magnitude of airway obstruction, induced by various physical efforts and assessed from the recording of maximum expiratory flow-volume curves and in some patients by "specific" airway conductance measurement in a body plethysmograph. The effects of 5 minutes free running outdoors, 5 minutes of exercise on a bicycle ergometer (2 watts/kg of body weight), routine swimming training in swimming pool and of forced expiration maneuver on the magnitude of airway obstruction were assessed. The most frequent and largest degree of airway obstruction was observed after 5 min. free running outdoors (heart rate after running 160-200/min). The obstruction was revealed in 80-100% asthmatics in various groups. The chosen lung function parameters showed exercise-induced airway obstruction in the same patients in various proportions as well as the magnitude of the obstruction. Following free running outdoors the values of maximum expiratory flow at 25% of vital capacity and "specific" airway conductance were most reduced. Spontaneous retreat of obstruction was observed in the course of 2 hours. The physical exercise on a bicycle ergometer was a small stimulus in inducing of airway obstruction. The swimming in a pool did not provoke any obstruction. In 10% of our asthmatics airway obstruction was observed following forced expiration maneuver. Airway obstruction induced by 5 minutes free running outdoors and assessed best by flow-volume curves appeared as a suitable test in the assessment of airway hyperresponsiveness.
To determine the prevalence of safety hazards and current injury prevention practices in child care settings, we administered a structured telephone interview to a geographically stratified, randomly selected sample of licensed child care facilities. Representatives of 130 child care facilities responded to questions about current injury prevention practices. Specific hazards assessed were related to burns, falls, poisoning, playgrounds, and emergency telephone numbers. Results indicated that 26.8% of providers who knew the temperature of their tap water stated that it was over 130 degrees F.; 14.1% had space heaters accessible to children; 30.3% of those with stairs accessible to children lacked safety gates; 61.4% of those with playgrounds did not have an impact-absorbing surface under playground equipment; 16.9% of respondents had an unexpired bottle of syrup of ipecac; 55.8% demonstrated that a poison control center telephone number was available to them; and 80% of providers could demonstrate the availability of the telephone number of the local ambulance. We conclude that potential and remedial injury hazards exist in some licensed child care centers and that providers of child care within licensed facilities are a promising target for childhood injury prevention interventions.
This study was designed to determine the incidence and prevalence of Lyme disease in a section of Chappaqua, NY, a residential community in which Lyme disease is epidemic, and to identify risk factors for this disease. On the basis of clinical history and baseline serologic testing, the overall prevalence of Lyme disease for 114 persons entering the study was 8.8%. The incidence during the 5-month study period of May through September 1989 was 2.6%; all three incident cases had erythema migrans (EM). Hours outdoors per week in play or exercise correlated with the occurrence of Lyme disease.
Although more than 2 million US children are in self-care after school, little is known of the extent to which self-care may adversely affect developmental processes, such as the development of self-esteem. To test the hypothesis that lower self-esteem is associated with being in self-care, 297 subjects in fourth and sixth grades from three ethnically diverse schools in northern California were enrolled in a cross-sectional study during November 1987. Sixty percent of subjects were in adult in-home care, 13% in adult out-of-home care, 19% in self-care, and 8.0% in older sibling care. No significant differences in self-competence scores, as measured by the Harter Self-perception Profile for Children, were observed for children in self-care compared with the three other care groups. However, children who were cared for by older siblings unexpectedly exhibited lower self-competence scores for five of the six self-competence domains, with three domains showing significance at P less than .05. Children in self-care were significantly more isolated socially than children in adult care, reporting fewer opportunities to play outside or have friends visit at their homes. The results indicate that children in sibling care may be at potentially greater risk for negative effects on self-esteem and social development. Children in self-care may also experience more social isolation after school than children in other forms of afterschool care.

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Obese boys [n = 10, aged 10-11 y, average percent body fat (%BF) 32.4] were given a regimented training program (4 wk, 5 1-h sessions, 45 min cycling/wk at 50-60% of predetermined VO2max) to investigate whether they modify their energy expenditure by reducing or augmenting their spontaneous physical activities. No change was observed in mean weight (52.7 vs 52.9 kg), %BF based on 2H and 18O dilution and densitometry (32.4 vs 31.7), sleeping metabolic rate (5.83 vs 5.68 MJ/24 h), and spontaneous activity by heart rate recording (percent time of light intensity: 85.3 vs 83.6; medium: 11.2 vs 12.4; and heavy: 3.5 vs 3.9) and activity questionnaires (861 vs 821 min physical activity/wk). There was a 12% increase in average daily metabolic rate by doubly labeled water, half of which can be explained by the energy cost of training and the rest by an increase in energy expenditure outside the training hour. In conclusion, training leads to an appreciable augmentation in the overall energy expenditure of obese children, even with a lack of change in spontaneous physical activity.
In 1988, we identified playground hazards at 58 child-care centers (CCCs) and intervened by showing the director the hazards and distributing safety information. In 1990, we evaluated the 58 intervention CCCs as well as 71 randomly selected control CCCs. Intervention centers had 9.4 hazards per playground; control centers had 8.0. We conclude that the intervention was ineffective.
The leveling of oxygen uptake at high work loads has been utilized to define maximal VO2 during progressive exercise testing. Exercise studies in children have indicated, however, that a VO2 plateau can commonly be demonstrated in less than one half of subjects. To examine the potential contributions of subject effort, aerobic fitness, and nonaerobic performance to this variability, 15 children ages 7 to 10 years performed progressive treadmill walking to exhaustion with a ramp protocol. The VO2 plateau was defined as a change in VO2 during the final minute of exercise less than 2 SD below the mean of increases between the previous 4 to 5 submaximal minutes. Five subjects (33.3 percent) demonstrated a plateau. No significant differences in mean peak VO2, heart rate, or respiratory exchange ratio were observed between plateau and nonplateau groups. Testing results of speed (50-yard sprint) and leg power (vertical jump) were also similar. These findings suggest that following: (1) subject effort, aerobic fitness, and nonaerobic factors do not explain the presence or absence of a VO2 plateau during exercise testing of children; and (2) a VO2 plateau should not be used as a requirement for defining VO2max during treadmill testing in this age group.

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T1 - Winds of change in Zambia
A1 - Bond, V.
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WorldAIDS
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Journal Article
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
KW - Adolescent
KW - Africa
KW - Africa South of the Sahara
KW - Eastern
KW - Age Factors
KW - Behavior
KW - Biology
KW - Child
KW - Culture
KW - Demography
KW - Developing Countries
KW - Disease
KW - Education
KW - Extramarital Relations
KW - Foster Home Care
KW - HIV Infections
KW - Interpersonal Relations
KW - Population
KW - Population Characteristics
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Sex Education
KW - Sexual Behavior
KW - Sexual Partners
KW - Virus Diseases
Hypopituitarism and stalk agenesis: a congenital syndrome worsened by breech delivery?

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English

KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adult
KW - Breech Presentation
KW - Cesarean Section
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Growth Disorders/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Growth Disorders/pa [Pathology]
KW - Growth Disorders/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Growth Hormone/df [Deficiency]
KW - Growth Hormone/tu [Therapeutic Use]
KW - Humans
KW - Hypopituitarism/pa [Pathology]
KW - Hypopituitarism/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
KW - Male
KW - Pituitary Gland/ab [Abnormalities]
KW - Pituitary Gland/pa [Pathology]
KW - Pituitary Gland
KW - Anterior/ab [Abnormalities]
KW - Posterior/ab [Abnormalities]
KW - Pituitary Hormones
KW - Anterior/bl [Blood]
KW - Anterior/df [Deficiency]
KW - Pregnancy

JF - Hormone Research

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Thirty-seven patients with idiopathic hypopituitarism, of whom 12 had multiple pituitary hormone deficiencies (MPHD) and 25 isolated growth hormone deficiency (IGHD), were evaluated by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Twenty-two of the 37 showed congenital anterior pituitary hypoplasia, stalk agenesis and ectopic posterior pituitary gland at the infundibular recess (group A), while the remaining 15 presented isolated anterior pituitary hypoplasia (group B). Perinatal histories obtained from all patients demonstrated that 18/22 children of group A (81.81%) had histories of adverse perinatal events, with breech presentation in 15 (68.18%). Twelve of 12 children of group A born by breech delivery developed MPHD; 3 born by cesarean section for breech presentation had only IGHD. Patients of group B had also a high incidence of perinatal insults (12/15, 80%), but breech delivery was markedly less frequent (13.33 vs. 68.18% of group A) and responsible for only IGHD. Group B had also higher percentages of maternal spontaneous abortion and low birth weight. Our study suggests that several factors may play a role in the development of growth hormone deficiency. Some patients had severe perinatal insults apparently leading to hypopituitarism. We were able to define by MRI a group of patients with congenital abnormalities, such as anterior pituitary hypoplasia, stalk agenesis and posterior pituitary ectopia, among whom breech presentation was very common. In this group, breech delivery was always followed by MPHD while cesarean or normal delivery in such patients was followed by IGHD only.
We determined the cumulative exposure of 3 body sites to ultraviolet radiation from sunlight for 126 children observed from 1-3 d during a variety of common recreational activities at a girl scout camp, baseball camp and community baseball field. Median arm exposure to children playing baseball at a camp ranged from 27.6% to 33.2% of the possible ambient exposure. These exposures are similar to adult exposures reported for comparable activities. Median exposure to the arm at the girl scout camp during mixed activities ranged from 9.0% to 26.5% of possible ambient exposure. At the girl scout camp, exposure both within and between activity groups varied substantially and were more variable than the baseball players’ exposure. Arm exposure was greater than cheek and forehead exposure for all subject groups, with an arm-to-cheek exposure ratio ranging from 1.7 to 2.3. For organized sports, such as baseball, it may be possible to assign a single exposure estimate for use in epidemiologic studies or risk estimates. However, for less uniform outdoor activities, wide variability in exposure makes it more difficult to predict an individual’s exposure.

N2 - "Spontaneous," i.e., self-promoted, feeding without the promotion of offering of energy-dense food (eating incentives), was maintained for 7 months in a randomized, controlled, prospective, semiblind investigation in 88
2-year-old diarrheic children. This behavior was associated with 30% lower energy intake throughout the investigation period while normal growth and blood assessments were maintained and intestinal functions improved. The dependence of a child's energy intake on maternal administrative behavior at each meal was proposed. The energy content of each meal was thus investigated in relation to a preprandial request for food, glycemia, and acceptance of nonstarchy vegetables (NSV). A sample of 210 meals eaten by 10 children with chronic nonspecific diarrhea in the second year of life before mothers were instructed in spontaneous feeding was compared with 210 meals after 1.5 months of spontaneous feeding. Compliance, food weight, preprandial glycemia, and outdoor activities were reported by the mothers in 7-day diaries. Requests for food by the child before the meal was seen and acceptance of more than two-thirds of the prescribed amount of NSV were associated with significantly lower preprandial glycemia and lower energy intake in the investigation of all meals before and after instructions were given. Feeding children on demand and habitual NSV administration may safely educate children to avoid overeating after weaning.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Predictive value of intraoperative electrocorticograms in resective epilepsy surgery
A1 - McBride, M.C.
A1 - Binnie, C.D.
A1 - Janota, I.
A1 - Polkey, C.E.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Action Potentials/ph [Physiology]
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Brain/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Electroencephalography
KW - Epilepsy/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Epilepsy/su [Surgery]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Monitoring
KW - Intraoperative
KW - Predictive Value of Tests
KW - Prognosis
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 526
EP - 532
JF - Annals of Neurology
JA - Ann Neurol
VL - 30
IS - 4
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - The preresection and postresection intraoperative electrocorticograms of 76 consecutive patients undergoing resective surgery for intractable epilepsy were analyzed to see if location, configuration, and discharge rate of epileptiform activity correlated with type and location of pathology of the resected specimens and outcome in regard to seizure control. The location of the predominant spike focus did not correlate with either type of location of pathology or with seizure outcome from temporal lobe surgery (n = 58). The presence of spontaneous or activated spikes outside the resected area did not correlate with outcome from any surgery type. Positive spikes recorded from the amygdala and anterior hippocampus (n = 37) were not associated with type or location of pathology, but bursts of fast repetitive spikes on these needle recordings tended to associate with mesiotemporal pathology (p = less than 0.02) and with mesial temporal sclerosis (p = less than 0.04). A preresection spike discharge rate of 1 per 4 minutes or less was associated with a poor outcome in 5 of 6 patients (p = 0.03), whereas a rate of 18 or more per minute was associated with a good outcome in 15 of 18 patients (p less than 0.06). Persistence of 50% or more of the preresection epileptiform activity in the postresection electrocorticogram after temporal lobectomy correlated with poor outcome in 80% (p = less than 0.03), although the absolute amount of epileptiform activity remaining in the postresection electrocorticogram did not correlate with outcome. Further studies are needed to define the role of intraoperative electrocorticograms in resective epilepsy surgery.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Children with mild learning difficulties in an integrated and in a special school: comparisons of behaviour, teasing and teachers' attitudes
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The British journal of educational psychology
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Comparative Study. Journal Article
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adaptation
KW - Psychological
KW - Attitude
KW - Child
KW - Education
KW - Special
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Learning Disorders/px [Psychology]
KW - Learning Disorders/th [Therapy]
KW - Mainstreaming (Education)
KW - Male
KW - Peer Group
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 355
EP - 372
JF - British Journal of Educational Psychology
JA - Br J Educ Psychol
VL - 61
IS - Pt 3
Comparisons were made between children and teachers in two schools, one a mainstream school with an integrated resource unit for children with mild learning difficulties, the other a special school. Seventeen children with mild learning difficulties from the special school and ten children with mild learning difficulties from the mainstream school, matched with ten mainstream children for age and sex, took part in the study. Observations were made on children in the playground and their social proximity and positive and negative behaviours were categorised. Self-reports on teasing, bullying and friendships were also collected from children in the mainstream school. Teachers from both schools completed a questionnaire on their attitudes to integration. There was no difference in amount of social contact children with mild learning difficulties had in the mainstream and special school nor were there significant differences in total positive and negative behaviours. Mainstream children, however, played significantly less frequently with children with mild learning difficulties and this was more marked in the older than the younger children. Self-reports from children in the integrated school indicated that the children with mild learning difficulties were teased/bullied more and made fewer friends than the mainstream children. Teachers in the mainstream were more positive and teachers in the special school were more negative towards integration. The special school teachers’ expectations fitted more with the findings of the study than did those of the mainstream teachers.
The evidence is provided of a close relationship between the features of women's reproductive behaviour, their health status and the health of their children: the lack of rational planning child-birth results in increasing maternal and infant mortality rates, prematurity, birth of unwanted children. The use of abortions as one of the basic means of birth control produces a negative effect, i.e. they are a frequent cause of sterility, gynaecological diseases, complicated future pregnancies and deliveries. There is a description of the priority tasks and conditions for the effective introduction of family planning into the everyday life—the necessity of taking into account sociopsychological, regional aspects of birth control within a family, demographic situation at the local level; identification of women populations which are in need of family planning activities.

Serial EEGs have been carried out during the acute phase of haemorrhagic shock and encephalopathy syndrome (HS&E) in 22 infants and children aged 3 months to 14 years. Most patients presented with fits and coma and all had shock with bleeding and disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC). The initial EEG showed prolonged runs of often rhythmic discharges which fluctuated in amount and amplitude with varying distribution and morphology ("electrical storms"). Over a period of days the "electrical storms" gradually...
decreased leaving only low amplitude EEG activities or evolving to electrocerebral silence (7 cases). Fifteen patients died and all five children with multifocal "electrical storms" who survived showed gross neurological handicap. The rather distinctive EEG pattern is unusual in the context of an acute encephalopathy outside the neonatal period although similar "electrical storms" may be seen in a less extreme form in infants and children with other conditions associated with DIC. This EEG pattern presumably reflects changes in the cerebral microcirculation which in HS&E are usually relentlessly progressive and associated with devastating cortical damage.

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ID - 2117
T1 - [Toxicological assessment. A solid basis for preventive health care? Considerations on the preventive character of guidelines for (heavy) metal contamination of children's playgrounds]. [German]
A1 - Muller, L.
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Arsenic/an [Analysis]
KW - Cadmium/an [Analysis]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Environmental Pollutants/an [Analysis]
KW - Germany
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Lead/an [Analysis]
KW - Maximum Allowable Concentration
KW - Metals/an [Analysis]
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Reference Values
KW - Soil Pollutants/an [Analysis]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 736
EP - 745
JF - Öffentliche Gesundheitswesen
JA - Öffentl.Gesundheitswes.
VL - 53
IS - 11
CY - GERMANY
N2 - The present report discusses the standard limit reference values for metal content of playgrounds, set by the authorities in North-Rhine-Westphalia, Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen. Taking the metals arsenic, lead and cadmium as an example, the causative role of region specific conditions for establishing the limit values for protective measures are described. Essentially, two factors influence the decision: 1. the background concentrations of metals in sand and soils differ between the various states; 2. there is a lack of a uniform concept for the quantitative evaluation of oral intake as a main route of ingestion of metals endangering the health of children on child playgrounds. Due to insufficient data, arbitrary assumptions in respect of intake, relevant age group or playing-time on playgrounds are made. From a toxicological point of view the standard limit values, exceed the span of toxicological tolerance, in an attempt to combine pragmatic and toxicological considerations. However, only few of these values agree with the basic principles of preventive care.
Respiratory symptoms, atopy, and bronchial reactivity were measured in primary school children living in Lake Munmorah (LM), a coastal town near two power stations, and in Nelson Bay (NB), a coastal town free from any possible major sources of outdoor air pollution. A prevalence survey and longitudinal follow-up study were performed 1 year apart. In both studies, the prevalence of ever wheezed, current wheezing, breathlessness, wheezing with exercise, diagnosed asthma, and use of drugs for asthma at LM were all approximately double the prevalence at NB (all P values less than 0.01). The prevalence of bronchial reactivity was significantly greater at LM than NB (P less than 0.01) at the first but not the second survey. By contrast, no significant differences were found between the two areas for skin test atopy or for parental history of allergic disease. Multivariate analysis supported the conclusion from the univariate analysis that there was more wheezing at LM compared to NB at both studies, when adjusted for atopy, smoking in the home, age, and sex. As expected, a positive skin test reaction to house dust mite was the predominant explanatory variable. Asthma was more common in the community near power stations (LM) than in the NB area. The absence of significant differences in skin test atopy and parental history of allergic disease argued against major genetic differences between the
two groups. By contrast, the more common reporting of siblings' chest disease and asthma in Lake Munmorah supported an environmental cause

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T1 - School injuries. Epidemiology and clinical features of 307 cases registered at hospital during one school year
A1 - Bergstrom,E.
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Scandinavian journal of primary health care
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Age Factors
KW - Ankle Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Outpatient Clinics
KW - Hospital
KW - Physical Education and Training
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Risk Factors
KW - School Health Services
KW - Sports
KW - Sweden/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/cl [Classification]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Wrist Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 209
EP - 216
JF - Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care
JA - Scand J Prim Health Care
VL - 9
IS - 3
CY - SWEDEN
N2 - Injuries at school were studied for one school year in 57 primary and three secondary schools (13,733 students, aged 7-19 years) at Umea in northern Sweden. The injury rate was 22/1000 student years. There was a wide variation in injury rate between different schools. The boy/girl ratio was 1.1/1. Physical education was the dominating activity at the time of injury for the older students and play in the school yard for the younger. The majority of the students had a minor injury, but 17% had a fracture. The injured students did not seem to have more somatic, psychological or social problems than students in general. Fewer competitive sports and ball games and more adult supervision and organized activities during breaks are suggestions to reduce injuries at school. A hospital-based injury registration system is well fitted for serving as a base for analysing school injuries
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2120
T1 - A one-year prospective ED cohort of pediatric trauma
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Accidents
KW - Traffic/mo [Mortality]
KW - Traffic/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Emergency Service
KW - Hospital
KW - Female
KW - Hawaii/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Hospitalization
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Injury Severity Score
KW - Male
KW - Morbidity
KW - Prospective Studies
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/et [Etiology]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/mo [Mortality]
KW - Wounds and Injuries/pc [Prevention & Control]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 267
EP - 274
JF - Pediatric Emergency Care
JA - Pediatr Emerg Care
VL - 7
IS - 5
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - During a 12-month period ending on November 30, 1988, data were collected on 4623 pediatric patients visiting a pediatric emergency department with trauma (excluding burns). Sixty-one percent were male. Common causes of the trauma included suspected child abuse (4%), organized sports (6%), nonorganized sports (4%), pedestrian motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) (3%), bicycle MVAs (2%), and automobile MVAs (3%). However, most of the incidents had none of the identified associated activities surrounding the trauma (60%). Incidents took place at home (41%), on the street (11%), at school (10%), and at a playground or park (10%). Injuries involved the external body (59%), extremity (26%), head or neck (13%), face (4%), chest (1%), and abdomen (2%) and were more common during the summer. Injury severity scores had a mean of 1.8 and were grouped as: less than 3 (80%), 3-6 (19%), and greater than 6 (1.6%). Factors associated with higher trauma
severity included MVAs, water-related injuries, sports, streets, schools, parks, playgrounds, skateboards, skates, and alcohol

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T1 - Public schools welcome students with disabilities as full members
A1 - Davern,L.
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Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Davern, L Schnorr, R
Children today
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Journal Article
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Activities of Daily Living/px [Psychology]
KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - Disabled Persons/ed [Education]
KW - Disabled Persons/px [Psychology]
KW - Education of Intellectually Disabled/mt [Methods]
KW - Humans
KW - Individuality
KW - Mainstreaming (Education)/mt [Methods]
KW - Social Adjustment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 21
EP - 25
JF - Children Today
JA - Child Today
VL - 20
IS - 2
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - As noted in a parent newsletter, the inclusion of children and young adults with disabilities with other students in our schools will result in "an ever widening circle of people who believe that disabilities are a part of life, that people with disabilities are a part of [our] natural environment who should not be isolated, and that people with disabilities can have a positive effect on non-disabled people and the general community". All students can benefit from regular class activities even though the individual goals for some may be quite different. Such efforts are not always easy to implement, and depend on adequate support for both students and school personnel--but the benefits for all students are substantial. As one regular education teacher noted: "Above all, we want our kids to show concern for others, now and in their future days. Typical kids in integrated classrooms benefit because these goals are as much a part of their daily classroom experience as the 'academics'. In reality, I believe the academics are enhanced because of these goals." And this teacher observed: "I believe that all kids have a right to be in inclusive classrooms--to be educated with their peers. When everybody in a class is considered equal, some very great things will happen."
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The aim of this study was to determine the incidence rate and to determine the etiology and the severity of accidents caused by playground equipment during the period 1.1.1989-31.12.1989 and to compare the results with the study made by Christensen et al (1-3). The number of children aged below 15 years was 42,635. A total of 270 playground accidents were registered, which resulted in an incidence rate of 6.3 per 1,000 children per year. This is a reduction from 9.3 per 1,000 children per year in 1981. The incidence rates between boys and girls were 7.0 and 5.6 per 1,000 children per year, as compared with respectively. The sex ratio for the population studied was 1.31 to 1 as compared with 1.44 to 1 in 1981. The sex ratio in the background population was 1.05 both in 1981 and 1989. The greatest number of accidents were seen in spring, especially in April and May. Swings, climbing frames, slides, playhouses and playcastles were responsible for 80% of the accidents. The etiologies were fall accidents in 211 cases, being caught between two objects in 17 cases, being kit by an object in 21 cases and different causes in 21 cases. The underlying surfaces were sufficiently soft in 24% of the cases. The severity of the injury was classified according to the Abbreviated Injury Scale and was found to be: no lesions 1.1%, minor lesions 70%, moderate lesions 25.1% and severe lesions 3.7%. A total of 17 patients were admitted and of these 13 patients had fractures. The possibilities of reducing the number of injuries resulting from playground equipment are discussed.
T1 - [Cranial injuries among children in the county of Ringkobing. 2. Analysis of accidents]. [Danish]
A1 - Hansen,T.B.
A1 - Pless,S.
A1 - Gravers,M.
Y1 - 1991/10/14/
N1 - Hansen, T B. Pless, S. Gravers, M
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English Abstract. Journal Article
Danish
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Accident Prevention
KW - Accidents/cl [Classification]
KW - Accidents/sn [Statistics & Numerical Data]
KW - Adolescent
KW - Brain Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Brain Injuries/et [Etiology]
KW - Brain Injuries/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Craniocerebral Trauma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Craniocerebral Trauma/et [Etiology]
KW - Craniocerebral Trauma/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Denmark/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Seasons
KW - Time Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2947
EP - 2949
JF - Ugeskrift for Laeger
JA - Ugeskr.Laeger
VL - 153
IS - 42
CY - DENMARK
N2 - Questionnaires were sent concerning all of the patients aged 0-15 years who were admitted to the
Ringkobing County Hospitals during the period 1.1.1982 to 31.8.1989 with head injuries. The object of the
questionnaires was to elucidate the circumstances of the accident which resulted in hospitalization.
Questionnaires concerning 988 patients (67.5%) were returned. Definite accumulation of the accidents was
observed during the period 12.00-18.00 with 55.2% of all the accidents. The majority of the accidents (72.3%)
occurred out-of-doors and the majority of these on transport areas. Bicycle accidents were most common, most
frequently in children over the age of four years. Where younger children were concerned, accidents in the
home were commonest. Accidents in playgrounds and during sports constituted only 13% of the total material.
A relatively great proportion of the children (42.9%) were under supervision, usually from their own family,
when the accident occurred. On the basis of this investigation, the authors recommend that possible prophylactic
measures in the County of Ringkobing should be directed towards bicycle accidents among the older children
and accidents in the homes where smaller children are concerned
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Two aspects of hand-washing were explored in this study. Mothers and children from 80 families in Zimbabwe were asked to wash their hands in the traditional manner in sterile water. Mothers were asked to answer a socio-economic questionnaire. By using the questionnaire and observations in conjunction with the microbiological data from hand-washing, factors were identified which contributed to high counts on the hands. These were: high relative humidity, living on a commercial farm, and having an infant in the family. Mothers and children 1-5 years of age had higher counts than children of 6-12 years. People recently involved in outdoor physical activities such as farming had higher counts than those involved in other activities. The traditional hand-washing method was also compared with two other hand-washing methods: hand-washing using soap and hand-washing using a container known as the mukombe. Hand-washing with soap was the most effective method closely followed by hand-washing using the mukombe. The least effective method was traditional hand-washing.
The widespread public concern in Britain over childhood injuries arising from playground accidents is examined using a new national database on leisure accidents managed by the Department of Trade and Industry. Popular beliefs about the level of risk, the nature and cause of injury, and remedial measures are found to be unsupported by the analysis. Playground risks are comparatively low; accident causes are diverse and most involve long bone injuries and not head injuries as has been widely reported; and the cost of some popular risk reduction measures would seem to be incommensurate with the reasonably-anticipated risk reduction which they might afford. It is suggested that for those who wish to reduce risk further, consideration should be given to increasing public awareness of the many causes of risk, of the opportunities which the individual has to control risk, and of the inevitability of residual risk.
N2 - All sports injuries, and this is certainly true of dentally related sports injuries, occur for predictable reasons. In some instances, these predictors have been well studied and are recognized by participants as well as coaches, dentists, and other responsible parties. In other instances, there is much to be learned about these predictors. There is no question that predictors have direct influence upon the incidence and prevalence data for dental injuries related to each sport. Because of the variability of these predictors from one sport to another, from one sports participant to another, from one age group to another, and even from on playground, field, or court to another, the importance and validity and usefulness of much of the data available currently is debatable.

The importance of sports dentistry is not based solely on the urgency afforded by a given number of injuries among a specified number of participants over a certain amount of time. It is the predictable nature of these injuries and the need for the profession to take responsible action in their prevention and treatment that provides the strongest imperative for a sports dentistry movement. [References: 61]
Sixteen patients suffering from acute Plasmodium falciparum malaria were studied. All were residents of an area of unstable malaria-transmission in Eastern Sudan. Blood-samples were drawn at diagnosis, and 7 and 30 days later. Blood-samples from thirteen donors, drawn outside the malaria transmission season 5 months prior to the attack, were included in the study. Lymphoproliferative responsiveness to purified soluble malarial antigens and to the unrelated antigen PPD was lost during the acute phase of the disease in most donors, but was regained during convalescence, except in four donors recrudescent or reinfected by day 30. In contrast to the suppression of antigenic responses, cellular responses to phytohaemagglutinin (PHA) remained virtually unaffected. All donors showed elevated plasma-levels of soluble IL-2 receptor during the acute phase of the disease which normalized during convalescence. Five donors examined by fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) showed no increase in surface expression of IL-2 receptor on peripheral lymphocytes. The data indicate that acute P. falciparum malaria causes a depletion of antigen-reactive T-cells from the peripheral circulation, probably due to homing of this cell-population to lymphoid tissues. It was also found that acute-phase plasma was suppressive to PPD-induced proliferative responses, indicating an additional suppressive mechanism operating in vivo.
The extent of infection among 722 residents of an enzootic focus of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) virus in rural northern Senegal and putative modes of transmission were studied by a cross-sectional seroprevalence survey done from February through May 1989. Anti-CCHF virus IgG was found in 13.1% of 283 persons who completed a standard questionnaire and provided blood samples. Seropositivity rates were similar between sexes and increased significantly with age among nomadic persons. Behavior patterns providing exposure to multifactorial risk factors were gender-based. Male risk factors, primarily associated with herding activities, included sleeping outside during seasonal migrations (also a risk factor for nomadic women), bite by a tick (adult male *Hyalomma truncatum*), tick bite during the cool dry season, and contact with sick animals. Human infection of CCHF occurred more frequently or with less mortality in the region studied than has been found elsewhere in Africa; however, the rate of seroconversion-associated illness is undetermined. *Hyalomma* ticks appear to be the primary transmission mode.
School-based assessment of attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder. [Review] [94 refs]

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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity/px [Psychology]
KW - Child
KW - Education
KW - Special
KW - Humans
KW - Learning Disorders/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Learning Disorders/px [Psychology]
KW - Referral and Consultation
KW - Sociometric Techniques
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 197
EP - 204
JF - Journal of Learning Disabilities
JA - J Learn Disabil
VL - 24
IS - 4
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - Schools are uniquely situated to provide information relevant to the assessment and treatment of Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) across a variety of tasks, settings, and observers. The importance of the school setting to the assessment and treatment of ADHD has resulted in the development of numerous measures appropriate for such assessment, but few guidelines for their use. The purpose of this article is to describe school-based assessment procedures and their relationship to ADHD. These procedures include teacher rating measures, direct observations in classrooms and on playgrounds, peer rating and sociometric measures, and permanent product measures such as academic performance. It is recommended that school-based assessment of ADHD involve the concurrent use of multiple measures to assess adequately the wide variety of symptoms associated with this disorder. It is further recommended that assessment serve the purpose of determining treatment efficacy to avoid unwarranted preoccupation with diagnostic issues that are as yet unresolved. The components of a comprehensive school-based assessment of ADHD are described, and their relationship to school-based treatment is discussed. [References: 94]

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T1 - Effects of single- and multiday ozone exposures on respiratory function in active normal children
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A1 - Mao, J.
Ventilatory function was measured twice daily on 46 healthy children aged 8-14 years on at least 7 days for each child during a 4-week period at a northwestern New Jersey residential summer camp in 1988. The highest 1-hr O3 concentration was 150 ppb, while the highest 12-hr H+ concentration (as H2SO4) was 18.6 micrograms/m3. The highest temperature-humidity index was 81 degrees F. The regressions of FVC, FEV1, FEF25-75, and PEFR on O3 in the hour preceding the afternoon function measurements yielded slopes essentially the same as those measured on other children at the same camp in 1984. Regressions of the changes in function between the late morning and late afternoon function measurements on average O3 concentration between them produced significant, but somewhat smaller effects, while regressions of morning function on O3 during the previous day indicated small but still significant effects. There were no significant correlations with other measured environmental variables including H+. Based on the results of this study and similar previous studies, we conclude that O3 exposures in ambient air produce greater lung function deficits in active young people in natural settings then does pure O3 in controlled chamber exposure studies because of: (1) longer exposures; (2) potentiation by other factors in the ambient exposures; (3) the persistence of effects from prior day’s exposures; and (4) the persistence of a transient response associated with the daily peak of exposure. It follows that projections of likely effects in the real world from controlled chamber exposure studies should either have a large margin of safety, or the judgment of the extent of effects likely to occur among populations should be based directly on the effects observed in field studies.
Analyses of US child care safety regulations

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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child Day Care Centers/lj [Legislation & Jurisprudence]
KW - Child Day Care Centers/st [Standards]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Data Collection
KW - Humans
KW - Safety
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - American Journal of Public Health
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BACKGROUND: With 1.9 million US children cared for in organized group child care, the safety of these children is a public health concern. In the absence of federal policy, each state has developed its own day care safety regulations. METHODS: After creating a set of 36 criteria from three sets of national guidelines, we assessed the safety regulations of 45 states. With a mailed survey of state day care regulatory personnel, we examined the processes of formulating and implementing safety policy in 47 states. RESULTS: For 24 of the 36 items, more than half the states' regulations were below the criteria or failed to mention the topic. Most notable is the inattention to playground safety, choking hazards, and firearms. CONCLUSION: The uneven quality of regulations may be a reflection of a regulatory process that is fragmented, with many different groups sharing authority and with limited involvement of injury prevention specialists.

N2 - [Perspectives on chest wall mechanics in infants and young children]. [Japanese]
A1 - Katayama, M.
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Y1 - 1991/03/
The chest wall of neonates and infants is compliant and thus the outward recoil of the chest wall and the inward recoil of the lungs theoretically balance at a low lung volume (FRC) incompatible with gas exchange. The neonates and infants, however, have a number of mechanisms that actively maintain a high FRC: (1) Laryngeal breaking during expiration. (2) Short expiratory time relative to long time expiratory time constant. (3) Sustained inspiratory muscle tone during expiratory phase. When lung recoil is increased as in many disease states, the third mechanism fails due to muscle fatigue. The increased lung recoil pulls in the chest wall and a catastrophic decrease in FRC occurs. The measurement of respiration from the outside through chest wall movement is especially important in infants and young children for these reasons. The other reason is that the breathing pattern remains unaltered, unlike measurement via the airway such as by mask and pneumotachometer.
An important question in the attempt to generalize laboratory findings on attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) children to clinical issues concerning their assessment, diagnosis, outcome, and treatment response is the ecological validity of the commonly used tasks and analogue behavioral observation procedures. This paper examines the concept of ecological validity and issues inherent in its evaluation. The evidence from a variety of sources is then reviewed on the relationship between laboratory methods of assessing inattention, impulsivity, and overactivity and measures of these same constructs in natural settings. Additional findings pertaining to this issue from a recent study of 140 ADHD and normal children and 159 ADHD and normal adolescents using a multimethod battery of tests are also reported. In general, the ecological validity of most methods is of a low to moderate degree, with some traditional laboratory tasks proving unsatisfactory. A few tasks demonstrated acceptable degrees of ecological validity but even these require improvement. It is concluded that future advances in ecological validity are likely to come from: (a) a greater reliance on assessments of the target behaviors in natural settings and (b) combining several of the more promising tasks and analogue methods into a battery that is taken over longer time intervals than has been customary and averaged across repeated administrations. [References: 115]
This study examined the relationship between deaf preschoolers' language abilities and their play behavior. Twenty-nine deaf children aged three to five years were observed during outdoor free play throughout the school year. Their language abilities varied widely and did not correlate with age. On the basis of two language tests, they were divided into three language ability groups--high, middle, and low. Language ability was found to be related to several aspects of play and social interaction. The children with high language ability were more likely than the other children to play with two partners at the same time (i.e., engage in triadic interaction), to interact with teachers, to prefer to play with children of similar language ability, to use language, and to receive language from their partners. Most of these effects seemed to be due solely to differences between the children with high language ability and those in the other two groups. Children in the low and middle language ability groups behaved similarly. Language ability was not related to any other aspect of peer relations. Thus, the impact of language ability seems limited. These results, in conjunction with past research, suggest that, for the most part, deaf preschoolers' language and social skills develop independently from each other.
An observational study was conducted to examine injury-risk situations as they occurred during playground recess periods. A process analysis approach was used to describe antecedent conditions, response, consequence, and reaction depicted in the video scenes. Results indicate that boys were more involved than girls, playground equipment was frequently used improperly, aggressive behaviors were sometimes a factor, situations occurred more frequently with nonteacher than teacher monitors, and children infrequently took action to stop the situations. Other children were more likely to react to the target child than the monitor. Direction is provided for child and monitor safety promotion programs.
Clinical and epidemiologic characteristics of patients referred for evaluation of possible Kawasaki disease. United States Multicenter Kawasaki Disease Study Group

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English

KW - MEDLINE
KW - Age Factors
KW - Child
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Differential
KW - Humans
KW - Measles/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Mucocutaneous Lymph Node Syndrome/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Mucocutaneous Lymph Node Syndrome/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Physical Examination
KW - Risk Factors
KW - United States/ep [Epidemiology]

Setting: Seven pediatric tertiary care centers. PATIENTS: Consecutive sample of 280 patients with KD and 42 comparison patients examined within the first 14 days after onset of fever.

MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS: (1) Infectious diseases, particularly measles and group A beta-hemolytic streptococcal infection, most closely mimicked KD and accounted for 35 (83%) of 42 patients in the comparison group. (2) The standard diagnostic clinical criteria for KD were fulfilled in 18 (46%) of 39 patients in whom other diagnoses were established. (3) Patients with KD were significantly less likely to have exudative conjunctivitis or pharyngitis, generalized adenopathy, and discrete intraoral lesions, and more likely to have a perineal distribution of their rash. The patients with KD were also more likely to have anemia and elevated erythrocyte sedimentation rate; leukocyte count less than 10 X 10(3)/mm3 and platelet count less than 200 X 10(3)/mm3 were significantly less prevalent in patients with KD. (4) Residence within 200 yards of a body of water was more common among KD patients. CONCLUSIONS: (1) Measles and streptococcal infection should be excluded in patients examined for possible KD. (2) Laboratory studies that may be useful in discriminating patients with KD from those with alternative diagnoses include hemoglobin concentration, erythrocyte
sedimentation rate, and serum alanine aminotransferase activity. (3) Residence near a body of water may be a risk factor for the development of KD

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T1 - Care of the abandoned child
A1 - Raghunath,M.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adoption
KW - Age Factors
KW - Asia
KW - Automatic Data Processing
KW - Behavior
KW - Child
KW - Child Abuse
KW - Child Care
KW - Child Rearing
KW - Crime
KW - Demography
KW - Developing Countries
KW - Evaluation Studies as Topic
KW - Foster Home Care
KW - India
KW - Legislation as Topic
KW - Population
KW - Population Characteristics
KW - Records as Topic
KW - Social Problems
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JF - ICCW News Bulletin
JA - ICCW News Bull
VL - 39
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ID - 2139
T1 - [Clinical study on arterio-venous differences in clinical biochemical assay for infants and children at induction of general anesthesia (Enflurane-N2-O-O2). First report: liver function tests]. [Japanese]
A1 - Ikeda,T.
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The arterial blood is often drawn during general anesthesia to measure many biochemical parameters, and, outside the operative period, those parameters are measured mainly in the venous blood. In this way, the A-V differences (the differences between the data from the arterial blood and those from the venous blood) will be found. However, there are few reports about the A-V difference in infants and children. The purpose of this investigation was to compare the arterial blood data with the venous data at the induction of general anesthesia (Enflurane-N2O-O2). In this report, Plasma total bilirubin concentration (by the Michaelson method), GOT activity, GPT activity (by the Karmen method), gamma-GTP activity (by the gamma-glutamyl CPA substrate method) and pseudocholinesterase activity (by the Shibata-Takahashi method) were measured with both the arterial (from the radial Artery) and the venous samples (from the saphena Magna), in 60 cases of infants and children who had no systemic disease. They were divided into three groups according to age. (Group I: three months old to one year old, Group II: one year old to three years old, and Group III: three years old to six years old.) Each group consisted of 20 patients. The difference and correlation coefficients between arterial and venous measurements were analysed with the paired t-test and correlation analysis $F_s = [r^2(n-2)/(1-r^2)]1/2$. Additionally, the data was analysed with a one dimensional analysis for all Groups. In the results, the A-V difference was so small that the conclusion was reached that in these liver function tests there would be no problem in regarding arterial measurements as venous measurements.

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Children's frequency of participation in moderate to vigorous physical activities

N1 - Simons-Morton, B G. O'Hara, N M. Parcel, G S. Huang, I W. Baranowski, T. Wilson, B
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Physical Education and Training
KW - Schools
KW - Sex Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 307
EP - 314
JF - Research Quarterly for Exercise & Sport
JA - Res Q Exerc Sport
VL - 61
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CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - Third and fourth grade boys (n = 422) and girls (n = 390) in four Texas elementary schools reported their participation in moderate to vigorous physical activities (MVPAs) over a 3-day period. Students were surveyed during class on successive days. On a subsample (n = 44), the agreement between reported and observed physical activities during physical education or recess was 86.3%. Running, walking fast, games and sports, and bicycling accounted for 70% of Total MVPAs. Of Total MVPAs reported, 47.0% for boys and 44.6% for girls were 10 min or longer in duration (LMVPA). The average number of LMVPAs per day was 1.7 for both boys and girls. Students reported significantly more occurrences of LMVPAs out of school than during school. Significant interaction between grade and gender indicated that third grade boys reported more Total MVPAs and LMVPAs than third grade girls, but fourth grade boys reported fewer Total MVPAs and LMVPAs than fourth grade girls reported fewer Total MVPAs and LMVPAs than fourth grade girls. During the 3-day reporting period, 12.3% of boys and 13.3% of girls reported no LMVPAs, and 35.6% of boys and girls reported fewer than one LMVPAs per day. While the majority of children reported obtaining at least some activity daily, a substantial proportion of children in this sample reported fewer than one LMVPA daily, indicating that many children may not be obtaining adequate amounts of physical activity
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In 1990, the State of North-Rhine-Westphalia established an ordinance on the quality of playground soil and sand. This ordinance includes guideline values for toxic metals (arsenic, lead, cadmium, chromium) in playground soil not covered by vegetation and quality standards for sand to be applied on playgrounds. Additionally guideline values were set for mercury, nickel and thallium. The guideline values include two categories: guideline value I represents the upper limits (95-percentiles) of the background levels of toxic metals generally found in upper soil layers in the State of North-Rhine-Westphalia. Guideline values II ("action levels") were selected on the basis of toxicological considerations. In cases where concentrations of metals above these guideline values are detected, immediate actions (urgent redevelopment measures) are required. Quality standards for playground sand were established to ensure that only noncontaminated sand is applied for playgrounds.
During the sunny summers of 1989 and 1990 in Germany the outdoor ozone levels repeatedly exceeded the value of the air quality guidelines proposed by the World Health Organization. Both in multiple sites within industrial polluted and in supposedly clean outside areas the ozone concentrations exceeded the value of 180 micrograms/m3. The following paper is intended to contribute to an understanding of the health effects of ozone. It compiles data and views on the formation and analysis of ozone, on its distribution as ambient ground level pollutant, on respiratory and common symptoms in man and on the toxicokinetics, responses and pathogenesis in experimental animals. Studies on healthy exercising adult volunteers exposed to 240 micrograms/m3 ozone in purified lab air or in ambient air revealed a significant influence on connections between forced vital capacity, forced expiratory volume, flow rate and peak expiratory flow rate and the pollutant. Exposure to lower ozone levels induced the same effects, but they were of smaller magnitude. Children aged 8-15 years exercising under field conditions showed decrements in lung function even at ozone levels well below 200 micrograms/m3. Restitution of lung function needs periods of several days, although the induction of effects is a matter of hours. The relevance of the transient pulmonary responses is widely unclear. Among patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or asthma, the functional responsiveness to ozone is not greater than among healthy subjects. Interindividual differences in responsiveness occur but are not predictable. Information on chronic effects is rather limited. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)
Preparation of the New Zealand Playground Standard was seriously hampered by a lack of published information on the incidence, nature, and circumstances of playground equipment-related injuries. The present study was aimed at redressing this lack of information. Examination of all discharges from New Zealand public hospitals for 1984 identified 1125 children less than 15 years of age who had been admitted for the treatment of playground equipment-related injury. This gave an incidence rate of 137/100,000 children per year. The mean age was 7.2 years. The commonest injury was fracture of the upper limb (48%), followed by intracranial injury (26%). One-third occurred at school, climbing apparatus (40%) was most often involved, and the great majority involved falls (93%). With this study it has been possible for the first time in any country to report an incidence rate for all causes of playground equipment-related injuries resulting in hospitalization, based on data for an entire population. The findings support the emphasis placed on falls in the Standard.

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Unintentional injuries at school have been identified as a significant public health problem. A major barrier to the development of injury prevention policy has been the absence of national data on the circumstances of injuries to students which occur at school. This study sought to determine the incidence, nature, and circumstances of injuries which resulted in death or hospitalization. Fatalities were identified from national mortality data for 1977-86 inclusive. Coroners' files were then examined to obtain details of the circumstances of injury. Hospitalization cases were identified from the national hospital discharge summary for 1986. Fifteen fatalities were identified. The circumstances of the deaths were diverse with the most frequent event being a fall (n = 4). A total of 1013 first admissions to hospital were identified, giving an overall incidence rate of 152/100,000 students/year. Injury rates declined with increasing age, and males had higher rates than females for all ages. Fractures of the upper and lower limbs and intracranial injury represented more than three-quarters of all injury. The two leading causes of injury, falls, and incidents involving striking against or being struck by a person or object, represented 89% of all incidents. The use of playground equipment and involvement in sporting activity were two of the more common aspects of many injury events. The results suggest that prevention policy should place emphasis on those in their first 2 years of schooling, falls from playground equipment, provision of protective equipment for sporting activities, sporting activities designed to minimize physical contact, establishment of standardized injury referral procedures, first-aid training, and a standardized injury reporting system.
The classroom and playground behaviors of students with disabilities, in an integrated classroom, are frequently cited as reasons for rejection of these students by their regular-class peers. We compared the classroom and playground behavior of 95 students with mild disabilities with that of 95 students without disabilities, age and sex matched, and enrolled in the same classes. The children, age 8-13 years, attended state government elementary schools. Behaviors were observed using a time-sampling method with nine categories of behavior in each setting. The behavior of both groups of students was in many ways similar, regardless of the presence of disabilities.
Nurses are continually promoting health and healthy lifestyles. This contribution requires that nurses understand client values and priorities. Traditionally, women have had responsibility for their own and their families' health. Nurses must recognize and understand the complex influences shaping the value women place on health. The literature indicates that women want to participate actively in their own health care by assuming more responsibility for their health and well-being. This research evolved as a result of nursing student and faculty interactions with mothers of pre-school children enrolled in a Headstart program. During these experiences, observations related to the needs of the mothers included poor health practices (smoking, being overweight), lack of motivation, statements of feeling depressed, difficulty making decisions, feelings of being overwhelmed by parenting demands, powerlessness, and disenfranchisement. This descriptive, correlational study was designed to determine the value of health, incidence of depression, and characteristics of self-esteem among low-income mothers of pre-school children. This sample of convenience was comprised of 133 low-income mothers who responded to a mailed survey. Three instruments were used in the study: the Wallston and Wallston Health Values Scale, the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D), and the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale. Data were analyzed by collection of frequency of response, which was then converted to a percentage. To determine if differences existed in respect to demographic variables, ANOVA (self-esteem and depression) and Chi Square (health) measures were used. Participation in activities outside the home accounted for a significant difference in self-esteem. Mothers involved in activities reported higher self-esteem. The findings suggest that participation in activities may increase self-esteem and lower depression. Over three-quarters (85%) of mothers placed a high value on health. Based on their high valuing of health and the potential for increasing self-esteem through activity, it can be concluded that the women in this sample will benefit from planned health activities. It is also anticipated that, because of the strong relationship between self-esteem and depression, women who participate in these activities will demonstrate lower levels of depression.

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T1  - The VER as a diagnostic marker for childhood abdominal migraine
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Abdominal migraine is a common childhood migraine equivalent, for which diagnostic criteria have not been defined. As in other children with migraine equivalents this leads to difficulties in diagnosis and determination of prevalence. By recording the fast wave activity (beta rhythm) in the visual evoked response (VER) to red and white flash, the pattern stimulation, 27 out of 28 children with clinically diagnosed abdominal migraine revealed significant differences compared with normal controls, outside the attack phase. Comparisons with children diagnosed as migraine with or without aura revealed, from the VER findings of higher amplitude fast wave activity and the presence of paroxysmal sharp wave activity, that abdominal migraine appears to be a specific form of childhood migraine. We found that both clinically and electrophysiologically, abdominal migraine changes with age; older children exhibiting a shorter duration of abdominal pain during attacks, and less evidence of sharp wave activity in the VER.

Normal energy intake range in children with chronic nonspecific diarrhea: association of relapses with the higher level

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An increase in energy intake often occurs at weaning. The increase may be due partly to prompting by the caregiver to accelerate the child's weight gain and partly motivated by the palatability of common weaning foods. Increased food intakes initiated during weaning and continued into the second year of life may be associated with chronic, nonspecific diarrhea in selected children. An educational project was designed to reduce intakes augmented by either cause. Reductions were achieved by the regulation of energy-dense foods in the child's diet and reliance on the child's appetite control to determine meal size. The educational intervention was applied prospectively under nonblinded, controlled conditions. Children, 1 to 2 years of age, with chronic nonspecific diarrhea were assigned randomly to either a treatment or control group. Compliance, food consumption, preprandial glycemia, and outdoor activities were reported by the children's mothers in four 7-day diaries; symptoms related to the children's clinical condition and anthropometric and biochemical indices of nutritional status were noted at the beginning and end of a 7-month period. Forty-four of 53 children in the experimental group maintained compliance, and 44 of 47 children in the control group completed the follow-up. Energy intake decreased significantly by almost one-third in the experimental group. Growth, skinfold thickness measurements, and outdoor activities were similar between experimental and control groups over the 7-month period. Diarrheal episodes occurred in 6, 1, and 2 children in the experimental group at 1.5, 3, and 7 months and in 22, 18, and 15 children in the control group, respectively (p less than 0.002).
N2 - An enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay with larval stage antigen was used to measure the concentration of antibodies to Toxocara sp in 2206 human sera. The results led to the determination of the specificity of our method, the experimental cutoff estimation and the Toxocara sp seroprevalence in different human populations. The prevalence of canine toxocariasis in pet dogs and the associated environmental contamination were studied through examination of 107 faecal and 20 sand-pits samples for Toxocara sp eggs. Our immunological studies and environmental research revealed the existence of toxocariasis as a zoonotic disease in Belgium. We compare here our results with those found in the world literature: in spite of some surprising results, the environmental factors are important for toxocarial infection. The urban residence, the restricted number of playgrounds for children and areas for dogs, the socioecological status are preponderant in the spread of infection.

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One of the least documented "known" effects of methylphenidate in hyperactive children is the suppression of peer aggression. In this study, 11 aggressive-hyperactive children received a low (0.3 mg/kg) and moderate (0.6 mg/kg) dose of methylphenidate and placebo for 2 weeks each under double-blind conditions. Children were observed in public school settings during classroom seatwork activities, lunch, and recess. Results showed that methylphenidate suppressed nonphysical aggression (p = 0.06) in the classroom, and a moderate dose decreased physical aggression (p < 0.01) and verbal aggression (p = 0.07) on the playground. The effect on the rate of appropriate social interaction was variable. The majority of subjects exhibited either the same or higher levels of appropriate social interaction on the 0.6 mg/kg dose compared with placebo. In the classroom, both doses of methylphenidate also resulted in reduced levels of motor movement, off-task behavior, noncompliance, and disruptiveness. Teacher ratings of hyperactivity and conduct problem symptoms revealed drug effects, whereas parallel parent instruments did not.
A total of 1,671 children aged 11, 13 and 15 years from a nationwide random sample of schools completed an anonymous questionnaire on their social backgrounds, social networks, health, life satisfaction, and health behaviour. The proportion practising outdoor activities at least three times a week was 57%; 37% did some physical exercise in their leisure time sufficient to make them breathless or sweat at least four times a week; 43% at least four hours a week. Two thirds were active members of a sports club. A minority of 8% did not carry out any physical exercise during their leisure time sufficient to make them breathless or sweat. Boys did more physical exercise than girls irrespective of the measurement of exercise. The most important motives for physical exercise were to improve health, to get in good shape, to have fun, and to make new friends. More than 90% of the children intended to do physical exercise at the age of 20. High intensity of physical activity was associated with high social class, strong social integration in the peer group, easy contact with parents and friends, physical exercise among parents and best friends, high degree of life satisfaction, and good health.
Seventeen of 73 (23.3%) multiply transfused patients with thalassaemia major (age range, 1-39 years) tested positive for antibody to hepatitis C virus (anti-HCV). Eleven of the 24 patients regularly transfused in countries outside Britain were anti-HCV seropositive; only six of the 49 regularly transfused in Britain were seropositive. The incidence of anti-HBs and anti-HBc was similar to that of anti-HCV in both the British and foreign patients. The anti-HCV seropositive patients showed significantly higher plasma aspartate aminotransferase activities (AST), mean (SD) 10.2 (70.3) U/l, and serum ferritin concentrations, 4067 (2708) micrograms/l, than the anti-HCV seronegative patients (AST, 33.9 (15.6) U/l; serum ferritin 2051 (2092) U/l), respectively. Among the 36 patients who had earlier undergone liver biopsy 10 of 21 with histological features of chronic active hepatitis or cirrhosis, or both, were seropositive for anti-HCV whereas only one of 15 without histological evidence of chronic viral hepatitis was seropositive for anti-HCV. It is concluded that HCV is a major cause of chronic hepatitis in patients with thalassaemia major and is associated with raised AST activity and serum ferritin concentration compared with patients seronegative for anti-HCV.
N2 - Childhood exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in sunlight may be an important risk factor for later development of skin diseases. We quantified the UVB radiant exposure on the wrist and face of children performing mixed outdoor activities at a summer camp. Polysulfone film badges were attached directly to the skin for several hours and simultaneously were used to measure ambient UVB levels. The results for the ratio of site-specific exposure to ambient exposure indicate a high degree of intersubject variability, a parity of samples taken in right and left positions, and a significantly higher exposure on the wrist compared with the face. The technique was well accepted by the subjects but some badges could not be read because of loss or damage. Measurement of exposure ratios in additional settings as well as data on childhood activity patterns are needed for an overall assessment of childhood exposure

N2 - Correlations between ambient pollutants and health effects, such as observed in SIDS, may in reality be to a larger extent the result of indoor sources. These distinctions between indoor and outdoor sources, while important, do not detract from the overall conclusion that pollution affects the airway in children directly and indirectly. Much still needs to be learned about the permanence of these effects, the mechanism by which the effect is mediated, and the conditions under which some of these effects are maximal. Two approaches seem particularly suited to shed further light on these issues. First, identification of biological markers for exposure to pollutants will yield both more accurate measures of exposure to pollutants and information about health consequences. Second, newer modeling techniques promise to predict health outcomes under a variety of environmental conditions. Shumway et al., for instance, describe a promising model predicting an increase in
mortality due to ambient pollutants in the Los Angeles Basin with higher levels under extremes of temperature, especially during cold spells. Time series and factor analyses may further our knowledge as well. In the near future, large cohort studies should begin to reveal the cumulative effects of air pollution on the respiratory system, especially in relation to active smoking. Finally, studies in Black children are virtually unavailable. Given their high risk for respiratory illnesses, such studies are sorely needed. [References: 60]

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T1 - Quantification of airborne moulds in the homes of children with and without wheeze
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KW - Bronchi/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Child
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Housing
KW - Humans
KW - Respiratory Hypersensitivity/et [Etiology]
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KW - Respiratory Sounds/pp [Physiopathology]
KW - Respiratory Sounds
KW - Spores
KW - Fungal
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 382
EP - 387
JF - Thorax
VL - 45
IS - 5
CY - ENGLAND
N2 - A population survey of 1000 7 year old children found a significant excess of wheeze among children whose homes were reported to be mouldy (odds ratio 3.70, 95% confidence limits 2.22, 6.15). The airborne mould flora was quantified by repeated volumetric sampling during the winter in three rooms of the homes of 88 children. All of these had previously completed spirometric tests before and after a six minute free running exercise challenge. Total airborne mould counts varied from 0 to 41,000 colony forming units (CFU)/m3, but were generally in the range 50-1500 CFU/m3, much lower than the concentrations found outdoors in summer. The principal types of fungi identified are all known to be common out of doors, and most were found on at least one occasion in most of the homes. Median and geometric mean total mould counts were not related to reports of visible mould in the home, or to a history of wheeze in the index child. The heterogeneous group of non-sporing fungi (mycelia sterilia) were the only airborne fungi present at significantly higher concentrations in the homes of wheezy children (geometric mean 2.1 v 0.7 CFU/m3. A non-significant increase in total mould counts was observed in the homes of children with a 10% or greater decline in FEV1 after exercise (geometric mean 354 v 253 CFU/m3). Questionnaire reports of mould in the home may be a poor indicator of exposure to airborne spores. The total burden of inhaled mould spores from indoor sources is probably not an important
determinant of wheeze among children in the general population. Although the association with mycelia sterilia could be a chance finding, these non-sporing isolates may include a potent source of allergen

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T1 - Effects of obesity, social interactions, and physical environment on physical activity in preschoolers
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KW - Motor Activity
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KW - Obesity/px [Psychology]
KW - Parent-Child Relations
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Social Environment
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N2 - Examined demographic, environmental, and parent-child interactional correlates of physical activity in a group of 222 preschoolers. Activity levels were assessed with a system that quantified directly observed physical activity in the natural environment. Using regression-modeling procedures, results revealed a significant relationship between (a) child's relative weight, parental weight status, and percentage of time spent outdoors (environment) and (b) children's activity levels. Parental obesity was associated with lower levels of physical activity in children, childhood relative weight was associated with slightly higher levels of physical activity, and more outdoor activity was associated with higher activity levels. Parental participation in children's activities also significantly interacted with levels of parental obesity in predicting activity levels. Those children with a 50% risk for obesity (as defined by both, one, or neither parent being overweight) had small changes in activity across levels of parent-child interaction, whereas those at higher risk for obesity responded with increased activity as parent-child interactions increased. Results are discussed, and the implications of these findings for future intervention efforts are examined
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We identified 684 playground hazards in 66 child care centers despite regulations mandating that the grounds be hazard-free. Of 21 centers with less than or equal to 5 hazards, 42.9 percent reported a playground-related injury in the previous year; of 25 centers with 6-11 hazards, 52.0 percent reported a playground-related injury; and of 20 centers with greater than or equal to 12 hazards, 60.0 percent reported a playground-related injury. Climbing equipment greater than or equal to 6 feet tall generally had inadequate impact-absorbing undersurfacing and had over twice the rate of fall injuries as climbing equipment less than 6 feet.
Epidemiological studies especially data from smog episodes indicate that anthropogenic outdoor air pollution exercises a deleterious effect on health and particularly on the respiratory organs. Controlled exposure test in animals and man confirm this. The main pollutants are SO2, suspended dust particles (dust aerosols or solid atmospheric condensation nuclei) as well as NO2 (NOx) and O3. The adverse influence of quite a number of meteorological factors such as low temperature and inversion cannot be denied. During smog conditions in January 1985 in the Federal Republic of Germany there was a highly significant negative correlation between atmospheric temperature and the rate of exacerbations of bronchitis. Indoor air pollution is gaining in importance. Airtight sealing of buildings associated with reduced indoor ventilation results in novel health upsets ("sick building syndrome"). Interiors are characterised by an accumulation of CO2, CO, NO2, dust aerosols and various organic substances such as benzene, benzyrene, formaldehyde, nitrosamines etc. Cigarette smoke is a frequent cause of indoor air pollution. The possible unhealthy effects of passive smoking (mainly the inhalation of sidestream smoke) have been frequently studied. Infants of smoking parents are more often affected by respiratory diseases than non-exposed children. The same applies to schoolchildren: the incidence of bronchial signs and symptoms increases with increasing smoke consumptions of the parents. However, no definitely established effect on lung function has been seen in children, adults and asthmatics. The important question as to whether passive smoking increases lung cancer risk is still a subject of controversial discussion among experts. [References: 74]
In a national survey in the period May 1986-December 1987, Aeromonas was isolated from 277 out of 16,857 (1.6%) samples of watery, bloody or mucous stool, from patients with diarrhoea. There was a clear seasonal pattern (less than 1% in winter, up to 3% in summer). A. caviae was isolated most frequently (49%), followed by A. sobria (35%) and A. hydrophila (15%). Some non-identifiable strains were isolated as well. Aeromonas were isolated in particular from faeces of patients aged over 70 years (predominantly A. sobria) or under 5 years (predominantly A. caviae). In 67% Aeromonas was isolated as the only possible bacterial cause of diarrhoea, but in 33% other enteropathogenic bacteria were found as well (17% Campylobacter, 14% Salmonella, 2% Shigella). In addition, all Aeromonas isolates were collected which were obtained in normal diagnostic activities in the participating laboratories, among others from blood, from pus or wound fluid, from faecal samples which did not meet the above mentioned criteria. A. caviae was the dominant species in 'other' faeces and 'various' body sites but was not isolated from blood. The results of this study do not indicate that routine examinations for Aeromonas in faeces of patients with diarrhoea are necessary.
The purpose of this study was to examine the effects of the interval training on metabolic parameters at maximal work and at the anaerobic threshold in 11 year olds. The subjects were five healthy male children. They trained outdoor for 50 min a day, five times a week for six weeks, using interval work at 25 and 50% above their anaerobic threshold. Before and after training program, they performed a progressive exercise test on a cycle ergometer. During the last 15 sec of each power output measurements were made of oxygen uptake (VO2), carbon dioxide output (VCO2), heart rate (HR), ventilation (VE), ventilatory equivalent for oxygen (VEO2) and ventilatory equivalent for carbon dioxide (VECO2). Following training, the group increased their anaerobic threshold (expressed as %VO2max) significantly (P less than 0.05) during the progressive exercise test, by 22%. Also at the anaerobic threshold level, increases were observed following training in CO2 output (VCO2AT) and respiratory exchange ratio (R). Oxygen uptake (VO2, l.min-1) was increased by 19%, but the difference was not significant (P greater than 0.05). Maximal ventilatory equivalent for (VECO2max) decreased significantly (P less than 0.05). Maximal heart rate was reduced significantly (P less than 0.05). We conclude that training led to an increase of both anaerobic and aerobic metabolism, at any submaximal work above the anaerobic threshold, for this specific age group.
Thirty-six pediatric patients (ages 0.8-16.8 years) with recurrent intracranial ependymoma were treated for a total of 52 separate cases of relapse from 1970 to 1989. Therapy consisted of surgery in 33 cases and chemotherapy in 38 cases. Twelve patients received radiation at the time of first relapse, and five of these 12 who had initially been treated with surgery and chemotherapy alone were irradiated to full dose. The 2-year actuarial survival and progression-free survival (PFS) rates are 29% and 23%, respectively. Two-year survival after treatment of first relapse is 39%. Of the 52 cases, there have been 44 subsequent relapses (and one septic death), three of which have occurred in the five patients treated with definitive radiation. Twenty-seven relapses have occurred exclusively with local disease. Eight patients failed with disease outside as well as in the primary site. Survival was better for patients who had histologically benign lesions at relapse (53% versus 9%, P less than 0.02), and for patients in first versus subsequent relapse (p less than 0.005). Cisplatin and etoposide (VP-16) appeared to be the most active chemotherapeutic agents. The authors conclude that some patients with histologically benign ependymoma at first relapse may benefit from aggressive therapy, with occasional long-term, progression-free survival possible. Patients with malignant lesions, or patients who relapse a second time, are less likely to benefit from conventional therapy for a significant period of time.
Observations that mucus transport rates (MTR) are depressed in anesthetized animals and humans have led to speculation that general anesthesia depresses ciliary activity or adversely alters the physical properties of the respiratory mucus (RM). We investigated the possibility that anesthesia changes the physical properties of RM in such a way as to depress ciliary transport. We collected 33 samples of RM from the endotracheal tubes (ETTs) of 25 people aged 1 to 79 years undergoing elective surgery who had no clinical evidence of lung disease. We measured the rigidity, viscoelasticity, spinnability, and the percentage of solid composition of these specimens as well as the transport of the collected RM across the mucus-depleted frog palate. These physical properties were not significantly different from RM collected from awake volunteers using the bronchoscopy brush collection technique. Differences in spinnability, transportability, and solid content of paired mucus samples from the inside and outside of the ETTs are suggestive of altered RM hydration, but this requires further study. The decrease in MTR during general anesthesia is probably due to mechanisms other than alterations in the physical properties of mucus.
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KW - Motor Skills
KW - Physical Fitness
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Self Concept
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JF - Health Psychology
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N2 - Investigated effects of aerobic exercise on a sample of 24 preschoolers. Thirty minutes of aerobic exercises were provided daily for a period of 8 weeks for a group of 12 children while the remaining 12 children engaged in freeplay on the school playground. The children were given pretests and posttests on the following measures: a submaximal exercise test on a pediatric bicycle (baseline and three workloads), an agility test, a health knowledge test, a self-esteem scale, and an observational measure of their gross-motor activity. Despite comparability on pretests, significant group X repeated measures effects suggested that the aerobic exercise group showed decreases in heart rate at all three workloads as well as increases in agility and self-esteem following the exercise program. These findings suggest that cardiovascular fitness, agility, and self-esteem can be facilitated in preschoolers by an aerobic exercise program
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T1 - Integrating children with severe disabilities for intensified outdoor education: focus on feasibility
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The feasibility of an intensified (i.e., all-day-for-2-weeks) integrated camping experience for children with and without severe disabilities was evaluated as was the impact of integrated programming on camp staff members' attitudes. Procedures employed for promoting social interactions included positive reinforcement and cooperative learning strategies. Task-analytic procedures were used to teach campers with severe disabilities a domestic skill and a life-long leisure activity. By the end of the 2 weeks, children with severe disabilities demonstrated substantially improved skills in targeted activities. Furthermore, campers without disabilities substantially increased their prosocial interaction bids, and ratings reflective of friendship increased significantly. Also, staff members' perceptions of operating an integrated camp versus a segregated one and their perceptions of the presence of participants with disabilities as facilitative of camp operations improved significantly.

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T1 - Computerized activation sequence mapping of the human atrial septum
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To delineate the propagation of electrical activation in the atrial septum, atrial epicardial and atrial septal maps were recorded intraoperatively using a 156-channel computerized mapping system in 12 patients during sinus rhythm (n = 10), supraventricular tachycardia associated with septal pathways in Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome (n = 3), atrioventricular (AV) node reentrant tachycardia (n = 4), and atrial flutter (n = 5). The epicardial and septal data were recorded simultaneously from 156 atrial electrodes, digitized, analyzed, and displayed as isochronous maps on a two-dimensional diagram of the atria. During sinus rhythm, the activation wave fronts propagated most rapidly along the large muscle bundles of the atrial septum. During supraventricular tachycardia associated with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, the earliest site of retrograde atrial activation usually corresponded to the position of atrial insertion of the septal pathways. However, the earliest site of activation during orthodromic supraventricular tachycardia was different from that during atrial flutter in 1 patient with a posterior septal accessory pathway localized by the epicardial mapping study. The data document the rationale for dividing the ventricular end of the accessory pathways (ie, the endocardial technique) rather than the atrial end (ie, the epicardial technique) in patients with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome. During AV node reentrant tachycardia, atrial activation data suggested that atrial tissue lying outside the confin'es of the anatomical AV node is a necessary link in this common arrhythmia. Thus, these atrial septal maps explain why surgical dissection, or properly positioned small cryolesions placed in the region of the AV node, can ablate AV node reentrant tachycardia without altering normal AV node function. The maps recorded during atrial flutter suggest the importance of the atrial septum as one limb of a macroreentrant circuit responsible for the arrhythmia, and imply that atrial flutter is amenable to control by surgical techniques. These studies demonstrate the details of normal atrial septal activation, the importance of the atrial septum in a variety of different atrial arrhythmias, and the basis of and potential for surgical ablation of the most common types of supraventricular arrhythmias.
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N2 - We prospectively investigated the epidemiologic characteristics of all lacerations (N = 2834) repaired at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (Pa) during 1987 and identified common hazards and possible avenues of intervention. Two-year-old children incurred most injuries; males outnumbered females 2:1. Almost two thirds (61.8%) of all lacerations occurred from May through September, and 62.2% between 3 and 9 PM. Most injuries occurred indoors (47.0%), on the sidewalk or street (22.5%), or in the residential yard (13.0%). Injuries usually occurred during play (42.3%) or daily activity (32.1%); 1247 (44.0%) involved some sort of fall. Vectors most frequently causing injury were broken glass bottles (15.0%), wooden furniture (12.0%), and asphalt or concrete (11.0%). Broken glass bottles also most frequently inflicted injuries resulting in functional impairment (0.2%), hospitalization (0.9%), or both. Complications were seen in 8% of all lacerations. Our data confirm the importance of injury-prevention strategies aimed at reduction of discarded glass objects (ie, recycling legislation), improved furniture design, and improved municipal services (ie, street repair)
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The present retrospective study was aimed to scrutinize constant traumatic sequelae in otorhinolaryngology on 586 traumatic reports, which have been documented by the Bohemian State Insurance starting from 1965 to 1985. Constant sequelae appeared to be subsequent both to individual damages of otorhinolaryngologic organs and multiple traumas, from them 59.4% affected the ear region. Most frequently were presented the partial hearing loss, deafness, and labyrinth lesions especially in multiple traumas. As to the nasal area, the amount of 22.7 per cent consisted of external nasal shape deformities with the disordered passage, and olfactory disorders in multiple traumas. The remaining 17.9% sequelae was concerned with the anatomical and functional lesions of other otorhinolaryngologic organs. To determine features and the extent of constant sequelae, most current diagnostical approaches and consiliary examinations were used. However, the objective assessment of olfactory disorders and tinnitus aurium is stated to be still diagnostically intricated. Both the simulation and aggravation were found out in 2.5% of insurers. Other relations were also studied, e.g.: insurer vice versa physician. In addition to other causes, the most frequent ones represented an underestimation of traumatic consequences all along with their erroneous treatment, low levelled outpatient care of ORL specialists as to the multiple trauma management outside ORL service. In many instances, the injured subjects were not appropriately recommended to provide them with simple and effective surgical treatment of yet manifested constant sequelae. The proper expertise activity was complicated with the defective trauma documentation, terminology variants and erroneous regulations dealing with the recompensation of injuries.
The vitreous of 39 eyes with ocular toxoplasmosis was studied and photographed using an El Bayadi-Kajiura preset lens. In active cases of toxoplasmosis, the vitreous showed inflammatory opacities and gel shrinkage. In inactive cases, the vitreous was often liquefied. Compared with 39 normal eyes of age- and sex-matched controls, the prevalence of partial posterior vitreous detachment was significantly higher in toxoplasmosis (P less than .001). A higher prevalence of posterior vitreous detachment was found in eyes with the major chorioretinal lesion outside the temporal vascular arcade than in those with lesions inside the temporal vascular arcade (P less than .05). Our results indicated that various vitreous changes may cause posterior vitreous detachment and that location of the inflammatory focus may influence the vitreous condition.
A two-week health study tour in Nicaragua in 1987 organized by the Health Network of the (British) Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign afforded the author of this report access to health service planning, first-hand observation of the immunization programme, and visits to centres for rehabilitation of the disabled, both from the war and civil causes. The efficacy of the low technology immunization and oral rehydration programmes is contrasted with the struggle to rehabilitate the war disabled with grossly inadequate resources.
To investigate sex differences in the professional achievements and personal life-styles of graduates, a questionnaire survey was conducted. The sample comprised surviving female medical graduates of the University of Melbourne and an equal number of male medical graduates who were matched by year of graduation. The final response rate was 70% (1764 subjects returned questionnaires) and was representative for both age and sex. This article describes the practice patterns and family lives of graduates. Considerable sex-related differences were found in the professional achievements and personal life-styles of the surveyed medical graduates. Women's professional careers tended to be more circumscribed than were those of male colleagues. Women were less involved in areas outside clinical practice such as teaching or lecturing, committees, medical administration, and research and its publication. Female doctors earned significantly (P less than 0.0001) less than did male doctors and were more likely to work as employees, locums or in sessional employment (P less than 0.0001). Women were more involved in all aspects of household activities, especially during midlife (40-60 years of age)--the peak career years for male doctors. The career underachievement of female doctors is likely to continue unless considerable changes are made to current postgraduate training schemes and career structures.
The ability of school-based measures of child behavior to predict differentially the IOWA Conners teacher rating scale Inattention/Overactivity (IO) and Aggression (A) factors was evaluated in a sample of 71 school-aged boys. Multiple measures and multiple methods of assessment were utilized to provide a comprehensive assessment of social and academic behavior. These included direct observations of children in the classroom and on the playground, examination of the organization of children's desks, measures of academic performance, peer nominations of popularity and rejection, and sociometric ratings using the Pupil Evaluation Inventory. Despite moderately high correlations between the teacher rating factors (r = .60), considerable evidence was provided for differential validity on measures of academic performance, peer rating measures, and measures of disruptive or inappropriate classroom and playground behavior. These differences between IO and A factors indicated that the factors were logically independent in important ways, supporting prior work validating separate hyperactivity and aggression dimensions.

The epidemiology of injuries in Atlanta day-care centers

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From June 1987 through May 1988, we collected reports of injuries among 5300 children who attended 71 day-care centers in Atlanta, Ga. One hundred forty-three injuries severe enough for the child to require medical or dental care were reported, including 63 lacerations (44.1%), 23 fractures (16.1%), 5 crush injuries (3.5%), 4 dislocations (2.8%), 2 human bites (1.4%), and 2 concussions (1.4%). The head was the site of 98 (68.5%) injuries. Peak hours for injuries were 11 AM and 4 PM, the peak day was Monday, and the peak season was summer. After adjustment for hours and dates of attendance, the rate was 1.77 injuries per 100,000 child-hours in day care; among preschool-aged children, infants had the lowest rate (0.77) and 2-year-old children had the highest rate (2.26). Almost 47% of injuries occurred on the playground; falls were involved in 70% of such injuries. Because 33% of all injuries resulted from falls on the playground, impact-absorbing playground surfaces may be a possible intervention to reduce injuries.
The present study evaluated alternative treatments for children (N = 112, ages 7-13) referred for severe antisocial behavior. Children were randomly assigned to one of three treatments: problem-solving skills training (PSST), problem-solving skills training with in vivo practice (PSST-P), which included therapeutically planned activities to extend training to settings outside of treatment, or client-centered relationship therapy (RT). PSST and PSST-P children showed significantly greater reductions in antisocial behavior and overall behavior problems, and greater increases in prosocial behavior than RT children. These effects were evident on measures obtained immediately after treatment and at a 1-year follow-up, and on measures of child performance at home and at school. PSST-P children showed greater changes than PSST children on measures of functioning at school at posttreatment, but these differences were no longer evident at follow-up. Children in both PSST conditions showed significant improvements in deviant behavior and improvements in prosocial behavior from pretreatment to follow-up, whereas RT children tended to remain at their pretreatment level of functioning. Notwithstanding the significant improvements, comparisons with nonclinic (normative) samples revealed that the majority of youth remained outside of the normal range of deviant behavior. Possible directions for improving treatment for antisocial youth are highlighted.
A series of field studies involving repetitive functional measurements in relatively small populations of healthy children and adults engaged in normal outdoor activities has shown that significant decrements in respiratory function are associated with exposures to ozone (O3) at concentrations below the national ambient air quality standard. The ability to detect such effects can be attributed, at least in part, to the study design criteria used, which emphasized maximization of signal-to-noise ratios. Locations were selected to ensure relatively high exposures to relatively uniformly distributed secondary pollutants, with minimal exposure to local sources of primary pollutants. Populations were selected that would be engaged in active recreation outdoors. Populations of healthy persons were used to minimize variability in baseline function. We found that the magnitude of the O3-associated decrements in respiratory function was dependent on the variability in sensitivity to O3 among the population, the minute ventilation during outdoor activity, and the duration of the outdoor exposure. We also concluded that the O3-associated responses were potentiated by the presence of other air pollutants.
Presented here are a hypothesis of language development and a description of a method for studying language, both based on Kantor's psychological linguistics. According to our hypothesis, language develops in four stages. In the first, which spans the first 9 to 15 months, random movements evolve into body management, manual, and locomotor skills that enable an infant to engage in play activities, among other things, with the mother and others. Simple gestural communication soon follows. Random babbling progresses beyond the sounds that are more universal in the language to the family's particular pattern of intonations and inflections, and receptive speech begins, that is, the infant learns to react to simple verbal-vocal requests. During the second stage, which coincides with the child's second year, vocalizations evolve into "idiosyncratic expressions" and rough approximations of heard sound patterns. Language is now holophrastic--one-word utterances--mostly of the mediative variety. During the third stage, which extends to about 30 months of age, language skills are described as first-approximation referential interactions: they are longer and more detailed, include some narrative interchanges, and refer to past and future events. Typically the child now talks to him or herself, or engages in expressive referential interactions. In the fourth stage, when the child reaches the age of 52 months or so, second-approximation speech begins. By now the vocal apparatus is sufficiently developed to enable a child to make most of the vowel sounds, and the enhanced language skills set the occasion for more frequent linguistic interchanges. He or she also begins to respond to symbols and other representations of objects and events. In other words, he or she begins to engage in symbolizing behavior. Language obviously continues to develop beyond the fourth stage. Social conditions outside of the family further affect language style and generate specialized forms of speech, notably the jargon of a particular occupation or hobby. The method for studying language interactions involves, through the use of TV tapes, a description of the behavior of a speaker and the listener, the referent, and the setting conditions. The behavior of a speaker is analyzed in terms of the frequency with which he or she begins a language interchange, the average length of the initiation, the modality (verbal-vocal, gestural, or both) and the accompanying behavior. It is also analyzed for content, including time frame, actuality, and persons, animals, objects, activities, and others. Noted, too, are the feeling reactions regarding the referents. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 400 WORDS)
Between October 1986 and September 1987, 7,967 children presented to the emergency department of the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children for the first time with injuries. Head injuries had been sustained by 3,187 (40%). The data was collected by use of a special form distributed by the nursing staff and completed by parents and medical staff. Information was obtained about the age and sex of the patients, the nature of the injury, the site of occurrence, the activity at that time, and the context in which it took place. The use, or otherwise, of safety devices was also recorded. Injury severity was classified as follows: minor treated in casualty department (80.7%); moderate, admitted to general ward (17.1%); severe, admitted to intensive care (2.2%). Examination of the data showed certain recurring problems, ie, surfaces onto which children fell, bicycles, playgrounds, sporting injuries, vehicle accidents, inadequate supervision. Implications for prevention are (1) improved home design, particularly flooring and furniture; (2) better planning of home surroundings, play areas, and equipment; (3) determination of age at which children are capable of riding bicycles and coping with traffic; (4) extension and enforcement of restraint regulations to protect children in vehicles; (5) better supervision of children engaged in sports and recreational activities, and use of safety devices; (6) increased community awareness of the frequency of head injuries, and knowledge of how the numbers can be reduced and the severity diminished; and (7) improved knowledge of child growth and development, and better supervision by all care-givers.
Using the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, I computed the average annual rates per 1,000 population of consumer product-related injuries in residents of Athens County, Ohio, and seen at one hospital. These rates do not include intentional injuries or injuries to occupants of motor vehicles, to pedestrians hit by motor vehicles, or those occurring on the job or in house fires. Average annual rates for all injuries combined ranged from 102 per 1,000 boys 10-14 years of age to 11.7 per 1,000 men 65-74 years of age. For all males, the annual rate was 53 per 1,000 and for all females, 32 per 1,000. The most common parts of the body injured were the fingers (accounting for 15% of visits), face (12%), ankle (8.5%), hands (8%), and head (7.9%). The most common injury types were lacerations (33%), contusions and abrasions (22%), sprains (16%), and fractures (13%). Hospital admission rates varied by age, sex, type of injury, and part of body injured. Comparison of a sample of NEISS records to emergency room records showed that data were abstracted by clerical personnel with a high degree of accuracy. Review of fractures of the lower leg identified a cluster of injuries in young girls from playground merry-go-rounds. Review of burn injuries identified problems with scald injuries in young adult women and with eye injuries from welding in young men. The system can be used to evaluate injury control measures taken on a local level.
This article is based on a year-long study of 207 low-income black youths. The major purpose of the research was twofold: (1) to study black teens' perceptions of family relationships in an effort to identify family member(s) who had the most potential for encouraging greater contraceptive responsibility and influencing teens' decisions about being or becoming sexually active, and (2) to study dating and sexual behavior, attitudes toward contraception, and sources of information, in an effort to identify more specific sex education needs of black teens and provide a basis for delineating pertinent characteristics of an effective sex education curriculum.
The aim of the study was to determine factors associated with running time in children aged 12 years, according to sex and sexual maturation of girls. The physical ability was measured, using a 1000 meter run in a group of 942 boys and girls aged 12. In addition, data was collected on family sports activities and the children's sports activities, using questionnaires for parents and children. Before the 1000 meter run, physical examination was carried out. Nutrition habits of the family in the home and outside were self-reported in a questionnaire. The mean time for run in boys was shorter by 40 seconds than that for girls. Premenarche girls ran significantly faster than postmenarche girls (p less than 0.05). The best predictors for short running time were triceps skinfold thickness and sport motivation of the children. Weaker correlation was observed between food variables, family characteristics and running time. The highest prediction of running time by the measured variables was found for postmenarche girls, explained by the high correlation of running time with the behavioral variables. In boys and premenarche girls, the best predictors for running time were the physical and physiological characteristics of the children.
tend to have relative little exercise outdoor, may run an increased risk of exposure to indoor pollutants, and may suffer from passive smoking effects if their parents cannot refrain from smoking habits at home.
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KW - Developed Countries
KW - Family Characteristics
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KW - Insemination
KW - Artificial
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Selective exposure of active and sociable children to schistosomiasis

Investigations into the impact of schistosomiasis on the physical and psychological development of children have yielded contradictory findings. This may be due to a failure to take account of transmission...
factors. In areas where Schistosoma haematobium is endemic, children who bathe regularly in contaminated water are more likely to contract the disease. The harmful effects of the disease may be masked in these more active and gregarious children, particularly when infections are mild and other parasitic infections and nutritional deficiencies are common. The social interaction of schoolchildren in an endemic area was monitored over a period of four months, and the principal finding was that infected children were more sociable than uninfected children in terms of their membership of the main playground groups. This paper discusses the evidence for selective exposure and the implications of the hypothesis for future research.

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N2 - The behavioral patterns associated with peer ratings of aggression and withdrawal were explored. First, a discriminant function analysis (N = 74) using seven observational variables was found to significantly identify groups of Aggressive, Withdrawn, and Contrast fourth- and fifth-grade girls and boys. Aggressive/Withdrawn children were not distinguishable from Contrasts. In subsequent analyses comparing the behaviors of children in the four groups at two schools (total N = 117), children in the Aggressive and Withdrawn groups each showed distinctive patterns of social behavior, which were consistent across the two schools. The behavior of the Aggressive/Withdrawn children was not significantly different from that of Contrast children. However, results from one school suggested that Aggressive/Withdrawn children may receive a disproportionate amount of aggression from peers. Finally, the behavior patterns displayed by the deviant groups were similar for girls and boys, allowing for sex differences in base rates of playground behavior. These results confirm the observability
of peer-identified patterns of aggression and withdrawal, and provide a detailed description of the behavior of such children in a free-play situation
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KW - Child
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KW - Female
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KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Recreation
KW - Schools
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Modulation of the cell-mediated immune response in kala-azar and post-kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis in relation to chemotherapy

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Cell-mediated immune (CMI) response and the concurrent clinical events were studied longitudinally before, during and after treatment in 24 kala-azar (KA) and ten post-kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis (PKADL) patients for a period of six months. The status of specific CMI response was estimated by in vitro tests, viz. lymphocyte transformation and leucocyte migration inhibition in response to L. donovani antigen. The generalized CMI response was assessed by lymphocyte transformation in the presence of mitogen (phytohaemagglutinin) and quantitation of the circulatory T-lymphocyte population. To measure the drug response, the extent of clinical improvement following treatment was used as a yardstick. The results showed that suppression of the CMI response was both specific and generalized in nature during the active stage of KA; but in PKADL, unlike in KA, suppression of the CMI response was found to be associated only at the specific level. With administration of the drug (sodium antimony gluconate), the immunosuppression was gradually eliminated with concomitant clinical improvement in both KA and PKADL patients, although the latter took a longer period of time and a larger amount of drugs compared to the former.
Twenty-seven patients with severe anaphylactic reactions were treated by two anesthesiologist-staffed ambulance helicopters during a 5-year period. All patients had signs of respiratory and/or circulatory failure. Cutaneous symptoms were described in 70% of the patients, gastrointestinal symptoms in 30% and central nervous symptoms in 85%. Wasp sting and drugs were the most common causes. Other etiologies were bee sting, snakebite, nuts and exercise. All patients were provided with advanced pre-hospital medical care. Epinephrine was employed in 78% of the patients. I.v. fluid therapy was started in 77%. Three patients (11%) needed endotracheal intubation. The time-span from onset of symptoms to medical attendance exceeded 45 min in two patients; both died. Of the surviving patients, 23 were hospitalized. The majority had no signs of respiratory or circulatory failure on arrival in the emergency room and needed only observation in the hospital.
To help guide policy decisions about removing lead-contaminated soils, the authors estimated a regression model for predicting a child's blood lead level on the basis of his or her household-specific soil lead level. The data analyzed were blood lead levels (1-45 micrograms/dl) and household-specific soil lead levels (53-20,700 ppm) of 596 children aged 1-5 years who lived in the Helena Valley of Montana and the Silver Valley of Idaho during August 1983. A non-threshold, multiple linear regression model indicated that the estimated mean natural log transformed blood lead level increased by 0.231 micrograms/dl for each unit increase in natural log transformed soil lead level (ppm), after adjusting for the average number of daily outdoor play hours and whether someone in the household smoked. The model predicted that, at a soil lead level of 1,000 ppm, a child who does not play outside and who does not live in a household where someone smokes would be at low risk of lead toxicity (blood lead level between 4 and 24 micrograms/dl).
period. Using logistic regression, we found four factors independently associated with the risk of at least one treated injury: high activity level, high rate of pediatric utilization for non-injury-related visits during the follow-up period, occurrence of a treated injury during the year preceding the follow-up period, and negative attitude toward medical care providers by the child's mother. In addition, four factors were found to be independent predictors of injuries judged severe enough to always warrant medical care: occurrence of a treated injury in the preceding year, high rate of pediatric utilization for non-injury-related visits during the follow-up period, working more than 15 hours a week outside the home by the child's mother, and more life events reported by the mother for the year preceding the follow-up period. Since family stressors are related specifically to the risk of more severe injuries, which are unlikely to escape medical attention, we conclude that these factors probably are related to the occurrence of common injuries of early childhood and not exclusively to utilization behavior. We therefore suggest that children from families with these characteristics be targeted for injury prevention strategies.

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KW - Paint
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CY - NETHERLANDS
N2 - Playground lead-in-dust concentrations have been measured immediately after the external redecoration of 216 schools in 1983/4 and of 63 schools in 1984/5. Schools were divided into four age categories: A, pre-1914; B, 1914-1939; C, 1945-1965; and D, post-1965. The results show that concentrations can vary widely from school to school within a given age category. For each school, dust samples were collected from an area adjacent to the facade which had been redecorated, referred to here as the 'corridor' area, and from the 'remaining' playground area. The highest mean corridor concentrations were found in playgrounds of schools of age categories A and B, the highest mean value being 74,400 micrograms g⁻¹. The highest value for age category D schools was 2600 micrograms g⁻¹. The mean concentration for all schools in age categories A to D, was respectively 4720, 2820, 820 and 630 micrograms g⁻¹ for the corridor area and 1180, 730, 400 and 440 micrograms g⁻¹ for the remaining area. The highest lead-in-dust concentrations tended to occur within 2.5 m of the building facade. A limited number of measurements showed that concentrations in the corridor area tended to reduce with time, falling to half their initial value (after correcting for the local background level) in about
90-170 days. A model is suggested linking lead-in-dust concentrations in the corridor and remaining areas to lead-in-paint debris dust concentrations

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - The social behavior of depressed children: an observational study
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Depressive Disorder/px [Psychology]
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Peer Group
KW - Psychological Tests
KW - Self Concept
KW - Social Adjustment
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 29
EP - 44
JF - Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology
JA - J Abnorm Child Psychol
VL - 16
IS - 1
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - Few investigations have examined directly the psychosocial functioning of depressed children. In the present study, 20 depressed and 20 nondepressed fourth- and fifth-grade children were observed in free play during their recess period at school, and their self-perceptions were assessed in subsequent individual sessions. The 10 boys and 10 girls in each group were selected according to their scores on both the Child Depression Inventory and the Peer Nomination Inventory of Depression. Analyses conducted on the eight categories of behavioral observations revealed significant differences between the social behavior of the depressed and the nondepressed children. Although the depressed children made more overtures for social contact than did the nondepressed children and were approached by other children more frequently, they spent more time alone and engaged in a higher frequency of negative interactions with their peers. Consistent with these results, the depressed children's responses to the Self-Perception Profile for Children indicated that they experienced themselves as less socially competent in general, as well as less competent across several specific domains of functioning. These findings are discussed as they relate to developmental processes, theories of adult depression, and recent studies on socially isolated children, and directions for future research in this area are offered
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The effect of paternal social support on maternal disruption caused by childhood asthma

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A1 - Mellins, R.B.
Y1 - 1988///

Baseline data obtained from a study of 228 low-income Black and Hispanic mothers of children with asthma were analyzed to test the hypothesis that the presence of adults in the household, and paternal involvement in asthma care would be associated with less disruption of mothers’ daily activities due to the child's asthma. The data were analyzed using multiple regression techniques. We controlled for other variables that might affect the amount of disruption that mothers reported, including the child's age and severity of asthma. The mere presence of other adults in the household, including the father, was not significantly associated with disruption. The frequency of the father's involvement in the care of the child's asthma was inversely associated with disruption regardless of his presence in the household. Hispanic ethnicity and severity of the child's asthma were directly associated with disruption while the age of the child was inversely associated with disruption. We conclude that it is a specific type of assistance (sharing asthma tasks) rendered by fathers living within or outside of the household that reduces disruption reported by mothers. The study suggests that health care providers can improve education and counseling for families who have a child with asthma by emphasizing to fathers their importance in the care of asthma, and by helping them identify specific actions they can take to manage the child's disease.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2195
T1 - [One year after Chernobyl. Cesium-137 levels in premature, newborn and nursing infants and in younger and older children of Bonn and environs]. [German]
A1 - Koch,H.C.
A1 - Knopp,R.
A1 - Niesen,M.
A1 - Halfmann,K.
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A1 - Burmeister,W.
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N1 - Koch, H C. Knopp, R. Niesen, M. Halfmann, K. Hartmann, C. Burmeister, W
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German
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Accidents
KW - Breast Feeding
KW - Cesium Radioisotopes/an [Analysis]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Female
KW - Germany
KW - West
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Premature
KW - Male
KW - Nuclear Reactors
KW - Radioactive Fallout/an [Analysis]
KW - Suburban Population
KW - Ukraine
KW - Urban Population
KW - Whole-Body Counting
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 623
EP - 630
JF - Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift
JA - Dtsch Med Wochenschr.
VL - 113
IS - 16
CY - GERMANY, WEST
N2 - From May to August 1987, 137Cs activity was measured in a total-body counter (4 pi counter) in 33 premature and mature newborns (group I), 40 infants and young children up to 2 4/12 years of age (group II), and 15 children between 3 and 6 8/12 years (group III), all from Bonn or its environs. The mean of measurements in group II, at 3.7 Bq/kg body-weight, was lower than that of group I (5.8 Bq) and III (9.4 Bq). Mean radiation exposure, calculated from these data, was 1.7 mrem/a for group I, 1.1 mrem/a for group II, and 2.8 mrem/a for group III. A comparison with present Cs values in adults and measurements made at the end of the 1950's and beginning of 60's showed good agreement. There were no significant differences, as regards Cs
activity, between newborns or infants who had been formula-fed or breast-fed. The measured radiation exposure of the three groups is about 1% of natural radiation exposure. Thus, present-day results indicate that there will be no damage to health outside the natural scatter.

TY - JOUR
ID - 2196
T1 - Efficacy of Haemophilus influenzae type b capsular polysaccharide vaccine
A1 - Black, S.B.
A1 - Shinefield, H.R.
A1 - Hiatt, R.A.
A1 - Fireman, B.H.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Bacterial Capsules
KW - Bacterial Vaccines
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Haemophilus Infections/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Haemophilus Infections/mi [Microbiology]
KW - Haemophilus Infections/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Haemophilus Vaccines
KW - Haemophilus influenzae
KW - Humans
KW - Polysaccharides
KW - Bacterial
KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Risk
KW - Seasons
KW - Socioeconomic Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 149
EP - 156
JF - Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal
JA - Pediatr Infect Dis J
VL - 7
IS - 3
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - The efficacy of the Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) polyribosyl phosphate vaccine was evaluated in a population of 120,000 children from 23 through 71 months of age in the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program (KPMP) in Northern California over the 2-year period from June 1, 1985, through May 31, 1987. Approximately 37% of the population were vaccinated by the end of the first year and 60% were vaccinated by the end of the second year. There were 35 cases of Hib disease, 4 of whom were vaccine failures. Cases of Hib disease were identified by multiple modality case ascertainment, consisting of: (1) active surveillance in KPMP microbiology laboratories; (2) active surveillance on KPMP pediatric wards by a study physician; (3) retrospective review of computer-stored hospital discharge diagnoses; and (4) a review of all hospitalizations outside the health plan. The medical records of cases, matched controls and a random sample of the population were reviewed to obtain information on vaccination and related variables. Efficacy was evaluated using two
complementary methods. In a retrospective surveillance approach, efficacy was estimated to be 68% (95% confidence limits of 4, 89%). In a matched case-control analysis, efficacy was estimated to be 69% (95% confidence limits of -13, 91%). Adjustment for day care attendance and parental occupation slightly reduced the efficacy estimate. Other possible confounders including race, parental education and number of siblings were considered. Four cases of Hib disease were observed within 1 week following receipt of vaccine and before the time when immunity could have developed. There are several plausible explanations for the occurrence of these early cases including the possibility of chance alone.(ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2197
T1 - Knemometry in childhood: accuracy and standardization of a new technique of lower leg length measurement
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A1 - Geiger-Benoit,K.
A1 - Burmeister,J.
A1 - Sippell,W.G.
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N1 - Hermanussen, M. Geiger-Benoit, K. Burmeister, J. Sippell, W G
JF - Annals of Human Biology
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IM - Journal Article
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Anthropometry/is [Instrumentation]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Leg/gd [Growth & Development]
KW - Male
KW - Reference Standards
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 15
JF - Annals of Human Biology
JA - Ann Hum Biol
VL - 15
IS - 1
CY - ENGLAND
N2 - Recently, a new anthropometric method of accurate lower leg length measurement (knemometry) was introduced. The present study was performed to investigate rigorously its strengths and weaknesses for auxological purposes, and to promote a standardized method of use. The data are based on 6 x 2200 single estimations of the lower leg length in 90 children of both sexes with normal, tall or short stature aged between 2.4 and 17.1 years. The overall technical error of this measurement was found to be 0.16 mm, which is reduced to 0.13 mm if the first estimation within each series of six is ignored. The following sources of systematic error could be detected: intra-daily variation, dependency on physical pressure put on or removed from the leg, vigorous physical activity prior to the measuring procedure, and a slow but significant correlation between day-to-day variation of lower leg length and body weight (r = 0.299, b = 0.372 mm/kg). There was no covariation with atmospheric parameters such as outside temperature, barometric pressure and others. After elimination of a linear trend from the individual growth curves, there was a remaining day-to-day variation of SD = 0.697 mm. This represents real changes of lower leg length and cannot be explained by the technical error of measurement.
which contributes to less than 10% of the total variation. Some of this day-to-day variation may be explained by non-linearity of growth. Knemometry appears to be a robust and precise new tool for the investigation of short term kinetics of longitudinal growth. Proposals for a standardized use of this technique are given

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2198
T1 - Effects of verapamil on left ventricular diastolic filling in children with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
A1 - Shaffer,E.M.
A1 - Rocchini,A.P.
A1 - Spicer,R.L.
A1 - Juni,J.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Administration
KW - Oral
KW - Adolescent
KW - Cardiomyopathy
KW - Hypertrophic/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Hypertrophic/ri [Radionuclide Imaging]
KW - Child
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Heart/ri [Radionuclide Imaging]
KW - Humans
KW - Myocardial Contraction/de [Drug Effects]
KW - Radionuclide Angiography
KW - Technetium/du [Diagnostic Use]
KW - Time Factors
KW - Verapamil/tu [Therapeutic Use]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 413
EP - 417
JF - American Journal of Cardiology
JA - Am J Cardiol
VL - 61
IS - 6
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - The effects of oral verapamil on resting left ventricular (LV) diastolic filling were examined in 10 children and adolescents with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Measurements of diastolic filling were made from gated technetium-99m radionuclide angiograms with postbeat rejection of data outside a 5% RR-interval window. LV time-activity curves were generated and the rapid-filling phase fit with a 3 degrees polynomial to calculate the peak filling rate and the time from end-systole to the point of peak filling. All patients had a radionuclide angiogram performed before and after 0.25 to 3 years of oral verapamil therapy. Verapamil did not change the LV ejection fraction but increased the peak filling rate (3.24 +/- 0.15 to 4.62 +/- 1.05 end-diastolic volume/s, p
less than 0.01) and reduced the time to peak filling (217 +/- 57 to 168 +/- 63 ms, p less than 0.01). An increase in exercise endurance as measured by exercise treadmill test and subjective symptomatic improvement were also seen after verapamil therapy. Thus, in children with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, symptomatic improvement and LV diastolic filling parameters improved with long-term oral verapamil.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2199
T1 - Determinants of indoor NO2-concentration and the personal exposures of children and their mothers in Japanese homes
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A1 - Matsuki,H.
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N1 - In February and in July 1986 the personal exposures to NO2 of 60 children and their mothers were measured and NO2-concentrations in their homes were measured. In the summer also the NO2-concentration in the kitchen was determined during the time that the mother was in the kitchen. The mothers were asked to keep a diary of the activities of her and her child during that day and of the time that the heating appliances, cooking range, etc. were used. In the winter indoor NO2-concentrations and personal exposures of mother and child were much higher than in the summer. In the winter in many cases the Japanese Ambient Air Quality Standard is exceeded. The elevated levels in the winter can be related to the use of NO2-producing heating appliances especially the gas- or oilstove without a flue. Appliance of a flue still causes the indoor NO2-concentrations to be elevated. The division of a study population into two exposure categories on the basis of presence of a non-vented gasstove is therefore inappropriate. An instantaneous gas fired water heater may also contribute to elevated indoor NO2-concentrations and personal exposures, although the present survey could not provide
detailed information about the use of a flue and the location of the geyser. The time that a gas range is being used may influence the indoor NO$_2$-concentrations, but the results from this survey were not clear. Ventilation in the kitchen reduces the indoor NO$_2$-concentrations, although this seems especially true in case the gas range is being used for a long time. In houses with smokers higher NO$_2$-concentrations were found than in houses with non-smokers. In the winter the non-vented gas stove is the most important indoor NO$_2$-source. The present study was not able to demonstrate the effect of outdoor NO$_2$-concentrations on the indoor air concentrations. A longer time span would be necessary. The house structure, i.e. the construction of the house and the number of rooms influence the indoor NO$_2$-concentrations and personal exposure. In the winter all indoor NO$_2$-concentrations are highly intercorrelated and also highly correlated with the personal exposures of mother and child. Multiple regression models based on either measured or time-weighted NO$_2$-concentrations explain about 85 percent of the variance in the personal exposures of child and mother in the winter. The exposures calculated from the time-weighted NO$_2$-concentrations correlate very well with the measured personal exposures. This was not the case in the summer.(ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 400 WORDS)
One hundred fifty-nine children (14.5% of the student body) were sampled after a fatal sniper attack on their elementary school playground. Systematic self-reports of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms were obtained by use of a child PTSD Reaction Index. Analysis of variance revealed significant differences by exposure but not by sex, ethnicity, or age. Additional analyses were conducted of individual item response, overall severity of PTSD reaction, symptom grouping, and previous life events. The results provide strong evidence that acute PTSD symptoms occur in school-age children with a notable correlation between proximity to the violence and type and number of PTSD symptoms. Sampling at approximately one month after the trauma provided adequate delineation among exposure groups. The symptom profile of highly exposed children lends validity to the diagnosis of acute PTSD in childhood.

The authors assessed the convergent validity and the sources of error in an electronic single-plane accelerometer (i.e., Caltrac Personal Activity Computer [Hemokinetics, Inc., Vienna, VA]). The device was validated against observed all-day physical activity levels of children in their natural environment. Thirty preschool children were observed in non-structured activity for periods of approximately 9 h while wearing the accelerometer. The results revealed moderately high but variable Spearman rank-order correlations between hourly readings of the accelerometer and the observational system (range of correlations = 0.62 to 0.95). An all-day accelerometer reading significantly correlated with the observational instrument (rho = 0.54). A step-wise regression analysis revealed that the best behavioral predictor of the all-day accelerometer reading was the
observed behavior of walking, explaining 32% of the total variance. Older vs younger children (i.e., greater than 32.5 months), females vs males, and overweight (i.e., 75 percentile or greater) vs normal weight children tended to show higher correlations between direct observation and accelerometer readings. Implications of these findings and the utilization of the accelerometer in epidemiologic research are discussed.
When the research on the ecology of monkeypox virus entered the latest stage in 1984, three groups of animals were considered priority candidates for maintenance of virus circulations in nature because of their relatively higher population density: terrestrial rodents, squirrels, and gregarious bats. Following the isolation of the virus from a wild squirrel in 1985 another survey was carried out in Bumba zone of Zaire in January-February 1986, which included collection of animal samples, later on tested by WHO collaborating laboratories. No antibodies were found in 233 rodents tested. A high prevalence of monkeypox-specific antibodies (24.7%) found in 320 squirrels of Funisciurus anerythrus species suggested that these animals sustain virus transmission in the areas surrounding human settlements. A consistently high level of antibody prevalence found among squirrels Heliosciurus rufobrachium suggested that this species is also steadily involved in the transmission. The squirrels, the only mammals frequently infected by monkeypox in the areas of human activities, which are frequently trapped by the population, are obviously a major source of infection for human beings. Out of 39 primates collected during the survey from the primary forest, three were found seropositive for monkeypox. At the moment, however, it is difficult to say whether the primates play an important role in sustaining virus transmission in nature, or (like human beings) that they are an occasional host of the virus. Possibilities are discussed of monkeypox virus transmission being sustained by squirrels outside the areas of major human activities.
A long-term physical exercise program was established for a large number of children with bronchial asthma. Asthmatic children were first taught to swim on their backs to prevent breathing problems customary for beginners using other strokes. They concurrently participated in gymnasium exercises, and the program was later completed with outdoor running. Program effectiveness was evaluated by monitoring asthmatic symptoms, changes in medication, and changes in the activity and physical fitness of the children. Data collected from 121 children showed that during the first year in the program the number of days with asthmatic symptoms decreased in a large majority of the patients while medication was decreased. School absenteeism and hospitalization dropped markedly. Parental evaluation of the children indicated much improvement in 51.2%, improvement in 40.5%, unchanged condition in 7.4%, and deterioration of general health was only reported in one child (0.8%). The same extent of improvement continued during the second year. The Cooper test was applied for the first time to such an exercise program and indicated that the participating asthmatic children performed as well as a control group of nonasthmatic children, and the cardiovascular efficiency of the asthmatics was actually better.
Ethylene oxide (ETO), an alkylating compound of high chemical reactivity, is widely used for gas sterilization, but recently serious ETO side reactions have been recognized. With chronic ETO exposure, increased spontaneous abortion, sister chromatid exchange, and leukemia are observed. After medical use of ETO outside nephrology, contact dermatitis, cardiopulmonary shock (during cardiopulmonary surgery), allergic local reactions to ETO sterilized lenses, and anaphylactoid reactions to ETO sterilized catheters have been described. In numerous dialysis patients widespread hypersensitivity to ETO has been documented by skin prick test and ETO radioallergosorbent test (RAST). Furthermore an anaphylactoid "first-use reaction" was described in dialyzed patients, most of whom were using hollow-fiber dialyzers. After long discussions whether complement activation versus hypersensitivity is the cause of such acute anaphylactoid reactions, more recent studies using either ETO RAST or basophil degranulation tests implicate ETO hypersensitivity as their major cause. The high prevalence of sensitization to ETO and the frequency, unpredictability, and potential danger of anaphylactoid reactions to ETO lead to the conclusion that ETO sterilization of dialyzers should be discontinued, since alternative modalities of sterilization are currently available. [References: 60]
During the seven-year period from 1976 through 1982, 2133 cervical spine radiographs were obtained for children less than 18 years of age at two hospitals in Tucson. Twenty-five children (1.2%) had x-ray evidence of a cervical spine injury, with a male to female ratio of 4:1. Vehicular accidents accounted for 36% of cervical spine radiographic abnormalities, and sports or playground accidents accounted for an additional 36%. In an attempt to find clinical predictors that might identify x-ray abnormalities, we reviewed the medical records of these 25 children with abnormalities and 713 randomly selected children without x-ray evidence of cervical spine injuries for the following: method of injury, presenting complaints, physical examination findings, therapy, and complications. No single clinical predictor had a sensitivity of 100% when considered in isolation, but clinical assessment consisting of EITHER a complaint of neck pain OR involvement in a vehicular accident with head trauma would have correctly identified all 25 cases of cervical spine injury. If this information had been used prospectively, the number of cervical spine radiographs ordered would have been reduced by 32%.

We conclude that the use of this clinical “marker” would have positively identified all children with cervical spine injuries and would have reduced by one third the cost and radiation exposure associated with cervical spine radiographs. Because of the serious consequences of missing a cervical spine injury, we suggest that other studies confirm these results before this information is accepted as a recommendation.
Thirty-two patients, including 29 children, presenting with acute unexplained encephalopathies were studied prospectively for evidence of virus infection, immunodeficiency, and immunologic involvement in the pathogenesis of their illnesses. Twenty-five of these patients had a clinical diagnosis of encephalitis. Twenty-two of these 25 had laboratory evidence of active virus infection, the majority with viruses usually associated with self-limiting illness outside the central nervous system. In patients with encephalitis, immune competence, as reflected by T-cell numbers and subsets in peripheral blood, in vitro interferon production, natural killer activity, and specific antiviral antibody production, was normal. Transudation of albumin into the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), a measure of blood-brain barrier breakdown, was seen in 40% of patients. Intrathecal antibody
synthesis was suggested by an elevated IgG index in 9/20 CSF/serum pairs but was confirmed by an elevated specific IgG ratio in only 3. The serum IgG1 and IgG3 subclass levels were significantly elevated at the time of the illness and remained elevated 8 months later; IgG2 and IgG4 levels were normal. IgE levels were elevated in 50% of patients. Serum levels of IgM antibodies against Escherichia coli measured 8 months after the neurological illness were also significantly higher in encephalitis patients than in age-matched healthy controls. Human myelin basic protein did not induce proliferation in peripheral blood lymphocytes in any patient. We conclude that most encephalopathies associated with viral infections are not due to an underlying generalized immunodeficiency, and probably result from an inappropriately vigorous immune response.

TY - JOUR
ID - 2208
T1 - Epidemiology of school injuries: a 2-year experience in a municipal health department
A1 - Sheps, S.B.
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Y1 - 1987/01/
N1 - Sheps, S.B. Evans, G.D
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KW - MEDLINE
KW - Accidental Falls
KW - Accidents
KW - Adolescent
KW - Athletic Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - British Columbia
KW - Child
KW - Contusions/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Craniocerebral Trauma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Humans
KW - Population Surveillance
KW - Public Health Administration
KW - School Health Services
KW - Schools
KW - Sports
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 69
EP - 75
JF - Pediatrics
VL - 79
IS - 1
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - School injuries occurring in a municipal school system during a 2-year period were reviewed to identify epidemiologic features of school injuries, to determine data requirements for ongoing injury surveillance, and to identify potential preventive strategies. Overall, 3,009 injuries were reported (2.82/100 students per year). Elementary school students had only a slightly higher rate (2.85) than secondary school students (2.78). However, the cause, nature, school location of injury, and body area injured formed distinct patterns in these two groups. Playgrounds were responsible for the highest overall and elementary school rates, whereas sports areas and classrooms had the highest rates among secondary school students. Falls were the most frequent cause of injury in elementary schools whereas, as expected, sports injuries were the most frequent cause among secondary school students. Contusions and abrasions of the head were the most frequent type of injury for both groups, although more common among elementary school students, whereas fractures, sprains, strains, and
dislocations were more frequent among secondary school students. Although the proportion of severe injuries to secondary school students was slightly higher (39 vs 35%), the rate of referral of students to a hospital or physicians among secondary school students (1.21 per 100 student-hours) was almost twice the rate of elementary school students (0.65 per 100 student-hours). Problems with definition of injury severity and the need to explore the social aspects of schools as a factor in injuries emerged as important considerations for future research.
Therapeutic and corrective work with stammering preschool children in a daytime semi-hospital institution presents a complex of measures aimed at improving the speech and the entire psychic activity of the child. A semi-hospital form of the organization makes it possible, along with therapeutic and corrective measures, to constantly train the speech in the most diverse situations of the microsocial environment outside the hospital and thus contributes to the development of social and adaptive behaviour which the child needs for further studying in the general education school.
Three 7-year-old boys with histories of negative interactions were appointed to monitor individual classmates during daily noon recess. As monitors, the boys awarded points to their classmates for playing appropriately and, on rare occasions, withdrew a point for negative interactions. The three boys immediately decreased their own rates of negative interactions during the sessions in which they were appointed as monitors. Two of the boys concomitantly increased their rates of positive interactions. Their reductions in negative interactions were not maintained during reversals and did not clearly generalize to the morning or afternoon recess periods. Subsequent appointment of the boys as peer monitors during the morning recess produced similar improvements in their behavior. Results suggest that appointment to the role of peer monitor may itself function as an intervention.
Sensitization to pollen from wind-pollinated trees causes significant allergy problems during springtime. The magnitude of prevalence is comparable with and, in some areas, even higher than grass pollen allergy. The symptom periods are often prolonged by cross-reactivity among species and sometimes families as well as by simultaneous sensitivity to several trees, pollinating at different times. There is a need for standardized extracts to improve diagnostic precision and treatment efficacy. A substantial amount of immunochemical data on the allergens from Betulaceae species, particularly Betula (birches), are available. Relevant methods to quantitatively and qualitatively measure the allergens of birch pollen extracts are clearly reproducible in laboratories around the world. By international collaboration, such work has generated an IS that has been accepted by the IUIS Subcommittee on Allergen Standardization. The IS is a yardstick for authorities, manufacturers, and researchers that is carefully specified in terms of 1 major and a few intermediate allergens, and also of total biologic activity by RAST inhibition. A meaningful declaration of biologic activity in vivo is awaited. As yet, only a few clinical trials have been undertaken with standardized tree pollen extracts. These are, however, highly interesting, particularly those that now have started with an oral route of administration.

[References: 46]
The risk of cancer to humans exposed to soil treated with wastewater/sewage treatment plant sludge, known to be contaminated with small amounts of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans (PCDDs and PCDFs), was evaluated. The particulate-bound PCDDs and PCDFs are found in trace amounts in the effluent from ground water pumping (dewatering) at an abandoned wood preservation facility. The water, which was sent to a water recovery plant, underwent primary and secondary treatment prior to discharge. The residual sludge was added to agricultural soil as a conditioner. The present analysis treats the extreme case of sludge applied near the home of a target individual, a lifetime resident, who is also a farm worker in the area of the application. The successive stages of infancy, childhood and adulthood are treated separately to assess the contributions of typical age-specific indoor and outdoor activities on exposure rates. Five toxicity rating schemes using so-called TCDD equivalents, and two unit risk slopes are applied to the chemical profile in sludge to determine the cancer potency of the soil contaminants. These risk estimates range from 1 X 10^-8 to 3 X 10^-7.

Increasing autistic children's spontaneous verbalizations of affection: an assessment of time delay and peer modeling procedures

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KW - Skin Absorption
KW - Soil Pollutants/ae [Adverse Effects]
KW - Tetrachlorodibenzodioxin/ae [Adverse Effects]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 435
EP - 442
JF - Veterinary & Human Toxicology
JA - Vet Hum Toxicol
VL - 28
IS - 5
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - The risk of cancer to humans exposed to soil treated with wastewater/sewage treatment plant sludge, known to be contaminated with small amounts of polychlorinated dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans (PCDDs and PCDFs), was evaluated. The particulate-bound PCDDs and PCDFs are found in trace amounts in the effluent from ground water pumping (dewatering) at an abandoned wood preservation facility. The water, which was sent to a water recovery plant, underwent primary and secondary treatment prior to discharge. The residual sludge was added to agricultural soil as a conditioner. The present analysis treats the extreme case of sludge applied near the home of a target individual, a lifetime resident, who is also a farm worker in the area of the application. The successive stages of infancy, childhood and adulthood are treated separately to assess the contributions of typical age-specific indoor and outdoor activities on exposure rates. Five toxicity rating schemes using so-called TCDD equivalents, and two unit risk slopes are applied to the chemical profile in sludge to determine the cancer potency of the soil contaminants. These risk estimates range from 1 X 10^-8 to 3 X 10^-7.

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T1 - Increasing autistic children's spontaneous verbalizations of affection: an assessment of time delay and peer modeling procedures
A1 - Charlop, M.H.
A1 - Walsh, M.E.
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KW - Affect
KW - Autistic Disorder/px [Psychology]
KW - Autistic Disorder/th [Therapy]
KW - Behavior Therapy/mt [Methods]
KW - Child
KW - Education of Intellectually Disabled
KW - Humans
KW - Imitative Behavior
KW - Interpersonal Relations
KW - Male
KW - Peer Group
KW - Social Adjustment
KW - Social Behavior
We assessed the efficacy of time delay and peer modeling procedures in increasing autistic children’s spontaneous verbalizations of affection. Four autistic children were taught to spontaneously say "I like (love) you" in response to a hug from a familiar person and their mother. Generalization from a free play training setting to free play outdoors and at home was assessed. Ancillary social and affection behaviors were also observed. Results indicated that the time delay was a quick and effective procedure for all the children. Peer modeling was unsuccessful in teaching the target behavior.
appropriate to regional centres. The development of a clinical haematology service in district general hospitals cannot occur without funding and facilities, including suitably located beds for haematology patients and specifically appointed junior medical staff. Highly trained and experienced nursing staff are essential for the management of patients with bone marrow failure; day care facilities and community nursing are also valuable. Changes and developments in the laboratory as a result of these additional clinical activities are also necessary.
The incidence of injuries among youth soccer players (under age 16) participating in indoor soccer was 4.5 times that of youth players in outdoor soccer when calculated per 100 hours of team play, and 6.1 times greater when calculated per 100 hours of player game participation. Injuries were few among players under age 10 in either game, and the number of injuries increased with age in the older players. Medical assistance was required for 6.5% of the injuries among outdoor players and for 24.3% among indoor players. Overall, 66.6% of the injuries were the result of physical contact between players. No relationship was observed between the risk of injury and playing position, conduct of warm-up exercises, or the team having a licensed coach.
We compared recipients of eight lots of factors VIII and IX voluntarily withdrawn from distribution because one donor was known to have subsequently developed the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome with a nonexposed cohort matched by age, sex, and factor use. The factor VIII recipient cohorts did not differ in prevalence of antibody to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) (exposed, 75%; nonexposed, 86%), T-cell subset numbers (median: exposed, 619 T-helper cells per cubic millimeter; nonexposed, 659 T-helper cells per cubic millimeter), T-helper to T-suppressor ratios, or immunoglobulin levels. Exposed individuals had higher levels of immune complexes by C1q binding and staphylococcal binding assays and lower responses to phytohemagglutinin and concanavalin A. However, only the staphylococcal binding assay values were outside the normal range for our laboratory. Factor IX recipient cohorts did not differ in HIV antibody prevalence (exposed, 30%; nonexposed, 40%) or any immune tests. Although exposed and nonexposed individuals did not differ from each other in a clinically meaningful fashion at initial testing, both the exposed and nonexposed cohorts had high rates of HIV seroprevalence. Market withdrawals were clearly insufficient means of limiting the spread of HIV in hemophilic patients; however, the currently available methods of donor screening and viral inactivation of blood products will prevent continued exposure within this population.
The maladaptive behavior of 474 persons from a residential facility for mentally retarded individuals was investigated. Eleven independent variables pertaining to demographic and environmental characteristics were initially related to the frequency and topography of residents' maladaptive behavior. Multiple regression analysis revealed that maladaptive behaviors were related to sex, social age, chronological age, resident's time spent on outside activities, number of residents per direct-care staff member, presence of sensory handicaps, and ambulation. Results were related to existing literature and discussed in terms of their use for intervention efforts and differential assignment of resources.
This study evaluated methods for empirically identifying environmental determinants of aggressive and disruptive behavior in three developmentally delayed children. A variety of sessions conducted on an inpatient treatment unit were designed to stimulate contingencies maintaining aggression and disruption in the subjects' natural environments. The basic analog conditions included: instructional demands, contingent social disapproval, and structured play. In addition, variations of the three basic conditions were developed based on informal observation and parental reports of naturally occurring contingencies. Results showed considerable variability both between and within subjects. However, for each subject a specific analog condition was shown to produce relatively higher rates of aberrant behavior. Subsequently, behavioral treatments based on assessment results were successfully implemented with two of the subjects. Results are discussed in terms of the importance and practical limitations of conducting systematic assessment of aberrant repertoires in developmentally delayed clients.
The present study concerns ethnic, age, and gender playmate preferences of deaf and hearing preschoolers who were observed during outdoor free play at their respective schools over a 7-month period. Hispanic, black, and white children were included. It was hypothesized that peer preferences would be less apparent among deaf children than among hearing children if these preferences were based on (a) language differences between ethnic groups (e.g., Spanish-English differences), age groups (e.g., verbal fluency differences), or gender groups; or (b) cultural values communicated by speech. Both deaf and hearing children preferred to play with children of the same ethnicity, gender, and age as themselves. In addition, play among children of the same ethnicity, gender, and age was qualitatively different from play among children of different ethnicity, gender, and age. The only effect of deafness was to decrease the amount of gender segregation that occurred. The results suggest that the development of ethnic, gender, and age playmate preferences is not dependent on intergroup language differences or spoken cultural messages. Several nonlinguistic factors that might contribute to early peer preferences are discussed.

TY - JOUR
ID - 2222
T1 - Programming rapid generalization of correct articulation through self-monitoring procedures
A1 - Koegel, L.K.
A1 - Koegel, R.L.
A1 - Ingham, J.C.
Y1 - 1986/02/
N1 - Koegel, L K. Koegel, R L. Ingham, J C
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Behavior/ph [Physiology]
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Generalization (Psychology)/ph [Physiology]
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Monitoring
KW - Physiologic
KW - Speech/ph [Physiology]
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JF - Journal of Speech & Hearing Disorders
The purpose of this study was to investigate the use of a self-monitoring activity in the clinical and natural environment as a method of promoting rapid generalization of a target speech sound to beyond-treatment conditions. The subjects were 13 children who lateralized /s/ and /z/, substituted /θ/ for /s/ and /δ/ for /z/, and/or substituted /w/ for /r/. The children attended public school speech therapy, individually or in small groups, twice weekly for 15- to 20-min sessions throughout the entire study. The investigation was conducted in the context of a multiple baseline research design replicated across subjects and behaviors (for 1 subject). The results demonstrated that when the self-monitoring activity was implemented, the children began to generalize the use of the correct speech sound to their spontaneous speech outside of the treatment setting. The results are discussed in terms of their theoretical implications for generalization issues and in relation to their applied value for clinicians with large case loads or otherwise limited amounts of time to spend with individual clients.
This study was performed by a comparison between summer and winter for the purpose of demonstration the actual conditions of health effects of indoor air pollution with special reference to NO2 and smoking, on the subjects composed of 820 school children and their 546 mothers in the two areas with different ambient NO2 concentrations. In either case, examination was carried out with standardized questionnaire test for respiratory symptoms, personal NO2 exposure measurement using the filter badge by Yanagisawa, and analysis of urinary hydroxyproline and creatinine in two areas with different ambient NO2 levels. Personal NO2 exposure level in winter season was 2-3 times higher than that in summer, particularly NO2 level among residents living in homes with non-vented stove for space heating was substantially higher from those of residents with vented stove. Wives with vented stove had a moderate exposure level in winter season by the contribution of NO2 originated from the kitchen and poor ventilation rate. Since the hydroxyproline to creatinine ratio (HOP-ratio) of children increased more, their household location were nearer to any heavy traffic roads in summer, health effects from automobile exhaust were suggested only in summer season. In summer season, personal NO2 exposure level were almost the same with the ambient NO2 concentrations over both areas. These results suggest that indoor air pollution in winter season may be separated from outdoor air pollution. It was a matter of course that hydroxyproline to creatinine ratio in winter season was higher than that in summer, in any group and in any area, but the range of variation of hydroxyproline to creatinine ratio was smaller by far than that of personal NO2 exposure level. Judging from urinary hydroxyproline to creatinine ratio, health effects of active smoking and passive smoking increased with increasing the number of smoked, dose-dependently in any season. According to stepwise multiple regression analysis, hydroxyproline to creatinine ratio had significant relation to either NO2 and active or passive smoking, but personal NO2 exposure level had no relation to cigarette smoking. NO2 and cigarette smoke were seemed to make hydroxyproline to creatinine ratio increase, independently each other.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2224
T1 - Rheological and transport properties of airway secretions in cystic fibrosis--relationships with the degree of infection and severity of the disease
A1 - Puchelle,E.
A1 - Jacquot,J.
A1 - Beck,G.
A1 - Zahm,J.M.
A1 - Galabert,C.
Y1 - 1985/12/
N1 - Puchelle, E. Jacquot, J. Beck, G. Zahm, J M. Galabert, C
JF - European journal of clinical investigation
VI - en3
PG - 0245331
IM - Journal Article. Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't
TI - MEDLINE
TI - Adolescent
TI - Biological Transport
TI - Active
TI - Child
TI - Cilia/ph [Physiology]
TI - Cystic Fibrosis/co [Complications]
TI - Cystic Fibrosis/pp [Physiopathology]
TI - Female
TI - Humans
TI - Male
TI - Mucus/ph [Physiology]
TI - Respiratory System/pp [Physiopathology]
TI - Respiratory Tract Infections/co [Complications]
TI - Respiratory Tract Infections/pp [Physiopathology]
It has recently been suggested that in cystic fibrosis (CF), there is no rheological abnormality of airway secretions other than that associated with purulence, and that the apparent inhibition in the mucociliary transport rate might be partly due to a ciliary inhibitor present in these secretions. In order to ascertain this assumption, expectorated airway secretions were collected without salivary contamination in twenty-four CF patients and the rheological properties were measured. Using a photometric method, the effects of CF sputum samples were analysed on the ciliary beat frequency (Fm) of the frog palate, and we measured their mucociliary transport rate (TR). In all but one CF sputum, TR and Fm were lower than that of the control frog mucus (median TR: 18.7 and 11.6 mm min⁻¹; median Fm: 12.3 and 11.3 Hz, respectively). In the eighteen patients in whom the rheological properties were outside the range for optimal mucociliary transport, the clinical Shwachman score was significantly (P less than 0.05) lower (median score: 66.2 points) than in the six patients with optimal rheologic properties (median score: 73 points). In the eleven CF patients with superinfection, the apparent viscosity (eta o) was significantly higher (P less than 0.01; median eta o: 24.4 Pa. s) and TR, expressed as a percentage of the reference value, was significantly lower (P less than 0.05; median Tr: 54.5%) in comparison with the values obtained for the thirteen non-superinfected CF patients (median eta o: 15 Pa. s and median TR: 66% respectively). The CF patients with markedly hyperviscous sputum (eta o higher than 30 Pa. s) exhibited a low Shwachman score.
Talocalcaneal articulations are relatively complex and functionally very important because they play a major role in the movements of inversion and eversion of the foot. Few reports on arthrography of the subtalar joints are available in the literature, and, similarly, little attention has been paid by arthroscopists to these joints. This preliminary study briefly defines the normal anatomy of the subtalar joints and describes a new technique of arthroscopic examination of the posterior subtalar joint. The distal lower extremities of six fresh cadavers were used in these experiments. All the subtalar joints were supple. A 2.7-mm arthroscope was used to carry out arthroscopic and anatomic examinations. A technique of examination with one anterior portal and one posterior portal is described in detail. When the anterior portal was used, the egress needle was placed posteriorly; when the posterior portal was used, the converse was true. By using the two portals, the following intraarticular structures could be visualized: a major part of the convex posterior calcaneal facet of the talus and the posterior talar facet of the calcaneus; the synovial lining laterally and posteriorly; the posterior aspect of the interosseous talocalcaneal ligament; and the posterior recess of the joint. The results of this experimental study indicate that arthroscopy of the posterior subtalar joint is technically feasible. Clinically, the possible indications for arthroscopy would include state of the articular cartilage in suspected cases of degenerative arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and infection; visualization of the joint after intraarticular fracture to evaluate chronic pain syndrome in the hindfoot; biopsy; management of sinus tarsi syndrome; loose body removal.
From 1973 to 1983, 49 Florida residents were reported with confirmed Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF), 25 of whom were considered to have had Florida-acquired disease. Although there was no history of tick exposure for six of these 25 persons, all had contact with dogs or outdoor activities during the incubation period. The tick vectors of RMSF are widely distributed throughout Florida. We conclude that RMSF, although rare in Florida, can be acquired in the state.

This manuscript reports the results of a problem-solving exercise presented to participants at a Workshop on Neurotoxicology Testing in Human Populations held in Rougemont, North Carolina in October, 1983. Response recommendations are the consensus of workshop participants. These are not comprehensive or definitive solutions and should be interpreted with caution. Each exposure scenario represents a "real world" situation previously encountered by neurologists and epidemiologists. Ideally, a toxin affects a single, easily tested modality early in the illness before producing a complex neurological syndrome. Unfortunately this rarely happens; difficult choices and compromises about testing are usually necessary. At the end of each scenario likely areas of early subtle dysfunction were discussed and possible testing methods were outlined. Working participants were instructed to comment on the approach to the scenarios and to add to or dispute the proposed tests. It is clear that there are no right or wrong answers; however, the participants were urged to try to reach
some sort of consensus. In each instance participants assumed that they were being notified by the company and not by a state or federal agency, and were to determine what would be the most reasonable and effective way to offer help or obtain outside assistance in these situations

TY - JOUR
ID - 2228
T1 - Different malaria control activities in an area of Liberia--effects on malirometric parameters
A1 - Bjorkman, A.
A1 - Hedman, P.
A1 - Brohult, J.
A1 - Willcox, M.
A1 - Diamant, I.
A1 - Pehrsson, P.O.
A1 - Rombo, L.
A1 - Bengtsson, E.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Humans
KW - Immunoglobulins/an [Analysis]
KW - Insect Vectors
KW - Liberia
KW - Malaria/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Malaria/ps [Parasitology]
KW - Malaria/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Plasmodium falciparum
KW - Plasmodium malariae
KW - Spleen/pa [Pathology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 239
EP - 246
JF - Annals of Tropical Medicine & Parasitology
JA - Ann Trop Med Parasitol
VL - 79
IS - 3
CY - ENGLAND
N2 - The epidemiology of malaria was studied in a West African mining town (Yekepa) and three surrounding zones defined as Close, Middle and Far areas. Malariometric parameters were investigated in children two to nine years of age at the end of the rainy season. In Yekepa, vector control measures and intense suppression of malaria with drugs had created an almost hypoendemic situation with a spleen rate of 11%. In Close area, vector control was applied to some extent and malaria drugs were frequently used for treatment; the spleen rate was 40%. In Middle area, a mobile clinic provided sporadic malaria treatment to small children, but the clinic did not reach out to Far area. The spleen rates were 95 and 99%, respectively. Three species of Plasmodium were found in all areas. The prevalences in Far area were P. falciparum 82%, P. malariae 39% and P. ovale 9%. The crude parasite rates increased from 13% in Yekepa to 92% in Far area, whereas haematocrit levels decreased from 37.6 to 35.2, respectively. Plasmodium falciparum seropositivity, as measured by indirect immunofluorescence, was 74% in Yekepa and 99% in Middle and Far areas. Total IgG concentrations ranged
from 18 g/l in Yekepa to 33 g/l in Far area. Three main anopheline species were found in the zones outside Yekepa. Their relative frequencies in Far area were Anopheles funestus 45%, A. hancocki 37%, and A. gambiae 18%. The local inoculation rates gradually increased outwards from Yekepa from less than 0.01 to 0.17 inoculations per man and night at the beginning of the dry season. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

The use of peer monitors to reduce negative interaction during recess

A1 - Dougherty, B.S.
The negative interactions of a mildly retarded child, Dennis, were reduced in three daily recess periods, with the use of a point system. Adult monitors initiated the intervention in the morning recess; reductions achieved during adult monitoring were maintained in that recess during two subsequent conditions: peer monitoring and self-monitoring. Dennis' negative interactions were reduced next in the afternoon recess by peer monitors. Again, reductions were maintained during a subsequent self-monitoring condition. Finally, during the noon recess, Dennis was trained to serve as a peer monitor for Ed, a moderately retarded classmate. Dennis' rate of negative interactions quickly decreased following his appointment as a peer monitor. The results show that a point system, originally designed for adult monitoring, can be adapted without loss of program effectiveness for peer monitoring or self-monitoring. The results also suggest that classmates who serve as peer monitors may benefit significantly from their role. The conditions under which these therapeutic effects occur and the role that treatment order effects may play in this process require further investigation.
Details of all deaths in children (less than 16 years) resident in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire from 1970-9 were ascertained; 259 non-natural deaths were identified. Half were due to road traffic accidents, and another quarter occurred during play outside the home. There were differences in sex, age, and social class between the types of accident. A clustering of fatal accidents, particularly to pedestrians, was observed at around the time of the child's birthday. It is suggested that the excitement engendered overrides the child's normal caution. Local action to reduce accidents from specific hazards might complement national education campaigns.
IgG, IgA and IgM antibody activities in human serum to six dietary and eight gut-related microbial antigens were measured by an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). IgG activities to five of the dietary antigens decreased with age; IgM activities to four of them were weaker in old people than in children. Old people showed weaker IgM but stronger IgG activities to some of the microbial antigens than children did. A decline in IgG and IgM antibody titres to most dietary antigens with increasing age is consistent with the development of systemic hyporesponsiveness due to continuous antigenic stimulation of the intestinal immune system. Persistence of microbial antigens in the gut, moreover, may lead to systemic hyporesponsiveness of IgM-producing cells. Concurrently raised IgG titres to three of the bacteria might be explained by antigenic stimulation outside the intestinal immune system.
The association of cardiopulmonary variables with outcome was investigated in 42 pediatric patients (18 survivors) with septic shock. All cardiopulmonary variables were obtained during active BP support. The variable distributions were separated into ranges by two empiric cutoff methods: normal ranges and the survivor median values. The proportion of survivors with normal values of wedge pressure and cardiac index was significantly (p less than .05) higher than the proportion of survivors outside the normal range. The percentage of survival also significantly (p less than .05) increased with above-normal values of oxygen consumption, arteriovenous O2 content difference, O2 extraction, pH, and core temperature. There were significantly (p less than .05) more nonsurvivors with wedge pressure, pulmonary shunt, and pH values below the survivor medians. Therapeutic goals based on the distributions of these eight variables isolated patient groups with survival rates of 59% to 75%, compared to the overall survival rate of 43%.
The family as culture transmitter plays a role in the development of health maintenance practices. A review of the epidemiological variables associated with obesity suggests that familial factors--genetic and environmental--have a significant effect on the onset, causes, and prognosis of treatment. Chances of success in losing weight may depend upon the extent of family functioning or upon finding a support system within and/or outside the family. The weight control program described is family oriented. Life-style changes learned in the group meetings reach home and affect family members. Four-pronged in its approach (nutrition, behavior change, exercise, and a positive support system), the program uses "skill builders," which are special situational modules that deal with specific family situations. A skill builder offers a step-by-step guided approach to identifying and changing problem behavior in the area of diet and exercise, e.g., eating in social situations, new food shopping patterns, and the role of significant others in the weight loss process. [References: 63]
Pressure activity in the stomach and upper intestine was studied in 104 patients referred to the Mayo Clinic for evaluation of functional symptoms (nausea, vomiting, upper abdominal pain, or other dyspeptic symptoms in the absence of structural gut abnormalities). Manometric abnormalities were found in 75 patients. Forty-three of these had gastric abnormalities and 32 patients had both gastric and intestinal abnormalities. In the stomach, decreased antral phasic pressure activity after a solid meal was the most common abnormality. In the upper intestine, unpropagated bursts of phasic and tonic contractile activity were a relatively frequent abnormality but a number of other altered manometric patterns also were observed. Digestive tract symptoms were not good predictors of the presence or site of the gastrointestinal manometric abnormalities. Patients with associated neurologic, urologic, or metabolic (diabetes) disease were more likely to exhibit manometric abnormalities than were those without evidence of disease outside the gut. Almost two-thirds of the patients with symptoms and normal manometry presented features suggestive of psychiatric disease. We conclude that in patients with severe functional-type symptoms gastrointestinal manometry is a useful technique to evidence the underlying gut motor disturbance that is present in a relatively high proportion of these patients.
Retrocalcaneal bursitis is a distinct condition causing posterior heel pain in active, healthy children. It appears to result from post-traumatic inflammation of the soft tissues of the posterior heel, and is unrelated to avascular necrosis of the calcaneal apophysis. The diagnosis may be confirmed radiographically by the loss of the lucent retrocalcaneal recess, with a normal Achilles tendon and superficial soft tissue contour, and intact cortex of the underlying os calcis.

Visceral larva migrans: a risk assessment in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Visceral larva migrans, VLM, is a disease of young children. Due to lack of awareness of the disease as well as its non-specific symptomology, a survey of the potential risk of acquiring the disease was conducted in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana area. The greatest number of dogs showing positive results to tests for the presence of the eggs of Toxocara canis were those less than one year of age. Very few of the soil samples collected from twenty different parks/playgrounds were found to contain eggs of T. canis. A higher percentage of soil samples from individual yards proved to be contaminated with the eggs of the parasite. Even though the incidence of VLM in Baton Rouge is reported to be quite low, the potential for the infection certainly is present. Veterinarians must be prepared to take a leading role in the education of their clients as to the potential of the disease for the children associated with new puppies, and the measures parents can take to reduce the exposure potential.
Clinical application of a live varicella vaccine (Oka strain) in a hospital
A1 - Naganuma, Y.
A1 - Osawa, S.
A1 - Takahashi, R.
Y1 - 1984/09/
N1 - Naganuma, Y. Osawa, S. Takahashi, R
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Antibodies
KW - Viral/bi [Biosynthesis]
KW - Chickenpox/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cross Infection/pc [Prevention & Control]
KW - Female
KW - Follow-Up Studies
KW - Herpesvirus 3
KW - Human/im [Immunology]
KW - Humans
KW - Japan
KW - Male
KW - Risk
KW - Vaccination
KW - Vaccines
KW - Attenuated/im [Immunology]
KW - Viral Vaccines/im [Immunology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 59
EP - 61
JF - Biken Journal
JA - Biken J
VL - 27
IS - 2-3
CY - JAPAN
N2 - A total of 239 children, including 22 high-risk children and 55 non-high risk diseased children have been immunized with a live varicella vaccine (Oka strain) since June, 1978. No clinical reaction attributable to the vaccine has been observed. Of these children, 87 received emergency vaccination. Of 47 children receiving emergency vaccination because they had been in contact with varicella patients either in hospital, school or a playground, only 5 developed varicella and their symptoms were mild. Of 40 children receiving emergency vaccination because of exposure to varicella in their home, 10 developed mild varicella and 30 were protected. Clinical symptoms of varicella when seen seemed to be due to incomplete protection because the vaccine was given too late rather than to clinical reactions to the vaccine. During follow-up period of 6 to 66 months after vaccination, 8 children showed very mild rashes without fever as the result of exogenous varicella infection
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ER -
T1 - Evaluation of progress using the context input process and product model
A1 - Sims,M.
A1 - Bridgman,G.
Y1 - 1984/11//
N1 - Sims, M. Bridgman, G
Child: care, health and development
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Activities of Daily Living
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cognition
KW - Disabled Persons
KW - Down Syndrome/rh [Rehabilitation]
KW - Education
KW - Special/st [Standards]
KW - Humans
KW - Intellectual Disability/rh [Rehabilitation]
KW - Intelligence Tests
KW - Language
KW - Motor Skills
KW - New Zealand
KW - Parents
KW - Questionnaires
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 359
EP - 379
JF - Child: Care, Health & Development
JA - Child Care Health Dev
VL - 10
IS - 6
CY - ENGLAND
N2 - Most evaluations of programme effectiveness are based on process data (the data generated by the
programme) and used for internal monitoring and service development. Context (the ecology of therapeutic
systems), input (the identification of what is in fact different between two therapeutic systems) and product (the
consequence of different inputs, taking account of context) evaluations are rarely, if ever, produced. In this
paper (using input and product evaluations) the progress of twelve Down's syndrome and twelve multiply
handicapped children attending, over a period of 18 months, two different therapeutic systems operated by the
New Zealand Society for the Intellectually Handicapped (Auckland Branch/outside Auckland Branches) is
assessed. The progress of the Auckland children is significantly better in a number of areas than for those
outside Auckland. This improvement in progress can be attributed to input differences that reflect the Auckland
Branch's policy of service development. The most important determinants of a successful programme are not
staff/student ratios, time in class or specialist assistance, all of which favour the outside Auckland groups, but
the degree of structure, detail of programmes and assessments, and quality of parent contact in which Auckland
seems superior. The results for the Down's syndrome group compare favourably with those from other Down's
syndrome programmes
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2240
T1 - The prevalence of Toxocara eggs in the sand in children's playgrounds in Frankfurt/M
A1 - Duwel,D.
During an investigation of 31 sandpits in children's playgrounds in and around Frankfurt/M Toxocara eggs were detected in 27. The prevalence in areas with few or no parks (averaged 14.8 eggs 100 g-1 sand) was much higher than in districts where there was more room for the dogs to run about (5.3 eggs 100 g-1 sand). Larval development was complete in 40% of isolated Toxocara eggs after four weeks. The importance of these findings in connection with the risk, to children playing, of a possible infection (larva migrans visceralis) and preventive measures are discussed.

TY - JOUR
ID - 2241
T1 - Reducing eye gouging using a response interruption procedure
A1 - Slifer, K.J.
A1 - Iwata, B.A.
A1 - Dorsey, M.F.
Y1 - 1984/12//
N1 - Slifer, K J. Iwata, B A. Dorsey, M F
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IM - Case Reports. Journal Article. Research Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Arousal
KW - Behavior Therapy/mt [Methods]
KW - Child
KW - Humans
KW - Intellectual Disability/px [Psychology]
KW - Intellectual Disability/th [Therapy]
KW - Male
KW - Reinforcement Schedule
A profoundly retarded male with severe congenital impairment of vision and hearing was treated for self-inflicted eye gouging. Prior to intervention, continuous mechanical restraint was required to prevent the response, precluding participation in educational and play activities. The response topography, the nature of the client's deficits, and a preliminary behavioral and medical assessment suggested that the response functioned as a source of sensory self-stimulation. Presentation of toys plus differential reinforcement of other behavior (DRO) as alternate sources of stimulation during baseline had no impact on eye gouging. The introduction of a contingent response interruption procedure reduced eye gouging and decreased the amount of time spent in restraints. Treatment effects were replicated in a group setting, and in the natural environment. Parents and school personnel were trained to use the treatment, and eye gouging remained infrequent at a 9-month follow-up.

The relationship between indoor nitrogen dioxide concentration levels and personal exposure: a pilot study

A1 - Hoek,G.
A1 - Meijer,R.
A1 - Scholten,A.
A1 - Noij,D.
A1 - Lebret,E.
Y1 - 1984///
N1 - Hoek, G. Meijer, R. Scholten, A. Noij, D. Lebret, E
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adult
KW - Air/an [Analysis]
KW - Air Pollutants/an [Analysis]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Monitoring
KW - Physiologic
KW - Netherlands
KW - Nitrogen Dioxide/an [Analysis]
KW - Pilot Projects
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 73
EP - 78
JF - International Archives of Occupational & Environmental Health
A small, personal monitoring study was performed in a subpopulation (14 families) of a case-control study on the relationship between indoor nitrogen-dioxide exposure and respiratory diseases of schoolchildren. Mothers, schoolchildren and pre-schoolchildren were asked to carry duplicate Palmes diffusion tubes during one week. Simultaneously nitrogen-dioxide concentrations were measured in the kitchen, living room, bedroom, outdoors and--for a few participants--at school and at work. Information on time activity patterns was gathered by means of a self administered diary. Several models for estimating exposure were constructed and tested against measured exposure. The personal exposure of the participants could well be explained by models containing indoor concentrations. Models with time-weighted average concentrations did not explain personal exposure better than models containing indoor concentrations. A calculated time-weighted average exposure was found to underestimate measured personal exposure by an average 20%, probably because the average concentration in a location does not necessarily reflect the actual exposure in that location. Personal exposure of mothers and children was very similar and highly correlated, indicating that the personal exposure of the mother might be a reasonable estimate for the exposure of the child.
From 1978 to 1982, 117 cases of Lyme disease were reported in New Jersey. The number of cases increased each year from four in 1978 and 1979 to 56 in 1982. Forty-eight percent of cases occurred in a four-township area in central Monmouth County. The proportion of cases with arthritis decreased in 1982 because of early antibiotic treatment and better reporting of milder cases. The proportion of cases with positive serology increased with severity of the clinical syndrome. About 25 percent of patients had exposure to ticks because of occupations that required outdoor activities. Lyme disease is a growing public health problem in New Jersey.
N2 - Four questions are asked about the use of social skills training procedures with mentally handicapped people. The first is, 'What are social skills in the context of mental handicap?', and it is suggested that they involve a complex array of perceptual, cognitive, motor and motivational processes, all of which can be disrupted due to various problems common among mentally handicapped people. The second question, 'What changes do social skills training programmes aim to achieve?', leads to the conclusion that most programmes have concentrated on motor, and to some extent on motivational processes, at the expense of perceptuo-cognitive ones. In asking, 'Have the programmes been successful in achieving these changes?', the answer is a guarded 'yes', given the limited aims of most investigators. Generalization to the natural environment has only occasionally been established, though it is often not measured. The fourth question is, 'What is the clinical significance of the changes obtained by such programmes and how can future ones be made more clinically relevant?'. The answer to the first part of the question is that, in general, their clinical utility has not been established. Future programmes could be made more clinically relevant if they were integrated with strategies for producing more benign and stimulating environments for mentally handicapped people. [References: 53]
A questionnaire was applied to 159 consecutive patients with smear-positive and 187 with smear-negative pulmonary tuberculosis attending the 8 full-time Government chest clinics in Hong Kong for the first time for their current illness, who had already attended a private practitioner at a private general practice, a private clinic, or an independent hospital, outside the Government or Government-subsidised Service. The aim was to obtain details of management by private practitioners, and in particular of the antituberculosis chemotherapy prescribed. The great majority (86%) of the patients had originally attended a private practitioner because of symptoms. Only 18% had had their sputum examined, although 76% had had a chest radiograph; 65% of the smear-positive and 71% of the smear-negative patients had been told that they had, or might have, tuberculosis. For 40% there was an interval of more than a month between their first attendance at a private practitioner and at a Government chest clinic. Only 11% of the patients were referred without delay to a Government chest clinic, and another 21% once tuberculosis had been diagnosed or suspected. The patients were asked to name the drugs they had been prescribed, to produce samples, or to identify them from a perspex board containing samples of all 49 antituberculosis tablets and capsules known to be available in Hong Kong at the time. In the event, only 11% of the patients could name some or all of their medicaments and only 7% could produce samples, although a further 76% were able to describe them with or without the aid of the perspex board. In all, 19% of the patients were definitely or probably prescribed an antituberculosis regimen, although this was not always an adequate regimen. The findings suggest that there is considerable scope for active case-finding aimed at encouraging patients who are likely to have tuberculosis to attend a Government chest clinic.
Injuries represent the single greatest threat to the health and well-being of US children. A large number of childhood injuries are sustained in schools, yet little is currently known of the epidemiologic features of school-related injuries. A surveillance of injuries occurring in a large, urban school district during a 2-year period was conducted. Nurses in each of the district's 96 schools completed reporting forms on all injuries meeting standardized criteria, and both principals and nurses completed questionnaires on school characteristics that were judged potentially important to the injury rate in individual schools. A total of 5,379 injuries were reported, among the district's 55,000 students, for an overall injury rate of 49 injuries/1,000 student-years. Injury rates were higher for boys than girls at all age levels. Self-caused and sports-related injuries comprised nearly half of all those reported, and 14% were related to use of playground or sports equipment. Eighteen percent of injuries were severe, and playground- and equipment-related injuries were significantly more likely to be severe (P less than .001). Rates of injury among individual schools varied markedly, with schools at the two extremes separated by a 25-fold difference in rates. Higher overall injury rates were found in schools with longer hours, alternative educational programs, less experienced school nurses, and lower student-to-staff ratios (P less than .0001).
predominant. The number of cases has been regularly progressing, particularly since 1976. The fashion in sports is influenced by medias (i.e. skate board), and can be opposed to the continuous practice of popular sports (swimming, ball games, bycycle). There are winter, summer, school timed sports (the latter being influenced by the sportive scholar associations). The most frequent sports are cycling, football playing, swimming and horse riding, athleticism skating, Other are occasional. Changes in sport fashions, female increasing participation, such as horse riding and skating, democratisation (skiing, riding), the worsening of traumas; the pathology concerning bystanders, are described. Cranial and peripheric pathology are dominant. Trunk traumas are scarce but severe. Each sport has an elective pathologic localisation. Injury mechanisms are found, such as stirrup, saddle, ski baton pathology. There is traumatologic similarities; skate board and roller skating; judo and athleticism; cycling and horse riding. Sport in children is not a replica of the one among adults. Riding a bike is not cycling. Some sports are dangerous: cycling, horse riding, rugby. A traumatological outline is revealed. Preventive measures should be taken. The socio-economical cost is heavy

TY - JOUR
ID - 2248
T1 - Playground equipment injuries in a large, urban school district
A1 - Boyce, W.T.
A1 - Sobolewski, S.
A1 - Sprunger, L.W.
A1 - Schaefer, C.
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Arizona
KW - Child
KW - Epidemiologic Methods
KW - Equipment Safety
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Schools
KW - Urban Population
KW - Wounds and Injuries/ep [Epidemiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 984
EP - 986
JF - American Journal of Public Health
JA - Am J Public Health
VL - 74
IS - 9
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - We studied the epidemiologic features of playground equipment-related injuries occurring in a large, urban school district over a two-year period. Nurses in each of the district's 68 elementary schools completed self-coded reporting forms on all injuries meeting standardized criteria. A total of 511 equipment-related injuries were reported, an incidence of 8.9 injuries per 1,000 student-years. One-fourth of the injuries were severe, and climbing equipment was disproportionately represented among playground equipment associated with injuries. Extreme variability was found among school-specific rates of equipment injury, with schools at the two extremes separated by as much as a 40-fold difference in incidence. Two school characteristics--smaller
student enrollments and the presence of alternative educational programs--were significantly associated with higher equipment-related injury rates

TY - JOUR
ID - 2249
T1 - Evaluation of primary health care: approaches, comments and criticisms
A1 - Vaughan,J.P.
A1 - Walt,G.
A1 - Ross,D.
Y1 - 1984/04//
N1 - Vaughan, J P. Walt, G. Ross, D
Tropical doctor
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Journal Article
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Community Health Workers/st [Standards]
KW - Costs and Cost Analysis
KW - Evaluation Studies as Topic
KW - Female
KW - Health Status Indicators
KW - Humans
KW - India
KW - Infant
KW - Newborn
KW - Male
KW - Outcome and Process Assessment (Health Care)
KW - Primary Health Care/st [Standards]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 56
EP - 60
JF - Tropical Doctor
JA - Trop Doct.
VL - 14
IS - 2
CY - ENGLAND
SN - 0049-4755
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2250
T1 - Biological monitoring of lead effects in a smelter community before and after emission control
A1 - Prpic-Majic,D.
A1 - Meczner,J.
A1 - Telisman,S.
A1 - Kersanc,A.
Y1 - 1984/01/27/
N1 - Prpic-Majic, D. Meczner, J. Telisman, S. Kersanc, A
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Biological monitoring of lead effects in specific population groups living in the vicinity of a lead smelter has been followed up after effective emission control, in order to estimate the length of time necessary before the characteristic indicators of increased lead absorption normalize. The period established could be a realistic basis for predicting the time necessary to elapse before a lead contaminated area can be proclaimed as safe for normal living. Three groups of subjects were examined: preschool children, school children and mothers. The biological monitoring included the measurement of delta-aminolevulinic acid dehydratase activity (ALAD) and the concentration of zinc-protoporphyrin (ZPP), blood lead (Pb-B) and hemoglobin (Hb). The results obtained demonstrated a gradual normalization of the characteristic indicators of lead absorption, although they were still outside corresponding values in the control group even four years after the installation of effective emission control. These findings emphasize the advantages of biological monitoring over environmental for objective assessment of internal and external lead exposure following effective engineering control of the emission source.
As part of a longitudinal study of the respiratory health effects of indoor and outdoor air pollutants, pulmonary function, respiratory illness history, and symptom history were recorded at 2 successive annual examinations of 10,106 white children living in 6 cities in the United States. Parental education, illness history, and smoking habits also were recorded, along with the fuel used for cooking in the child's home. Maternal cigarette smoking was associated with increases of 20 to 35% in the rates of 8 respiratory illnesses and symptoms investigated, and paternal smoking was associated with smaller but still substantial increases. Illness and symptom rates were linearly related to the number of cigarettes smoked by the child's mother. Illness rates were higher for children of current smokers than for children of ex-smokers. The associations between maternal smoking status and childhood respiratory illnesses and symptoms were reduced but not eliminated by adjustment for parental illness history. Levels of forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) were significantly lower for children of current smokers than for children of nonsmokers at both examinations and highest for children of ex-smokers. Levels of forced vital capacity (FVC) were lower for children of nonsmokers than for children of current smokers at both examinations, but the difference was statistically significant only at the first examination. Both the increase in mean FVC and the decrease in mean FEV1 among children of current smokers were linearly related to daily cigarette consumption. None of the respiratory illnesses and symptoms studied was significantly associated with exposure to gas cooking in the child's home. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)
The relative effectiveness of a structured physical fitness program was compared with that of the customary organized activities for fifth grade students. The level of fitness was compared at the beginning and end of the nine-month academic year as well as after the three-month summer recess during which time no structured program was offered. The experimental group showed significant improvement over the control group in flexibility, strength and endurance during the school year; part of that improvement was maintained over the summer months; the physical fitness program had a positive influence on the general activity level of the students and was adopted by nine of the other 10 classrooms in the experimental school.
An endemic version of the Good Behavior Game was applied in a rural Sudanese second-grade classroom. Official letters of commendation, extra time for recess, victory tags, and a winner's chart were used as backup reinforcers. The class was divided into two teams, and the teacher indicated she would place a check on the board after every rule violation. The students were also told that the team with the fewest marks would win the game and receive the aforementioned prizes. After an initial adaptation period, the rate of disruption was charted across four treatment phases: viz., baseline I, introduction of the game, baseline II, and reintroduction of the game. It was observed that the game phases were associated with marked decreases in the rate of seat leaving, talking without permission, and aggression. The teacher, principal, parents, and students were consequently individually interviewed, and their comments spoke strongly for the social validity of the game.

Child dental services in Denmark were legally defined in 1971 and have functioned under this law for about a decade. Although no operational goals were defined, it is fair to say that the activities and results of the service have lived up to the expectations held at the inception of the law. The evaluation and planning system has made it possible to monitor developments in health as well as the use of resources. There have been consistent trends towards improved dental health in children and at the same time no increases in the use of personnel. There is general agreement in society that child services should remain a public activity. Pressures upon the services in the years to come must be expected to mount due to increased competition for scarce resources, simultaneous improvement in dental health and a reduction in the number of children. These
pressures will stimulate a re-examination of goals within the service so that appropriate short and long term local action can be taken before outside influences force changes with deleterious effects on the structure and function of the service. The success of the service and its ultimate achievements, therefore, will have to be measured against its abilities to adapt to changes in health as well as to an economic situation which will be more demanding than hitherto.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2255
T1 - Reflections on parenting: a multigenerational perspective
A1 - Taylor,D.
Y1 - 1983/09//
N1 - Taylor, D
Family process
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adaptation
KW - Psychological
KW - Adult
KW - Attitude to Death
KW - Child
KW - Child Rearing
KW - Female
KW - Grief
KW - Humans
KW - Male
KW - Parent-Child Relations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 341
EP - 346
JF - Family Process
JA - Fam Process
VL - 22
IS - 3
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - This paper presents some of the underlying patterns of parenting that have emerged from six years of ethnographic field research into the role of the family in children's acquisition and use of reading and writing skills. The research has provided some insights into the many complex and interrelated ways that children's literate activities are mediated and affected by multigenerational family patterns and by their personal experience of everyday life both within and outside the family. Two central themes are discussed: the spirit of change, which breaks the patterns of the past and brings new interpretations into the present, and the spirit of conservation, which maintains the continuation of family patterns from one generation to the next. Also described are the important parental attitudes of social flexibility and resiliency that are frequently evident in these processes of conservation and change of multigenerational patterns. One specific family story provides the background for the theoretical issues that are explored
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UR - 6628647
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2256
T1 - T-cell maturation in the human thymus and tonsil: peanut agglutinin binding T lymphocytes in thymus and tonsil differ in maturation stage
A1 - Schuurman,H.J.
A1 - Brekelmans,P.
A1 - Daemen,T.
A1 - Broekhuizen,R.
A1 - Kater,L.
Y1 - 1983/11//
N1 - Schuurman, H J. Brekelmans, P. Daemen, T. Broekhuizen, R. Kater, L
Clinical immunology and immunopathology
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Cell Separation mt [Methods]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Lectins me [Metabolism]
KW - Lymphocyte Activation
KW - Palatine Tonsil cy [Cytology]
KW - Peanut Agglutinin
KW - T-Lymphocytes ph [Physiology]
KW - Thymus Gland cy [Cytology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 271
EP - 281
JF - Clinical Immunology & Immunopathology
JA - Clin Immunol Immunopathol
VL - 29
IS - 2
CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - The finding of peanut agglutinin (PNA) binding capacity, supposed to be a marker of immature lymphocytes, within the T-cell population of the human thymus (58%) and tonsil (10%) prompted the comparison of maturation stages of PNA binding (PNA+) and nonbinding (PNA-) T cells in both organs. The proliferative response after mitogenic stimulation of purified PNA+ fractions was significantly less than that of purified PNA- fractions. The results of mitogen dose-response experiments, of variation in time of culture harvest, and of addition of irradiated allogeneic peripheral blood non-T cells indicated the intrinsic mitogen unresponsiveness of cells in the PNA+ fractions. The mitogen response of tonsil fractions was higher than that of thymocyte fractions. Cells with an immature immunologic phenotype were enriched in the thymocyte PNA+ fraction, and almost absent in the tonsil fractions. Both tonsil fractions contained cells with the immunologic phenotype of mature T cells, and showed a purine interconversion enzyme makeup comparable to mature T lymphocytes. It is concluded that the tonsil PNA+ T cell is a functionally immature lymphocyte which is in a further maturation stage than PNA+ or PNA- thymocytes. The presence of PNA+ T cells outside the thymus is of relevance for the clinical evaluation of PNA binding assays and suggests the occurrence of T-cell maturation within the tonsil environment
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2257
T1 - Nutrition and iodine versus genetic factors in endemic goiter
A1 - Sanchez, Franco F.
A1 - Cacicedo, L.
Consanguinity has been considered to be the major factor responsible for the high incidence of goiter in the area of Las Hurdes in Spain. However, iodine deficiency was later found to be severe enough to account for endemic goiter, and the presence of cretins in this area. Children from very similar family and socioeconomic backgrounds were found to be on three different nutritional programs, depending on the schools they were attending, and it appeared of interest to determine the effect of nutrition on the goiter incidence in children from the same population. Total iodine, nitrogen, and creatinine concentrations were measured in casual urine samples. All three were found to change in parallel in the different subpopulations. They were low in schoolchildren receiving most of their meals at home. Such meals were composed of locally grown food. They were normal in children living in a boarding school, where all of the food is provided from outside the area. They were intermediate in children from a day care center, who received only some meals from an outside source. In the boarding school, goiter incidence was 21%, as opposed to 87% for schoolchildren fed at home. Such results indicate that in this area consanguinity plays a minor role, if any, in the high incidence of goiter.

TY - JOUR
ID - 2258
T1 - Very young children's memory for the location of objects in a large-scale environment
A1 - DeLoache, J.S.
A1 - Brown, A.L.
Y1 - 1983/08//
N1 - DeLoache, J S. Brown, A L
Child development
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Child Development
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Cognition
KW - Cues
KW - Discrimination Learning
KW - Female
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Memory
KW - Mental Recall
KW - Orientation
KW - Pattern Recognition
KW - Visual
KW - Social Environment
KW - Space Perception
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 888
EP - 897
JF - Child Development
JA - Child Dev
VL - 54
IS - 4

Cultural factors in the epidemiology of filariasis due to Brugia malayi in an endemic community in Malaysia
A1 - Riji,H.M.
Y1 - 1983/03//
A study was carried out to identify some of the cultural factors in the epidemiology of filariasis in an endemic community in Malaysia. The viewpoint of the community, data on responses on knowledge of illness and filariasis, host related factors, health examination, vector study were analysed and discussed. The observations noted on cultural factors were: Occupational pattern: Different agricultural occupations seemed to be related to transmission in terms of body exposure. Activities not related to production of crops: Play groups in late afternoon, bathing of household members near and after sunset, congregations at prayer houses very much exposed the population to mosquito bites in different degree in terms of length of time spent outside the house. Knowledge of filariasis: Filariasis was understood in terms of elephantiasis, the chronic stage of the disease. Other signs of disease—adenolymphangitis, red lines running down one or both legs and abscess were generally recognized but not often annotated with specific disease. Attitude toward disease: Filariasis was not seen as a health problem and the idea of filarial worms was still hard to believe. Knowledge on disease causation: Biological causes were generally recognized, though the idea of bacteria was not widespread.
Three hundred and seventy-four cases of nasopharyngeal carcinoma (NPC) recorded in the Sudan Cancer Registry (SCR) and 512 cases seen at the Radiation and Isotope Centre, Khartoum (RICK) were analysed. NPC formed 5.8% of all cancer cases in the SCR and 7.2% at the RICK; this is the highest frequency so far reported outside the Chinese. The male/female ratio was 3:1; NPC was the commonest tumour in males at the RICK (12.1%) and second commonest in the SCR (9.2%). It tended to occur in younger patients (youngest, 3 yr), with 14 and 12.1% of cases in children 14 yr or under in the SCR and RICK respectively; it is the commonest childhood malignancy in the Sudan. The ethnic and geographical distribution of the cases showed that racial susceptibility played a significant role in the aetiology of NPC in the Sudan whereas environmental factors could be excluded; however, Epstein-Barr virus might be an exciting factor.
To examine the role of early excision and grafting in the preservation of maximal function of hands with deep dermal burns, we prospectively evaluated 164 burned hands in consecutively admitted patients (mean age, 29 years; mean burn size, 37% of body surface). All hands with burn depths of second degree, deep second degree, or third degree above the level of the tendons and joint capsules were assessed preoperatively, intraoperatively, and at discharge from the hospital. Patients were treated by excision and grafting in the first or second postburn week, by delayed grafting alone, or by allowing primary healing. Total active range of motion measurements were made on the day of discharge (mean, 64th postoperative day). Mean operative blood loss per hand was 1,270 ml. When all (alive and dead) patients undergoing early excision and grafting were examined by a binomial probability model, early surgery was shown to produce no adverse affect on survival. Excision and grafting of hands with deep dermal burns, whether early or late, offered no advantage over physical therapy and primary healing in maintaining hand function. Likewise, hands with more superficial burns responded equally to operative and nonoperative treatment. While early excision and grafting of hands with third-degree burns tended to produce poorer results than did initial nonoperative care and late grafting, the differences are just outside the range of significance. Early excision and grafting of selected third-degree injuries of the hands may be indicated in patients with small total body surface burns in order to shorten hospital stay. However, early surgical intervention in patients with massive burns should be directed toward area coverage, not toward hand excision.
Small silicone rubber tubes containing a standard size viscose cellulose sponge (Cellstic) were implanted in wounds of 23 children at the end of routine surgery. The Cellstics were drawn out of the wounds 1-4 days after implantation. Single cells and cell aggregates, called cell aggregation centers (CAC), were washed out of the Cellstic sponges by the retrograde injection technique, centrifuged, studied histologically and histochemically for cytochrome oxidase activity. Small leukocytic CACs and solitary cells, also including some macrophages and a few endothelial cells, were observed on the first postoperative day. On the second postoperative day and thereafter 2-4 endothelial cells were attached to each other surrounding a lumen. These capillary segment-looking formations (CSF) resembled capillary segments and they were seen both inside and outside the (now larger) CACs. Outside the CACs solitary endothelial cells occasionally exhibited ring-like formations. High cytochrome oxidase activity was observed especially in many CSFs but the solitary and the ring-shaped endothelial cells, in- and outside the CACs, also showed intense oxidative metabolism.
Child rearing practices and attitudes were investigated using a questionnaire, among 75 families with 31-60-month-old children in poor suburban Kingston. A pattern emerged of many social contacts, outdoor activities and authoritarian discipline. While teaching and preparation for school were highly regarded, there was little conscious effort to foster cognitive and language development through play. Child rearing appears to reflect the influences of an African heritage, Western urbanization and poverty. Items from the questionnaire were used to devise an index of stimulation. Developmental assessments (DQs) were performed on a subgroup of 45 children. The results correlated positively with the index of stimulation.
Behavioral school psychology goes outdoors: the effect of organized games on playground aggression

A1 - Murphy, H.A.
A1 - Hutchison, J.M.
A1 - Bailey, J.S.
Y1 - 1983///

This research focuses on the inappropriate, largely aggressive, behaviors of 344 K-2 children assigned to a playground prior to the beginning of the school day. Initially, a system for observing large numbers of children...
freely roaming over a large, open area was developed. This observational method was then used to determine the effectiveness of providing organized games for reducing potentially dangerous playground behaviors. Using a reversal (ABAB) design, it was found that the games, rope jumping, and foot racing, along with an infrequently used time-out procedure, significantly reduced the frequency of inappropriate incidents. It is suggested that when dealing with large groups, antecedent environmental manipulations may be more practical than providing consequences for the behaviors exhibited by identified individuals.

N2 - Three members of the same family were found to have a clotting defect consistent with the diagnosis of heterozygous factor X Friuli disorder. The main features of the defect were a mild prolongation of prothrombin time and partial thromboplastin time, but a normal Stypven-Cephal clotting time. Factor X activity was 40-50% of normal using tissue thromboplastin, but was perfectly normal using Russell's viper venom and cephalin. Using chromogenic substrate S-2222 the level was 30% of normal. Immunologically, factor X was normal. Bleeding manifestations were mild if any. The hereditary pattern was autosomal. The family comes from an area far away from Friuli and represents the first example of factor X Friuli discovered outside the Friuli

TY - JOUR
ID - 2266
T1 - A family with heterozygous factor X Friuli defect outside Friuli
A1 - Girolami, A.
A1 - Lazzarin, M.
A1 - Procidano, M.
A1 - Luzzatto, G.
Y1 - 1983/03/
N1 - Girolami, A. Lazzarin, M. Procidano, M. Luzzatto, G
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Case Reports. Journal Article. Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't
English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Adult
KW - Blood Coagulation Disorders/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Blood Coagulation Disorders/ge [Genetics]
KW - Child
KW - Factor X
KW - Female
KW - Heterozygote
KW - Humans
KW - Italy
KW - Partial Thromboplastin Time
KW - Pedigree
KW - Prothrombin Time
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 149
EP - 154
JF - Blut
VL - 46
IS - 3
CY - GERMANY, WEST
N2 - Three members of the same family were found to have a clotting defect consistent with the diagnosis of heterozygous factor X Friuli disorder. The main features of the defect were a mild prolongation of prothrombin time and partial thromboplastin time, but a normal Stypven-Cephal clotting time. Factor X activity was 40-50% of normal using tissue thromboplastin, but was perfectly normal using Russell's viper venom and cephalin. Using chromogenic substrate S-2222 the level was 30% of normal. Immunologically, factor X was normal. Bleeding manifestations were mild if any. The hereditary pattern was autosomal. The family comes from an area far away from Friuli and represents the first example of factor X Friuli discovered outside the Friuli
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Standardized questions were put to the parents of 530 children, referred consecutively for evaluation of asthma, to determine which features in the history were associated with house-dust mite allergy. Bronchial challenge tests performed on 19 of the children confirmed that there is a highly significant association between a positive skin prick test and a positive bronchial challenge test to Dermatophagoides farinae mite antigen. One hundred and eighteen (23%) of the children had positive prick tests to the mite. There is a highly significant association between a positive prick test to mite and a history that the subject's respiratory symptoms become worse when there is exposure to domestic activity that stirs up house dust (vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, making the bed, or shaking out blankets) or that the symptoms improve when outdoors. Seasonal variation and other features in the history are of little value in distinguishing mite-sensitive from mite-insensitive asthmatics. Although the 4% whose only positive prick test reaction was to mite had significant worsening of asthma during the colder months compared with the remainder, most mite-positive subjects had multiple allergies and had no characteristic seasonal pattern. The presence of a positive prick test to mite was not associated with aggravation of asthma either at night in bed or in the morning on awakening. A history similar to that of mite-sensitive subjects was elicited in those with a positive prick test to house dust. A positive history of house dust or house-dust mite allergy in asthmatics is one in which respiratory symptoms become worse during domestic activity that stirs up house dust or improve when outdoors.
In angulated long bone malunions in children, bone architectural changes arise which act consistently in kind, location, and direction, while the associated bone strain-stress patterns become definable as qualitative differences from the norm. Comparison of such information reveals that bone architectural adaptations correlate one-to-one with dynamic flexural strain orientation and magnitude but not with any single principal stress. The above plus other facts suggest six axioms which can explain many of the observed architectural adaptations of lamellar bone in response to specific mechanical bone-loading phenomena in normal as well as pathologic states. In essence those axioms state: In growing mammals and under repetitive, uniformly oriented, nontrivial, dynamic flexural strains, all lamellar bone surfaces drift in the concave-tending direction. As a result of these strains, a bone would adopt a size and configuration that minimize its flexural deformation during normal activities. The axioms provide reasonable explanations for inwaisting of vertebral bodies and long bone metaphyses, correction of malunions, increasing outside diameter and cortical thickness during growth, circular, elliptical, and triangular cross-sections, natural curvatures of whole bones, many architectural changes due to neuromotor abnormalities arising in early life, and the more rapid modeling seen in very young children or after recent fractures. [References: 45]
A major problem encountered with autistic children is their characteristic self-stimulatory behavior, which frequently interferes with on-task responding and other appropriate behaviors. However, the experimental literature suggests that with many populations, increased physical activity might positively influence subsequent responding. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate the use of increased physical activity (in this experiment, jogging) as a possible method of decreasing subsequent self-stimulatory behaviors as well as increasing subsequent appropriate responding. Seven autistic children with exceptionally high levels of self-stimulatory behavior participated in the investigation. Self-stimulatory and appropriate behaviors were measured both before and after jogging in a repeated-reversal design. The results demonstrated the following: (1) Brief jogging sessions produced decreases in subsequent levels of self-stimulatory behaviors and also produced increases in appropriate play and academic responding; (2) These changes after jogging were evident in three different experimental settings: during academic responding on preschool level tasks in a clinic; during ball-playing in an outside play area; and in a quiet room, while no other activity was occurring; (3) Supplementary measures obtained in an applied classroom setting showed a similar relationship with both increases in on-task activity and general interest ratings for school tasks following the jogging sessions.
In view of evaluating the global efficiency of the epidemiologic investigation in relation to its area an analysis was carried out of 127 investigations involving 1252 tb contacts. The contacts were classified in three groups: intrafamilial and intradomiciliary, intrafamilial but outside the home, and extrafamilial and outside the home; the results of the examinations were compared between them on the one hand and with the proportion of allergic children (51.6%) and the instantaneous prevalence of bacilli eliminating cases (0.31%) on the other hand. These were obtained in an area with a high endemic ratio of tuberculosis, following integral biological and radiophotographic case-finding. Children who were tb contacts, belonging to the first group also included the highest proportion of allergies (48.3%) while in the other two groups the number of allergic children was similar to that of allergic children in the locality with a high endemic ratio of tuberculosis. The radiophotographic examination of adults who were contacts of tuberculous patients showed that the lowest proportion of tuberculous patients with active tuberculosis (0.4%), which was found in the third group, was still above the instantaneous prevalence of bacilliferic patients from the area with high ratio of endemic tuberculosis. In conclusion, the present technical structure of epidemiological investigations corresponds to the actual level of the endemy and no group of contacts can be excluded from the investigation.
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was attempted in 222 cases of sudden death at the City Hospital, Reykjavik, during 1976-79. Of the 68 patients (31%) successfully resuscitated, 47 died in the hospital and 21 (9%) were discharged, 17 in good mental and physical condition. The mean combined response and transport time was 12.1 min and the ambulance mean time of response 7.3 min. The first ECG revealed considerable prognostic indications. Of the 90 patients who had ventricular fibrillation on admission, 42 (47%) were successfully resuscitated and 18 (20%) were subsequently discharged. Among 114 patients with asystole, resuscitation was successful in 23 (20%) and two (2%) were discharged. Immediate first aid in situ had a definite prognostic influence. These results compare favourably with those obtained elsewhere where the organization of first aid and emergency transport is similar. They do not, however, match the results achieved by fully specialized resuscitation teams trained to operate outside the hospital. Results of CPR of patients with cardiac arrest out of hospital in Reykjavik show increasing improvement over the years. This may be partly explained by a considerable public debate on this issue in 1978 and subsequent streamlining of activities.
About 34 p.c. of the patients coming from Mannheim or outskirts treated in the child and adolescent psychiatric clinic situated in the centre of Mannheim attended a kindergarten, a public school or being at work outside the clinic while in part-time patient treatment or before release. These patients scored somewhat but not significantly higher on intelligence tests, had better school attainment and consisted of a relatively higher proportion of females compared with patients who were not involved in activities outside the clinic. Diagnostically a somewhat greater number of psychosis, neurotic/emotional disorders were found among the part-time group and they showed also more associations with abnormal familial background, a higher proportion of part-time patients were not discharged to their families and have been treated for a longer time respectively. Not related to the length of treatment a significantly more positive successful treatment could be demonstrated among the part-time group. Particular aspects of a more realistic approach of treatment are discussed.

Excessive daytime sleepiness: a 1-year study in an unselected inpatient population

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A prospective epidemiological investigation of excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) was carried out in an unselected inpatient population admitted to a general hospital during a 1-year period. The study comprised 2518 patients, 1347 female and 1171 male, aged 6-92 years (mean, 55.2). On the basis of histories and clinical and polysomnographic data, EDS was found in 28 cases (1.11%). Of these, 25 (0.99%; 18 female and 7 male; mean age, 61.3) had sleep apnea syndromes (SAS) with predominantly obstructive apnea. Two patients (0.07%; one female and one male; mean age, 65.5) had idiopathic CNS hypersomnia, and one male patient (0.03%) aged 48 years had a combination of narcolepsy and SAS. Differences and agreements of our findings with previous literature data are discussed. The present study shows that in an unselected inpatient population, EDS is a relatively common sleep disorder, usually found in mild to moderate forms. Because it is not severe, it disturbs only relatively domestic activities of elderly retired patients or others who do not work outside the home, and is often masked by other troubles. For these reasons, EDS in the aging population may pass unnoticed in epidemiological studies based only on data from sleep disorder centers.
Classroom peer perceptions of 18 teacher-nominated hyperactive and 18 teacher-nominated active but normal elementary school-age boys, as revealed in two sociometric measures (Bower's Class Play, like-dislike nomination), were compared. Results indicated that hyperactives were significantly different from actives on all sociometric measures in that they were perceived more negatively. Peer communication patterns also were assessed. The communicative content, communicative quality, and attention to task instructions of hyperactive boys were compared to those of comparison boys. Limited support was found for the earlier finding that hyperactive boys were less likely than comparison boys to modulate behavior in response to changing external cues and to respond to subtle social learning opportunities. The communication task was found to be highly engaging for both groups of boys, and results suggest that hyperactive children may not lack the interpersonal skills necessary for referential communication, although they may be unable to use them consistently in all settings. The need to continue the study of peer relations of hyperactive children in naturalistic settings is stressed.
instable and can therefore be relatively easily removed by special hygienic measures. As an example of the latter we can mention the use of a special regime of exercise (Yu. M. Pratusevich et al., 1975), addition of supplementary factors of nutrition to the diet of the time the children spend in the fresh air engaging in outdoor games (Yu. M. Pratusevich, 1964)

This study addressed the problem of the intraindividual consistency of a class of coercive child behaviors across two school settings. Observational data collected on eight coercive behaviors of 53 boys in classrooms and on the playground. Previous Guttman scale analyses had shown that these eight coercive behaviors constituted a response class. The rates of the eight coercive responses in the response class were rank-ordered separately for each of the 53 subjects in each of the two settings. The intraindividual rank-order correlations were all positive, and 37 were statistically reliable. This number of significant correlations was further shown to be significantly greater than chance. It was concluded that there is a substantial amount of cross-situational consistency if intraindividual analyses are done for individuals.

Quantitative regional blood-flow analysis and its clinical application during routine bone-scanning

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A method of combined dynamic and static bone-imaging using technetium 99-labeled phosphonate is described. During the dynamic part of the study, immediately after intravenous injection of the radionuclide, counts per second were recorded over a period of time for analogous regions of normal and diseased bones. The counts per second then were plotted against time to give time-activity curves for each of these regions. The time-activity curves were divided into arterial, venous, and blood-pool phases. Each phase was integrated and then divided by the time-span of the phase to give average total counts per unit of time. The values of these normalized integrals were directly proportional to the blood flow to the regions of bone from which they were calculated. Ratios of normalized integrals from the analogous regions of the diseased bone to the normal bone were calculated to determine whether the blood flow to the diseased bone was decreased or increased. Static images of the bone structures analyzed during the dynamic portion of the study were obtained two hours after the initial injection of the radionuclide and the total number of counts for analogous regions on the static images of the normal and diseased bones were static images of the normal and diseased bones were recorded. The total number of counts for each region was divided by the area of that region to give average total counts. Ratios of the normalized counts were calculated for analogous regions of the diseased to the normal bone to determine whether there was an increase or decrease in concentration of the radionuclide. The method first was used to evaluate hip pain in children and adults. In order to recognize an abnormal result, mean values and two standard deviations were calculated for the dynamic and static ratios in a group of fifty patients who had no clinical complaints about the hips or lower extremities. Any ratios outside of the range of two standard deviations were considered abnormal. The method later was used to evaluate other bones, such as the tibia and humerus. Any value for the ratios beyond 1 +/- 0.20 was considered abnormal for these studies.
N2 - 45 males and 45 females between 7 and 8 years of age were acquired to catch rubber playground balls which varied in both size and color. Prior to the administration of the criterion catch test, subjects indicated their choice for a preferred color ball. Analysis indicated that the 6-in. balls (diameter) were caught significantly better than were 10-in. balls. Although the main effect of ball color was nonsignificant, the children caught balls of preferred color significantly better than those of non-preferred colors. Males scored significantly higher than the females on the catching task.
Social workers have played an integral role in the treatment of psychiatric patients in hospitals since the earliest days of the 20th century. At first totally dependent on the support and approval of the medical profession, psychiatric social work later became professionalized and began to take responsibility for a wide variety of duties in the institution. Through a study of private and voluntary hospitals, the authors found that despite decades of acceptance by medical staff, the social worker today functions in an environment where final administrative authority on hiring staff and deciding the need for social work services often falls outside the social work department. The survey also identifies the relative importance of various professional duties and the impact of social work on institution decision-making. Involvement by social workers in patient discharge planning could well ensure the future of social work in hospitals in a time of tight budgets, they conclude.
In assessing some of the existing patterns and future possibilities in child health care it was found that the continuing large social class differences in morbidity and mortality may be attributed to continued poverty, both of income and therefore of diet, and also to environmental deprivation. The absence of safe places for children to play, for example, is related to the high accident rates experienced by children. Doctors admit to awareness of these social and environmental causes of unnecessary morbidity and mortality among children but have failed to address the causes directly. While the causes are outside the immediate professional provenance of doctors, it is argued that, aware as they are of this aetiology, they have a moral and professional responsibility to act collectively as a pressure group urging improvements on the relevant authorities (as they have done in the case of smoking and clean air, for example).
A review of 233 cases of childhood strangulation was made to determine injury epidemiology. Consistent patterns of injury were observed. Crib and playground equipment strangulations are already the subject of Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) preventative regulations. High chair-, playpen mesh-, pacifier cord-, and clothing-related injuries would be amenable to prevention by improved product safety regulation. The CPSC has been petitioned to remedy the first two of these hazards. Many crib and rope strangulations can only be prevented by direct patient counseling. Although Congress empowered and required the CPSC to recognize and correct unsafe products, its surveillance systems may obscure the very design defects that cause injury. Likewise, political considerations may slow enactment of new design regulations. Physicians who treat childhood accident victims are in a position to recognize hazardous products and lobby for their improvement. Of the 233 cases 38 were further evaluated to delineate the clinical course of childhood strangulation. Victims who fail to resume normal cardiopulmonary function by the time of hospitalization have a poor prognosis for neurologic recovery with current modes of therapy. Improved treatment of hypoxic and ischemic cerebral injury might prevent some of the deaths and handicaps resulting from strangulation.
Matched pairs of hyperactive and normally active children were observed in six natural classroom settings and a number of specific behaviors continuously recorded. Both groups of children showed differences in behavior as a function of settings (selected to vary in amount of external stimulation and structure), but only certain settings differentiated hyperactive from control children. Hyperactive children displayed significantly more noise-vocalization and more disruptive and off-task behavior in the most frequently observed (low stimulation) classroom settings (e.g., seat work). Type of off-task behavior (out-of-seat or visually off-task) depended upon amount of classroom structure (i.e., teacher- vs. self-directed). Results were discussed in terms of their implications for identification and treatment of hyperactive children through the modification of the antecedent conditions of stimulation and structure.
Caloric intake and expenditure of children in four families were assessed by nonparticipant observations of family dinners and school lunches. In each family there were one obese boy and one nonobese brother whose ages were within two years of each other. For family dinners the nonobese brother served as a control; for school lunches, a nonobese peer served as a control. The obese boys consumed more calories (766 +/- 290) than did their nonobese brothers at dinner (504 +/- 183) and far more (907 +/- 217) than their nonobese peers at lunch (500 +/- 386). The obese boys also ate faster (65.7 +/- 37.0 kcal/minute) than their brothers at dinner (31.7 +/- 13.8 kcal/minute) and far faster (103.5 +/- 40.9 kcal/minute) than their nonobese peers at lunch (46.2 +/- 22.5 kcal/minute). Time-sampled activity assessments showed the obese boys far less active than their controls inside the home, slightly less active outside the home, and equally active at school. When these activity values were converted into energy expenditure by measurement of oxygen consumption, obese boys expended more calories in moving than did their controls; as a result, there was no difference in energy expenditure between obese and nonobese boys at home and greater energy expenditure outside the home and at school. Increased intake, thus, and not decreased caloric output maintained the obesity of these four boys. In this respect, obesity in childhood may differ from obesity in adult life.

Behavioral epidemiology of food additives

Behavioral toxicology in the natural environment can be considered a special branch of epidemiology. Behavioral epidemiology, because it typically relies on complex functional criteria, faces all of the problems of behavior measurement posed by uncontrollable variation, and amplified even further by chemical exposure. Many such issues arose in a study of behavioral responses to artificial food colors in children. Difficulties in employing Applied Behavioral Analysis in such a context ran the gamut from selection of retrospective criteria to appropriate statistical models.
The use of time, division of household chores, and the use of resources outside the immediate family has been studied in 22 families with a spina bifida child aged between 4-6 years and compared with 22 families having a normal child of the same age group. In the families with a spina bifida child, both parents spent more time in child care, and depended more upon friends and parents and neighbours. The mothers experienced lack of sleep and increased stress.
The Leishmanin skin test was performed on 1353 people in a kala-azar endemic region of south-west Ethiopia. Physical examinations were also carried out on 2723. Two of these individuals, both males, had active visceral leishmaniasis with Leishmania organisms demonstrated by spleen puncture. Two other males, including one member of the research team, had parasitologically proven cutaneous leishmaniasis. Because there was negligible migration and little movement of individuals outside of their tribal territories, the geographical distribution of skin test positivity and clinical findings could be determined and correlated with environmental parameters. The level of positive skin tests for the groups tested ranged from over 64% for the three tribes collectively inhabiting the lower regions of the Omo Valley (altitude approx. 500 m) to 6.4% for the Suri tribe, which lives at 1400 m. Skin test positivity was highest in areas of deeply fissuring montmorillonite soils and where Phlebotomus langeroni orientalis have been collected. Termite mounds of the pipe-organ type seemed to occur independently of the proportion of positive skin tests, possibly because alternative resting and breeding sites for sandflies were available in the cotton clay soil or because of the cultural patterns of the people. Almost always, males had a markedly higher prevalence of positive skin tests than did females. The degree of positivity was strongly correlated with increasing age, most positive conversions occurring in the ten to 20 year olds, the age at which males join cattle camps as part of their herding activities. Splenomegaly reached a prevalence of nearly 50% among the Hamar speaking people to the east of the Omo River, where the pattern of disease suggests malaria as the principal cause. Hepatomegaly, however, was highest in the lower Omo Basin among the Nyangatom, Dassanech and Kerre, where hydatid disease was a major cause of liver enlargement, but seemed unrelated to the proportion of positive Leishmanin skin tests.
Death certificates for 1977 filed with the New York State Department of Health were studied to determine where people died. Data were examined by the location and cause of death and by the age, sex, race, and marital status of the decedent. Comparisons were made with a similar study in which U.S. data were used for 1958 events. Approximately 60 percent of all the 1977 deaths in upstate New York occurred in hospitals; only 27 percent occurred outside an institution. The location of death varied by all the factors studied. Within all age categories, males had a higher percentage of hospital deaths. In those age categories in which nursing home deaths comprised a significant proportion of total deaths, females had a higher percentage of such deaths than males. Differences in the location of death according to its cause reflect the nature of the cause of death, for example, whether it was of sudden onset or the result of chronic disease. Most people do not consider in advance where they might die. The idea that age, sex, and marital status, as well as the more obvious cause, all play a part in the location may seem surprising. Yet all these factors were found to be associated with the location of deaths in upstate New York, and there is no reason to believe that this association does not hold true for the entire nation. More research, however, needs to be done based on more years and other geographic status may be instructive as to the present state of health resources.
The symptom pattern previously delineated as the stress response syndrome in a mental health setting was hypothesized to be useful in conceptualizing reactions to a traumatic event in a nonpsychiatric patient population. The experience of loss resulting from nonelective hysterectomy for benign disease in women of childbearing age was selected as a relevant field study model. Twenty-eight women were studied one year after hysterectomy, using extensive psychological interviewing by women clinicians and experiential rating scales. Twelve subjects had a mild stress response syndrome, and five subjects had a serious level of intrusive and avoidant symptoms. Increasing severity of response was associated with persisting child wish, deterioration in sexual functioning, and change in self-concept. Women who did well postoperatively generally had no future wish for children and were actively committed to achievement outside of the home.
Joseph's disease: an autosomal dominant neurological disease in the Portuguese of the United States and the Azores Islands

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Our objective has been to trace Joseph's disease to its geographic origins and to determine the spectrum of clinical manifestations. This goal we have achieved by documenting type I and II disease within the Joseph and Sousa families. The major neuropathologic findings are a progressive neuronal loss involving the striatum, nigra, dentate nucleus of the cerebellum, and lower motor neurons in the brainstem and spinal cord. The homozygote form of the disease produces type I disease with onset in early childhood of progressive dystonia, athetosis, and spasticity. Type I disease tends to have its onset by age 25 years in heterozygotes and lasts about 15 years on the average. Type II disease, which we consider the result of a single dose of the mutant gene, usually begins somewhat later and runs its course over a 20-year period. Type III disease documented in the Thomas family is the most benign. Its onset is often in the fifth decade, and it progresses slowly into the eighth decade. Patients may benefit from antiparkinson medication including dihydroxyphenylalanine and anticholinergic agents (e.g., amantadine). A molecular marker for the disease is being sought actively, and several interesting patterns have already been documented by means of patient fibroblast cultures and two-dimensional acrylamide gel protein separations. The mutant gene is clearly outside the HLA complex but may be linked to it. The only biochemical change noted thus far is a reduced CSF level of HVA that probably reflects the loss of dopamine-synthesizing neurons in the substantia nigra and is thus a secondary effect of disease. Although the disease is a very old one which we can trace back to the early 19th century on the island of Flores, it may be recurring de novo by new gene mutations at an unstable gene locus in a genetically vulnerable population. Now that the spectrum of clinical expression has been identified and the mode of inheritance established as an autosomal dominant wherever the disease has been found, it is believed that its true incidence will become more evident by virtue of better detection and that the true incidence will actually increase because of increased assimilation of affected persons into other ethnic groups.
The activities of five mitochondrial enzymes tested in liver from patients with Reye's syndrome were measured. Citrate synthase, glutamic dehydrogenase, succinic dehydrogenase, pyruvate carboxylase, and pyruvate dehydrogenase were all outside of the range shown by control samples and well below them in activity. The activity of two extramitochondrial enzymes, glucose-6-phosphatase, which is a microsomal enzyme, and fructose-1,6-diphosphatase, which is a soluble enzyme, were within the normal range in samples from Reye's syndrome patients. In both muscle and brain the activities of the mitochondrial enzyme, citrate synthase, glutamic dehydrogenase, and succinic dehydrogenase were all within the control range. Pyruvate dehydrogenase was found to be normal in muscle from these patients.
The activity of adenosine deaminase (EC 3.5.4.4.) was significantly lower in lymphocytes from patients with lung cancer than in those from healthy subjects, whereas the activity of purine nucleoside phosphorylase (EC 2.4.2.1.) was significantly higher in lymphocytes from the patients than in those from normal controls. When the one activity was plotted against the other, the plots for patients with lung cancer were all outside the frame formed by the lower and higher limits of the standard deviation of the mean of normal activities of the two enzymes. The ratio of adenosine deaminase activity to purine nucleoside phosphorylase activity was lower in patients with lung cancer than in controls. The possible effect of this ratio on the function of lymphocytes was briefly discussed. These enzyme activities were suggested to be useful measures of the immune responsiveness of patients with lung cancer.
A group of sixteen children suffering from osteoarticular tuberculosis were seen over the past five years in the Belgrade Paediatric Surgery Clinic. This disease is now extremely rare and effects chiefly children born outside maternity departments and not receiving BCG vaccination at birth for different reasons. The osteoarticular tuberculosis rate in the Socialist Republic of Serbia over this period was thus one in 500,000 children. The disease is three times as common in male children, most often affecting the hip and presenting above all at about the age of nine. At the time of admission, eight children had tuberculosis lesions affecting the lungs, visible and active or latent, partially or completely. In five children, one of the parents was receiving treatment for active pulmonary tuberculosis at the time of onset of the disease. Conservative treatment (immobilisation, tuberculous bacteriostatic therapy and general measures) was used in fifteen children and only one underwent surgery, in addition to the standard treatment described. In only one child, there was ankylosis of the hip and the end of treatment, the others having less sequelae of returning completely to normal. In one girl, osteoarticular tuberculosis was complicated by exsudative tuberculosis pericarditis.
Among 225 skateboard accidents treated at the Children's Hospital, Sheffield, in 8 months from August 1977, there were 92 fractures (40.9 per cent), of which 19 required manipulation under general anesthetic. Most involved the upper limb. Next most frequent were lacerations, bruises, abrasions, and injuries of joints and soft tissues. Four children had concussions (one with a fractured skull), 8 others had minor head injury, and 23 had soft tissue injuries of the head and neck. As for the reasons for the accidents, 20 per cent were due to hitting a stone, 10 per cent to a hole or bump in the pavement, 8 per cent to collisions, and three accidents to faults in the skateboards. Sixteen of the children were injured on the first day of their skateboarding. The role of protective clothing was uncertain. The city has no skateboard parks. Injuries due to skateboards were compared to injuries due to playground equipment.
The development of the angle of the anterior chamber of the eye in chick embryos (avian eye), in newborn rats (rodents), in calf fetuses (ungulates) and in humans (primates) has been studied. The main determinant in the configuration of the angle is the two-layered structure of the mesoderm of the ciliary body: the external muscular layer inserted into the spur and growing with same growth rate as that of the corneoscleral mesoderm and internal fibrovascular layer giving rise to the ciliary processes and growing with same growth rate as that of the neural ciliary and iris epithelium. First the neural epithelium grows faster than the corneoscleral mesoderm and the ciliary processes appear anteriorly positioned and later the corneoscleral mesoderm grows faster than the neuroepithelium and the ciliary processes appear posteriorly positioned. The eyes of premature and low birth weight babies present the different stages of normal embryological development of the angle. The angle in eyes of various embryopathies and developmental diseases presents aspects similar to those of the premature and low birth weight babies. The etiopathogenic mechanism in cause is the same in both groups: arrest of development. During the first post-natal years, the corneoscleral mesoderm grows at a greater rate than the inner neuroepithelium and the region of the most active growth is located at the ora serrata. That is why, during this period, the ora serrata recedes, giving rise to the formation of retinal teeth, the angle despens and makes a recess and the Lange fold disappears.
Two experiments investigated the effects of a treatment package on the self-injurious behavior of three profoundly retarded persons who appeared to enjoy the physical restraints used to prevent their self-injury. The treatment package included physically restraining subjects contingent on increasing periods of time during which no self-injury occurred, and providing them with toys and attention during intervals between restraints. A reversal and multiple-baseline analysis documented that the rapid and complete reduction in self-injury by all subjects was due to this treatment package. Because these results suggested that physical restraint might function as a positive reinforcer, in a third experiment physical restraint was applied contingent on a marble placement response with one subject. A reversal design demonstrated that toy play systematically increased when each response resulted in restraint. The experiments have implications for the nonaversive remediation of self-injury in individuals who are restrained, as well as for the development and maintenance of self-injury in natural settings.
The daily intake of selenium by three subjects was supplemented with 100 microgram Se as selenomethionine (Semet-Se) or sodium selenite (selenite-Se)/d for 10-11 weeks, or with 65 microgram Se as in mackerel (Scomber japonicus) (fish-Se)/d for 4 weeks. Urinary and faecal excretion of Se was measured and also Se concentration in whole blood, plasma and erythrocytes. Measurements on blood were made at intervals after supplementation had ceased. Selenite-Se was not as well absorbed (0.46 of the intake) during the first 4 weeks as Semet-Se (0.75 of the intake) and fish Se (0.66 of the intake). Blood Se increased steadily with Semet-Se, from 0.08 to 0.18 microgram Se/ml, but more slowly with selenite-Se, reaching a plateau in 7-8 weeks at 0.11 microgram Se/ml. Plasma Se increased more rapidly with Semet-Se than with selenite-Se, so that initially with Semet-Se plasma Se was greater than erythrocyte Se. Daily urinary excretion increased with all forms of supplement, with initially a greater proportion of absorbed selenite-Se being excreted than Semet-Se or fish-Se. A close relationship was found between plasma Se and 24 h urinary excretion. The findings suggested that there was a rapid initial excretion of presumably unbound Se then a slower excretion of residual unbound, loosely bound or bound Se. Total retentions of 3.5 mg selenite-Se and 4.5 mg Semet-Se were large when compared with an estimate of body content of 6 mg Se, derived in another paper (Stewart, Griffiths, Thomson & Robinson, 1978). Retention of Semet-Se and fish-Se appeared to be reflected in blood Se, whereas for selenite-Se, blood Se reflected retention for only a short period after which Se appeared to be retained without altering the blood Se. This suggested that Semet-Se and selenite-Se were metabolized differently. A double blind-dosing trail with 100 microgram Semet-Se was carried out for 12 weeks on twenty-four patients with muscular complaints in Tapanui, a low-Se-soil area. Blood Se increased in the experimental group (from 0.067 to 0.143 microgram Se/ml); clinical findings were not conclusive and will be presented elsewhere. Blood Se was measured in New Zealand residents before travelling to Europe or to North America. On return their blood Se was increased, and depending upon the period of time spent outside New Zealand some values reached concentrations found in visitors and new settlers to New Zealand. The results from these studies and the earlier studies of single and multiple dosing have been used to look at the various criteria in use for assessing Se status of subjects. It is suggested that plasma Se be used in preference to 24 h urinary excretion, and in addition to whole blood Se and glutathione peroxidase (EC 1.11.1.9) activity.
Materials of epidemiological analysis of familial infectious hepatitis nidality in 104 families are presented. The data obtained pointed to the preponderant affection of children constituting 97.1% of primary and 87.7% of subsequent cases in familial foci. Infection was brought to the families by schoolchildren in 57.7% of the cases, and by organized preschoolchildren— in 31.7% of the cases. The greatest affection of schoolchildren aged from 7 to 14 years in the foci with subsequent occurrence of the disease (77.7%) was explained by their marked age activity. This led to the conclusion that mass prophylaxis with alpha-globulin of these particular groups of children was of primary importance. The differences of the specific ratio of adults who contracted the disease in familial foci and in the region as a whole pointed to the possibility of infection of adults outside the family and on the prevalence in them of serum hepatitis.
The outbreak of meningitis during the period from the end of August to the beginning of October 1974 in Kiel affected 45 children, particularly those in the age group between 4 and 9 years. An potential causative agents ECHO viri were identified in 15/45 cases and Coxsackie B viri in 2/45 cases. The patients presented the typical meningitic symptoms (fever, headache, stiffness of the neck). In all cases the disease ran a benign course. Epidemiologically, it was possible to trace 32/45 cases back to three locally demarcated groups with demonstrable possibilities of contact for the diseased children (family, playground, kindergarten and school). The remaining 13/45 cases occurred isolated over the urban area without any visible connection. This outbreak of meningitis must be regarded as an accumulation of illnesses resulting from contact infections by enteroviruses and lacking or deficient disinfection. Besides the rather limited measures adopted to prevent the spread of such an infection, the correct psychological management of the population especially by the health authorities is of great importance in such epidemics.
Generalization of the Monterey Behavioral Sciences Institute operant language program was assessed. Six male and three female children (4 years, 4 months to 6 years, 3 months) receiving language remediation were randomly assigned to (I) the Monterey program for the syntactic structure "is interrogative" (including the home carryover phase) plus an extended transfer program devised by the investigators (II) the Monterey "is interrogative" program alone (including the home carryover), or (III) a control activity (articulation training). Language samples evoked by a variety of language tasks were collected outside the treatment setting preceding and following treatment. Standard within-clinic measures indicated that groups I and II improved a significant, equal amount. However, the extraclinic language measures showed that group I demonstrated significantly greater improvement than group II; neither group II nor group III showed significant extraclinic improvement. Extraclinic generalization occurred, therefore, only for the group receiving the special extended transfer training.

Traumatic spinal cord lesions in children are infrequent (2 to 5 per cent of all cases admitted to specialised paraplegic centres depending on whether the upper age limit is set at 10 or 15 years). Traffic accidents are
responsible for at least 50 per cent of the lesions; playground accidents and various sports add another 35 per cent. A large proportion of the accidents have been found to be related to the child's normal desire for adventure and exploration. The segment most frequently involved in our own series of 18 cases was the cervical and upper thoracic spine. Histopathological studies have shown that splitting of the cartilaginous end-plate in the growth zone of the vertebrae is a common finding. Radiological signs of spinal trauma are less evident than in adults; they may be totally missing. Precise neurological assessment must rely on repeated examination and close clinical observation, especially in the comatous child with a head injury. Spinal cord involvement must be suspected and the child treated as a paraplegic until definite proof of a normal neurological status is available. Due to a highly labile water electrolyte balance in the early post-traumatic stage and considerable fluctuations in plasma volume and temperature regulation, permanent monitoring of the cardiovascular function, body temperature and diuresis is mandatory. In children below the age of 10, deep vein thrombosis and embolism are exceptional (sepsis creates a high-risk situation requiring anticoagulation). In the initial treatment of spinal injury only conservative measures should be considered; there are no indications for laminectomy, nor for spinal fusion. In the tetraplegic child below the age of 6, skull traction should be avoided and immobilisation of the cervical segment achieved by bilateral padded head rests.

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unskilled labourers and about 50% of the mothers were homemakers without outside employment; parental occupation did not influence eating patterns. Breakfast was the meal most often missed; 8% of the 383 children had come to school without breakfast. Since many children in grade 3 had prepared their own breakfast and since there was a relative lack of physical activity, school health programs should incorporate more than nutritional supplements and nutrition education. On the basis of body weight and height the nutritional status of the 99 children studied in detail was judged to be generally satisfactory; according to the Boston standards the boys were heavy and tall, and the girls were normal in weight but short.
symptoms of a chiefly environmentally determined disturbance upsetting the personality, which often originates in early childhood. Psychohygienic measures must be concentrated on this. 5. The inadequate care of young children accounting for one third of the population, a phenomenon which can be read in the statistical records and which has risen sharply during the last few years, makes it possible to forecast a further increase in developmental and behavioral disturbances of both an intellectual and psychological nature as well as in infantile and juvenile criminality in the coming years to an at present unimaginable extent. 6. In contrast to general opinion, the situation calls for an urgent fundamental revaluation of the importance of intrafamilial social conditions of development and of the parental educational work on the small child, which to date, have been underestimated and neglected. At the same time many of the presently overrated extrafamilial institutions of education and training for the older child need to be relativised. 7. The advances in developmental biology which allow us to realize the basic dependence of the future social fate of the individual - and thus the extent of disturbed social relationships in society - on the intrafamily conditions must become a political issue, if psychohygiene as means to prevent avoidable disturbances is to be taken seriously. Thus the securement of adequate intrafamily conditions with respect to development and upbringing, in particular of the young child, must head the list of social political priorities, also in times when money is in short supply. 8.

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T1 - Reflection-impulsivity and behavioral problems in emotionally disturbed boys
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KW - Achievement
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KW - Aggression
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior Disorders/co [Complications]
KW - Cognition
KW - Fear
KW - Humans
KW - Impulsive Behavior
KW - Male
KW - Projection
KW - Projective Techniques
KW - Reaction Time
KW - Social Alienation
KW - Verbal Behavior
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CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - In order to investigate the difference in the behavioral problems presented by cognitively impulsive and reflective emotionally disturbed boys, the parents of 17 impulsive and 13 reflective boys in residential treatment
were asked to rate their sons’ behavior. Results indicated that in contrast to reflective emotionally disturbed boys, impulsives were more likely to talk of others blaming them unfairly, threaten to harm themselves, hit and bully other children, and be excessively rough in play. On the other hand, reflectives were more unwilling to talk with adults outside the family. Results were discussed in terms of supporting both previous research and Kagan and Kogan’s (6) "fear of failure" hypothesis.
Tests of immune capacity were performed on blood from 49 children with newly diagnosed, untreated acute lymphocytic leukemia, and relation to prognosis was determined. Patients were treated with multiple-drug therapy and prophylactic cranial irradiation. Median follow-up time was 16 mo (range 10–37 mo). Principal unfavorable findings at diagnosis were absolute numbers of T lymphoid cells outside the range 850–2500/μl blood, absence of whole blood responses to phytohemagglutinin in vitro, a low titer of complexed antibody, and the presence in serum of free leukemic blast cell membrane antigen. Fourteen patients showed two or more unfavorable findings at diagnosis. Eleven of these have died. Four of the remaining 35 patients have died. A shorter duration of first remission was found among patients with abnormal numbers of T cells at diagnosis. The findings suggest that the immunologic capacity of the patient at diagnosis is an important determinant in responses to therapy.
adaptation in humans. The Eskimos (men, women, children) were shown to have a very weak sympathetic response to cold but the vagal response (bradycardia) was identical to that of white people. A group of mailmen from Quebec city living outdoors approximately 30 h/wk throughout the year was also studied. A significant decline in the cold pressor response and an enhanced bradycardia (cold face test) were observed at the end of the winter. Similarly the fall in skin temperature of the cheek was not as pronounced when the measurements were made in May compared to those made in October. A group of soldiers was also studied before and after an Arctic expedition. It was found that the bradycardia of the cold face test was also more pronounced after sojourning in the cold. These results indicate that repeated exposures to severe cold in men activate some adaptive mechanisms characterized by a diminution of the sympathetic response and a concomitant enhancement of the vagal activation normally observed when the extremities and the face are exposed to cold.

N2 - 1. Spontaneous flexion-extension tremor of the elbow was recorded in normal human subjects while they exerted a flexing force against different loads. 2. Increases in the flexing force up to (1/2) or (3/4) of the subject's maximum were accompanied by increases in the amplitude of the tremor. A further increase to very large forces was associated with a decrease in tremor. 3. When the subject flexed against a spring, the frequency of the tremor was related to the properties of the spring: with increasingly stiff springs the tremor frequency increased up to about 12 Hz. With the stiffest springs, however, the tremor became irregular and very small in amplitude. 4. Weights added to the limb at the wrist reduced the frequency of tremor. 5. By using appropriate combinations of spring and mass, the principal tremor frequency could be adjusted between 2 and 12 Hz, higher
in some subjects. Within this range the frequency was approximately proportional to the spring stiffness/mass, just as it is in a spring-mass system, though the forearm provided some of this mass, and some of the spring-like resistance was in the flexor muscles. When by suitable loading the tremor frequency was brought between 8 and 12 Hz, and the subject forcibly flexed his elbow, the tremor became regular and large in amplitude. This was a form of limited instability in the stretch reflex which arose because a powerful reflex response to extension of the elbow acted back on the flexor muscles after a delay.7. When the limb was so loaded that its natural frequency was outside this 8-12 Hz range, it behaved as a filter, and in response to any disturbing noise it oscillated mainly at frequencies close to the natural frequencies of either the mechanical system or the stretch reflex.8. This filtering function of the limb with its stretch reflex probably plays an important part in the control of normal movement and tremor.9. The large flexing forces that were here associated with vigorous tremor normally occur when a limb supports a large mass. Such a mass would give the mechanical system within the limb a low natural frequency; inconveniently large oscillations in the 8-12 Hz range would therefore seldom occur.

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T1 - New information on lead in dirt and dust as related to the childhood lead problem
A1 - Haar,G.T.
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N1 - Haar, G T. Aronow, R
Environmental health perspectives
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English
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Air Pollution/an [Analysis]
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Dust/an [Analysis]
KW - Feces/an [Analysis]
KW - Housing
KW - Humans
KW - Infant
KW - Lead/an [Analysis]
KW - Lead/ur [Urine]
KW - Lead Poisoning/et [Etiology]
KW - Paint/an [Analysis]
KW - Pica
KW - Radioisotopes
KW - Soil/an [Analysis]
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SP - 83
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JF - Environmental Health Perspectives
JA - Environ Health Perspect
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CY - UNITED STATES
N2 - It has been known for many years that the eating of leaded paint is the prime cause of lead poisoning and elevated blood leads of children living in deteriorated housing. Recently, there has been speculation that children may eat dirt and dust contaminated with lead exhausted from cars and that this amount of ingested lead is sufficient to contribute significantly to the childhood lead problem. This paper reports on a twopart study conducted to evaluate the validity of the dirt-and-dust hypotheses. The first part of the study was made to
Dirt samples were taken in old urban areas around 18 painted frame houses and 18 houses of brick construction. Samples also were taken around seven old frame farmhouses remote from traffic. Based on the fact that lead concentrations in the dirt were similar in city and rural yards at corresponding distances from the houses, it is clear that nearly all of the lead in dirt around these houses is due to paint from the houses. Lead antiknock additives are therefore not a significant contributor to the lead content of dirt around houses where children usually play. The second part of the study used a naturally occurring radioactive tracer (210)Pb to determine the relative amounts of dust and other lead-containing materials (e.g., paint) eaten by young children. This tracer is present in very low concentrations in paint and in significantly higher concentrations in fallout dust. Stable lead and (210)Pb were analyzed in fecal material from eight children suspected of having elevated body burdens of lead and ten children living in good housing where lead poisoning is not a problem. The normal children averaged 4 μg Pb/g dry feces, with a range of 2 to 7. Of the eight children suspected of having elevated lead body burdens, two had fecal lead values within the normal range. However, the remaining six were 4 to 400 times as high. Despite these differences in fecal lead between the two groups, the groups were essentially identified in the (210)Pb content of their feces. The "elevated" children averaged 0.040 pCi of (210)Pb dry feces, while the normal group averaged 0.044 pCi/g. The results provide sound evidence that these children suspected of elevated lead body burden were not ingesting dust or air-suspended particulate.
Experience with 36 cases of North American blastomycosis in Central Canada is reported. Symptoms referable to the respiratory tract predominated, but no uniform clinical pattern for the disease process was evident. Cutaneous and genitourinary tract involvement was present in only a small proportion of patients. The majority of the patients resided in rural areas or were associated with some form of outdoor occupation or activity. No characteristic radiologic appearance could be identified in this series. Amphotericin B administered intravenously is the treatment of choice for this condition. North American blastomycosis is more widespread on this continent than has been previously demonstrated.
Rehabilitation of patients with through-knee amputation

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KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - Amputation/rh [Rehabilitation]
KW - Amputation Stumps
KW - Artificial Limbs
KW - Bandages
KW - Child
KW - Preschool
KW - Exercise Therapy
KW - Female
KW - Gangrene/su [Surgery]
KW - Humans
KW - Knee/su [Surgery]
One hundred and one patients with through-knee amputations attending the Manchester limb-fitting centre are reviewed. Most amputations were performed for trauma or vascular disease. The interval from amputation to measurement for the first prosthesis averaged 12 weeks in cases of primary healing, and 21 weeks when healing was delayed. Artificial limbs were successfully fitted to 83%, and only 10% failed to use either a limb or a pylon. Three-quarters of those with outdoor mobility returned to work. Disarticulation through the knee has several advantages over above-knee amputation: in particular, the long end-bearing stump facilitates balance and control of the prosthesis. Disadvantages are a tendency to slow healing of the wound, lack of an internal knee mechanism in the artificial limb, and the bulky appearance of the limb. The results of rehabilitation could be improved by careful selection of patients and attention to operative detail; stump bandaging and exercises; earlier attendance at the limb-fitting centre to be measured for pylon or artificial limb; and improvements in design and production of prostheses.

Studies on man vector contact in some malarious areas in Colombia

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The frequency of man-biting by mosquitoes depends upon the amount of contact between man and mosquito, which in turn depends upon the behaviour patterns of both. In order to examine these relationships in an area with a high incidence of malaria, a study was made in 1965 of the nocturnal movements and of mosquito biting habits in five localities in the malarious area of Colombia that were in the thirteenth or fourteenth cycle of biennial DDT spraying. The populations were classed into five age-and sex-groups, i.e., men and women over the age of 15 years, boys and girls from 5 to 15 years, and children under 5. A number of differences in the habits of these groups were discovered in relation to time spent indoors or outside, but close to, the house. The habits of the four main anopheline vector species were studied in relation to human activities. For three of the species (A. albimanus, A. darlingi, A. nuneztovari) it is suggested that a low relative importance of outdoor biting is caused not by a density-dependent factor but by an anopheline gonotrophic cycle or by relative humidity or both. The fourth species (A. punctimacula), common only at one locality, displayed a complex pattern of biting behaviour with, however, a much greater frequency of outdoor biting than in the other species. It is considered that in these localities malaria is probably transmitted mainly inside sprayed houses by vectors that are susceptible to the insecticides in use but which are not sufficiently reduced in numbers or in life-expectancy to interrupt the transmission of the parasite.
are also accounted for the social and natural context within which individuals operate; (2) gender differences in EV might reflect methodological artifacts rather than genuine differences; (3) schools matter, environmental knowledge can be encouraged through hands-on teaching, EV through school participation in environmental learning activities outside the classroom; (4) schools have a greater impact on their students' environmental knowledge than on their EV; (5) eco-schools matter, they have an effect on their students' EV but might be applying an approach that, in the long run, has little chance of achieving behavior change and (6) EV affect EB and do so in a culturally specific manner; educational efforts should account for this cultural specificity.

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T1 - In search of understanding children's engagement with nature and their learning experiences in one urban kindergarten classroom
A1 - Ghafouri,Farveh
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English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classrooms
KW - Kindergarten Students
KW - Learning
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KW - Urban Environments
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KW - Digital Video
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 74:
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N2 - Considering the context of large city schools, this study explores what variables in a kindergarten classroom may impact the process of children's engagement with nature. In particular I examine the central role of children and teacher in co-constructing their own unique understanding, knowledge, and attitude towards the natural world. In this study, I examine nature-child's connection considering the complexity of nature beyond a pre-packaged concept (Louv, 2007) and avoiding a linear identification of a cause and effect relationship between children's learning experiences and nature, (Kellert, 2005). This qualitative case study is based on extensive classroom observations, in which 20 kindergarten children and their teacher participate. The children's direct, indirect, and vicarious experiences with nature are documented using digital photography, video-audio recording, and collection of artifacts. I interview the classroom teacher two times and invite the parents to fill up a questionnaire about their children's experiences with nature outside the school time. I use the techniques and procedure of the grounded theory to analyze the data. A comparative analysis of the five learning episodes demonstrates four major factors that when all woven together encourage and sustain the children's engagement with nature. These factors are: investigating children's meaningful and autotelic questions, encountering and experiencing nature in familiar contexts, developing emotional bonding, and having sufficient time. The findings show the crucial role of the classroom teacher in creating five main conditions to engage the children in the process of each inquiry. She offers the children many opportunities to use their prior skills and knowledge, take responsibility of their own learning, and experiment with learning as a process. She often responds positively to the children's learning endeavours and communicates her high confidence and expectations for them. This study makes an important contribution to the field of early childhood education and environmental education by demonstrating the possibilities and challenges in actively and holistically engaging children with nature in school settings. The findings shed light on our understanding of children and teacher's sense of
Ownership and motivation as two driving forces of learning. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Measuring “flow” in Michigan youth firearm deer hunters and implications for hunter recruitment
A1 - Everett, Michael Winthrop
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English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Firearms
KW - Personnel Recruitment
KW - Flow (Consciousness State)
KW - Satisfaction
KW - Support Groups
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
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N2 - The steady decline of populations taking up recreational hunting is cause for concern among state and federal wildlife agencies. Young hunters are the future of hunting. As the average age of hunters continues to increase, young people participating in hunting activities provide an opportunity for insight to change the current declining trend. Flow theory and hunter satisfaction have both received extensive attention in research literature, however they have been utilized in separate and disconnected settings. An attempt to combine both constructs, as a way to measure intrinsic and extrinsic motivational, mood, and flow indicators of youth hunters has not been attempted to date. Measuring and understanding antecedents of “flow” in youth is an important consideration when determining why youth enjoy hunting as an outdoor recreational experience. This exploratory study utilizes flow theory and the four-channel model of flow to examine relationships among youth hunters’ (12 to 16 years of age) experiences and satisfaction during Michigan's Special Youth Firearm White-tailed Deer Hunt (n=43). This research provided a snapshot in time of young hunters, their experiences and the satisfaction of those experiences during the youth hunt. Of the youth participants in this study, 69% indicated that they intend to go back out in the field for Michigan's opening day of firearm deer season (November 15, 2012). Additionally, 97.6% of youth respondents intend to hunt in future years, providing support for implementation of special hunting opportunities where youth and mentors can enjoy the experience of hunting together. This exploratory research suggests that there is a significant and direct relationship between “flow” experiences and young hunters that hear deer and other animals, and see white-tailed deer. Knowledge of congruence between “flow” experiences and hearing deer and other animals, and seeing white-tailed deer offers the opportunity for further research on a much broader scale of licensed young hunters in Michigan. This research also has the potential to inform recruitment and retention personnel of state wildlife agencies about ways to support programs that promote hunting activities within younger populations in the future. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)
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T1 - Evaluation of motor skills in children participating in social/sports projects. [Portuguese]. [References]
A1 - Santos, A.
Y1 - 2013///
Besides the biological evolutionary process, studies have shown that environmental and social factors can influence the motor development. The aim of this study was to evaluate the motor skills of students participating in social educational projects, sports projects and those not engaged in structured extracurricular activities in Florianopolis-SC-Brazil. Were evaluated 136 children 8-9 years old, both sexes, from 40 public schools. For data collection was used the Motor Development Scale and a structured interview regarding the activities undertaken by the child during the period that they are not in school. Descriptive statistics, ANOVA and the Post-hoc test of Tukey were used to data analysis, with significance level p < .05. The results showed higher patterns of motor development in children that participating in social projects with sport character and expressive low coordination patterns in children who do not participate in structured activities or projects outside of school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Introduction: The metacognitive ability to accurately estimate one's performance in a test is assumed to be of central importance for initiating task-oriented effort. In addition, activating adequate problem-solving strategies and engaging in efficient error detection and correction. Although school children's ability to estimate their own performance has been widely investigated, this was mostly done under highly-controlled, experimental set-ups including only one single test occasion. Method: The aim of this study was to investigate this metacognitive ability in the context of real achievement tests in mathematics. Developed and applied by a teacher of a 5th grade class over the course of a school year, these tests allowed the exploration of the variability of performance estimation accuracy as a function of test difficulty. Results: Mean performance estimations were generally close to actual performance with somewhat less variability compared to test performance. When grouping the children into three achievement levels, results revealed higher accuracy of performance estimations in the high achievers compared to the low and average achievers. In order to explore the generalization of these findings, analyses were also conducted for the same children's tests in their science classes, revealing a very similar pattern of results compared to the domain of mathematics. Discussion and Conclusion: By and large, the present study, in a natural environment, confirmed previous laboratory findings but also offered additional insights into the generalisation and the test dependency of students' performances estimations. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)
Analyzing the mediators between nature-based outdoor recreation and emotional well-being. [References]

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The evidence concerning the relative importance of physical activity, restorative experiences, and social interaction as mediators between exposure to nature and well-being has been inconsistent. We investigated whether there is a relationship between the average time used for nature-based recreation and emotional well-being and whether it is mediated through restorative experiences, social company and the perceived duration of the most recent nature-based recreation visit. A sample of 3060 Finnish people (38.3% response rate) aged 15-74 years participated in a survey using an internet and a mail questionnaire. Multiple mediation analysis using bootstrapping revealed an association between the self-reported participation in nature-based recreation and emotional well-being through restorative experiences when adjusting for age, gender, household income, the level of leisure time physical activity, and the frequency of active transportation. The amount of social company or the duration of the most recent nature-based recreation visit did not mediate the association between the average time spent on nature-based recreation and emotional well-being. The result accords with the evidence of the restorative and well-being effects of nature exposure but more evidence of causality and studies comparing different mediators in different population groups are needed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Expertise in processing faces is a cornerstone of human social interaction. However, the developmental course of many key brain regions supporting face preferential processing in the human brain remains undefined. Here, we present findings from an FMRI study using a simple viewing paradigm of faces and objects in a continuous age sample covering the age range from 6 years through adulthood. These findings are the first to use such a sample paired with whole-brain FMRI analyses to investigate development within the core and extended face networks across the developmental spectrum from middle childhood to adulthood. We found evidence, albeit modest, for a developmental trend in the volume of the right fusiform face area (rFFA) but no developmental change in the intensity of activation. From a spatial perspective, the middle portion of the right fusiform gyrus most commonly found in adult studies of face processing was increasingly likely to be included in the FFA as age increased to adulthood. Outside of the FFA, the most striking finding was that children hyperactivated nearly every aspect of the extended face system relative to adults, including the amygdala, anterior temporal pole, insula, inferior frontal gyrus, anterior cingulate gyrus, and parietal cortex. Overall, the findings suggest that development is best characterized by increasing modulation of face-sensitive regions throughout the brain to engage only those systems necessary for task requirements. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

A naturalistic study of stereotype threat in young female chess players. [References]

The present research sought to determine whether young female chess players would demonstrate stereotype threat susceptibility in a naturalistic environment. Data from 12 scholastic chess tournaments indicated that females performed worse than expected when playing against a male opponent, achieving 83% of the expected success based on their own and their opponent's prerating. These effects were strongest for the youngest players in lower elementary school but also present for those in upper elementary. Stereotype threat susceptibility was most pronounced in contexts that could be considered challenging: when playing a strong or
moderate opponent and when playing someone in a higher or the same grade. As evidence of disengagement, those most vulnerable to stereotype threat were less likely to continue playing in future chess tournaments. These results were not found in a matched comparison male group suggesting the outcomes were unique to stereotype threat and not universal to young chess players. 

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T1 - Physical activity, self-regulation, and early academic achievement in preschool children. [References]
A1 - Becker, Derek R.
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N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-45134-004
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Self Regulation
RP - NOT IN FILE
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EP - 70
JF - Early Education and Development
VL - 25:
IS - 1
N2 - Research Findings: The present study investigated whether active play during recess was associated with self-regulation and academic achievement in a prekindergarten sample. A total of 51 children in classes containing approximately half Head Start children were assessed on self-regulation, active play, and early academic achievement. Path analyses indicated that higher active play was associated with better self-regulation, which in turn was associated with higher scores on early reading and math assessments. Practice or Policy: Results point to the benefits of active play for promoting self-regulation and offer insight into possible interventions designed to promote self-regulation and academic achievement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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T1 - A favorable built environment is associated with better physical fitness in European adolescents. [References]
A1 - Vanhelst, Jeremy; Beghin, Laurent; Salleron, Julia; Ruiz, Jonatan
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N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-41124-019
English
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KW - PsycInfo
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KW - Exercise
KW - Lifestyle
Objective: To assess the association between the built environment and physical fitness and physical activity in adolescents. Methods: The study included 3528 adolescents, aged 12.5–17.5 years, who participated in the Healthy Lifestyle in Europe by Nutrition in Adolescence (HELENA) study. The health-related physical fitness components were assessed using the physical fitness tests. Participants wore a uniaxial accelerometer (ActiGraph) for 7 days to measure physical activity. A specific questionnaire addressing the built environment was used. Potential confounding factors including age, gender, body mass index, body composition, pubertal status, smoking, educational level of parents, and socioeconomic status were analyzed using backward stepwise linear regression analysis. Results: Heavy traffic in the neighborhood was the strongest factor negatively associated with both physical fitness and physical activity (both P < 0.05). Conversely, a secure bicycling or walking route from home to school was positively associated with various components of physical fitness and physical activity (P < 0.01). Outdoor fields and gymnasiums near home were also associated with better physical fitness (P < 0.01), but not with physical activity. Conclusions: A favorable built environment may contribute to health-related physical fitness and physical activity of adolescents and should be considered in future interventions and health promotion strategies. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
A family survey, ethnographic study, and quasi-experimental study investigated Shalom Sesame's potential to enhance understanding of Jewish culture and identity among preschool families. Preschoolers demonstrated significant learning, recognizing that people who looked different could be Jewish, and in knowledge about Hebrew words, Jewish holidays, and things they would see in Israel. Learning also extended beyond the screen, via spontaneous family discussions/activities, and an increased desire to celebrate holidays or visit Israel. The videos held particular value for interfaith families and those outside established Jewish communities. Parents valued Shalom Sesame for helping children connect to the broader Jewish community, deepening their own connection, and educating non-Jewish relatives and friends. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Facilitating children's use of emotional language

The study examined the effects of rapport building (emotional, NICHD) and prompt type (what-next, cued-action, cued-emotion, what-think) on 142 4- to 9-year-old maltreated children's spontaneous and prompted emotional language. Children in the emotional rapport building condition narrated the last time they felt good and the last time they felt bad on the playground. Children in the NICHD rapport building condition narrated their last birthday party and what happened yesterday. Following rapport building, all children were presented a series of story stems about positive and negative situations. Emotional rapport building demonstrated some positive albeit temporary effects on children's use of emotional language. Cued-emotion prompts appeared to be the most productive in eliciting emotional language. Overall, there were few effects due to age. Children often produced less emotional language when describing negative events, particularly with respect to their spontaneous utterances, suggesting reluctance. These differences largely disappeared when children were asked additional questions, particularly cued-emotion questions. The results support the utility of emotional rapport building and cued-emotion prompts as a means of increasing children's use of emotional language. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)
Net time negotiations within the family. [References]

A1 - Robinson, Laura
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-13818-006

English

Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Family
KW - Negotiation
KW - Internet Usage
KW - High School Students
KW - Social Issues
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 542
EP - 560

JF - Information, Communication & Society

Drawing on data from one-on-one and focus group interviews with high school students from schools in agricultural California, this research examines how American families negotiate what we call net time. The article explores intra-familial bargaining over time spent on the internet. Analysis pays special attention to families that prioritize capital-enhancing activities such as schoolwork and college applications. In these families, access to resources is guided by implicit social contracts between parents and children, as well as between siblings. The findings illuminate how these social contracts imply particular rights and responsibilities depending on the families' level of wiredness: highly wired, partially wired, and unwired families. Comparing the experiences of students from these three groups reveals that members of each kind of family experience a different form of net time. While youths from highly wired families enjoy individualized net time, members of partially wired families divvy up household net time. The most disadvantaged youth come from unwired families in which family members must make sacrifices for youth to obtain net time outside of the household. The examination illuminates the logics that underpin the familial negotiations over each kind of net time. Ultimately, familial social contracts over net time have the power to encourage or hinder use of net time for capital-enhancing activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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EMDR as an integrative therapeutic approach for the treatment of separation anxiety disorder. [References]

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English

Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Eye Movement Desensitization Therapy
KW - Integrative Psychotherapy
KW - Separation Anxiety
KW - Exposure Therapy
KW - Family Therapy
RP - NOT IN FILE
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This case study reports the use of eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) and family therapy for a 10-year-old boy with severe separation anxiety disorder (SAD). It illustrates how the use of the standard EMDR protocol for the boy and his mother combined with family therapy, led to symptom alleviation and restored appropriate developmental functioning as evidenced by behavioral outcomes. The participant initially presented with severe anxiety about separating from his mother, several years after his parents went through a painful divorce. Treatment focused on processing the boy's disturbing memories of past nontraumatic events in 14 EMDR sessions; his mother received 4 EMDR sessions to address her perceived marital failure and guilt about the effects of her ensuing depression on him. Eight family therapy sessions were used to help the family spend positive time together. Prior to treatment, the child had been unable to play outside, checked on his mother frequently, and could not attend activities without her. At the end of treatment, he was able to play with friends outside, ride his bike around town, engage in after school activities, and sleep over at his friends' houses. Gains were maintained at 6-month follow-up. Treatment did not include instruction in parenting skills or psychoeducation for the mother, or any exposure therapy for the child. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
The purposes of this naturalistic, descriptive study were to examine the stories that children in one first grade classroom told in a storytelling circle, how the children's knowledge, in-school experiences, and out-of-school experiences were reflected in their stories, and how the children used their knowledge and experiences as tools to make sense of the world through their stories. The study was designed as a naturalistic, descriptive study employing an interpretive approach to examining the children's oral stories. Nine first grade children in one classroom were grouped heterogeneously into three storytelling groups. Data collected from the three groups included a total of 80 story rounds, each of which included an oral story along with preceding and succeeding dialogue from other children and the researcher. The researcher employed participant observation and a discourse analytic method of inquiry to analyze the stories told by children in a storytelling circle. The children proved themselves to be active constructors and co-constructors of meaning who skillfully told their stories for the very authentic purposes of making sense for themselves and for others. The stories were structurally complex and interesting to tellers and listeners. The children flexibly coconstructed stories that included a wide variety of settings, episodes, and codas as well as complex plots that situated people, characters, objects, and actions across time and space in ways that suited the purposes of and were meaningful to the tellers and the listeners. The children also drew upon a wide range of everyday knowledge and experiences, especially from out of school, which they called upon as resources for the co-construction of the stories. They used language in flexible ways that appropriated combinations of genres which they were able to utilize effectively in ways that helped them to organize and relate their experiences through the stories. Listening to the children's stories proved to be an effective way to learn about the children's knowledge, rooted in their experiences both inside and outside of school. This approach broadens current conceptions of children as learners by focusing on their strengths and resources as starting points for teaching and learning. Nine story maps are attached in Appendices E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)
Background. Schools provide an important opportunity for children to meet physical activity guidelines. However, physical activity during school is low, and more evidence is needed to support schools to adopt best practices related to physical activity. Objective. The purpose of the present study was to investigate the relation of elementary school physical activity practices related to Physical Education (PE), recess, classroom time, and after-school time to school SES and children's objectively measured physical activity. Methods. Participants were 172 children from 97 elementary schools in the San Diego, CA and Seattle, WA regions. Children wore accelerometers to estimate physical activity for 3.7±1.7 school days. A survey was completed by school informants (PE teachers and principals) to assess physical activity-related school practices (63% response rate). Accelerometer data were scored based on individual school start and end times to derive in-school and after-school minutes/day of MVPA. ANOVAs with LSD post-hoc tests were used to investigate disparities in physical activity-related practices for low-, moderate-, and high-SES schools. Three-level linear mixed effects regression models were used to investigate the association between school practices and children's MVPA. The 5 most important practices, based on their relationship with in-school MVPA, were combined into a summary score. Results. The 5-item school physical activity practice summary score was significantly associated with in-school MVPA, where children had 2.4 more minutes/day of in-school MVPA for every additional practice reflected in the summary score (p = .037). Having a PE teacher was the strongest practice correlated with in-school MVPA, where children at schools with a PE teacher had 6 more minutes/day of in-school MVPA (p = .114). Having someone other than a classroom teacher supervise recess was non-significantly related to 3 more minutes/day of in-school MVPA (p = .363). Conclusions. The present study provides evidence for adopting a package of school physical activity practices to improve children's physical activity during school. Particularly, not having a PE teacher appears to be a leading contributor to low rates of physical activity. Attention should be paid to economically disadvantaged schools, because schools could be contributing to disparities in childhood obesity and inactivity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
This study examines the psychometric properties and component structure of a newly developed observational system, the Aftercare and School Observation System (ASOS). Participants included 468 children drawn from a larger longitudinal intervention study. The system was utilized to assess participant children in school lunchrooms and recess and various afterschool environments. Exploratory factor analyses examined whether a core set of component constructs assessing qualities of children's relationships, caregiver involvement and monitoring, and experiences in school and aftercare contexts that have been linked to children's behavior problems would emerge. Construct validity was assessed by examining associations between ASOS constructs and questionnaire measures assessing children's behavior problems and relationship qualities in school and aftercare settings. Across both settings, two factors showed very similar empirical structures and item loadings, reflecting the constructs of a negative/aggressive context and caregiver positive involvement, with one additional unique factor from the school setting reflecting the extent to which caregiver methods used resulted in less negative behavior and two additional unique factors from the aftercare setting reflecting positivity in the child's interactions and general environment and negativity in the child's interactions and setting. Modest correlations between ASOS factors and aftercare provider and teacher ratings of behavior problems, adult-child relationships, and a rating of school climate contributed to our interpretation that the ASOS scores capture meaningful features of children's experiences in these settings. This study represents the first step of establishing that the ASOS reliably and validly captures risk and protective relationships and experiences in extrafamilial settings. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
found in other clinical groups as well as in normal children. However, the development of these attributes and the uses to which they are put are colored by his specific needs and problems. His behavior is an effort at finding equilibrium, at achieving some unity within himself, and between himself and the outside world. This whole question of anxiety, what is gained by keeping it mobilized or by relieving it, is a point which must be answered at this time with due consideration for the techniques available for treating childhood schizophrenia.

(Schizophrenia, anxiety, treatment, childhood)

(T1 - A methodological approach to the evaluation of treatment in young nonverbal children. [References]

A1 - Meyer, Lucile R.
Y1 - 1961
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-39315-007

English

(T1 - Patterns of victimization locations in elementary school children: Effects of grade level and gender. [References]

A1 - Fite, Paula J.
Y1 - 2013//

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Background: Little research has examined the locations in which youth are victimized, particularly outside the school context. Further, it is not clear if the locations in which youth are victimized vary as a function of grade level or gender. Objective: The goals of the current study were to: (1) Determine the locations inside and outside of the school context in which elementary school students are most likely to report being victimized, and (2) Examine whether the locations in which victimization takes place varies by grade level and gender.

Methods: Associations were examined in a sample of 186 2nd thru 5th grade students (52% male) who reported experiencing victimization. Results: The playground was the most common place in which victimization was reported, followed by home and the neighborhood. Boys were more likely than girls to report being victimized on the bus or during a sporting activity, while girls were more likely than boys to report being victimized at home. No grade level effects were found, suggesting that specific locations of victimization did not become more or less evident at older grade levels. Conclusions: Findings indicate that there are many locations inside and outside the school context that need to be further monitored for the prevention of victimization and that gender differences may need to be considered. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
This article presents a study in the form of an experiment in group psychotherapy with children. In these times when the large group is becoming more of a social necessity with the increased demand for day camps, nursery schools, and after-school playground supervision, the fate of these socially maladjusted children takes on emphatic significance. In an effort to find a solution for the problem this study was undertaken. An attempt was made to analyze the personal needs of a few of these group misfits and lead them into group living through the medium of a small controlled unit built up unobtrusively within the large group. While the present study was carried out under somewhat different conditions than have heretofore been reported, the principles upon which the group was formed and by which it was handled were similar to those laid down by these previous studies. Selection of members for group psychotherapy was made after the camp season had been under way for a week. Through observations made in the small group, the personal needs of each child became apparent and the interactions of the children studied. The group was under the quiet permissive control of an adult who accepted, with friendly emotional response, each child and his attitudes, and whom each child appeared to trust.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Learning potential in youth's online networks: A multilevel approach. [References]
A1 - Unlusoy, Asli; de Haan, Mariette; Leander, Kevin; Volker, Beate
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-34096-048
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Educational Attainment Level
KW - Learning
KW - Online Social Networks
KW - Digital Computers
KW - Educational Administration
KW - Ethnic Identity
KW - Immigration
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 522
EP - 533
JF - Computers & Education
N2 - Networked learning is currently gaining more attention in the study of digital learning. Little attention has been paid to informal networks outside educational institutes. The current study contributes to this knowledge gap by researching the personal online networks of both immigrant and native youth in the Netherlands while focusing on how youth experience these networks in terms of learning. We mapped the online, personal networks of youth from various ethnic backgrounds and education levels living in the Netherlands. We investigated how these networks mediate learning according to participants' perspectives and whether all youth populations make equal use of their networks' learning potential. We applied an ego-network approach and collected information from 1227 participants (aged 12-18) regarding their online network contacts (e.g., age, gender, location) (in total 6135 contacts) and their interactions. Multilevel regression analyses were conducted respectively to measure the impact of individual and network-characteristics on network activities and to see whether network activities predicted perceived learning potential. The results support the relevance of a network perspective for the study of online learning. The divide between the variances of our two dependent variables - network activities and perceived learning potential - underpin that if we want to understand how young people...
learn in digital environments, merely looking at the individual level is not enough. Furthermore, the study showed that dense networks, with similar others and strong bonds with online contacts were fostering the perceived learning in networks, although certain patterns also significantly differed per group. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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ID - 2341
T1 - The relationships between Turkish adolescents' internet addiction, their perceived social support and family activities.
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A1 - Gunuc, Selim
Y1 - 2013
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-32387-012
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Family Relations
KW - Internet Addiction
KW - Social Support
KW - Adolescent Attitudes
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SP - 2197
EP - 2207
JF - Computers in Human Behavior
VL - 29:
N2 - The main purpose of this research is to investigate the relationships between adolescents' Internet addiction, their perceived social support and the activities carried out with the mother, father and family. The study designed with the survey model involved 166 adolescents who applied to Merkez Efendi Public Hospital Moris Sinasi Children's Clinic, Child Development Polyclinic between February 2012 and June 2012 for problems specific to the period of adolescence. The age range of the participants was between 12 and 18 with the average age of 15.5. The findings of the study revealed a medium level of negative relationship (r = -.37) between perceived social support and Internet addiction. The adolescents spending time with their mothers had a higher level of perceived social support and a lower level of Internet addiction. Also, t-test was applied to see whether the adolescents' perceived social support and Internet addiction differed with respect to the activities they carried out with the mother, father and family. It was found out that a number of activities (watching TV, eating meals, chatting, shopping and spending time outside) the adolescents carried out with their mother increased their level of perceived social support although the levels of Internet addiction did not differ with respect to the types of activities carried out only with the mother, only with the father and with the family. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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ID - 2342
T1 - A repeated measures experiment of green exercise to improve self-esteem in UK school children.
[References]
A1 - Reed, Katharine; Wood, Carly; Barton, Jo; Pretty, Jules
Y1 - 2013
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Exercising in natural, green environments creates greater improvements in adult's self-esteem than exercise undertaken in urban or indoor settings. No comparable data are available for children. The aim of this study was to determine whether so called 'green exercise' affected changes in self-esteem; enjoyment and perceived exertion in children differently to urban exercise. We assessed cardiorespiratory fitness (20 m shuttle-run) and self-reported physical activity (PAQ-A) in 11 and 12 year olds (n = 75). Each pupil completed two 1.5 mile timed runs, one in an urban and another in a rural environment. Trials were completed one week apart during scheduled physical education lessons allocated using a repeated measures design. Self-esteem was measured before and after each trial, ratings of perceived exertion (RPE) and enjoyment were assessed after completing each trial. We found a significant main effect (F (1,74), = 12.2, p < 0.001), for the increase in self-esteem following exercise but there was no condition by exercise interaction (F (1,74), = 0.13, p = 0.72). There were no significant differences in perceived exertion or enjoyment between conditions. There was a negative correlation (r = -0.26, p = 0.04) between habitual physical activity and RPE during the control condition, which was not evident in the green exercise condition (r = -0.07, p = 0.55). Contrary to previous studies in adults, green exercise did not produce significantly greater increases in self-esteem than the urban exercise condition. Green exercise was enjoyed more equally by children with differing levels of habitual physical activity and has the potential to engage less active children in exercise. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This small scale research project examines opportunities for creative thinking and imagination through den making in a rural private day nursery with its own woodland area on the borders of England and Wales in the UK. The research is underpinned by sociocultural theory and is an ethnographic study of non-participant observations of children aged between three and four years old and early years practitioners involved in supporting their play. The focus is on children's creative play in peer social groups and examines the way in which children explore their environment and utilise their play space and resources to sustain imagination and creativity. The research considers how the environment and den-making context provides opportunities for possibility thinking [Craft, A. (2001). Little c creativity. In A. Craft, B. Jeffrey, & M. Liebling (Eds.), Creativity in education (pp. 45-61). London: Continuum], where children are encouraged to explore 'what if?' questions. The research explores the way in which an outdoor environment can support flexible opportunities and resources where children are able to engage in imaginative and creative play, develop their communication skills and build relationships with other children and adults. The research considers children's fascination with the story 'bears in the wood' and how early years practitioners facilitated their creative thinking and imagination. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
CI = 0.94-1.09). A significant effect of group on PI subscales was observed (\( R = 1.38 \), \( F(4, 56) = 19.26, p < .01 \)) and PLI and HFA groups shared a similar PI subscale profile. Conclusions: Results provide empirical support for a conceptualisation of PLI as a developmental impairment distinguishable from HFA by absence of RRBIs and by the presence of expressive language difficulties. PI difficulties appear elevated in PLI compared with SLI, but may be less pervasive than in HFA. Findings are discussed with reference to the proposed new category of ‘social communication disorder’ in DSM-5. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2347
T1 - Studies in the psychology of death. [References]
A1 - Alexander, Irving E; Adlerstein, Arthur
Y1 - 1960///
N1 - Book: 2013-25223-003
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Death and Dying
KW - Psychology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 65
EP - 92
JF - David, Henry P [Ed]; Brengelmann, J
VL - C [Ed]. :
IS - 1960
N2 - (from the chapter) Each man learns early in life that some day he must die. What role does this information play in his development? How does it affect his aims, his wishes, his behavior? At the present time our best sources of information on these questions are outside the field of psychology—in literature, philosophy, religion, and medicine. While such sources have yielded rich insights about the meaning that death has for human beings, there has been little attempt to apply scientific procedures to select among these ideas. Perhaps it is time for this further step to be taken. It is the purpose of this chapter to describe some primitive attempts, utilizing the more traditional techniques and methods of our science, to study some aspects of man's reaction to death. First let us glance briefly at the state of our knowledge about death as it exists in the psychological literature. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2348
T1 - Exit plans for students with disabilities attending separate approved special education programs in the private sector. [References]
A1 - Kellner, Millicent H.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-35435-006
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Educational Programs
KW - Private Sector
The exit plans of 1,632 students from 15 states attending 92 approved, out-of-district special education programs in the private sector were studied, via a survey instrument, including programs for medical disorders, pervasive developmental and/or communication disorders, and emotional and behavioral disorders. Results indicate that students from programs for medical and pervasive developmental/communication disorders were likely to plan transfers to self-contained programs within their districts, whereas students from emotional/behavioral disorders programs tended to plan transfers to other approved, private programs outside their districts. Among the graduates/aged-out students, those leaving medical and emotional/behavioral disorders programs were likely to plan pursuit of mainstream postschool activities, whereas those from pervasive developmental/communication disorders programs tended to make postschool plans to enter vocational rehabilitation programs. Follow-up studies are needed to determine the degree to which these plans were actually carried out over time. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Objective: The primary objective of this study was to evaluate the feasibility and preliminary efficacy of a school-based physical fitness intervention (Fit4Fun) on the physical fitness and physical activity (PA) levels of primary school children. Methods: A group-randomized controlled trial with a 3-month wait-list control group was conducted in two primary schools in the Hunter Region, NSW, Australia. Participants (n = 48 students; mean age = 10.9 years + 0.7) were randomized by the schools into the Fit4Fun intervention (n = 32 students) or the control (n = 17) conditions. Fit4Fun was an 8-week programme that included: 8 x 60 min health and physical education (HPE) lessons, a break-time activity programme (recess and lunch) and a home fitness programme. The control group participated in their usual weekly 60 min HPE lessons. Assessments were taken at baseline and post-intervention (8-week) to determine changes in health-related fitness (HRF) levels, PA and attitudes towards HRF testing. Objectively measured PA (mean steps/day) was assessed using 7 days of
pedometery and HRF was assessed using a battery of tests including: seven-stage sit-up test, push-up test, basketball throw, wall squat, sit and reach, shoulder stretch, 20 m shuttle test, and height and weight measurements. A questionnaire was also administered to assess perceptions of physical fitness and physical fitness testing and changes in attitudes to fitness testing. Intervention effects were assessed using analysis of covariance and Cohen's d effect sizes are reported. Results: Children in the intervention group improved in all HRF measures with significant group x time effects (p < 0.05) observed in the seven-stage sit-up test (d = 0.9), the sit and reach tests (right leg d = 1.0, left leg d = 0.9, both legs d = 1.1) and the wall squat tests (right leg d = 0.9, left leg d = 0.6). No significant group x time effect was found in the beep test, basketball throw, PA measure or psychological measures. The control group did not display significant within-group effects for any measure. Conclusions: Results indicate that a multi-component HRF intervention for primary school children that targeted the three areas of a health-promoting school and incorporated social support for participation in physical fitness activities was feasible and efficacious in improving muscular fitness and flexibility levels of children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study examines media narratives of high-level amateur and professional hockey in Canada during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In particular, this project analyzes English Canadian newspaper coverage of Stanley Cup "challenge" games and championship series between 1894 and 1907. It assesses local and national newspaper reporting on hockey, as well as the telegraph reconstructions that enabled fans to share a simultaneous experience of distant games. Early Stanley Cup matches are valuable case studies for examining the cultural meanings of hockey in Canada. Media reports and experiences of hockey brought Canadians into local and national communities of interest, while constructing narratives of regional identity, civic boosterism, and community rivalry. Press coverage and telegraph re-enactments of Stanley Cup challenges contributed significantly to the growth of a mediated Canadian "hockey world"-and a broader "world of sport"-during this time period. By 1903, Stanley Cup hockey games had become "national" Canadian events, followed by audiences across the country. Hockey also played an important role in the construction of gender and class identities, and in debates about amateurism, professionalism, and community representation in sport. By examining media descriptions of "brutal" and "strenuous" play, this study explores the connections between violence and manhood in Canadian hockey. Narratives of robust and hard-hitting hockey expressed both ideals of respectable, middle-class masculinity and characteristics of rough, working-class masculinity. In addition, this project analyzes how notions of civic identity changed as hockey clubs evolved from amateur teams represented by players who were "members" of their home community to professional aggregations that included paid imports from outside the town. A growing emphasis on securing the professional athletes that could ensure victory led to praise for a team's efforts to please its supporters, or "customers." By investigating key issues related to media, gender, and community identities in early hockey, this research addresses important gaps in the study of sport history and the analysis of sport and Canadian popular culture. More specifically, this thesis answers the need for careful, scholarly examinations of the cultural narratives attached to Canadian hockey-and the development of the Canadian sports media-in a historical context. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
This study examined an effort to improve peer engagement at elementary school for children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Using a wait-list-controlled design, a manualized psychosocial intervention called Engage was delivered to children with ASD during lunchtime and recess. The initial treatment (IT) group consisted of seven (one female) elementary school students with autism and the wait-list (WL) group contained three (one female) children with ASD. The naturalistic intervention aimed to 1) reduce alone time and increase engagement with peers, 2) increase initiations and responses to peers, 3) activate school staff to facilitate peer engagement for children, and 4) demonstrate that children receiving the Engage intervention perceive more peer engagement and rate their overall lunchtime and recess experience higher than the children in the WL condition. Analyses revealed that the proportion of alone or unengaged time was significantly reduced for the IT group. While time spent engaged was not significantly increased for the IT group at exit, there was a significant treatment effect at midpoint. Child initiations and responses to peers were also significantly increased at midpoint but not at exit. School staff at the site where the initial treatment was delivered showed increased responsive and strategic behaviors around participants at lunch and recess compared to staff at the WL school. Lastly, children receiving the intervention reported playing with more peers and having an overall better lunch and recess experience than those in the wait-list group. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Background: An estimated 4.4 million children in the United States suffer from Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and most would benefit from a low-cost, side-effect-free way of managing their symptoms. Previous research suggests that after isolated exposures to greenspace, children's ADHD symptoms are reduced. This study examined whether routine exposures to greenspace, experienced through children's everyday play settings, might yield ongoing reductions in ADHD symptoms. Methods: Data on 421 children's ADHD symptoms and usual play settings were collected using a national Internet-based survey of parents. Results: Findings suggest that everyday play settings make a difference in overall symptom severity in children with ADHD. Specifically, children with ADHD who play regularly in green play settings have milder symptoms than children who play in built outdoor and indoor settings. This is true for all income groups and for both boys and girls. Interestingly, for hyperactive children, the apparent advantage of green spaces is true only for relatively open green settings. Conclusions: These and previous findings collectively suggest that it is time for randomized clinical trials testing the impacts of regular exposure to greenspace as a treatment for ADHD. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
families with heterosexual parents. The stories shared in this study move beyond such questions and dive into the heart of being with difference and the meanings difference has for gay fathers, their children and those around them. The fathers provide a vivid picture of their emotional bonds with their children and the strengths and resiliencies they and their children develop living in environments that are largely homophobic and heterosexist. With the information provided by this dissertation, practitioners can challenge heteronormative biases in social work practice, education, and public policy. By revealing the insidious ways heteronormativity "shows up", the results prompt social workers to investigate their beliefs about gay male sexuality and intimacy, the primacy of the heterosexual nuclear family, and conventional notions that a child needs both a female mother and a male father. The father's experiences raise provocative practice questions about nurturing and child rearing. The stories urge practitioners to investigate complex and taken for granted notions about gender and parenthood, and help them engage more sensitively with families headed by same sex parents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
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AD - Vinjamuri, Mohan Krishna: City U New York, US
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2355
T1 - Urgent expectations and silenced knowledge on spontaneous sport space as public health promoter and sport stimulator. [References]
A1 - Fahlen, Josef
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-19789-003
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N2 - This paper takes its departure in a nation-wide program for redesigning school-yards and public spaces to stimulate self-organized physical activity among children and teenagers in Sweden. The purpose of the study was to explore if and how a redesigned schoolyard can promote physical activity among the pupils at the school during the school day. Findings are based on data from 29 interviews, 948 questionnaires and 9 observations at a secondary school in a city in the north of Sweden before and after the renovation of the schoolyard. Results show how the facilities attract first and most already physically active pupils with the less active as spectators. Norms and unspoken rules for usage are established to the benefit of the already physically active, boys and older pupils. This phenomenon is further strengthened by the actual design of the facilities which favors previous experience in sport at the expense of the less experienced. The overall conclusion is that the chances of reaching inactive children and teenagers with this kind of intervention are small. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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T1 - Evaluating interventions to increase physical activity in preschool children with and without disabilities
A1 - Herriott, Shane K.
Obesity is a worldwide problem occurring at earlier and earlier ages. Although obesity is a complex problem with multiple contributing factors, one potential component that may be relatively easy for educators to impact is the amount of physical activity children engage in during the school day. Currently, studies show that many preschool-aged children with and without disabilities are not reaching the recommended daily guidelines for physical activity. This study investigated two ways to increase physical activity during recess for 15 preschoolers - 8 with disabilities, 7 without - using an alternating treatment design. Effects of teacher directed activities and increased presence of playground materials on physical activity levels were evaluated using an Actigraph accelerometer and observational data was recorded using a modified version of the Observational System for Recording Activity in Children - Preschool Version (OSRAC-P). Results showed that both interventions were effective in increasing moderate to vigorous (MVPA) physical and decreasing sedentary activity for most participants. Individual results as well as group comparisons are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

More adolescents are surviving cancer and being treated outside the hospital-setting, allowing them to return to typical activities of development like attending school. Effective preparation for school re-entry is an important aspect of easing the transition back-to-school following a cancer diagnosis. Previous research has used the terms school re-entry, school re-entry preparation, and school reintegration interchangeably. For the purposes of the current study, school re-entry refers to going back-to-school. School re-entry preparation or
interventions refers to the preparatory process implemented for the initial return to school following a cancer diagnosis. Conversely, school reintegration refers to the ongoing or long-term adjustment of the child or adolescent with cancer to the school environment. Research in school re-entry preparation began in the late 1970s, but much is still not well understood about appropriate school re-entry preparation in terms of application, outcome, or the adolescent's needs. The adolescent with cancer's perspective has been grossly neglected in research. Furthermore, current research lacks an operational definition of "successful school re-entry" and knowledge of specific factors associated with positive school re-entry outcomes. Identifying variables that positively impact the school re-entry process is critical to improving and individualizing school re-entry interventions. The current study used an adaption of the Disability-Stress Coping Model (DSC; Wallander & Varni, 1998) to both define school re-entry success and identify potential predictors that may impact school re-entry success. In addition, to obtain a more comprehensive picture of re-entry success, adolescents with cancer rated the success of their back-to-school experiences. The current study asked 85 adolescents with cancer (ages 11 - 19 years) to complete a web-based survey asking about their re-entry experiences and daily functioning. Results provided tentative support for a discrepancy between professional and adolescent re-entry needs/goals. Findings suggest that a subset of adolescents with cancer may be at risk for poor school re-entry/reintegration outcomes, including females, being of lower SES, having certain types of cancer (brain tumors, leukemia), undergoing specific treatments (radiation, chemotherapy), being out of school for longer periods of time, having pre-morbid academic difficulties, and/or having poor social support. Adolescents who demonstrate these risk factors may warrant increased, specialized attention when preparing to return to school. In addition to systemic and within-person factors from the adapted DSC model, findings suggest that developmental characteristics of adolescence must be considered in planning re-entry intervention. Appropriate modifications to school re-entry preparation for adolescents may include utilizing electronic and social media, implementing peer mentors, focusing on reinforcing appropriate social circles, and emphasizing autonomy. More research is needed to understand how to best assist the adolescent with cancer in returning to school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Exploring the micro-social geography of children's interactions in preschool: A long-term observational study and analysis using geographic information technologies. [References
A1 - Torrens, Paul M.
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KW - PsychInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Social Environments
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Classroom Environment
KW - Cluster Analysis
KW - Geography
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Time
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N2 - The authors describe an observational and analytic methodology for recording and interpreting dynamic microprocesses that occur during social interaction, making use of space-time data collection techniques,
spatial-statistical analysis, and visualization. The scheme has three investigative foci: Structure, Activity Composition, and Clustering. In each case, these are associated with either acquiring resources or using socioenvironmental features to influence social intercourse. For each point of focus, the authors provide an analytic strategy and demonstration of its usefulness, using data generated from a 2.5-year observational study of young children’s play behavior. Each tool, and its associated concepts, is used to illustrate how early socializing behavior is embedded in time and space. The results show that geography is a significant catalyst for social dynamics in young children: It provides the opportunity for novel interpretations of sociality along with a better understanding of the influence that geographical factors (location, space, place, spatial structure, spatial composition, landmarks, site) have on the evolving reciprocal interplay between individuals and groups. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - The effect of background music on bullying: A pilot study. [References]
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N2 - School bullying is a source of growing concern. A number of intervention programs emphasize the importance of a positive school climate in preventing bullying behavior. The aim of the presented pilot study was to examine whether calming background music, through its effect on arousal and mood, could create a pleasant atmosphere and reduce bullying occurrence. On the first week, 56 sixth-grade students from two classes completed a bullying and arousal questionnaire after the big recess on three consecutive days, as a baseline measurement. On the second week, calming background music was played during the big recess on three consecutive days and children completed the same questionnaires. On the final week, music was removed and participants completed the questionnaires again on three consecutive days. Results showed significantly reduced bullying occurrence, lower arousal levels, and higher enjoyment of recess when music was played. Bullying occurrence increased on the third week, though it remained lower than on the first week. Arousal levels returned to baseline level once music was removed. Results suggest calming background music may be used in combination with other intervention actions to create a positive school atmosphere and reduce aggressive behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - Teachers’ beliefs related to activity play in the preschool setting: A phenomenological investigation
A1 - Pisha, Lorelei Emma
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The purpose of the present study was to investigate how early childhood teachers working in Head Start programs made meaning of preschool-age children's physical activity play by exploring their personal childhood and professional experiences with physical activity play. The study was conducted to contribute research-based recommendations for promoting evidence-based practices in young children's physical activity play at inclusive preschools serving diverse children and families. Thirteen early childhood educators from Head Start centers serving children who are ability, culturally, linguistically, and socioeconomically diverse in the greater Washington D.C. area participated in the phenomenological investigation. Data was collected via an in-depth phenomenological interview and two questionnaires. Findings provide research-based evidence that teachers' beliefs about physical activity play influence their practices and may be an important factor impacting the implementation of evidence-based practices in young children's physical activity play at preschool. Teachers' beliefs about the following factors influenced their professional practices related to physical activity play: disability, parents'/caregivers' responsibilities, the teacher's role during outdoor recess, interactions with siblings and peers, administrative policies, practices, and expectations, SES, gender, and the changing culture of childhood. Findings inform the design and delivery of effective professional development initiatives, as well as evidence-based recommendations for professional organizations for evidence-based practices for promoting preschoolers' physical activity play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
samples. They were analyzed using grounded theory methods for coding data as well as a priori coding. From the data analysis 4 hypotheses were generated: (a) in addition to staying connected to their peers, participants were using social networking to support their academic work; (b) the participants demonstrated more skills and competencies in their out-of-school literacy practices than standardized tests measure; (c) the participants engaged in personally relevant literacy activities outside of school in which they have a high level of self-efficacy; and (d) participants were creating as well as seeking distractions at different times during the study. The participants each presented a unique literacy profile. John demonstrated an ability to locate different forms of media and combining them (Video and Music). However, his visually sophisticated presentations camouflaged his lack of understanding. He has a high level of self-efficacy as a video game player but those skills are not valued in the school setting. John needs support to further develop his skills and competencies particularly for academic contexts. Sally demonstrated a thorough understanding of concepts. She persevered when encountering difficulties in school related tasks. The study revealed a discrepancy between her test scores and her skills and competencies. Amanda demonstrated an ability to create multimedia presentations. She has a negative perception of herself as a learner. However, she appears to have a high level of self-efficacy related to technology and computers. She is aware of her challenges and seeks assistance. An awareness of the participants' unique literacy profiles outside of school will work towards expanding our understanding them as learners. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
late childhood predicted depressive symptoms at age 12. The combination of high levels of social withdrawal with peers from ages 9-12 and low RSA reactivity with a parent at age 12 predicted higher depressive symptoms at age 15. Withdrawal in multiple social contexts may place boys at risk for depressive symptoms during the vulnerable period of adolescence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - The superheroes social skills program: A study examining an evidence-based program for elementary-aged students with autism spectrum disorders who are frequently bullied
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N2 - The current study investigated the effectiveness of an evidenced-based social skills program, the Superheroes Social Skills program to determine its effectiveness with children who have autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and have been identified by teachers or parents as being highly bullied at school. Three participants with ASD, between the ages of 6 and 10, received social skills instruction using the Superheroes Social Skills program. Along with the social skills lessons, Superheroes Social Skills includes lessons that specifically address bullying. All participants received instruction three times a week for 12 weeks. There were also eight normally developing students who attended the lessons and served as peer models. Generalization probes of social interaction during free play periods, in both a research and naturalistic setting, were conducted for each participant in order to determine treatment efficacy. After the implementation of the program, effect sizes (ES), Percentage of All Non-Overlapping Data (PAND), and Percentage of Non-Overlapping Data (PND) were calculated to examine differences in the amount of social interaction during the free play periods. The average total social engagement score for the participants showed a moderate ES using PAND (ES=0.34) and the No Assumptions method (ES=0.42). In the naturalistic setting, which was the playground at recess, large ES were found using PAND (ES=0.92) and the No Assumptions method (ES=0.85). In order to assess the program's impact on the victim's response to bullying, the participants with ASD engaged in bullying role-play scenarios during the intervention. The victim's behavioral responses were coded to determine if any changes were made. Increases in appropriate responding to bullying and the use of appropriate body language were observed across participants. Along with the observational data, the participants' responses on pre- and postmeasures of social responsiveness and victimization were compared. The results of the study suggest increases in social skills and decreases in reports of being a victim of bullying. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
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There were two purposes of this descriptive research design. The first purpose of the study was to investigate family literacy activities with preschool-aged children and parental expectations of their children's development and future school success as reported by Asian immigrant families. The second purpose was to observe the interactive reading behaviors of parents and their preschool-aged children. The online Family Literacy Activities Survey (Payne, Whitehurst, & Angell, 1994) and the Adult-Child Interactive Reading Inventory (DeBruin-Parecki, 2007) were employed for data collection. The survey data was coded and analyzed by using the SPSS 19.0 for Windows. Correlations were calculated to determine the relationships between parental reading behavior categories and child behavior categories. In all, 265 respondents took the Family Literacy Online survey and 25 parent-child dyads voluntarily participated in the video recorded observation of interactive reading sessions. The findings revealed that more than half of the parents were not having any reading difficulty when they were in school. Parents reported that they spent time outside home an average of 3-5 hours a day, and they hardly ever went to the library with their preschool aged child. Parents themselves spent from one to three hours watching television per day, and they allowed their preschool aged children to watch television one to three hours daily. Regarding family reading activities, almost fifty percent of the parents reported that they owned approximately 11-20 picture books. The parents reported that they or another family member began to read to the preschooler at 7-12 months on average. One hundred thirty-seven (52.1%) of the respondents reported that their children requested a parent to read with them "once or twice a month," While one hundred thirty-seven of the parents reported that their children looked at books by themselves once or twice a month. When the preschool aged child was read, more than half of parents responded that their children genuinely liked it. Concerning parental expectations for their children's development, and future school successes, the findings reveal that teacher, school, parent, and child equally share responsibility for the preschooler's development in different aspects including health, school success, social skills, and acquiring reading ability. However, in all of these aspects of development, teachers have a slightly larger share of the overall responsibility except in the area of increasing vocabulary. Parent and child behaviors evident in video recordings of shared reading sessions provided findings that revealed for both adults and children, as measured by the Adult-Child Interactive Reading Inventory (ACIRI), the highest means scores were in the category "Enhancing Attention to Text", while the lowest mean scores were in the category "Using Literacy Strategies". In terms of the relationships between parental reading behavior categories and child behavior categories, the findings demonstrated that the relationships between parental reading behavior categories and child behavior categories were found to be significantly correlated in a positive manner. The results of the study will potentially benefit parents, children, and families by providing child development specialists and early childhood educators with information about the home literacy environments and literacy support activities of Asian immigrant families. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
This study examined the relationship between fifth-grade students' out-of-school reading habits and measures of their reading comprehension and writing abilities. The sample was composed of forty-two students attending an urban school in Northeastern Massachusetts. Each morning, for fifteen consecutive weeks, students recorded an approximation of the number of minutes they spent on designated out-of-school activities for the previous evening. The total amount of minutes they spent reading was recorded on an evening activity-log and the mean amount of nightly reading volume, per student, was calculated. Student reading comprehension ability was measured by percentile scores on two standardized reading assessments. Students produced written responses in a weekly journal, and these were analyzed by way of two qualitative writing rubrics. A Least Squares Regression model was adopted for the analysis of outcome variables. The regression model was explicitly sought to investigate Stanovich's Matthew effects theory (2000), where student reading volume operated as the predictor variable. Results confirmed the study's research hypothesis. Student reading volume provided a correlation coefficient of $r=.37$ for reading comprehension and $r=.61$ for writing achievement. Moreover, all regression model results proved to be significant at a $p=.05$ level. Student reading volume proved to be a significant predictor for both reading and writing outcomes. The findings of this study support the overarching argument of the Matthew effects theory. Students who read a great deal outperformed their peers on measures of both reading comprehension and writing ability. This is because the increased amount of print exposure they experienced resulted in an expansion of their cognitive and linguistic knowledge base. In turn, this increased knowledge base reciprocally affected literacy outcomes. The educational implications of the study are that classroom practices which encourage student reading habits, both inside and outside of the classroom, are critical for all aspects of student literacy development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Introduction: Learning difficulties at school are characterized by complex causes and serious consequences both socially and psychologically. Various studies have established the link between learning difficulties and low self-esteem [3-7] as well as their fundamental role in determining the pupil’s future and their daily experiences. However, some research has also shown that children with learning difficulties often have other emotional problems, notably higher anxiety and depression scores [9-13], which raises the question of the specific role of self-esteem. The objective of this article is to examine the potentially independent role of these psychological variables (self-esteem, anxiety and depression) and their distinct impact on the daily life of pupils with learning difficulties. Method: Participants: two groups of sixth grade pupils were selected based on their results in national tests in French and Math according to their rate of correct responses in the two subjects (TRC2 M): one group of students "highest school performance" (TRC2M > 80%) and the other "poorest school performance" (TRC2M < 50%). These pupils were chosen from ten randomly selected middle schools in the Gironde: "normal" middle schools (n = 5) or middle schools in educational priority zones ("ZEP"; n = 5). In total, 128 adolescents in sixth grade (55% girls) took part and the average age was 11.44 (SD = .62). Sixty-six of these pupils were doing well and 62 were struggling. Procedure: using the Experience Sampling Method (ESM), the participants were equipped with a PSION REVO palmtop computer for a period of 7 consecutive days. Every time the integrated computer alarm emitted a beep, pupils were invited to respond to a series of questions on the screen. These alarms sounded outside school hours and the pupils were questioned about their physical and social environments, their activities and their moods in their daily lives. Alongside this method, pupils had to respond to clinical questionnaires measuring anxiety, depression, self-esteem, and also provide sociodemographic information. The data was analyzed with the help of multilevel models to examine the role of individual differences concerning self-esteem, anxiety and depression on intra-individual variables, such as emotional states, perceived impact of events and emotional reactivity to stress. Results: Children with learning difficulties had lower self-esteem and greater anxiety or depressive symptomatology than students who were doing well. However, with the ESM method, the results showed that self-esteem was not significantly associated with anxious or depressive moods, or with the perceived impact of negative events. In contrast, the level of anxiety and clinical depression was associated with higher daily levels of anxious or depressive affect, even with a higher perceived impact of daily events. Discussion: Thanks to the ESM method, the independent relationships linking self-esteem, anxiety and depression in the pupil’s daily life were analyzed. Contrary to what was observed with the anxiety trait and depression, self-esteem was not significantly associated with negative affect in daily life, with perceived impact of events or with emotional reactivity. These results are useful in the prevention or appropriate treatment as they suggest that distinctive strategies are necessary to improve low self-esteem in relation to other emotional problems in this population. To identify possible therapeutic targets, future studies could examine the links between self-esteem and other aspects of daily life, such as positive emotions, social interactions, or other variables not examined in the current study. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Aims: The purpose of this study is to assess the relationships between trips in nature, gathering of wild plants, fishing and hunting and weight status. Methods: Data from a cross-sectional questionnaire survey of 996 parents of sixth- and seventh-graders from 38 randomly chosen schools in two Norwegian counties. All data are self-reported: Weight and height (participants were considered as overweight if BMI were 25 or higher), family trips in nature (dichotomized into >once a week vs. less than once a week), gathering of wild plants/mushrooms, fishing and hunting (all dichotomized into >sometimes vs. never), sex, family education level and general physical activity level. Multivariate logistic regression analyses were performed with overweight as the dependent variable. Results: Adjusting for all outdoor activities; those engaging in nature trips (OR = 0.52; 95% CI = 0.37-0.75) and those engaging in gathering (OR = 0.73; 95% CI = 0.55-0.98) were less frequently overweight, while those fishing (OR = 1.83; 95% CI = 1.35-2.47) were more frequently overweight. After also adjusting for sex, family education level and general physical activity level, nature trips (OR = 0.52; 95% CI = 0.36-0.75) and fishing (OR = 1.53; 95% CI = 1.12-2.10) were still significant, gathering was not. No association between hunting and weight status was observed. Conclusion: Frequent family trips in nature might be an important behaviour in order to reverse the obesity epidemic. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
The present study examined effectiveness of a training program for the transition from kindergarten to elementary school by children with developmental disabilities. The purpose of the training program was to teach the children skills needed in order to participate in classes in elementary school. Participants were 5 senior kindergarten students with developmental disabilities. The 4-session training program was conducted in the elementary school that the participants would be entering. In the first session, the children introduced themselves and did exercises, such as with a trampoline and balance beam. The second session consisted of activities such as how to use the nurse's office and the lunch room. The third session consisted of arts and crafts, and the fourth, of language training and stacking blocks. In addition, all sessions included practice on greetings for the start of the class, recess, and free time, including greetings when entering the classroom, greetings at the start of class, raising one's hand for permission to ask a question, watching the presenter, and standing in line. Children who performed a target behavior correctly were praised; if they did not practice the target behavior, the trainer prompted them to do so. The children's target behaviors were evaluated through video recordings of the children and from questionnaires completed by the trainers. In addition, after the children had entered elementary school, their behavior was assessed there. The assessments indicated that after the training, all the children had acquired most of the target behaviors, and did them even after the end of the training program. The present results suggest that the training program was effective in assisting these children in the transition from kindergarten to elementary school.
detailed time-diary information as to child and adolescent activities and supervision. Both variable- and pattern-based approaches were used to create self-care types based on three contextual features (i.e., supervision, location, and the presence of peers during self care) in order to elucidate: (A) factors that predict the use of child and adolescent self care, and (B) the circumstances under which child and adolescent self care are associated with study outcomes. Overall results suggest that self care is (1) a common context for children and adolescents, (2) that the type of self care utilized differs according to several characteristics (e.g., amount of time in self care, child age, family income-to-needs, and neighborhood poverty), and (3) that associated outcomes of self care differ by self care contextual features. More specifically, the location of and peer association during self care are associated with several study outcomes, including higher externalizing behavior (adolescents but not for younger groups), lower well-being, and higher body mass index. Relations between self care and academic outcomes were not statistically significant. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
The purpose of this case study was to examine the interactions between parents and children as they participated in weekly tutoring sessions to develop phonemic awareness (PA) with the use of kinesthetic motions for the phoneme (KMP). The study examined how the parents extended the learning and explored the changes in their literacy understandings. In addition, it documented the children's growth in PA. The four major sources of data of the study were: field notes constructed from recordings of the tutoring sessions and dyads reading a poem at the beginning and end of the study; parental logs; interviews; and literacy measures of the children. The study chronicled the change in the parents as they developed the ability to teach PA. The parent-child interactions demonstrated the parents acted as effective tutors. They scaffolded attending to sound with KMPs and developed the following understandings through the use of poetry: to direct their children to attend to print non-verbally by pointing and verbally with the use of specific language for directionality, letters and punctuation. The children developed PA, as evidenced in their use of KMPs outside of the sessions, in their identification of letter sounds and ability to encode phonemes. The parents' guidance of the children to text resulted in growth in concepts about print. The implications of the study include the need to incorporate concrete markers, such as the KMP, with preschoolers in PA activities, the need to teach parents to scaffold interaction with text through pointing, and the need to seriously consider engaging parents in academic tutoring. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Introduction: This study examined the differences between boys and girls in relation to activity levels during play and sensory preferences for activity level, body position and movement. A review of the literature revealed no evidence to explain if boys and girls prefer different body positions while playing or if body position might be used to measure their activity levels. Method: This retrospective study used data from demographic forms, children's Sensory Profiles and observations of children's play in classroom settings. The sample consisted of 53 typically developing children between ages 3-5 years from a suburban preschool in Kansas in the United States. Results: Analysis of data from play observations revealed no significant differences between boys and girls in relation to body position mean (p = 0.33), body position standard deviation (p = 0.19) and total number of change position times (p = 0.28). Analysis of data from children's Sensory Profiles showed no significant differences (p = 0.97) between boys' and girls' seeking preferences reflected by activity level, body position and movement items in the Sensory Profile. Conclusion: Future research should investigate children's play in outdoor playgrounds and implement more rigorous methods in rating activity levels. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Self-monitoring as a means to generalize social skills

Elementary students in a mid-west school were taught social skills in a pull-out program, but those skills did not generalize for many of those students into the classroom or other settings. Five students were then selected for additional intervention by teacher and counselor nominations. Each student had a target social skill that was identified for improvement. The target skill was assessed using multiple measures such as records of student discipline, teacher ratings, student ratings, grades, teacher survey, parent survey, and student survey. Adding a self-management system for four weeks increased generalization of learned social skills to other settings such as classroom, playground, cafeteria, art, and music classes. Implications for practice and future research are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Handheld technology devices allow users to be mobile and access the Internet, personal data, and third-party content applications in many different environments at the users' convenience. The explosion of these mobile learning devices around the globe has led adults to value them for communication, productivity, and learning. Outside of the school setting, many adolescents and children have access to, or own mobile learning devices. The use of these devices by children on a daily basis in schools is a relatively new phenomenon, with just four percent of elementary students doing so in classrooms in 2010 (Gray, Thomas & Lewis, 2010). This mixed methods study researched a one-to-one implementation of 287 mobile technology devices, the iPod touch, in fourth- and fifth-grade elementary classrooms over eight months. The focus was to explore the mobile learning device's relationship to English language learners' reading achievement levels, to English language learners' self-efficacy in reading English, and to explore the benefits and limitations of the device's daily use as perceived by the students. The hypothesis was that the practice of reading and related literacy activities with the iPod touch would augment English learners' vicarious learning experiences, and thereby effect student cognitive engagement, reading self-efficacy, and reading academic achievement. The study used validated surveys and assessments to measure students' beliefs about reading and their knowledge of reading. Additionally, English language learner interview data were collected and analyzed to uncover perceived benefits and limitations of utilizing 1:1 mobile learning devices for daily literacy activities. Analysis of the data revealed significantly elevated levels of self-efficacy in reading for the experimental group with 1:1 handheld technology, while academic gains in reading for the experimental and control groups were statistically similar. Students in the experimental group described a virtually-enhanced socio-cultural context for communicating and learning with the handheld technology. Implications for practice, policy, leadership, and future research are discussed.
Adolescents use negotiation strategies to foster their participation in outdoor recreation and physical activity.

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N2 - The current study evaluated the effectiveness of the Superhero Social Skills program in increasing the social engagement skills and decreasing the aggressive behavior of students with externalizing behavior problems as implemented by a resource teacher. There have been no empirical evaluations of the Superhero Social Skills program as implemented by educators other than graduate students in school psychology familiar with the program. The Superhero Social Skills program was administered to 5 elementary age participants with training occurring for 30 minutes twice per week in a public elementary school. The participating resource teacher taught 11 lessons from the program across 11 weeks. Effects were primarily assessed through a momentary time sampling procedure during both analog (structured free play) and recess (unstructured play) situations, for intervention and follow-up phases. The momentary time sampling recorded each participant's percentage of time spent socially engaged (initiating and responding) and/or engaged in aggression (verbal and physical). Both effect sizes and the percentage of all nonoverlapping data points (PAND) were calculated. Pre- and posttreatment effects were also evaluated for the Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS) and the Behavior Assessment System for Children, 2nd Edition (BASC-2). Consumer satisfaction, social validity, and treatment integrity factors were also examined. Results indicated that the Superhero Social Skills program had a small effect in enhancing participants' social engagement with peers and had a medium effect in reducing aggressive behavior of student participants. Positive social engagement was observed to generalize from the instructional setting to the natural setting of recess. The current study also found that the Superhero Social Skills program was implemented with a high rate of fidelity (85%) by a resource teacher unfamiliar with the program as measured by treatment integrity probes across each lesson. Additionally, the participating resource teacher rated the program as easy to implement and the Superhero Social Skills program was rated as being socially valid, acceptable, and effective by the student participants, parents, and teachers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
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AD - Springer, Benjamin James: U Utah, US
ER -
T1 - Varencline in autistic disorder: Hypothesis and case report of single-patient crossover. [References]
A1 - Arnold, L.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2013-05755-012
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Autism
KW - Drug Therapy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 61
EP - 64
JF - Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology
VL - 23:
SN - 1044-5463
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2381
N2 - Presents a case report of a 9-year-old boy had an established diagnosis of autistic disorder, made at 3 years of age because of delayed language (he did not speak until he was almost 4 years of age), idiosyncratic language, stereotyped movements and play, sensory intolerances, unresponsiveness to instruction, poor social skills, poor eye contact, emotional distance, disregard of people, heedlessness of real danger (darting, running into street), and irrational fear of harmless situations/objects. After some instruction in behavior modification, his parents trained him to use words and observe some social amenities. Once he attained language, it became obvious that he was high-functioning, with clinical intelligence quotient (IQ) estimate above average. His parents had heard of the nicotinic receptor deficiency hypothesis for autism described previously, and requested a trial of varenicline, knowing the risks. A cautious trial was initiated, with availability of phone consultation; the parents were given a copy of the Ohio Autism Clinical Impressions Scale to plot his progress. At that point (age 9) he weighed ~40 kg. He started with half of a 0.5 mg tablet per day for a week and then was given 0.5 mg/day. Within a month, observers outside the family were spontaneously commenting about the improvement in conversational ability, social interaction, and reasoning/coherence. He was continuing his 10 mg atomoxetine. To our knowledge, this is the first report of an individual with autism treated with varenicline, an 4b2 nicotinic receptor partial agonist. The unintended ABAB treatment experience made an experiment of nature with rather encouraging results. The parents were so impressed with the results that for several months they continued to buy varenicline for him at considerable expense (because the off-label use is not covered by their insurance). They share the prescriber's concerns about long-term safety and volunteered to have this case study published to promote research in a more controlled fashion. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2382
N2 - The intersection of physical activity, self-regulation and academic achievement: Implications for educational success
A1 - El Nokali, Nermeen E.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2013-99020-455
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Age Differences
KW - Educational Programs
KW - Physical Activity
Recent years young children have concurrently experienced startling rises in their rates of obesity and stark reductions in their opportunities for physical activity. These trends have potentially serious implications for young children’s school performance. However, much of the current physical activity research is concerned with health-related outcomes and the prediction of physical activity. Less work has examined the influence of activity on other domains of child development, such as academic and social skills. The current dissertation is comprised of two studies examining opportunities for and levels of physical activity in two distinct developmental periods (preschool and elementary school) and elucidating associations of physical activity with children's self-regulation and achievement. Examining two independent samples facilitated comparisons of physical activity characteristics and associations across age groups, school settings and demographic contexts. The first study consisted of a within-group analysis of a primarily low-income minority subsample of 4 and 5 year-old preschoolers (N = 104) drawn from the Pitt School Readiness Study, a study of preschoolers from the metropolitan Pittsburgh area. Results from this examination suggest that, although children's moderate to vigorous activity was not related to self-regulation or achievement, opportunities for physical activity seemed important. Specifically, more time in free play predicted worse attention, and more time in recess predicted more externalizing behavior, less self-control, and worse math achievement. In contrast, more physical education time predicted better reading and math skills. The second study consisted of analyses on a large, economically and ethnically diverse sample of third and fifth graders (N = 993) and a low income subsample (n = 297). Across these samples, more physical education emerged as a positive predictor of self-control but more recess time was negatively associated with math achievement. Accelerometry measured physical activity was not predictive across outcomes. Finally, post-hoc examinations revealed that attention, self-control, and externalizing behaviors acted as possible agents of indirect associations between opportunities for physical activity and achievement. Overall, findings across both studies suggest that children benefit most from physical activity that is structured and regularly scheduled within school settings. Furthermore, large quantities of unstructured activity seemed detrimental for self-regulation and achievement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2384
T1 - The potential of mobile technologies to connect teaching and learning inside and outside of the classroom.

[References]
A1 - Hooft, Mark van't
Y1 - 2013//
N1 - Book: 2012-32391-012

English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Learning
KW - Teaching
KW - Technology
KW - Mobile Devices
KW - Classrooms
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 175
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JF - Mouza, Chrystalla [Ed]; Lavigne, Nancy [Ed]
Rapid developments in mobile devices and pervasive wireless networks continuously redefine the ways in which we live, work, play, and learn. In fact, wireless mobile devices enable anytime and anywhere access to digital tools and resources in popular and easy-to-use formats and allow instant communication across time and place. As such, they place an ever-increasing amount of control in our hands and enable us to have rich user experiences as we access, aggregate, create, customize, and share digital information in a variety of formats. These unique characteristics and capabilities of wireless mobile devices provide exciting opportunities for teaching and learning that can change what is "pedagogically possible". Specifically, their mobility and connectivity allow students to access information at their fingertips and connect their learning to the outside world across a variety of real and digital contexts. The unique affordances of mobile technologies and their implications for teaching and learning are the focus of this chapter. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

Beyond the scores: Mathematics identities of African American and Hispanic fifth graders in an urban elementary community school

As mathematics identity affects students' learning and doing of mathematics, it is critical to understand the mathematics identities of African American and Hispanic students as the mathematical performance and pursuits of far too many continue to lag behind. Further, as community schools have been shown to positively impact students in urban communities, it is also critical to understand how mathematics identities are developed within community schools. This study explores the culture, structures, and processes of an urban elementary community school including its afterschool archery program relative to fifth grade students' mathematics identities. It also explores students' math positioning, enactment, and perspectives in the classroom and archery. The theoretical framework encompasses multiple theories and perspectives: identity theory, cultural-historical activity theory, ecological systems theory, and culturally responsive pedagogy. Ethnography of one urban elementary community school was conducted over one school year plus summer camp using mixed methods. In total, 33 fifth graders and 13 adults participated in the study. In addition to school and community agency artifacts collected, observations inside and outside of the classrooms were conducted along with student brainstorming exercises and student and adult interviews. State math assessment scores were collected for 2009 and 2010 and pre- and post-surveys on students' mathematics beliefs and attitudes were conducted. While 7 out of 10 fifth graders favored mathematics and considered themselves as mathematicians, as defined in a broader sense that reflects habits of mind as opposed to simply skills, less than four out of 10 saw themselves in careers considered math- or science-related. Interestingly, students who had heard the word "mathematician" scored significantly higher on state math assessments than their peers who had not. In the classroom, students positioned themselves in different ways relative to their mathematics identity such as leader, helper,
independent, math smart, social learner, and agent of their own learning. Outside of the classroom, the after-school archery program bore positive relevance in students’ mathematics identities, including a student with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, through culturally responsive instruction, a culture of respect, and goal-setting. Study results can inform community school processes, cultures, and structures as well as children’s media. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

An instrument to measure traditional and cyber bullying and victimization behaviors in overseas middle years students

A pilot study to examine the effect of additional structured outdoor playtime on preschoolers’ physical activity levels. [References]
The impact of additional structured outdoor playtime on preschoolers' physical activity (PA) level is unclear. The purpose of this pilot study was to explore the effects of increasing structured outdoor playtime on preschoolers' PA levels. Eight full-day classrooms (n = 134 children) from two preschool programmes were randomised into a treatment (STRUCT, n = 4) or control (CON, n = 4) condition. Both groups received an additional 30 minutes of outdoor playtime three days per week for four weeks. The STRUCT intervention consisted of previously tested structured outdoor playtime activities/games. The CON intervention consisted of free outdoor playtime.

Children were individually recruited (n = 75) for the objective assessment of PA levels. The PA levels of 67 children (age, 4.19 ± 0.8 years; STRUCT, n = 38; CON, n = 29) were assessed at baseline and during week four for seven consecutive days using Actigraph accelerometers. Data were analysed using mixed-model analysis of variance. Time spent in vigorous PA significantly increased during the 30-minute intervention time for the STRUCT group compared with the CON group (group x time interaction: F(1, 36) = 4.91, p = 0.04). Compared with baseline, a significant increase was observed in the STRUCT group's time spent engaged in moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA) during the intervention time, but this increase was not significant compared with the CON group (baseline: STRUCT, 1.7 ± 2.0 min; CON, 1.9 ± 2.4 min; week four: STRUCT, 4.9 ± 3.1 min; CON, 3.3 ± 2.5 min). Compared with the CON group, the STRUCT group spent a significantly greater percentage of time engaged in MVPA and a significantly lower percentage of time engaged in sedentary activity during the preschool day. In conclusion, this study provides preliminary evidence that increasing preschoolers' exposure to structured activities during outdoor playtime could lead to improvements in their PA levels. The present intervention could be used to help preschoolers meet the recommended levels of PA.

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The purpose of this study was to explore the concept of play through the eyes of talented and gifted (TAG) fifth- and sixth-grade students. Three focus groups consisting of fifth- and sixth-grade TAG students were conducted in one urban, one suburban, and one rural school district in the Midwest. Students were asked to describe the value of play in the cognitive, physical, and social domains. Additional open-ended questions were asked about the importance of play and its relevance to their lives. From these results, an online survey was created. Data from an additional 162 fifth- and sixth-grade TAG respondents substantiated that play is a significant activity for learning and socializing in the general classroom, gifted programs, and outside their classrooms. Despite its importance, students experienced structural barriers for time to play. Putting the Research to Use: Results of this study hold implications for teachers to acknowledge the value of play as a tool for learning. Children see play as a renewal activity. They see play as motivating and as a way to increase attention, retention, and focus in learning. Children emphasized that play develops teamwork and problem-solving skills. Play enhances meaningful activities in the talented and gifted program as well as the general classroom. Results of this study suggest that parents should acknowledge their children's need for play in all three domains (cognitive, physical, and social) and allow time for self-directed play after school with limits on scheduled activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
learning approaches, and use consultation to implement interventions. Because children experience problems in classrooms, playgrounds, homes, and other settings that support education, interventions to address problems are generally implemented in the setting where the problem occurs. School-based psychologists generally do not provide direct services (e.g., play therapy) outside of educational settings. Consequently, psychologists in school settings consult with teachers, parents, and other educators to implement interventions. Psychological assessment procedures that address student learning, psychoeducational interventions, and intervention implementation mediated via consultation are emphasized to a greater degree in schools than in other settings. The remainder of this chapter addresses aspects of psychological assessment that distinguish practices in school-based settings from practices in other settings. The chapter is organized into three major sections: assessment purposes, current practices, and future trends of psychological assessment in schools. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2390
T1 - Autism: School-based cognitive-behavioral interventions. [References]
A1 - Bolton, Jessica B.
Y1 - 2012
N1 - Book: 2012-04950-016
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cognitive Behavior Therapy
KW - Pervasive Developmental Disorders
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - Autism
KW - Measurement
KW - Treatment Planning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 469
EP - 501
JF - Mennuti, Rosemary B [Ed]; Christner, Ray W [Ed]; Freeman, Arthur [Ed]
VL - : 1
IS - 2012
N2 - (from the chapter) Since the first edition of this book in 2006, the concept of using cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) techniques with children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) has gained popularity in terms of available techniques and research. Children and adolescents with ASD, by definition, exhibit social impairments, which occur concurrently with deficits in expressive and/or receptive verbal and nonverbal language and the presentation of perseverative behaviors and a restrictive pattern of interests. These behaviors all present a need for intervention, and may be targeted by speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, classroom management systems, and social-skills training, to name a few. For ASD, each "symptom" is typically treated by differing types of intervention, which requires comprehensive evaluations of the problem behaviors and careful treatment planning. Of the symptoms present, cognitive-behavioral therapy has been used to help in the areas of improving social skills, enhancing perspective-taking, increasing self-monitoring behaviors, and reducing comorbid symptoms of internalizing disorders, specifically anxiety. This chapter aims to highlight some promising treatment options for children and adolescents with ASD, and to help practitioners select and monitor interventions to help establish evidence of effectiveness. It is the hope that this chapter is able to highlight the importance and need for more research in this area. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2391
A treatment package for reducing aggression and improving playground behavior. [References]

A1 - Marchant, Michelle
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-09162-002

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Playgrounds
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Treatment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 5
EP - 25
JF - Journal of Evidence-Based Practices for Schools
VL - 13:
IS - 1

N2 - Referrals of elementary students who had engaged in aggressive behavior on the playground prompted the implementation of a nonclassroom treatment package as an extension of a schoolwide positive behavior support
program. The package consisted of (1) teaching students new playground rules during physical education class and posting the rules in the gym and on the playground, (2) providing reminders of the rules, (3) modifying the playground to facilitate appropriate play, (4) encouraging playground monitors to take a more active supervisory role, and (5) conducting a self-management program for the students who consistently engaged in aggressive behavior. The effects of the program were evaluated by recording three students' levels of physical and verbal aggression and appropriate play and by asking the playground supervisors to rate the recess behavior of all students during baseline and treatment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2393
T1 - African cognitive ability: Research, results, divergences and recommendations. [References]
A1 - Rindermann, Heiner
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-25059-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Cognitive Ability
KW - Cognitive Development
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Environmental Attitudes
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 229
EP - 233
VF - Personality and Individual Differences
VL - 55:
IS - 3
N2 - In the past different researchers have come to diverging cognitive ability estimates for people in Africa and of African descent. The paper tries to check the validity of past results by comparing them with outcomes of two new psychometric test studies from East and South Africa; with results from student assessment studies; with predictions based on those variables which, outside Africa, correlate most strongly with intelligence; and by comparing them with further indicators of cognitive ability (descriptions of everyday life and human accomplishment). Integrating these cognitive ability measures with the application of several corrections (due to the higher age of students in Africa, lower African school enrollment, selectivity of samples and higher African secular IQ rise), the best guess for an African average is IQ 75. Finally, possible environmental and genetic (evolutionary, therefore past environmental) causes are discussed and suggestions are given how to enhance cognitive development in African countries. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2394
T1 - The influence of experience upon imagery perspectives in adolescent sport performers. [References]
A1 - John, K.
Y1 - 2011///
Current imagery literature suggests that imagery perspectives may be subject to a default position (Morris & Spittle, 2001), with experience influencing how successfully individuals can utilize internal and external visual imagery. According to this proposition, the default imagery perspective is an internal 1st person perspective. However, few imagery inventories have been designed to differentiate and accurately measure these imagery perspectives (see Morris, Spittle, & Watt, 2005). Fewer still have considered athletic populations, in particular adolescent cohorts. Consequently, the current research examined the use of internal visual imagery (IVI), external visual imagery (EVI), and kinesthetic imagery (KI) amongst adolescent sport performers and whether the amount of hours engaged in practice outside of competition influenced their adoption. Eighty-seven (36 male, 51 female) county level participants from sports academies in the United Kingdom (M age = 14.0, SD = 1.92), from 6 interactive sports, completed the Vividness of Movement Imagery Questionnaire-2 (VMIQ-2; Roberts et al., 2008). Participants were grouped relative to the amount of practice they had engaged in since playing their current sport competitively. A repeated measures ANOVA recorded significant differences amongst participants vividness of imagery, Wilkes' F (2, 85) = 3.166, p < 0.05, 2 = .07, post hoc pairwise comparisons using a Bonferroni adjustment revealed no significant differences between sub-scales. Results to MANOVA recorded no significant differences between VMIQ-2 sub-scales and three accumulated practice groupings, Wilkes' F (3, 82) = 436.14, p > 0.32, 2 = .04. The results demonstrate adolescent sport performers possess between clear and reasonably vivid to moderately clear and vivid imagery ability when using IVI, EVI, and KI. Future research should consider the impact of environmental factors that influence the development of these modalities and perspectives. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
The transition from kindergarten to Grade 1 is marked by a sudden decrease in children's play time (Brostrom, 2005; Hartmann & Rollett, 1994). This study sought to examine 69 Montreal-area Grade 1 children's beliefs about out of school play, as well as their parents' (N = 56) perceptions of their play. Findings indicate that parents value play for their child's development and education, for building relationships and self-esteem, for processing emotional experiences, for relaxation, and for fun. Many parents expressed a preference for active outdoor play, as well as pretend and creative play, board games, and puzzles, explaining that they discouraged television and video games, aggressive play, and play with sexual themes. Children reported enjoying active outdoor play, toys, construction and art activities, and video game play, with parents, siblings, friends, and pets. Limitations to play included lack of neighbourhood children, parents or siblings who did not play, and restrictions to inviting friends over. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
relationships). Olivia saw that the same insights might help her own six-year-old son, who was himself having a bad time in the playground. She knew that many children find the playground difficult and lonely, with a culture of its own. What if the energy of this peer group culture could be harnessed and used creatively? The original project took the form of six fortnightly sessions of one and a half hours each, but the richness of the process meant that sessions soon had to be doubled in length, something more easily managed in the days before the National Curriculum. We have chosen two of these sessions to describe in detail: the third session, 'Power', in which we ran into difficulties—from which much was learned—and the fifth session, 'the Magic Shop', which illustrates the access to creativity of this work. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
A modified multiple-baseline design across participants was used to evaluate a procedure for teaching the mand "Where?" to 3 children with autism. The participants were 3 and 5 years old and were participating in an intensive applied behavior analysis program. The participants were able to mand for items they wanted when the items were not in sight but were unable to ask where an item was located. The procedure consisted of a preference assessment for play activities, contrived conditioned motivating operations (CMO's), prompting the children to mand "Where," and consequences for correct and incorrect responding. Each contrived CMO consisted of an opportunity for the child to mand "Where" while playing with a selected activity, prompting the child to mand, and reinforcing a correct response by answering the question "Where." Two of the participants learned to mand "Where" after training with 1 CMO and the mand generalized to novel contrived situations, activities, and the natural environment and was maintained over time (up to 4-weeks), whereas one participant required training with a second CMO before generalization occurred. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Self, peer and teacher reports of social relationships were examined for 60 high-functioning children with ASD. Compared to a matched sample of typical children in the same classroom, children with ASD were more often on the periphery of their social networks, reported poorer quality friendships and had fewer reciprocal friendships. On the playground, children with ASD were mostly unengaged but playground engagement was not associated with peer, self, or teacher reports of social behavior. Twenty percent of children with ASD had a reciprocated friendship and also high social network status. Thus, while the majority of high functioning children with ASD struggle with peer relationships in general education classrooms, a small percentage of them appear to have social success. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

The primary purpose of the present study was to examine adherence to current active play and electronic media use guidelines in a sample of US preschool-aged children and to examine whether differences occurred across gender and parental education. 164 parents completed an on-line survey to estimate preschool children's active play and sedentary behaviors. For weekdays, 50% of the sample met the active play guideline with this increasing to 65% during the weekend. With respect to electronic media use, 90% of the sample met guidelines during the week, with the percentage meeting guidelines dropping to 78% during the weekend. A greater percentage of preschool children from high parental education families (83.4 ± 3.3) met electronic media use guidelines on the weekends, compared to preschool children from low parental education families (59.4 ± 8.1) (p = 0.002). Our findings indicate that a substantial portion of preschool children are not meeting active play guidelines and that adherence to active play and electronic media use guidelines may be influenced by parental education. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
TY - JOUR
ID - 2401
T1 - Physical risk taking in elementary-school children: Measurement and emotion regulation issues.
[References]
A1 - Morrongiello, Barbara A.
Y1 - 2012
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-02349-008
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Emotional Regulation
KW - Risk Taking
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SP - 492
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JF - Personality and Individual Differences
VL - 52:
SN - 0191-8869
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2402
T1 - Daily life mechanisms of stress spillover among early adolescents experiencing academic difficulty.
[References]
A1 - Salamon, Reda
Y1 - 2011
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-17701-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Stress
KW - Students
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Anxiety
KW - Depression (Emotion)
KW - Emotional States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 453
EP - 463
JF - European Journal of Psychology of Education
VL - 26:
Research has suggested that academic stress may "spillover" into other life domains and have negative psychological or social consequences for children and adolescents outside of school settings, but relatively few investigations have examined mediators and moderators of spillover. The current study explored the mediating role of state affect and the moderating roles of prior academic performance and mood disturbances on spillover in a sample of 131 French adolescents. Participants completed clinical measures of anxiety and depression and participated in a 7-day ambulatory monitoring phase that involved multiple daily assessments of mood, behaviors, and activities. Spillover was observed for family events and subsequent school-related events, as well as between family and leisure events. These associations remained significant when controlling for immediate mood responses, suggesting that state affect does not play a salient mediating role. There was no evidence that spillover was moderated by academic difficulty, anxiety, depression, or gender. Results are discussed in terms of the role that emotional processes may play in spillover phenomena as well as the reciprocal influence that academic and non-academic events may exert each other.
activities or that the student partakes in various after-school activities as an attempt to avoid having to go home. It is clear that the problem of parental substance abuse is widespread and poses serious challenges to children and adolescents, putting them at risk for a host of problems. It is also clear that many of the solutions to these problems lie outside the reach of educators in schools. Nevertheless, there are strategies that any educator can employ to engage these students more successfully, to provide them with the optimum learning environment, and to support their efforts to meet the challenges with which they are faced. With this understanding in mind, educators can be better prepared to help these students, who are always present in their classrooms and whose success depends on an informed and caring dedication on the part of those who teach them. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - The neighborhood social environment and body mass index among youth: A mediation analysis.
[References]
A1 - Veitch, Jenny; van Stralen, Maartje
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-32169-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Body Mass Index
KW - Obesity
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Social Environments
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Mediation
KW - Neighborhoods
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - The International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity
N2 - Background: This study aimed to examine associations between aspects of the neighborhood social environment and body mass index (BMI) in youth both cross-sectionally and prospectively; and whether this association was mediated by physical activity, screen-time and sedentary time. Methods: Data were collected in 2004 and 2006 in high and low socio-economic areas of Melbourne, Australia. In 2004, 185 children aged 8-9 years (47% boys) and 359 children aged 13-15 years (45% boys) participated. Parents reported their perceptions of aspects of the social environment (i.e. social networks and social trust/cohesion), and physical activity (i.e. time spent outdoors by their children; and their younger children's walking and cycling trips) and screen-time (i.e. TV viewing, computer use). The older children self-reported their walking and cycling trips and their screen-time. All children wore an accelerometer to objectively assess outside-school hours moderate-to-vigorous physical activity and sedentary time. BMI was calculated from height and weight measured in 2004 and 2006. Multilevel linear regression analyses were conducted to examine associations between the social environment and BMI. Mediation analyses using the products of coefficient method were conducted to determine whether associations between the social environment and BMI were mediated by the time spent in a range of physical activity and sedentary behaviors. Results: Cross-sectional and prospective regression analyses showed that a more positive social network and higher social trust/cohesion was related to lower BMI among children. There was no evidence that time spent in physical activity or sedentary behaviors mediated this relation, despite significant associations between social networks and screen-time and between screen-time and BMI. Conclusions: The findings suggest that the neighborhood social environment may be important for preventing overweight and obesity in children. Further research investigating the mechanisms through which the neighborhood social environment exerts its effect on BMI is needed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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AD - Veitch, Jenny: Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition Research, Deakin University, Burwood, VIC, Australia van Stralen, Maartje M.: EMGO Institute for Health and Care Research, VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands Chinapaw, Mai J. M.: EMGO Institute for Health and Care Research, VU
Assessing middle school student participation in online vs. face-to-face environments

Educators have observed reluctance in middle school students to vocally engage in small group learning tasks, the result of which could be a decrease in student learning. The same students have been observed collaborating with peers outside of the classroom when using technology. The purpose of this study is to determine if technology provides a means to increase participation in the classroom, which in turn may increase student learning. Social constructivism and developmental theories guided this study. Eighty eighth-grade middle school students participated in a mixed-method, between-subject quasi-experiment to determine whether there was a difference in participation amount and content by students in small-group, learning-centered discussions using online vs. face-to-face environments. Students in groups of four used either an online chat tool or face-to-face discussion during a four-part activity. Data was coded, guided by Cohen's Kappa inter-rater reliability. The data was analyzed using independent sample t-tests, Fisher exact tests, relative percentage comparisons, Gini Coefficient comparisons, and Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon testing. Significant findings (p < .05, p < .01) were demonstrated in participation amount, participation content, male participation amount, male participation content, and female participation content. Technology has the ability to enhance educational systems in order to prepare students to effectively and efficiently communicate and collaborate in today's high-tech environment. Accessing Web 2.0 tools in the classroom is a good first step as students can integrate their current out-of-school technological lifestyle and place it into the hands of educators to mold and form into quality 21st century life skills. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Over $20 billion game industry and just now educators are seeing the benefit if used for good. Although some innovators have been using educational games for some time, it has only been in recent years. Serious Educational Games (Annetta, 2008) have become a highly sought after initiative by both educators and researchers alike. Gaming has conventionally been viewed as a mindless activity engaged in by young men and women during their free time. As a high school teacher in the mid-1990s I had tried to assign homework to my students. When no homework came back or homework came back without much evidence of deep thinking, it was apparent students were engaging in something outside of school much more interesting then what I was proposing for them to spend their time doing. It was the mainstreaming of console game systems such as Nintendo and Sega Genesis. It was then I knew we had to make that bridge. Through several years of research and funding, we have begun to develop a framework for fostering creativity in science learning. We did this by allowing students, and in some respects teachers, the ability to create their own games in a three-dimensional environment. We anticipated that creating games would foster a deeper understanding of content. Our data supported this notion (Annetta, 2010; Annetta & Bronack, 2010; Annetta, Folta, & Klesath, 2010; Annetta & Holmes, 2007; Annetta, Holmes, Cheng, & Foltz, 2010; Annetta, Lamb, Bowling, & Cheng, 2011; Annetta, Lamb, & Stone, 2010; Annetta, Mangrum, Holmes, Collazo, & Cheng, 2009; Annetta, Minogue, Holmes, & Cheng, 2009; Cheng, Annetta, & Foltz, 2011; Holmes, Thurmond, Annetta, & Sears, 2012). This chapter will focus on the research and development we have been working on and how it is grounded in learning science, psychology, and cognition. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Introduction: Exposures to airborne microbial contaminants in sub-micrometer particles (PM1) have not been well characterized in different environments. Health effects due to these exposures are even more obscure.

Methods: Concentrations of airborne size specific (<1, 1-1.8, >1.8 m) microbial contaminants (endotoxin, -glucan) were determined using cyclone samplers in two distinctly different environments: farms and homes. Using inhalable samplers and vacuum cleaners airborne inhalable and dust contaminants from these homes were collected. This approach was used to compare PM1 microbial contaminants in a particular home with those in inhalable particles and in dust inside the same home. Samples were analyzed with Limulus Amebocyte Lysate assays for endotoxin and -glucan. Walkthrough surveys and questionnaires determined home characteristics and other exposures. Airway inflammation was assessed in school-age children by measuring exhaled nitric oxide (eNO) levels with non-invasive nitric oxide monitoring system (NIOX-Flex). Skin-prick test were also employed to determine atopy. Results: Relative proportions of PM1 (<1 m) microbial contaminants from total airborne concentrations were significantly higher in homes despite their significantly higher actual concentrations on farms. In homes, PM1 and inhalable endotoxin concentrations correlated weakly with that in dust and with each other. PM1 endotoxin levels were not significantly associated with eNO levels in asthmatics but had significant inverse association with eNO levels in non-asthmatics. Among non-asthmatics, eNO levels were significantly lower for those children who lived in homes with levels of dog allergens above detection limits and for those with lower parental income. Discussion: Moderate disturbance activities in homes preferentially allow PM1 microbial contaminants to predominate among total airborne particles compared to farming environments that have dynamic activity levels that cause re-suspension of large particles. In addition to dust, airborne PM1 or inhalable microbial contaminants may originate from outdoor sources. High PM1 endotoxin was protective only for non-asthmatics. It is well known that T-helper 1 cells predominantly mediate immune responses in non-asthmatics who do not have pre-existing airway inflammation. PM1 endotoxin exposures, therefore, may have a beneficial effect; along with dog allergens, these could possibly drive naive immune systems away from inflammatory responses. For asthmatics, detectable dog allergens in homes may incite inflammatory response, possibly as irritants, in their already primed allergic immune systems. Among non-asthmatics from low-income parents, an adaptive immunity favoring Th1 immune response through higher microbial contaminant exposures may have favored protection against development of atopic response. This is in contrast to non-asthmatics from highest income parents who had significantly less microbial contaminant exposures. Subsequently, this may have led to predominantly Th2 adaptive immune response that is highly associated with atopy. Because atopy is a significant predictor of airway inflammation, it infers that non-asthmatics from lowest income parents had protective effects against airway inflammation compared to those non-asthmatics from highest income parents. Conclusion: PM1 endotoxin may be a better predictor of health outcome than inhalable or larger particles. Exposures to PM1 endotoxin may protect against airway inflammation in non-asthmatic school-age children. Whether this protection is sustained, needs to be confirmed through follow-up studies. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

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The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health estimated that the obesity prevalence among Los Angeles County public school children is estimated to be 26%, with another 19% of children at risk of becoming overweight. Consequently, obesity increases the likelihood of developing many diseases, such as hypertension, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes mellitus, glaucoma, osteoporosis, neurological diseases, certain cancers, and even Alzheimer's disease. This dissertation systematically examines the Instant Recess exercise break intervention implemented in classroom settings, to see if it allows students to get more physical activity throughout the day. This project has implications for school districts around the country, as the childhood obesity epidemic spurs the passage of school physical activity promotion policies with untested efficacy or effectiveness, particularly in low-income environments. This is a classic intervention study in which mixed methods were used to analyze the data, including: accelerometer and pedometer recordings, teacher pre and post surveys, and weekly teacher logs. In conclusion, quantitative results found that students took 1840-1910 more steps with Instant Recess than those without. Qualitative results found that teachers were more likely to implement Instant Recess in their classrooms if they felt their administration was supportive about using Instant Recess as well. Additionally, issues of teacher IT savvy, technical support, and student enthusiasm were factors in Instant Recess uptake. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
prekindergarten program are essential to increasing our understanding of their deficits. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
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N2 - In recent years physical inactivity among students has become a matter of great concern. Nearly 65% of students do not meet the daily recommended level of physical activity, which is 60 minutes or more of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day, with 50% of that time being spent in moderate to vigorous levels of activity (CDC, 2010b). As a result, the 21st century has shown to be a time of many health problems such as, obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. In fact, nearly one third of all children are considered obese or overweight (Slawta & DeNeui, 2009). Researchers suggest that these health problems are directly related to students’ sedentary lifestyles (Pate et al., 2006). Schools play a pivotal role in addressing and increasing physical activity during the school day. The purpose of this research study was to measure levels of physical activity in elementary students during school hours. Specifically, the study sought to discover if there were increased levels of physical activity while students were using a cross-curricular adventure playground, as compared to when they were engaged in free play or physical education class. The study also compared the different measurement types (pedometers, accelerometers, and the observational method) used to assess physical activity, to indicate which measurement types were most feasible in the elementary school setting. Schools are ideal locations for assessing levels of physical activity, as 95% of all children are enrolled in these learning institutions (National Center for Educational Statistics, 2005). The data indicate that physical education provided for the highest levels of moderate to vigorous activity, while both free play and cross-curricular activity still rendered adequate levels of physical activity. After studying the different measurement protocols (pedometers, accelerometers, and the observational method) used in this study, results suggested the pedometer to be the most feasible device to use for measuring children in these types of physical activity settings. One implication for practice was implementing cross-curricular physical activity as a supplement to other physical activities or as an addition to physical education classes in an effort to allow more time for academic instruction while having students engaged in physical activity. Another recommendation for practice was to use pedometers as a cost-effective physical activity measurement device for elementary students. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
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The rise of childhood obesity in the past three decades has established this issue as a national health crisis and an epidemic. Schools are primary sites for both the study and the prevention of childhood obesity, because they are environments where most children can be reached, and where children's health habits are influenced (IOM, 2005). The study was a secondary data analysis using data from the 2000 and 2006 School Health Policies and Programs Surveys (SHPPS). The goal of this study was to examine and compare data pertaining to exercise, nutrition, health screening and education in elementary schools by the economic level of the school and by the year of the survey. Chi-square Tests were used to examine the relationship between the economic level and the variables in the study, and between the year of the survey and the variables in the study. The Mantel-Haenszel Test was employed to examine the relationship of the economic level with the study variables while controlling for the year. By year of survey, the results indicated that in 2006, schools were less likely to screen for Body Mass Index/Height and Weight, less likely to provide nutrition education, and less likely to provide nutrition education than in 2000. In 2006, schools were more likely to provide recess in grade four, offer fruit, and not allow junk food at school parties than in 2000. By economic level, the results indicated that poor schools were less likely to provide soda sports drinks not 100% juice, and were more likely to require physical education than the not poor schools. While controlling for the year of the study, the not poor schools were more likely to offer soda/sports drinks not 100% juice, were less likely to require physical education, and were more likely to offer physical education 3 days or less per week than the poor schools. The results of this study showed that although there have been some small changes in the school health environment related to preventing childhood obesity, these changes have not met the recommendations of expert groups in the field of childhood obesity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
We engaged over 430 Canadian children in a series of activities designed to reveal their evaluations of three ethnic groups (White, East Asian and South Asian), their identification with these groups, and their behavior towards them in a dictator game. Our experiments took place at the children's schools during their normal school day, allowing us to evaluate the salience and effects of ethnic identities on economically relevant behavior in an important natural setting. We find that children from the dominant White category have a clear sense of White ethnic identity, and tend to favor White recipients in the dictator game relative to East Asian or South Asian recipients. Minority East Asian children reveal a more complex ethnic identity; they perceive themselves to be equally similar to White and East Asian children. Unlike Whites, East Asian children do not favor recipients from their own East Asian category, nor do they favor recipients with whom they tend to identify. If anything, East Asian children show out-group favoritism. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
baseline measure of the physical activity volume (PAV) for both the experimental group (EG) and the control
group (CG); (b) the implementation of a 5-week intervention programme and weekly PAV measures for the EG
(weeks 4 to 8) and periodic PAV measures for the CG (weeks 4, 6 and 8); (c) a 2-week recess for both groups
(weeks 9 and 10); (d) PAV measures for both groups during weeks 11 and 12. PAV was computed in terms of
pentathlon hours (PH), meaning the actual number of activity hours reported by students, corrected according to
the intensity (energy cost) of the practiced physical activities. A repeated measures ANOVA was performed to
see if there was a difference between the experimental and control groups, between boys and girls and between
the four repeated measures. Non-parametric analyses were performed to see if there was any significant
difference between reported volumes of physical activity for each PE teacher's classes. Results: Overall the
results showed that control students' level of activity remained stable while experimental students were
significantly more physically active at the time of the pentathlon implementation as well as three weeks after the
end of the intervention programme. In both experimental and control groups, girls accumulated less pentathlon
hours each week than boys. Results also showed that the regular practice of PA, outside of PE classes, varied
between schools, both in control and experimental conditions. At times, the weekly volume of physical activity
also varied greatly among students from the same classes. Conclusion: Team pentathlon brought about a greater
volume of physical exercise among ten- and eleven-year-old children. Although girls reported a slightly larger
raw volume of physical activity per week than boys, they accumulated lower pentathlon hour values due to their
choice of less intense activities. Finally, the results also showed that regular PA, outside PE classes, may vary
from one school to another or even among students from the same class. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012
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conclusions about associations. Conclusions: The correlates of preschool children's sedentary behaviours are multi-dimensional and not well established. Further research is required to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the influences on preschool children’s sedentary behaviours to better inform the development of interventions. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - Independent mobility, perceptions of the built environment and children's participation in play, active travel and structured exercise and sport: The PEACH project. [References]
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Background: Independent mobility (IM) and perceptions of the built environment may relate differentially to children’s participation in various physical activity contexts. This cross-sectional study investigated whether independent mobility and perceptions of the built environment in boys and girls were related to physical activity in three different contexts (outdoor play, structured exercise/sport, active commuting). Methods: Thirteen hundred and seven 10-11 year old boys and girls from 23 schools in a large UK city completed a computerised questionnaire. Independent variables in logistic regression analyses were weekly self-reported frequency of participation in outdoor play, structured exercise/sport and mode of travel home from school. Dependent variables were perceptions of the environment (aesthetics, nuisance, safety, social norm, constraint, play space, accessibility), local and area independent mobility and linear distance from home to school. Analyses were adjusted for body mass index, minutes of daylight after school, level of neighbourhood deprivation and pubertal status. Results: For boys, local independent mobility (Local-IM) was related to an increased likelihood of everyday participation in play (OR 1.58: 95% CI 1.19-2.10), structured exercise/sport (OR 1.42: 1.06-1.89) and active commuting (OR 1.40: 1.07-1.87) but was only related to active commuting for girls (OR 1.49: 1.07-2.07). Boys and girls were more likely to report playing out every day if they had higher scores for Social Norm (Boys: OR 1.63 (1.12-2.37); Girls: OR 1.53 (1.01-2.31)) and, for girls only, more positive perceptions of traffic safety (OR 1.63: 1.14-2.34). Easy access to a range of destinations was the dominant predictor for taking part in structured exercise/sport everyday (Boys: OR 1.62 (1.01-2.66); Girls: OR 1.65 (1.07-2.53)). Shorter distance from home to school (OR 0.99: 0.98-0.99) and, for boys only, greater perceived accessibility (OR 1.87: 1.04-3.36) were significantly related to active commuting to school. Conclusions: Perceptions of the physical environment relate differently to different physical activity contexts and by gender. The only consistent correlate for outdoor play, structured ex/sport and active commuting was higher independent mobility to visit local destinations (Local-IM) for boys. Considering both the physical activity context and its independent correlates should improve the specificity of physical activity interventions in children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The benefits of recess can be reaped by all students regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender and at relatively little cost. The purpose of this study was to examine physical activity (PA) variables related to the recess PA patterns of third and fourth grade children and the social preferences and individuals influencing their PA (friends and parents). Data were collected on students (N = 115) utilizing the System of Observing Children's Activity and Relationships during Play (SOCARP) instrument. In addition, each child was interviewed during the recess period in which SOCARP was completed. Results found that boys spent significantly more time being very active (t (95.64) = 3.252, d = .62, p < .008) than girls and preferred sport activities (t (73.62) = 5.64, d = 1.14, p < .0125) in large groups (t (69.34) = 4.036, d = .83, p < .0125). Meanwhile, girls preferred locomotor activities (t (113) = 3.19, d = .60, p < .0125), sedentary activities (t (113) = 2.829, d = .53, p < .0125) and smaller groups (t (112.63) = 4.259, d = .79, p < .0125). All 115 participants indicated that they wanted to spend time with their friends during recess. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study examined the effectiveness of three conditions in which 48 fourth-grade students were prompted to be physically active out of school. Using an alternating treatments design (Cooper, Heron, & Heward, 2007) the three intervention conditions included: (a) Baseline: No prompting of students, (b) Teacher Prompts: Verbal prompt to "remember to do something active after school today", and (c) Teacher Prompts and group-oriented contingencies: Verbal prompts with an index card where students could record their activity to earn bonus points as part of a team challenge. Graphically plotted pedometer data depicting data paths, variability, and trends within and across three conditions showed that students were more active outside of school only when the contingent reinforcement (c) was in place. This suggests that using prompts and group-oriented contingencies within Sport Education appears to be an effective and authentic context for promoting independent (i.e., free play) out-of-school time physical activity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Purpose: To explore the perceptions of young people with a spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) about their leisure participation at school, home and in the community. Methods: The study used narrative enquiry to elicit the unique leisure stories of three participants aged 8-11 years with a SCI/D during two face-to-face, semi-structured interviews. Pictorial data about participants' interpersonal relationships were also gathered using a 'social atom' tool. Results: Thematic analysis of participants' narratives produced three themes. 'Inside school leisure' and 'outside school leisure' detailed participants' lived experiences of leisure. 'A can-do approach to leisure' drew attention to the optimistic attitudes held by the participants and their active engagement in leisure despite their SCI/D. Conclusions: Clinicians, families and educators should explore the leisure preferences of young people with a SCI/D and support their participation in activities, which offer enjoyment, friendship and a sense of achievement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Background: Speech-language interventions are often complex in nature, involving multiple observations, variable outcomes and individualization in treatment delivery. The accepted procedure associated with randomized controlled trials (RCT) of such complex interventions is to develop and implement a manual of intervention in order that reliable treatment delivery can be achieved. Aims: To present the rationale, structure and content of an intensive manualized intervention as implemented within an RCT for children with complex pragmatic and social communication needs; to investigate factors associated with implementation in a mainstream school environment; and to determine treatment fidelity. Methods & Procedures: The manualized SCIP intervention, including procedures for developing individualized treatment plans, was developed and then implemented within an RCT with 57 school-aged children with complex pragmatic communication needs (CwPLI). The paper describes the delivery protocol, staffing requirements, and content and structure of the intervention. A mapping procedure for individualization of intervention and the implemented components of intervention are presented. The findings from a school-therapy alliance checklist for recording factors affecting implementation in a school context are also reported. Treatment fidelity was carried out using measures of delivered versus planned treatment content and quality of therapy. Outcomes & Results: The manual was effective at detailing intervention procedures and allowing for development of individualized treatment plans whilst maintaining satisfactory treatment fidelity. Treatment planning and delivery required continuous specialist speech and language therapist input with assistants needing substantive training and supervision. Key components of intervention for CwPLI were therapies aimed at improving conversation skills, narrative construction, comprehension monitoring, understanding of social cues and metapragmatic awareness. The school-therapy alliance checklist indicated high rates of therapist-education staff and therapist-parent liaison. Parents were nearly always involved in treatment planning though only half attended therapy sessions. Learning support provision in schools for participating children was highly variable. Conclusions & Implications: Predetermining theoretical background, structure, and content in a treatment manual contributed towards the quality and reliability of intervention within the context of an RCT. The implementation of SCIP intervention in a broader clinical context is discussed with reference to staff expertise, the therapeutic process and the essential ingredients of social communication intervention. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This paper presents clinical material from the psychoanalytically oriented therapy of an 8-year-old girl, who was born and raised in a cult. The author considers how this child's response to the traumatic events of her cult experience influenced her developing personality. Therapy sessions, beginning about thirty years ago, occurred during two time frames: Play therapy lasted for 2 years. Therapy was resumed for 1 year in adolescence. Play therapy focused on helping this client deal with some of her painful cult experiences and aided in the transition to a new world outside. Later, talk therapy during adolescence enhanced her ability to deal with adolescent difficulties that appeared to be impacted by cult experiences. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

This article questions the design of mobile learning activities that lead students to spend time focusing on the mobile devices at the expense of interacting with other students or exploring the environment. This problem is approached from an interaction design perspective, designing and analysing geometry-learning activities. The authors present six guidelines for designing mobile learning activities, where mobile devices support rather than distract students from contents and contexts relevant to the learning goals. The guidelines are developed through video analysis of groups of middle school students doing learning activities outdoors and evaluated using the task model. The guidelines suggest that students (1) assume roles based on a different functionality of each device, (2) use devices as contextual tools, that the activities, (3) include physical interaction with the environment, (4) let teachers assume roles, (5) encourage face-to-face communication, and (6) introduce students to the mobile devices. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
N2 - Mobile technology opens up opportunities for collaborative learning in otherwise remote contexts outside the classroom. A successful realization of these opportunities relies, however, on mobile learning activities providing adequate collaboration structures. This article presents an empirical study aimed at examining the role played by mobile devices, teachers and task structures as a means for collaborative learning in geometry. The study focused on the analysis of the nature of collaboration that unfolded when students measured areas outdoors in the field. The analysis of the mobile learning activity was conducted from an Activity theory perspective. The findings obtained indicate that the collaboration observed may be impaired if: 1) the functionalities needed for collaborative problem-solving are asymmetrically distributed on a number of mobile devices; 2) task-related information is not accessible to all learners; 3) the task structure is not sufficiently complex; 4) teacher scaffolding is too readily available; and 5) necessary collaborative skills are not developed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Linguistic support given to migrant students who incorporate late into the school systems is usually situated in two opposite poles. On one end of the pole is the linguistic support offered in mainstream classrooms and, on the other end, learning the school language in special class rooms outside school premises. With the creation of linguistic support classes in schools which receive migrant population, Catalonia has adopted an intermediate position. The research shows the weight which some explanatory variables have in the learning of Catalan. Two different tests were used: one to measure school adaptation and another to measure linguistic knowledge. The participants were 10415 primary school children who attended linguistic support classes. The results reveal that the variable school adaptation is the one which modifies more the probability of students succeeding in the different linguistic tests used. However, the probability is not the same in the tests assessing oral and writing skills. In the writing tests, the students who have a high school adaptation have nearly twice as many probabilities of being successful whereas in the oral tests the variable length of stay in the country plays an important role as well. The students’ family language also modifies the students’ linguistic results. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Observation competence plays a fundamental role in outdoor scientific investigation. The computerized concept mapping technique as a Mindtool has shown the potential for enhancing meaningful learning in science education. The purposes of the present study are to develop a concept map integrated mobile learning design for ecology observation and to examine the implementation effect for elementary school children. Also, the difference in growth slopes between gifted and average students is investigated. Eighteen gifted students and thirty average students were included in this study. A computerized dynamic assessment system which combines a Computerized Ecology Observation Competence Assessment (CEOCA) and a concept map
integrated ecology observation learning design were implemented. The results of the hierarchical linear model (HLM) analysis reveal that the overall growth slope is significant ($\beta = 0.27, p < .01$). The effect size is 0.53. The growth slope of the gifted students is a little higher than that of the average students. However, the slope difference between ability groups is not significant. The results suggest that a well designed concept map integrated learning system demonstrates very promising potential for enhancing both the gifted and average students' mobile observation competence. The system developed in this study could be a useful resource for elementary school outdoor learning design. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A connection to nature index was developed and tested to measure children's affective attitude toward the natural environment. The index was employed through a survey that investigates students' attitude toward Lagoon Quest, a mandatory environmental education program for all fourth-grade, public school students in Brevard County, Florida. Factor analyses were conducted to explore and confirm different factors in the connection to nature index. A path analysis was conducted to examine the association among variables. The results suggest four dimensions in the children's connection to nature index: (a) enjoyment of nature, (b) empathy for creatures, (c) sense of oneness, and (d) sense of responsibility. Children's connection to nature influences their intention to participate in nature-based activities in the future. Children's connection to nature, their previous experience in nature, their perceived family value toward nature, and their perceived control positively influenced their interest in performing environmentally friendly behaviors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
the Netherlands. As expected, Andalusian children turned out to be more concerned with control of play and behavior and Dutch children more with control of objects and space. With respect to strategy use, Andalusian children used negotiation more often than Dutch children. The latter included more often nonverbal and directive ingredients in their strategies. Dutch children ended their conflicts by means of social or physical rupture much more often than Andalusian children. The latter preferred to continue the interaction, even if this required submission to others' wishes. Results are discussed from the perspective of IND-COL, with particular emphasis on four characteristics of studies of peer conflicts: definition of conflict, method of data collection, age of participants, and social setting of the participants. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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N2 - It takes a special person to be an educator at the middle school level. Young adolescents during these years are often dazed and confused as they are undergoing more changes in their lives than any other time, outside of infancy. In recognizing these needs, educators began calling for a reform to create "developmentally responsive" schools since the early 1900's. The idea of "developmentally responsive" becomes even more critical in the middle school years as adolescents need advice, models, guidance and direction. In response to these needs, many national organizations have recommended advisory programs as a component of an effective middle school program. While many have given this idea valiant effort, many schools have failed to implement and sustain an effective advisory program. This mixed methods intervention study examines the ways in which a middle school developed and implemented an advisory program. The goal of this program is to establish positive student-teacher relationships which will in turn impact student achievement. While the entire school district participated in the middle school advisory program, this study uses sixth grade teachers at one school as the participants for the study. Ten teachers participated in the study to assess seventeen student-teacher relationships based on the Student Teacher Relationship Scale (STRS) developed by Dr. Robert Pianta. This instrument analyzes the dimensions of Conflict, Closeness and Dependency to determine the overall quality of the relationship. Pre and post test surveys were administered after one semester of the intervention advisory program. In addition, interviews were conducted with teachers and administrators based on the survey results. The findings from this study show that the development, training, implementation and evaluation of the advisory program in this form had a positive impact on 65% of the student-teacher relationships. The Closeness subscale had the largest impact on the relationship as 71% of the studied relationships improved in this area. Teachers who designed lessons and activities geared towards the needs of the students and equally, participated yielded the greatest results. School division leaders, administrators, teachers and legislators should continue to
strive to develop positive relationships with students. The findings from this study should be examined when considering the development of a middle school advisory program. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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N2 - (from the chapter) Longitudinal study of student engagement patterns is relatively rare but sheds useful light on the factors that contribute to different levels of student engagement in school and its role in student achievement. This chapter uses data from a New Zealand study to focus on changes in student engagement patterns between the ages of 10 and 16, to show (a) the range of individual trajectories of student engagement that lie behind overall declines, and (b) how these different trajectories are related to differences in competency levels and to activities and relationships outside school in ways that compound the patterns of engagement in learning in the school environment and vice versa. Looking at student engagement longitudinally raises the question of whether decline in student engagement levels overall is related to transitions between schools or occurs more as part of general human development that may be better supported by different learning opportunities than schools currently provide. The chapter ends with the case for more longitudinal research into the nature and role of student engagement across different schooling contexts. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2446
T1 - It's our school too: Youth activism as educational reform, 1951--1979
A1 - Ajunwa, Kelechi
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2012-99130-070
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Activism
KW - Educational Reform
KW - High Schools
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 104
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 73:
Activism has the potential for reform (Howard, 1976). Unlike previous studies on high school activism, this study places a primary focus on underground newspapers and argues that underground newspapers allowed high school students to function as activists as well as educational reformers. In order to make this argument, this study examined over 150 underground newspapers and other primary source publications. The goals and tactics of high school activists evolved from the 1950s to the 1970s. During this time there were some shifts in ideologies, strategies, and priorities that were influenced by both an ever increasing student frustration with school leaders and by outside historical events. Underground newspapers captured the shift that occurred in the objectives and tactics of student activists. As a result, the contents of underground newspapers were the primary focus of this study. My study reveals that there were three types of student activists: “incidental” activists who simply wanted to change individual school policies, “intentional” activists who wanted high school students to have greater authority and autonomy in schools, and lastly, “radical” activists who desired an end to oppression of people based on race, class, sex, and age. The evidence overwhelmingly indicates that for the most part incidental, intentional, and radical student activists were all working towards improving their high schools. This common goal was pivotal in the development of a Youth Empowerment social movement, which would be born out of the actions of all three types of high school activists. Incidental activists were the focal point of attention for school administrators in the 1950s, however; intentional and radical activists would take center stage by the late 1960s. Throughout the 1970s intentional and radical activists would overshadow incidental activists and dominate the high school activism scene. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Research Findings: This descriptive study examined classroom activity settings in relation to children’s observed behavior during classroom interactions, child gender, and basic teacher behavior within the preschool classroom. A total of 145 children were observed for an average of 80 min during 8 occasions across 2 days using the Individualized Classroom Assessment Scoring System, an observational measure that conceptualizes behavior into teacher, peer, task, and conflict interactions. Findings indicated that on average children’s interactions with teachers were higher in teacher-structured settings, such as large group. On average, children’s interactions with peers and tasks were more positive in child-directed settings, such as free choice. Children experienced more conflict during recess and routines/transition. Finally, gender differences were observed within small group and meals. Practice or Policy: These findings might encourage teachers to be thoughtful and intentional about what types of support and resources are provided so children can successfully navigate the demands of particular settings. These findings are not meant to discourage certain teacher behaviors or imply the value of certain classroom settings; instead, by providing an evidence-based picture of the conditions under which children display the most positive interactions, they can make teachers more aware of choices within
these settings and assist powerfully in professional development and interventions. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2448
T1 - To bully or not to bully, that is not the question: Western Australian early adolescents' in search of a reputation. [References]
A1 - Houghton, Stephen John; Nathan, Elijah; Taylor, Myra
Y1 - 2012
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-15625-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Adolescent Development
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Reputation
KW - Bullying
KW - Daily Activities
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 498
EP - 522
JF - Journal of Adolescent Research
VL - 27:
IS - 4
N2 - Twenty-eight early adolescent boys and girls suspended from school for bullying provided accounts of the importance of reputation in their daily lives, specifically how they initiated, promoted, and then maintained their reputation through bullying. Overall, bullying was a deliberate choice perpetrated to attain a nonconforming reputation and was initially promoted through visibility of physical bullying. These actions became more covert, particularly among girls, during the promotion phase. Sex differences were most marked in the maintenance phase. Although both boys and girls used cyber bullying to deliberately induce a sense of apprehension and fear, boys also deliberately damaged their victim's houses and gardens outside of school hours to induce a greater sense of fear and hence maintain their nonconforming reputation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2449
T1 - Cognitive and language proficiencies predict variability in neural activity mediating semantic and syntactic processing in children
A1 - Hampton Wray, Amanda Michelle
Y1 - 2012
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2012-99140-230
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Cognitive Ability
KW - Evoked Potentials
Evidence from studies of language development indicates that abilities in specific cognitive and language domains are likely to show different patterns of strengths and weaknesses across individuals. Therefore, we hypothesized that the relationships between distinct cognitive and language proficiencies and the underlying neural activity for specific language functions also differ across individuals. To date, the understanding of relationships between language proficiency and neural indices mediating language processing has been limited to the use of composite measures of language proficiency in adults. Furthermore, very little evidence exists regarding the interactions between various aspects of cognition and event-related brain potentials (ERPs) indexing language processing in children. The current study addresses the following question: How do proficiencies in specific cognitive and language tasks uniquely contribute to individual variability in neural indices of semantic (N400) and syntactic (P600) processing. These results suggest that distinct aptitudes within broader domains of cognition and language, even within the normal range, influence the neural signatures of semantic and syntactic processing. Furthermore, the current findings have important implications for the design and interpretation of developmental studies of ERPs indexing language processing, and they highlight the need to take into account cognitive abilities both within and outside the classic language domain.
evaluated the outcome of a social skills curriculum for 37 children between the ages of 8 to 14 with a diagnosis of ASD within two different treatment contexts, the camp and clinic model. The camp model simulates a natural setting in which children with ASD spend 5 hours each day for 10 days where social skills are taught through engaging activities and interactions with peers both typical and with ASD. The clinic model, on the other hand, is a one hour a week session spread over 10 to 12 weeks where social skills are taught and practiced while parents observe through a one-way mirror and are trained on the intervention methods. Both clinic and camp model treatments are then compared with a third group who experience both treatments within the clinic and camp setting. Results show that the combined context had the highest treatment effects, followed by the camp model and, finally, the clinic model. Analysis of covariance did not indicate the groups differ from each other significantly in terms of treatment gains. The implications of these results are discussed in terms of translation of research into clinical practice, use of appropriate outcome measures, and generalization of skills through parent training and utilization of training programs within the natural context. While the intervention and results are promising, replication with larger samples and use of a control group are needed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
T1 - Spontaneous disappearance of cerebral convexity arachnoid cyst. [References]
A1 - Matushita, Hamilton
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-17605-018
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Brain Damage
KW - Cerebral Ischemia
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 473
EP - 474
JF - Arquivos de Neuro-Psiquiatria
VL - 70:
IS - 6
N2 - Presents a case report of eight-year-old previously healthy boy fell off a swing in a playground and hit his head on the ground. He presented vomiting but no disturbance of consciousness. He was admitted to the emergency unit of the hospital on the same day. Cranial computed tomography (CT) was then performed, which demonstrated an arachnoid cysts (AC) in the right frontal convexity, with compression and distortion of the frontal lobe, and bulging of adjacent bone, thereby causing cranial asymmetry. There were no neurological deficits. The child was discharged from the emergency unit and referred to the outpatient clinic. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) obtained 40 days later confirmed the previous CT findings. The possibility of spontaneous disappearance of ACs may corroborate the use of conservative therapy, especially for incidental findings of ACs. Prophylactic surgery on asymptomatic ACs is not justified, because the course with spontaneous regression has been increasingly reported in the literature. Since asymptomatic ACs may not be diagnosed, the actual rate of spontaneous disappearance of ACs may be higher than it is suggested by the literature. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0004-282X
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2453
T1 - Family dynamics and the educational experience
A1 - Barrett, Muriel
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - Book: 2012-02642-008
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Attachment Behavior
KW - Family Relations
KW - Family Therapy
KW - Learning Ability
KW - Countertransference
KW - Psychotherapeutic Transference
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 85
EP - 102
JF - High, Helen [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 2012
In the author's role as a remedial teacher/Educational Psychotherapist at the Tavistock Clinic, (1973-1986), she saw children individually and in peer and family groups, the latter sometimes with colleagues. All the children were referred for either lack of basic skills, suspended learning (suddenly being unable to continue learning), or showing resistance to learning. Unlike the established mode of family therapy, our work focussed on the family dynamic relating to, and often reflecting, the referred child's capacity and attitude to learning skills and tasks. The dynamic of family behaviour sometimes mirrored their referred child's learning problems, particularly in relation to communication. If there were hidden agendas words became, consciously or unconsciously, misinterpreted. Families sometimes revealed certain attributes similar to those of their child, including: an aggressive stance, bored indifference, low self-esteem, poor temporal sense (e.g. about appointment times), defensive behaviour (blaming others) and an unclear sense of themselves as "competent and active members of the outside world" (Heard & Barrett, 1977). A crucial key to understanding any family interaction is our own understanding of what we are experiencing in the transference or countertransference. Observation offers insight into secure or insecure patterns of attachment behaviour seen in the interaction between family members. Encouraging them to express opinions and feelings about each other either enhances or inhibits their willingness to acknowledge the significance of family loss or transitions. The parents' experience of their own education may affect the extent of their co-operation with us by their choosing: limited acceptance of help for their child, to include parental ongoing participation, to be open to links being made between family interactive behaviour and a referred child's capacity to learn. Although some families are resistant to new experiences, the author thinks that any intervention into family dynamics is likely to bring about some change. In families who are secure in their attachments, losses will be managed in a way that enables the family, and the individual members within it, to mourn, express anger, sadness or joy, and to play, explore, learn, and continue their goal-seeking. For those whose experience has led to anxious attachments, a new way of playing and learning may be dismissed or only partially tolerated. While maintaining homeostasis may feel safer for parents, the author has found that many children recognize and readily respond to the idea of this new way of learning that is being proposed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
case study of an aboriginal education course was conducted in classrooms and at the Atayal u-Museum in Taiwan. Participants included elementary school teachers and students. We also designed and used a questionnaire based on the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) theory to measure the willingness for adoption or usage of the proposed system. The experimental results demonstrated that this innovative approach can enhance their learning intention. Furthermore, the results of a posttest survey revealed that most students' testing scores improved significantly, further indicating the effectiveness of the CAULS. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2455
T1 - Cognitive behavioral treatment for trauma symptoms in American Indian youth: Preliminary findings and issues in evidence-based practice and reservation culture. [References]
A1 - Morsette,Aaron; van den Pol,Richard; Schuldberg,David; Swaney,Gyda; Stolle,Darrell
Y1 - 2012
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-16211-005
Language: English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cognitive Behavior Therapy
KW - Evidence Based Practice
KW - Symptoms
KW - Trauma
KW - American Indians
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 51
EP - 62
JF - Advances in School Mental Health Promotion
VL - 5:
IS - 1
N2 - This study reports on the use of Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS), an evidence-based practice, with 43 students in six schools on three American Indian reservation communities. CBITS was helpful in treating the majority of American Indian children and adolescents who were experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and depression. Using a limited quasi-experimental design, on a measure of traumatic stress, there was symptom reduction with the passage of time; however, symptoms reduced more substantially with treatment. Local cultural experts, that is, Tribal Elders, were invited to provide traditional cultural activities and teachings in the introductory lesson and at graduation. A 3-year follow-up involving school counselors reported on acceptability and additional impacts of the program. They expressed that treating trauma was a priority for their students, CBITS was perceived as an advantageous approach, and counselors said they would use it in the future. Further, counselors observed positive results outside of the treatment setting, and integrating traditional cultural activities was perceived favorably. We discuss some of the issues surrounding attempts to evaluate the nature and contribution of traditional American Indian cultural activities to evidence-based trauma treatment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
Growing minds: The relationship between parental attitude about nature and the development of fine and gross motor skills in children

A1 - McFarland, Amy Lene'
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2012-99100-253

English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Motor Development
KW - Motor Skills
KW - Parental Attitudes
KW - Human Nature
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 6451

JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 72:
IS - 11-B

N2 - Adults associate their childhood with playing outdoors, often in natural settings. This type of free play is valuable to child development. Children tend to use outdoor play areas in physically active ways, and time spent outdoors relates positively to increased physical activity in children. However, children today are spending an increasing amount of time indoors rather than outdoors. Recent research has shown that the amount of time children spend in outdoor play is directly related to parental concerns about their children's exposure to outdoor hazards. The purpose of this project was to investigate the relationship between parental attitude toward nature and the development of fine and gross motor skills in young children. The sample for this study was drawn from parents of children ages 3 to 5 years old enrolled at one of two University Child Development Centers. The assessment tool used was composed of sections that ask parents about their attitudes toward nature, about their young children spending time outdoors, how much time their children actually spend in outdoor and indoor activities, and standard demographic questions. The childcare centers independently assessed children's motor development. Statistical comparisons included correlations and ANOVA. Results from this study indicated that parents had positive views toward nature and toward their child's outdoor recreation. Parents who had more positive views toward nature also tended to have more positive views toward their child's outdoor recreation. Children who participated in certain indoor activities tended to score higher in the area of fine motor skills. However, children who spent more time indoors in free play had lower gross motor skill scores. Parents who scored better on the Parental Attitude toward Their Child's Outdoor Recreation scale reported that their child spent more time in outdoor free play and outdoor organized sports and activities. Parents preferred outdoor play spaces when compared to indoor play spaces and specifically those outdoor spaces that were constructed with more nearby natural components. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2457
T1 - Violence risk and gang affiliation in youth offenders: A recidivism study. [References]
A1 - Chu, Chi Meng; Daffern, Michael; Thomas, Stuart; Lim, Jia Ying
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-08905-007

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Juvenile Delinquency
KW - Juvenile Gangs
KW - Recidivism
KW - Violence
KW - Risk Assessment
Youth gangs are ubiquitous around the world and have been problematic for the social and criminal justice agencies. Despite widespread public concern, there has been relatively scarce empirical scrutiny of youth gangs internationally and little outside of America and Europe. In particular, the activities of youth gangs, the function of gang membership, the criminogenic needs of gang-affiliated youth, and the risk of criminal recidivism for gang-affiliated youth remain unclear. Against this background, this study explored the sociodemographic characteristics, risk and rate of criminal recidivism in a cohort of 165 male youth offenders in Singapore, of which 58 were gang-affiliated. Multivariate analyses revealed that gang-affiliated youth offenders were significantly more likely to have histories of substance use, weapon use and violence than nongang-affiliated youth offenders. Gang-affiliated offenders also scored higher on measures of risk for recidivism (SAVRY and YLS/CMI), and engaged in violent and other criminal behaviors more frequently during follow-up. These differences indicate a significant relationship between gang affiliation and criminal recidivism in youth offenders. Furthermore, these findings have important clinical and policy implications, indicating an increased requirement for additional and more intensive assessment and tailored interventions for gang-affiliated youth offenders. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
early literacy skills, it is necessary to provide consistent times for conversations to take place in preschool classrooms (Bond & Wasik, 2009). The current quantitative study is guided by the following questions: What is the importance of teacher-student conversations in preschool and if preschool teachers regularly schedule conversations with individual students, will it improve their language and literacy development? Does the preschool teacher's encouraging the children to communicate affect their language and literacy development? Does the amount of years a preschool teacher has been teaching affect the student's language and literacy development? This study examined the developmental growth on five language and literacy Measures from the Desired Results Developmental Profile Revised (DRDP-R) of 54 lower socioeconomic status (SES) state preschool boys in a large urban school district in southern California. The students' 27 state preschool teachers scheduled unscripted conversations with them four times a day for three months-during mealtimes, at recess, at the dramatic play area, and at the library center. Research-based strategies were used to guide the conversations. The teachers' ability to encourage children to communicate and their years of teaching experience was also considered. The results of this study indicated that there was a highly significant difference (p <.01) in the developmental growth by the Scheduled Conversations Treatment Group compared to the Infrequent Conversations Control Group based on the t-test on the DRDP-R: Comprehends meaning (oral language), Expresses self through language, and Uses language in conversation and significant difference (p <.05) developmental growth on Letter and word knowledge. The Pearson product-moment correlation did not show a significant correlation between the student's developmental growth on the measures and the teacher's ability to encourage children to communicate nor on their years of teaching experience. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
behavior. Intention to perform the behavior is the best predictor for behavior performance. For this study, participants' feeling of connection to nature was added as an affective independent variable. This model explained 45% of the variance in outdoor play. The hypothesis that a connection to nature would be a significant predictor of both attitudes toward outdoor play was supported by testing of the model. Finally, nature connection was tested as a full mediator of the relationship between outdoor play and environmental stewardship. There is support for the idea that direct experience in the outdoors facilitates environmental behaviors, but more research is needed to understand this relationship. Testing of the model failed to demonstrate that nature connection fully mediated the relationship between outdoor play and environmental stewardship; however, a feeling of connectedness to nature augmented the influence that outdoor play behavior exerts on environmental stewardship behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The importance of play for children's development and wellbeing has been well established. However, disabled children and their families frequently find accessing play sites challenging due to a range of physical and social barriers and are therefore unable to experience many of the benefits play in this setting provides. Increasingly, United Kingdom policy has recognised this with the 2008 Play Strategy making an explicit commitment supported by funding to ensure that more inclusive public play facilities are developed. Using a case study example of a newly developed 'inclusive' play facility, this paper examines the views of young disabled people and their families regarding what makes a play facility inclusive. Using a socio-spatial analysis, the paper identifies the importance of not only addressing physical constraints but also creating a space where disability is viewed positively and able-bodied discourses are not privileged at the expense of others. The importance of consulting with families, location of facilities and the role of play workers are all analysed. The paper concludes by critically examining the implications of the findings for the delivery of the Play Strategy particularly within the context of public spending cuts imposed by the new Coalition Government, and considers whether inclusive play spaces can become a standard and embedded part of community facilities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Joint attention is pivotal to the development of complex social skills and language, and many individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders display deficits in this domain. Behavioral interventions targeting joint attention are evidenced to be effective in teaching these skills to young children with autism, but these treatments have traditionally been implemented by adults in structured settings. Concerns regarding the generalizability of skills acquired under such conditions have been raised. Four typically developing children were trained to implement a joint attention intervention to their siblings with autism in the home. Joint attention was measured pre-treatment and post-treatment during play sessions and during a structured, adult-mediated assessment to evaluate maintenance and generalization. Gains in responding to joint attention were observed for all four participants; gains in initiations were observed in three participants. Rates of imitation and behavioral requests also increased in structured and naturalistic settings. This study supports the efficacy of siblings as interventionists to target complex social skills in the natural environment. The implications of these findings for treatments targeting joint attention and for siblings as interventionists are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Beyond family and ethnic culture: Understanding the preconditions for the potential realization of social capital. [References]

A1 - Oseguera, Leticia
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-17735-013
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Racial and Ethnic Differences
KW - Social Capital
KW - Student Engagement
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SP - 1136
EP - 1166
JF - Youth & Society
VL - 43:
IS - 3

This article extends our conceptual understanding of social capital and school achievement through a comparative race and ethnic approach. Using the National Educational Longitudinal Study (NELS) 1988-1990 panel, this article develops a more comprehensive understanding of school achievement by exploring circumstances, which the authors call "preconditions," leading to the potential for the realization of social capital. These "preconditions" are used to explain academic engagement disparities between Southeast Asian, Black, Mexican, and White high school youth. Whereas previous research on social capital leaves the mechanism through which social capital influences school outcomes unspecified, this study focuses on a behavior associated with positive educational outcomes-time per week spent on homework outside of school. Although preconditions for parental capital appear to have some influence on students' study behavior, so too do preconditions between and within schools, such as peers and teachers. This research shows that relationships outside the family-that is, within and between school opportunities for social capital-play a significant role in explaining variation between the four ethnic groups. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Availability of commercial physical activity facilities and physical activity outside of school among high school students. [References]

A1 - Isgor, Zeynep
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-13555-009
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Facilities
KW - High School Students
KW - Physical Activity
KW - After School Programs
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 707
Background: Environmental factors may play an important role in the determination of physical activity behaviors. Methods: This study used the Child Development Supplement of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics to examine the association between the availability of objectively measured commercial physical activity-related instruction facilities and weekly physical activity participation among high school students outside of school physical education classes. A Negative Binomial count model was used to examine the number of days of vigorous physical activity (at least 30 minutes/day) per week and a Probit model was used to examine the probability of frequent (4 or more days/week) vigorous physical activity participation. Results: The results indicated that an additional instruction school per 10,000 capita per 10 square miles was associated with an 8 percent increase in the weekly number of days of vigorous physical activity participation and a 4 percentage point increase in the likelihood of frequent physical activity participation for female adolescents only. By income, associations were larger for low- versus high-income female youths. Conclusion: Increased availability of local area physical activity-related instruction facilities may help to increase female high school students' physical activity levels, particularly among low-income female students. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
We use data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (N = 3,572) to examine relationships between maternal depression and mothers' time investments with their 5-year-old children in outings, trips to playgrounds or parks, time spent reading with the child, and time spent playing indoors with the child. We also examine whether mothers' self-assessments of neighborhoods are associated with time investments in children. Findings indicate that persistent maternal depression is associated with fewer time investments in all four activities with 5-year-old children. Mothers' fear of children playing outdoors and self-assessments of neighborhood collective efficacy are associated with indoor and outdoor activities with children, but do not mediate the relationships between maternal depression and maternal time investments. In sum, maternal depression and neighborhood context play significant but largely independent roles in regulating mothers' time spent in primary child-care activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This project evaluated the feasibility of a child-centred 24-week physical activity intervention. The Play5 strategy encourages children to choose to play vigorously five times a day for about as long as school recess. The seven-year-old children were randomised to control (n = 176) or intervention groups (n = 132). Data were collected at baseline and post-intervention. Programme evaluation included parent questionnaire, teacher records and a seven-day pedometer record with a sub-sample of children. The programme was successful in increasing vigorous activity (p = 0.04), but did not impact on moderate or sedentary activities. Young children were able to choose to be active without parent or teacher direction. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
participate in more outdoor activities report higher levels of well-being and self-esteem. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2470
T1 - Gender as a practical concern in children's management of play participation
A1 - Cromdal, Jakob
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Book: 2011-0798-014
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Classification (Cognitive Process)
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Male Female Relations
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Sex Role Attitudes
KW - Sex Roles
KW - Social Identity
KW - Sociocultural Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 294
EP - 309
JF - Speer, Susan A [Ed]; Stokoe, Elizabeth [Ed]
VL -
IS - 2011
N2 - (from the chapter) I examine in this chapter how children invoke cultural conceptions of gender by categorizing persons and their actions in certain ways, and how this practice serves to deal with local matters of participation in peer group activities. Drawing on a corpus of video-recorded recess activities of two groups of students attending grades 2 and 4 respectively (roughly corresponding to 8 and 10 years of age) at an English school in Sweden, I present two episodes of interaction in which the participants are pursuing different interactional projects with regard to play participation. In the first episode, two girls are collaboratively building their actions so as to enforce their territorial rights. The second extract shows how a group of girls strive to engage two boys in an upcoming play event. The analysis explores how, in pursuing these interactional projects, the participants invoke and exploit some culturally distributed notions of gendered behaviour. By examining the participants' categorization work, I demonstrate how gender stereotypes are brought about in the interaction to accomplish social action. In other words, the present chapter points at some ways through which gender relations as well as social and moral orders are invoked and locally produced in children's mundane interaction. By fleshing out the methods through which the participants accomplish this, the analysis adds to the existing body of work in ethnomethodology on gender-in-interaction. More generally, by analysing the interactional workings of membership categories, this chapter contributes to our understanding of how young people draw upon and exploit local orders as well as those of society at large to organize their ordinary activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2471
T1 - Meaning-making through musical play: Cultural psychology of the playground. [References]
A1 - Marsh, Kathryn
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Book: 2011-04025-003
English
Book; Edited Book
For many children, play of varying kinds provides a means for engaging with the world around them. Children can observe and play out patterns of behaviour and other social and cultural phenomena, sometimes as a solitary pursuit, but frequently in the company of others. In this chapter, I examine the ways in which school-aged children construct meaning through the generation and performance of musical play forms, both drawing on and transforming cultural influences. Issues of appropriation, transculturation and identity as manifested in musical play are addressed. The interactive pedagogy of the playground, through which children's agency is fully realized in processes of mutual learning and teaching, is also demonstrated. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

This paper examines students' activity during reading hour in a multicultural secondary school in Madrid (Spain). It discusses two dimensions of the event: (1) How elements such as body posture, reading volume, reading speed and clarity were used by students to position themselves in relation to their linguistic competencies, the social order of the classroom and the institutional arrangements they participate in; and (2) how interactions around the text were used by students for peer play by drawing from identities formed outside
the classroom. The data illustrates how reading hour was taken by students, especially by some Latin American students, to temporarily redefine aspects of the institutional order they were placed in. These results also invite complicating the outside/inside distinction by showing the multiple layers of institutional and out-of-school life that are collapsed into these categories. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - The implications of future time perspective and planning ability for children's emotion regulation
A1 - Puddester, Leah M.
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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Ability
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KW - Emotional Control
KW - Time Perspective

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N2 - Studying emotion regulation in childhood has particular importance for understanding the developmental trajectory of these abilities, as well as for informing preventative work that could offset later psychopathology. Gross (1998a) has distinguished between antecedent- and response focused emotion regulation strategies, and has shown that emotion regulation strategies that occur earlier in the emotion generative process have more favourable outcomes. The first step in antecedent emotion regulation is situation selection, which involves seeking out or avoiding certain situations or environments in order to regulate emotion. In fact, there is a growing psychological literature on children's environmental choices, or environmental niche picking, and how they may affect self-regulatory processes such as emotion regulation. To date, most research has focused on environmental choices for preferred (favourite) environments, and little attention has been focused on non-preferred environments, namely the school playground - the predominant social environment in which children spend their formative years. One's ability to plan, think about the future, and delay immediate gratification are also thought to be important factors in antecedent focused emotion regulation, as such skills allow an individual to move beyond immediate concerns. Few studies have investigated the relationship between emotion regulation and children's future time perspective and planning ability. The present study sought to add to existing research on emotion regulation by investigating the mechanisms by which children develop healthy emotion regulation skills. It was hypothesized that children who scored higher on future time perspective and planning ability would demonstrate better emotion regulation and be rated by peers as less aggressive. It was also hypothesized that any relationship between emotion regulation and aggression would be mediated by future time perspective and/or planning ability. Participants were 82 elementary school students in grades 3 (13 females, 15 males), 4 (17 females, 13 males), and 5 (17 females, 7 males). Parents and homeroom teachers of children also participated by completing the Lability/Negativity scale of the Emotion Regulation Checklist (Shields and Cicchetti, 1997). Children completed peer nomination measures of social behaviour using the Revised Class Play (Masten, Morrison, and Pellegrini, 1985) and one measure of emotion regulation, the Environmental Choices task (Ledingham, Rafter, & Genot, 1995). Children also completed two measures of means-end thinking: the Children's Time Perspective Inventory (Myers, 2000), and the Woodcock-Johnson III Test of Cognitive Abilities - Planning subtest. Results indicated that children as young as the age of 7 could be classified as having a future time perspective, and that future time perspective significantly predicted peer nominations of children's aggression. In addition, children's planning ability, as measured by the Woodcock-
Johnson, played a significant role not only in predicting children's self-reported emotion regulation reasons for environmental choices, but also in accounting for parent ratings of children's emotion regulation. This study also highlighted the importance of environmental niche picking for emotion regulation, with a majority of children indicating that they actively used different locations on the playground to help them regulate their negative emotional states. Contrary to hypotheses, there was no evidence that future time perspective or planning ability mediated the relationship between emotion regulation and aggression. Limitations and implications of the current findings are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Research on toddlers' mathematical knowledge is sparse. Studies on children's mathematical competencies before school age have mostly focused on older children. Few of the previous studies have included large groups of toddlers, few have been conducted in natural settings, and few have been directed at a broad field of mathematical knowledge. The objective of this study was to investigate which mathematical competencies a large group of toddlers' in Norwegian kindergartens expressed through play and daily life activities. A total of 1,003 children participated. Their competencies were registered when they were between 30 and 33 months. The assessment material consisted of 36 items, divided into three main areas: number and counting, geometry and problem solving. The information was collected through authentic assessment; the staff in the kindergartens observed the toddlers' competencies in play and daily life activities. The competencies were registered as mastered, partly mastered or mastering not yet observed. The toddlers showed mathematical competencies in all areas observed. A wide dispersion was found; both for the total score and the subareas' scores. The largest variance was found in number and counting. Our participants displayed lower levels of competencies in using number words and reciting number sequences than reported from previous studies and higher competencies in puzzle-making and following instructions on spatial words. The results indicate that the assessment material may be a valuable tool for the preschool teachers in identifying the variety of competencies mastered by the children in kindergarten. The need for future research is highlighted and discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This chapter discusses the space within which therapy in schools occurs. Before looking at the practical aspects of the room—what's involved in booking and preparing it for sessions—it's useful to think about the symbolic significance of the space, both on a conscious and unconscious level. Using the same room each week communicates to the child that the physical boundaries framing the work are reliable and dependable, echoing the consistency and availability of the therapist for the child. Ensuring that the same room is available each week contributes to creating a therapeutic culture both within the room and outside, in the school at large. Staff and pupils come to know what the room is used for and when sessions take place. This should result in fewer disruptions, especially once the school therapist has established the service. As the therapeutic relationship unfolds, the room in which the ongoing narrative takes shape acts as a symbolic container. The room itself holds the client's story as well as the emotional history of past and present relationships, including both the real and the transference relationship between client and therapist. On a deeply unconscious level, the room comes to stand for the outer receptacle holding the contents of the client's mind, a concrete manifestation of the therapist's mind, which contains and processes what is revealed, both verbally and non-verbally, as well as all that is fantasised about in that particular space. Because of the symbolic power of the room, most practitioners choose to arrange it in the same way each week and have a fixed set of art and play resources available. This conveys the message that in the face of powerful primitive feelings, fantasies and mental states, the room—and, by association, the therapist's mind—can function as a robust enough container. It goes without saying, however, that the most important component of this process is the therapist's mind: her capacity to go on thinking and not be overwhelmed by the material presented. So, while a dedicated and secure room is the ideal, many therapists do their work day in and day out in less than perfect circumstances ranging from different rooms every week in the school setting to providing out-of-door sessions in refugee camps.

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KW - Psychotherapy
KW - School Based Intervention
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N2 - (from the chapter) This chapter discusses the space within which therapy in schools occurs. Before looking at the practical aspects of the room—what's involved in booking and preparing it for sessions—it's useful to think about the symbolic significance of the space, both on a conscious and unconscious level. Using the same room each week communicates to the child that the physical boundaries framing the work are reliable and dependable, echoing the consistency and availability of the therapist for the child. Ensuring that the same room is available each week contributes to creating a therapeutic culture both within the room and outside, in the school at large. Staff and pupils come to know what the room is used for and when sessions take place. This should result in fewer disruptions, especially once the school therapist has established the service. As the therapeutic relationship unfolds, the room in which the ongoing narrative takes shape acts as a symbolic container. The room itself holds the client's story as well as the emotional history of past and present relationships, including both the real and the transference relationship between client and therapist. On a deeply unconscious level, the room comes to stand for the outer receptacle holding the contents of the client's mind, a concrete manifestation of the therapist's mind, which contains and processes what is revealed, both verbally and non-verbally, as well as all that is fantasised about in that particular space. Because of the symbolic power of the room, most practitioners choose to arrange it in the same way each week and have a fixed set of art and play resources available. This conveys the message that in the face of powerful primitive feelings, fantasies and mental states, the room—and, by association, the therapist's mind—can function as a robust enough container. It goes without saying, however, that the most important component of this process is the therapist's mind: her capacity to go on thinking and not be overwhelmed by the material presented. So, while a dedicated and secure room is the ideal, many therapists do their work day in and day out in less than perfect circumstances ranging from different rooms every week in the school setting to providing out-of-door sessions in refugee camps.

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T1 - Peer exclusion in preschool children's play: Naturalistic observations in a playground setting. [References]
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To better understand peer exclusion in young children, 42 four- to six-year-olds were observed in an outdoor setting, and their verbalizations were recorded using wireless microphones. The frequency of peer exclusion and social aggression, the various techniques children used to exclude their peers (unmitigated, mitigated, ignoring, and planning exclusion) and the relation of gender and social status (acceptance, rejection, and dominance scores) to children's use of exclusion were examined. Peer exclusion occurred frequently, whereas nonexclusive forms of social aggression were rare. More dominant boys, less rejected boys, and more rejected girls excluded peers more frequently than did other children. Children who were more socially accepted tended to more frequently ignore their peers to exclude them. All girls and boys who were more socially accepted used higher rates of mitigated, subtle forms of exclusion. In addition, boys who were more dominant used higher rates of unmitigated, direct peer exclusion. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
from victimisation, and if something negative does occur, the friendship group also provides a place to share concerns. Teachers, police officers, youth workers and even parents are far less important in dealing with incidents of anti-social behaviour. This article concludes by arguing that this points to a move away from increasing 'formal' interventions, such as CCTV, adults travelling on buses with young people, or police officers outside schools, towards supporting the, already existing, informal methods used by young people to limit the possibility of victimisation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - Positioning and identity in the academic literacy experiences of elementary English language learners
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Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Environment
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KW - Literacy
KW - Language
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
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N2 - This study investigates the academic literacy experiences of elementary English Language Learners (ELLs) in first grade, fourth grade, and sixth grade. Participants included students as well as their reading/language arts mainstream teachers and their English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teachers. Informed by both cross-sectional cross-case study and narrative inquiry methodology, this study used positioning theory and identity theory as complementary analytic lenses. Students' positionings, both reflexive self-positioning and interactive positioning by others, were identified and named through analyses of their interactions in academic literacy events during reading/language arts. In order to consider the ways that students' positionings may afford or constrain their access to and engagement with academic literacy events, the researcher created an analytic framework naming student positions. Additionally, positions were considered in light of the ways that they mediated students' levels of engagement as literacy events unfolded. To investigate the construction of students' literate identities, the researcher examined students' patterns of positioning during literacy events and considered interview data from students and teachers as well as field notes that documented conversations with participants. The researcher also gathered two self-portraits from student participants, including one self-portrait showing the student engaged in an academic literacy task at school and one showing the student engaged in a fun activity outside of the school context. The study demonstrated that students' positionings, both positive and constraining, may work to construct and re-construct students' literate identities even as students' literate identities may inform the ways that students take on and negotiate positions in a recursive process. The study also found that students with strong literate identities bridging home and school contexts took on more positive positions thus engaging more deeply with academic literacy tasks than students with striving literate identities. Students with striving literate identities often took on positions of constraint in strategic moves that allowed them to get through literacy tasks without engaging deeply. Finally, this study demonstrated the powerful ways that teachers may support students' deep engagement with literacy tasks through positive positioning and following through on their lesson implementation by offering opportunities for re-positioning and the use of scaffolds. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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"Thinking outside the pack": Examining physically active smokers and implications for practice among Ontario residents.

Introduction: It is estimated that tobacco use kills more than 5 million people annually; it is the leading cause of preventable deaths. Recent public health interventions have likely contributed to a steady decline in rates of smoking over the past decade. Nevertheless, innovative and cost-effective approaches to smoking cessation remain a public health priority. The purpose of this study was to profile physically active smokers.

Method: Data from the Canadian Community Health Survey 2007-2008-Ontario Sharing File were used. Responses from 41,800 persons aged 12 years and older were assessed to compare (a) the sociodemographic characteristics of physically active smokers to physically active nonsmokers in Ontario and (b) the types of leisure-time physical activities that are more commonly practiced among active Ontario smokers to active nonsmokers. Results: Pearson 2 and independent samples t tests revealed that active smokers were more likely to be male, younger, single, and less educated and to have lower income than active nonsmokers. Active smokers were also more likely to report inexpensive, low-intensity, and solitary leisure-time physical activities.

Conclusion. Our findings have important implications for physical activity promotion among smokers. Physical activity interventions for smokers need to be tailored differently than for nonsmokers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Joint engagement is the child's ability to share an experience involving an object with social partners. This skill is critical to the social and communication development of young children. Previous semi-structured investigations in clinical settings revealed that children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) present with deficits in joint engagement. Additionally, findings from retrospective studies of home videotapes of children later diagnosed with ASD indicate that ASD symptoms can be observed within naturally occurring activities prior to a diagnosis. Therefore a systematic method of examining the joint engagement skills of children at risk for ASD within everyday activities is warranted. Children between 17 and 34 months (N=42) were recruited from the FIRST WORDS Project prospective study based on risk for ASD. Participants were videotaped during everyday activities and interactions with maternal caregivers. Consistent with the results of retrospective home video studies of children diagnosed with ASD and previous joint engagement investigations, the participants in the current study spent more time playing with toys than in other everyday activities, such as book reading and playing with people. Results indicated that the participants spent the majority of their time in object engagement without symbols and rarely participated in supported or coordinated joint engagement. Children who spent more time in coordinated joint engagement received lower autism severity ratings in the social affect domain of the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS; Lord, Rutter, DiLvore, & Risi, 2002). Additionally, object engagement with and without symbols was associated with autism severity. The understanding and use of symbols during various engagement states was associated with fewer autism symptoms and higher verbal ability. Overall, these findings indicated that systematic home observations of children's joint engagement skills could contribute to the early identification of ASD symptoms in infants and toddlers. These observations also provide detailed information on children's use and understanding of symbols within everyday activities. Examining the joint engagement skills of children at risk for ASD in natural environments could validate caregivers' concerns of ASD symptoms and help build consensus with a diagnostic evaluation in a clinical setting. The current findings also have important implications for promoting the education of caregivers and professionals on the importance of this pivotal skill. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
understanding of how current policy and the built environment influence in-school physical activity and weight status. Eleven public schools in three districts representing two counties in the Mississippi Delta participated in this investigation. The mean physical education class time was 39.2 minutes +8.13 (range 38.33; 95% CI = 37.66-40.75). The mean percent of physical education class time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) was 36.43% + 1.5% (95% CI = 33.57-39.28), a mean of 13.99 minutes + 5.78 (range 27.0; 95% CI = 12.89-15.08). A significant relationship was found between children's in-school physical activity and their BMI (r = 0.629; p = 0.05). There were significant inverse relationships between the presence and quality of amenities to the school built environment and the students BMI (r = -0.619; p = 0.04), waist-to-height ratio (r = -0.819; p = 0.002) and total body weight (r = -0.615; p = 0.044). There was also a significant inverse relationship between the presence and quality of built environment features and waist-to-height ratio (r = -0.713; p = 0.014). There was no significant relationship between children's in-school physical activity and aspects of the school built environment. If students are given the opportunity for unstructured daily physical activity it is likely they will meet current physical activity guidelines. Two of the schools in this investigation provided little opportunity for physical activity through recess and physical education classes and had the highest BMI scores. Not surprising, when students in these schools were given the opportunity to be physically active they were among the most physically active students in this study. Despite Mississippi State law, school districts and schools are failing to adhere to policies that provide students the opportunity to engage in 150-minutes of weekly physical activity and are in violation of current state law. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
scaffolding to move the community toward awareness and then action of the importance of wetlands education specifically and eco-education more broadly. In addition to the benefits for individual students, there is great potential for a broader impact for an increased science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce if students gain that sense of excitement from science. As stated by Saunders (2009), "If America hopes to effectively address the 'STEM pipeline' problem, we must find ways of developing young learners’ interest in STEM education and must sustain that interest throughout their remaining school years.” In this chapter, we describe how Project WetKids seeks to make such an impact. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Predisposed to participate? The influence of family socio-economic background on children's sports participation and daily amount of physical activity. [References]
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N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-29858-001

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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Athletic Participation
KW - Family
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Socioeconomic Status
KW - Sports
KW - Activity Level
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N2 - From a Bourdieu-inspired understanding of how personal resources ('capitals') enable certain practices in certain contexts, the links between families' cultural, social and economic capitals, and children's daily physical activity were investigated in 500 suburban Danish school children using questionnaire data and accelerometer measures. Family socio-economic position (SEP) was found to be positively associated with children's participation in organized sport, which could be explained by differences in family capitals. By contrast, this study found no relationship between families' SEP and the amounts of general physical activity in children. This reflected the tendencies for club-organized sport to contribute a relatively small amount to the overall amount of physical activity in children, and for children of low SEP to be equally active in other settings such as school-breaks, day care and neighbourhood playgrounds. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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T1 - Student attitudes toward and recall of outside day: An environmental science field trip. [References]
A1 - Nadelson, Louis S; Jordan,
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Field trips are effective because they situate learning and facilitate knowledge transfer, thereby influencing students learning attitudes, interests, and motivation. Variations in field trip configurations and the subsequent affective and cognitive influences provided the motivation for this study of Outside Day—an environmental education field trip for 6th-grade students. The participants were immediately postassessed on their attitudes toward the event and 1 month later assessed on their event activity recall. Results indicate the students held positive attitudes toward the field trip and recalled a hands-on orienteering activity most frequently. The discussion provides explanations and implications of findings. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
lesson context, teacher behavior, and environment during preschool physical education. A random sample of 573 preschoolers (288 boys; Mage = 5.4 years, SD = 0.4) from 35 preschools was examined during one PE class. Findings indicated that preschoolers accumulated 12 min (33%) of moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA), 5 min (13%) of light PA, and 20 min (54%) of sedentary behavior during PE. Forty-seven percent of the variance in pupils' MVPA may be attributed to differences between PE classes. Less knowledge content, less promotion, less management, less preschoolers per 100 m2, using obstruction material, and not using throwing equipment were significantly associated with higher MVPA levels. These predictors explained 56% of the variance in MVPA at the PE class-level. To conclude, PE in its current format contributes only a small amount to the PA requirements of preschoolers. Preschoolers' MVPA levels were related to modifiable PE characteristics indicating that preschool PE can be restructured to increase MVPA. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - Changing perceptions of middle school students regarding bullying: The impact of student-centered interventions
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N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2012-99031-021
English
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
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N2 - Previous research suggests that bullying is a serious problem with long-term consequences for both the bullies and the victims. These consequences run the gamut from school maladjustment to criminal behavior to suicidal ideation. This longitudinal study utilized ex post facto data collected by one Burlington County school district. Perceptions and behaviors of students in the district's two middle schools were examined by comparing survey responses collected in October 2007 with survey responses collected in October 2009. In addition, survey responses collected in October 2009 were compared with May/June 2010 responses to see if students' perceptions and behaviors changed over the course of one school year. Finally, survey responses from the district's October 2009 seventh graders were compared with survey responses from the district's May/June 2010 sixth graders. The incoming seventh graders had not participated in any of the district's planned interventions while the outgoing sixth graders had participated in the interventions throughout the 2009-2010 school year. The groups were relatively similar in age and middle school experiences so it was believed that the October 2009 seventh graders could represent the pre-intervention group and the May/June 2010 sixth graders could represent the post-intervention group. Results were compared to examine the effectiveness of the school's ongoing bullying interventions. Grade level and gender comparisons suggested that most students felt less safe during the course of one school year. Sixth graders were most likely to be fearful of bullying and were most likely to perceive bullying as a serious problem. All forms of bullying increased as students moved from sixth to seventh and from seventh to eighth grade. All forms of bullying except verbal bullying increased during one school year. The most problematic areas where bullying was most likely to occur were outdoor recess areas, hallways and hall locker areas. Gender comparisons suggested that boys were more likely to bully physically and verbally and
girls were more likely to bully indirectly or through cyber-bullying. When students' ethnicities were considered one interesting finding was that African American students at the two latter survey dates and Hispanic students at the final survey date were more likely to believe that they were bullied due to their race, whereas all other groups reported that the most likely reason for bullying was appearance or dress. Two-year comparisons of October 2007 and October 2009 responses suggested that students in 2007 felt safer and students in 2009 were more likely to perceive bullying as a serious problem. The 2007 group was more likely to bully physically, verbally or indirectly whereas the 2009 group was more likely to cyber-bully. The only exception to this was cyber-bullying through instant messaging, which was more prevalent in 2007. Pre- and post-intervention comparisons suggested that the district's interventions may have been at least partially successful. While outdoor recess continued to be the most likely place where bullying would occur, the percentage of students who reported this dropped precipitously when these two groups were compared. Verbal bullying also declined suggesting that although the interventions did not specifically target this behavior they may have played a role in the decline. Unfortunately it is impossible to know with any degree of certainty whether these declines were due to the interventions or due to some other unknown influence. Recommendations for the school district and suggestions for future research were also discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
separate neighborhood models found four neighborhood variables (population density, reported incidents for murder, reported incidents for robbery, and number of school playgrounds) that directly influenced girls' physical activity. Contrary to the hypothesis, parental perceptions of neighborhood safety did not mediate the effect of total violent crime on boys or girls' physical activity or active commuting to/from school. In addition, children's physical activity was not correlated with their active commuting. Conclusion: Neighborhood safety is an important factor for discretionary active commuters. Future research should explore in greater detail the influence of crime on boys and girls' physical activity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Assessment of intra-urban traffic-related air pollution on asthmatic children's exposure at schools in the Paso del Norte region
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N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2012-99040-035
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Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Asthma
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KW - Public Health
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
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N2 - Traffic-related air pollution can be a major public health concern in any urban area. This problem is compounded in the Paso del Norte region that has experienced rapid economic growth, and a substantial number of people living in close vicinity of major roadways. The desert surroundings, arid weather, frequent temperature inversions, heavy border traffic at the international ports of entry between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, and poorly maintained vehicle fleet further exacerbates this problem. A growing body of air quality and epidemiologic research has discerned the linkage between traffic emissions and respiratory disorders. Initial health investigations in the Paso del Norte region have found associations between various air pollutant indicators and adverse respiratory outcomes. However, monitoring traffic pollution as an indicator of population health and the subsequent ability to accurately reflect changes in the respiratory health of sensitive populations like school-going asthmatic children has been challenging in this region. Given the substantial amount of time children spend within school microenvironments, assessing children's school-based exposures is essential for preventing children's health risks to air pollutants. Indeed, the importance of characterizing children's exposures in schools corresponds with the US Environmental Protection Agency's recent initiative to promote outdoor air monitoring network near schools. As part of a binational health effects study investigating the impact of traffic air pollution on asthmatic children, paired indoor and outdoor concentrations of fine and coarse PM (PM2.5 and PM10-2.5), black carbon, and NO2 were determined for 16 weeks in 2008 at four elementary schools in the international community of El Paso - Ciudad Juarez on the U.S.-Mexico border. Fifty-eight asthmatic subjects from these four schools were recruited. Health outcomes (weekly exhaled nitric oxide [eNO] measurements and daily respiratory symptoms) were recorded for the study period. Two schools (one in each city) were located in high traffic density zones and the other two in zones of low traffic density. Strong spatial heterogeneity in air pollutant concentrations existed in the region with all outdoor pollutant concentrations, in general, higher in Ciudad Juarez than in El Paso by two-fold or more. Concentrations of all pollutants, except PM in Ciudad Juarez, at high traffic density zones in both cities were higher than those measured at their respective low traffic density zones. Traffic-related PM pollution in Ciudad Juarez was confounded by the ubiquitous fugitive dust emissions from unpaved roads and regional unprotected bare soil such that both PM2.5 and PM10-2.5 measured...
in the low traffic density zone surpassed those measured in the high traffic density zone. Aided by inter-site and intra-pollutant analyses, concentrations of NO2 and black carbon were confirmed to be better indicators for traffic-related pollution. Indoor air pollution was found to be well associated with outdoor air pollution, although differences existed among all schools in student activities, building tightness, use of ventilation system, temperature control devices, and building materials. Routine cooking and food preparation in classrooms could result in high level of indoor NO2 which pose unintended health risks to school children. Significant associations between the weekly (96-hr) averages of several measured pollutants and eNO with effects estimates ranging from 1 to 3% increases in eNO per interquartile range increases in pollutant concentrations were observed. Effect estimates from models using indoor pollutant school concentrations were generally more robust than corresponding models using outdoor school or ambient concentrations. This research characterizes the intra-urban variability (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) SN - 0419-4217 AD - Raysoni, Amit U.: U Texas at El Paso, US ER - TY - JOUR ID - 2489 T1 - Playgrounds found superior to school polices for increasing physical activity. [References] A1 - No, authorship indicated Y1 - 2012/// N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2012-04962-012 English Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal KW - PsycInfo KW - Physical Activity KW - Physical Education KW - Playgrounds KW - Policy Making KW - School Facilities RP - NOT IN FILE SP - 148 EP - 149 JF - Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology JA - J Sport Exerc Psychol VL - 34: IS - 1 N2 - Presents a study which aims to examine two ways that schools may encourage physical activity behavior, one, number of permanent play facilities and second, school policies related to physical activity like quality of physical education programs, promotion of physical activity, safety issues, and the adequacy of school facilities. The amount of permanent playground equipment at the school was significantly linked to physical activity levels, although school policies were not. Specifically, for every 10 additional playground pieces, children engaged in 3.2% more average physical activity and 8.3% more moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) during recess. Physical activity outside of school hours was 5.6% higher on average and 10.5% higher for MVPA for every 10 additional pieces of play equipment. Building more permanent playgrounds and structures appeared to be a relatively cost-effective strategy for increasing physical activity behaviors both during recess and after school hours. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) SN - 0895-2779 ER -
This study examined sources of variability in preschool children's positive and negative engagement with teachers, peers, and tasks, and how that variability was related to both classroom activity settings (e.g., teacher-structured time, outdoor time, transitions) and child factors (age, gender). Participants were 283 socioeconomically and linguistically diverse children drawn from 84 classrooms, 34-63 months old (M = 50.8, SD = 6.5). Each child's engagement was observed and rated multiple times within a single day. Results suggested that children's engagement varied significantly across the preschool day. Activity settings that provided children with a greater degree of choice (free choice and outdoor time) were associated with more positive engagement with peers and tasks, while teacher-structured activities were associated with more positive engagement with teachers. Transitions emerged as a difficult part of the day, associated with less positive engagement with teachers and tasks. Older children were rated higher on peer and task engagement. These findings, together with previous research, suggest that both characteristics of the classroom setting and child factors are associated with children's classroom engagement throughout a day in preschool. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
The aim of the study was to describe and compare the school participation and social networks of children with physical disabilities and complex communication needs (Group CCN), children with physical disabilities only (Group PD), and children with typical development (Group TD). The 39 participants, 10-15 years of age, were observed for 4 hours at school. School staff and the parent and/or child provided information on children's social networks. A striking observation was that, while participants in Group TD continuously conversed and socialized with peers inside and outside classrooms; those in Group CCN rarely used aided AAC, were provided with limited communication opportunities at school, and had fewer acquaintances and friends. Findings warrant intervention at the participation level at school and in the community. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Psychoanalysts listen and reflect on what they hear from their patients and on what they do with them. Child analysts also attend to the activity of the play with their young patients and to the symbolic representations in the play. Rarely have analysts—adult or child—learned from observational data in the meticulous manner of scientific researchers, and rarer still are attempts to gather this observational data and make it available for others studying the analytic process. All psychoanalysts would agree that what is communicated outside of language in the analytic hour has great value. How do other disciplines teach about what happens outside of language and symbols? One way is through watching videos. A tennis player can look at videos of Roger Federer and watch his strokes, yet eventually the player will have to develop 'muscle memory' to be able to implement the moves in a match. This is the focus of the current chapter. Here, I will use the case of a dyadic (mother-child) treatment to illustrate how videotape and particularly the microanalysis of the videotape can enhance our understanding of what goes on in psychotherapy and give us insights into therapeutic technique. In this chapter I will use the case of "Jose," a 3-year old to 4-year old boy, to demonstrate the value of videotape and microanalytic technique to the understanding of therapeutic change. The treatment was a dyadic treatment, in which the author saw mother and child together, using videotape in several different modes during the therapy. In each of the three examples of videotape from the case, a moment of new meaning created by mother and child together was accompanied by the 'music' of highly coordinated rhythms of vocal and action turns. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The purpose of this study was to explore the use of bibliotherapy as an intervention to increase social problem-solving skills in young children, delivered by classroom teachers within a natural classroom setting. Previous research in this area has been limited to bibliotherapy interventions delivered by clinicians in small group settings. However, guidelines for delivering interventions in natural environments suggest that teacher-led, classroom-based, and child-initiated activities would provide the most natural, school-based setting for young children. The intervention for this study was delivered by classroom teachers and integrated into the classroom curriculum. The participants included 96 students from three kindergarten and three first grade classrooms in a demographically diverse elementary school located in a large urban school district. Classes were randomly assigned to either a treatment group or wait-list control group. The treatment group received the bibliotherapy intervention with reinforcement activities while the wait-list control group received no intervention during the intervention period. A one-way ANOVA, ANCOVAs, and correlations were used to analyze results across groups within a pre-post experimental design. After the intervention, the treatment group demonstrated significantly higher social problem-solving skills than the wait-list control group. Also, the results suggest that children who participated in the bibliotherapy intervention were able to maintain their social problem-solving skills and generalize their skills they to other situations. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

The aim of this study was to describe the overall play participation of children with cerebral palsy (CP) aged 9-13 years by measuring what activities they participate in using the Preteen Play Profile (Henry, 2000); and to explore variations in participation in different play categories based on each child's manual ability, gross motor function, CP distribution, age and gender. A mail-based survey was conducted of children with CP from three facilities in the United States. Of 252 surveys mailed, 15 were undeliverable because of the wrong addresses and 93 completed surveys were returned (39.2%). The children (58 males, 35 females) were aged between 9 and 13 years (mean age 11 years 1 month, SD= 1.06). Findings showed that children with CP participated in a wide range of activities in the past year. The majority of play activities were indoor rather than outdoor, sedentary rather than active, and lack structure. Watching television and listening to music was by far the children's major play activity. Play categories were ranked from highest to lowest in play participation as follows: indoor, creative, social, summer, outdoor, winter, sports and lessons. It was found that children with quadriplegia who are in Levels IV and V on both the MACS and GMFCS are the most at risk groups of
decreased play participation. The children's manual ability and gross motor function were the main predictors of play participation indicating the need for using both classification systems in practice and research. Children of both genders participated in similar play activities but when analyzing separate play categories, females achieved significantly higher scores than males in creative, lessons and social activities. The results of this study pointed to the need for integration of more outdoor, sports, and social play into the daily routines and curricula of centers, and schools that serve children with CP. The study concluded with some recommendations on how deficiencies and gaps in play participation can be filled through several proactive approaches that pediatric occupational therapists can take in conjunction with caregivers and community members to improve the lives of children with CP. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Forty-five minutes of physical activity at school each day? Curricular promotion of physical activity in grades one to four. [References]
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Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-15345-006
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N2 - Aim: According to the US Department of Health and Human Services (2008) and the World Health Organization (2008), regular physical activity is essential to the healthy development of children and contributes to the reduction of chronic diseases throughout their life span. However, coordinated comprehensive national and international programs to promote physical activity and sports participation are lacking. According to the German Sports Federation (2006), physical education (PE) classes at German schools are increasingly being canceled or taught outside the school. "fit for pisa" is a German intervention developed in response to the demand for scientific evaluation of interventions like daily physical education. Its goal is to provide quality management-secured, structured and standardized PE instruction by qualified instructors. Subjects and methods: The "fit for pisa" intervention has been implemented at five primary schools in Gottingen, Germany, since 2003. This daily physical education intervention is based on quality standards. At the five primary schools participating in "fit for pisa," students receive a supplementary 3 class hours of PE/week in addition to the mandatory 2 class hours/week for the entire school term. In other words, the children now receive one 45-min session of PE each school day. Daily physical education is now a part of their mandatory school curriculum. The curriculum content and teaching methods have been continuously developed and optimized based on the state guidelines for Lower Saxony. Results: Teacher training is held at the participating schools once a month to promote standardized implementation and quality management of the intervention program. Additional monthly meetings are held so that the teachers can discuss any problems, deviations or other issues occurring in the classes. Checklists are provided for the teachers and external trainers to document the content and objectives of each lesson. Supervisors evaluate the checklists at regular intervals. Using these instruments, the results of the 4-year intervention program were evaluated at the five participating primary schools. Conclusions: This study provides important data for recommendations to implement additional physical education in primary schools, for the corresponding quality assurance instruments and for the optimization of physical education guidelines for primary schools. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Huts and heartache: The affordance of playground huts for legal debate in early childhood social organisation. [References]

N2 - This article discusses the way in which four-year-old children engaged in the complex co-production of rules and social governance in their primary school playground in Wales, UK. Through an inductive investigation into children's everyday social interactions at morning break time the child's view of their spatial affordances can be revealed. These affordances are the spaces the children talk into being (Heritage, 1978) and to what end. By making explicit reference to the wooden huts in their co-production of playground rules and governance the children talked those spaces into being and made them noticeable as important places for the practice of such agency in their everyday social organisation process. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Preschoolers' social skills: Advances in assessment for intervention using social behavior ratings. [References]

N2 - This article discusses the way in which four-year-old children engaged in the complex co-production of rules and social governance in their primary school playground in Wales, UK. Through an inductive investigation into children's everyday social interactions at morning break time the child's view of their spatial affordances can be revealed. These affordances are the spaces the children talk into being (Heritage, 1978) and to what end. By making explicit reference to the wooden huts in their co-production of playground rules and governance the children talked those spaces into being and made them noticeable as important places for the practice of such agency in their everyday social organisation process. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Social skills play an important role in young children's successes in and outside of school. For two decades, educators have used the Social Skills Rating System (SSRS; Gresham & Elliott, 1990) as a tool for describing children's social behaviors and for planning interventions to improve social skills. Although widely used, some researchers have criticized certain aspects of the preschool version of the SSRS. In 2008, a revision of the instrument, the Social Skills Improvement System-Rating Scales (SSiS-RS; Gresham & Elliott), was published. In this article, we examine the development of the preschool versions of SSRS and SSiS-RS and provide a comparison of the two rating systems, focusing on the content, structure, psychometric properties, and intended use of the instruments. We then describe the SSiS-RS within an assessment for intervention model. We conclude that the SSiS-RS is an improved assessment instrument over the preschool SSRS and provide recommendations for future studies that will contribute to the evolving validity evidence for the resulting scores and decisions made from them. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Examining the effectiveness and efficiency of two delivery models to teach children abduction prevention skills

Nearly all children receive abduction prevention training. Most traditional education programs increase the learner's knowledge, but often fail to produce concomitant behavior change. Behavioral Skills Training (BST) is a multi-component, behavior-based training strategy with empirical support demonstrating its effectiveness in teaching children safety skills, behavioral generalization and maintenance over time. BST, however, is restricted by financial, human and time costs and limited resources to implement the training protocol. These factors likely limit widespread adoption of the training model. This study examined the use of computer-based instruction that emphasized active responding and mastery level performance requirements to teach school-aged children abduction prevention skills. Computer-Based Instruction (CBI) was compared against traditional BST (instructions, modeling, rehearsal, feedback and in situ training) on measures of training effectiveness and efficiency. Forty children (Mage = 10 years, 2 months) were randomly assigned to the CBI experimental group or BST control group. Evaluation was conducted via in situ assessments in laboratory and naturalistic settings at baseline, post-training, two weeks and one month following training. Results revealed clinically and statistically significant improvements in child performance of target safety behaviors after training for both groups. Behavioral generalization to naturalistic settings and skill maintenance was demonstrated at follow-up assessments. Differences in child performance were not observed between training delivery models. Training
time and number of training trials to program/skill mastery was less for BST compared to CBI. Costs and resource needs were greater during the program development phase for CBI. Program implementation expenses associated with CBI were minimal and cost per unit of delivery decreased exponentially with successive implementation of the intervention. Per unit of delivery costs for BST were fixed and total investment associated with this model increased across successive implementations. Taken as a whole, CBI was as effective as BST in teaching children abduction prevention skills. Across multiple learners, the computer-based instruction program becomes a more economical delivery model. Findings are also discussed relating to child emotional response during training and assessment sessions and correspondence between the learner's verbal report of behavior during simulated abduction situations and behavioral performance during live assessments. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A central argument for the creation of Online Learning Environments is they permit learners to engage in social learning freed from the constraints of shared space and time (Hara, Bonk, & Angeli, 2000). However, other research suggests that location and work relationships (Hampton & Wellman, 2003; Koku & Wellman, 2004), as well as race, ethnicity and gender (McPherson, Smith-Lovin, & Cook, 2001), have an influence on the shape of social networks. Studies of late-elementary school children suggest that they have strong preferences for same-gendered interaction in classroom and playground settings. This research uses Social Network Analysis and Discourse Analysis to evaluate the effects of shared school location and gender on the social networks created by late-elementary students in Quest Atlantis, an international game-like social learning environment. Three different modes of computer-mediated communication interaction were sampled: synchronous public chat, asynchronous private e-mail, and asynchronous private telegrams. This study found that participants sent disproportionate numbers of messages to participants located at the same geographic site. This effect was most pronounced for mail messages, which were almost exclusively sent to same-site participants. Participants also disproportionately sent e-mail and telegrams, although not chat messages, to members of the same gender. Designers and managers of online social learning environments should consider that effective communication across sites separated by geography may require active mediation and team building beyond the existence of CMC utilities. Social network analysis can provide an useful tool for evaluating efforts to build online social learning environments. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Parental perceptions of the effects of the high-stakes TAKS test on the home lives of at-risk fifth grade students

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In Texas, fifth grade students are required to pass both the reading and math sections of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS test, in order to be promoted to the next grade level. The purpose of this study is to describe parents' perceptions of the influence of the high-stakes TAKS test on the family lives of at-risk fifth grade students. Parents of students identified as at-risk for failure on the TAKS test
by their schools were given a 12-item survey with three components: the effects of TAKS on the student and family, the effects of TAKS on how students spend time outside of school, and parent attitudes about TAKS as a fair measure of achievement. A series of three one-way ANOVAs was used, comparing each independent variable (family, time, and fairness) to a series of dependent variables (gender, race, and attendance at a Title I school) to look for variability between these groups in their attitudes towards the independent variables. The results indicated that many parents perceive that the TAKS affects their families by causing their child and other family members to express concerns about passing the test and by causing the parent to worry about how their child is reacting to the pressures of the test. Parents perceived that the TAKS test affects how much time students spend playing with friends as well as watching television or movies. Many parents did not agree that TAKS is a fair measure of student achievement for their child or other children. The ANOVAs indicated statistically significant findings among race groups and their scores on "family" and "fairness." Asian/Pacific Islander parents indicated significantly less effect of TAKS on their student and family than did white parents. Asian/Pacific Islander parents also perceived TAKS as a fairer measure of student achievement than did white parents. As well, Hispanic parents also perceived TAKS as a fairer measure of student achievement than did both white and Black/African American parents. Findings indicate that perhaps schools and teachers would be surprised to discover the amount of stress TAKS is causing families and students, particularly those at risk for failure as well as those groups that might not have previously been thought to "care" about school. The level of negativity caused by TAKS appears to be an undesirable unintended consequence of the assessment system, so educators may want to reconsider their policies and practices for TAKS-related parent engagement, homework, and test preparation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Impact of increased technology use on the free-time choices of fifth and seventh grade students in a southern school district
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English
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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Choice Behavior
KW - Grade Level
KW - Schools
KW - Students
KW - Technology
KW - Educational Programs
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SP - 1268
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 72:
IS - 4-A
N2 - The study sought to determine if increased technology use affects the free-time choices of students. While technology options have grown exponentially, time remains a fixed commodity. Therefore, it is suggested that students who increasingly use technology must draw time from more traditional childhood activities. Students' free-time activities were examined to document discernable patterns among the activities valued by students who use technology extensively and the activities valued by students who use technology less frequently. Study participants were fifth and seventh grade students in a semi-rural suburban county in the southeastern United States. The data collection instrument was a self-reporting survey in which students were asked to specify their relative interest in six traditional activities in comparison to specific technology-based alternatives. Students were also asked to estimate the number of minutes per week they spent on traditional and technology-related activities. Based on their time estimates, high and low quartiles of technology use were established. The forced-choice responses of students in the upper quartile of technology use were compared to the forced-choice responses of students in the lower quartile of technology use to determine if there were differences in their
expressed preferences for the six traditional activities included in the study. Although findings revealed that students in the upper quartile of technology use were less interested in all six traditional activities studied than were students in the lower quartile of technology use, reading for fun, supervised activities, outdoor activities, and having a hobby were activities more readily relinquished than were spending time with family and playing with friends, indicating their relative value among the two groups. As students abandon traditional childhood activities to pursue technology-driven options, adults who are concerned about childhood development might explore alternative means for obtaining the benefits those six activities once provided. Recommendations are made for replicating the study among different populations. Although gender and grade level were two variables that were examined in this study, it would be beneficial to determine if findings would be similar among students with more or less access to technology, with divergent socio-economic means, and from diverse ethnic backgrounds. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Gender. [References]
A1 - Leaper,Campbell
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Book: 2011-26924-012
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Gender Identity
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Sex Role Attitudes
KW - Sex Roles
KW - Adolescent Development
KW - Behavior
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Cognitions
KW - Emotions
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IS - 2011
N2 - (from the chapter) Gender shapes human lives in large and small ways. Whether a person is female or male influences her or his clothing, hobbies, social interactions, occupations, and incomes. To consider the pervasiveness of gender in our daily lives, imagine what it would be like if a person tried to live outside of the categories "male" and "female." That is the premise of Lois Gould's fictional children's story about a child named X who was raised by its parents without revealing its gender to others. In the story, X encounters resistance from peers, teachers, and other parents who want to treat X as a girl or a boy. In the story's happy ending, the other children begin to emulate X once they realize that X is having twice as much fun as they are. That is, without being constrained by traditional gender categories, X has the flexibility to pursue a greater range of play activities. The idea of not revealing one's gender to other people may seem like something that could only happen in a children's story. However, a Swedish couple is not revealing the gender of their 2 & 1/2-year-old child named Pop. According to the mother, "We want Pop to grow up more freely and avoid being forced into a specific gender mould at the outset". The fictional story of X, as well as the real cases of Pop and Shane Whalley, bring into stark relief society's reliance on gender to define and constrain human experience. In the present chapter, we review some of the ways in which this occurs in children's lives. We describe children's gender development during three age periods: infancy and early childhood (approximately birth-5 years), middle childhood (approximately 6-12 years), and adolescence (approximately 13-18 years). Because children construct their own beliefs about gender and use these beliefs to guide their behavior, we focus on the role of children's
cognitions, affect, and behavior in shaping their gender development. At the same time, because children are born into a world in which gender has significant meaning, we highlight the ways in which other people’s gender-stereotyped expectations and behaviors differentially affect girls’ and boys’ beliefs, goals, and behaviors. However, because gender affects virtually every facet of individuals’ lives, we are unable to review every important aspect of gender development. We concentrate on subjects most closely linked to social development and hope that readers will be inspired to read more broadly on other related topics. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - The IDEFICS validation study on field methods for assessing physical activity and body composition in children: Design and data collection. [References]
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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Diets
KW - Human Body
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KW - Physical Activity
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N2 - Objective: To describe the design, measurements and fieldwork of the IDEFICS (Identification and prevention of dietary- and lifestyle-induced health effects in children and infants) physical activity and body composition validation study, and to determine the potential and limitations of the data obtained. Design: Multicentre validation study. Subjects: A total of 98 children from four different European countries (age: 4-10 years). Methods: An 8-day measurement protocol was carried out in all children using a collaborative protocol. Reference methods were the doubly labelled water method for physical activity, and a three- and a four-compartment model for body composition. Investigated field methods were accelerometers, a physical activity questionnaire and various anthropometric measurements. Results: For the validation of physical activity field methods, it was possible to gather data from 83 to 89 children, laying the basis for age- and sex-specific results. The validation of body composition field methods is possible in 64-80 children and allows sex-specific analyses but has only limited statistical power in the youngest age group (<6 years). The amount of activity energy expenditure (AEE) varied between centres, sexes and age groups, with boys and older children having higher estimates of AEE. After normalisation of AEE by body weight, most group-specific differences diminished, except for country-specific differences. Conclusion: The IDEFICS validation study will allow age- and sex-specific investigation of questions pertaining to the validity of several field methods of body composition and physical activity, using established reference methods in four different European countries. From the participant analyses it can be concluded that the compliance for the investigated field methods was higher than that for the reference methods used in this validation study. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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Football pitches and Barbie dolls: Young children's perceptions of their school playground. [References]

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JF - Early Child Development and Care
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N2 - Playgrounds and play times offer valuable contexts for children to explore and learn about themselves and their social lives. This study sought to gather evidence of children's perceptions of their playgrounds and play times, specifically whether the playgrounds were seen positively or negatively and the types of activities in which they engaged. Child-oriented methods were adopted inspired by the Mosaic approach. The main themes from the focus group interviews were social play (friendship, loneliness/solitude and fair play); physical activity play (activities and rationale); risk (injuries and bullying); and gender (action/stillness and gendered roles). Research suggests that segregation declines when adult supervision supports shared play, and our experiences suggest that such intervention is the most likely solution to the 'problem' of gender play in this setting. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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This study considered how three groups of academically talented high school students—those who attended an academic summer program (TIP), those who qualified for the program but chose not to attend (QNA), and those who did not qualify (DNQ)—spent time outside the classroom. These groupings differentiated students by ability (QNA vs. DNQ) and attendance (TIP vs. QNA). Male-female comparisons were also conducted. By comparing participation rates across a variety of activities and by sex, the current study helps explain the lives of high-ability students outside the arena by which they are defined: their academic ability. Results reveal numerous group and sex differences based on how high-ability students spend their time outside the classroom. Females tended to participate more than males in activities that were generally positively associated with academic achievement, while also participating in more types of activities. Males, however, reported watching more TV and were less likely to participate in any activity. QNA students reported spending more time on academic-related activities, such as homework and academic clubs, than did DNQ students, indicating a generally higher interest in academic endeavors. However, the QNA and TIP groups differed only in their service club participation rates, indicating that attending a summer program is not associated with spending time outside the classroom differently during the school year. This research underscores the heterogeneity of different groups of high-ability students and suggests some caution when generalizing from research findings based only on program participants. Knowing how students spend their time can help parents, educators, and researchers understand and foster adolescent development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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N2 - Research Findings: Forty-five child caregivers and 120 parents participated in this study to examine perceptions of childcare programs in Jordan. The researchers developed a questionnaire that consisted of 6 dimensions: health, education, parent-caregiver relationship, facilities, building/landscape, and playground. Moreover, interviews with 10 child caregivers and 20 parents were conducted. Results indicated that child caregivers expressed moderate satisfaction with the programs. In contrast, parents expressed lower satisfaction with the childcare programs. The results also revealed that caregivers and parents perceived the playground area as effective but found health and the parent-caregiver relationship ineffective. Practice or Policy: This study highlights the need to supervise childcare programs effectively and the importance of fostering a strong partnership between child caregivers and parents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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ID - 2509

T1 - The effects of an enhanced fluency intervention on fourth and fifth grade struggling readers

A1 - Miller, Janice A.

Y1 - 2011///

N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2011-99010-196

English

Dissertation Abstract

KW - PsycInfo

KW - Comprehension

KW - Grade Level

KW - Reading

KW - School Based Intervention

KW - Verbal Fluency

KW - Elementary School Students

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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences

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N2 - This case study followed struggling readers as they moved through an enhanced fluency intervention which included explicit instruction in fluency, comprehension, and "good reading" behaviors. There were fourteen students in fourth and fifth grades who participated in small group reading classes outside their general reading class. The intervention used the commercially available text of Read Naturally, Master's Edition (Matsoff, 2006). The teacher provided explicit sequential instruction with each small group. Enhancements in fluency included instruction in text markings and prosody, teacher modeling, and a variety of readings. Enhancements in comprehension included explicit instruction in the reading strategies of predicting, clarifying, questioning, and retelling. Instruction on what "good reading behaviors" used "good reader" slogans and guided practice. Achievement data were collected using pre and post intervention measures. Student interviews and questionnaires were administered pre and post intervention to determine changes in the student's perception of him/herself as a reader. Questionnaires and interviews examined the student use of "good reading" behaviors. Parent and teacher observations were elicited through questionnaires to assess these behaviors. The enhanced fluency intervention had a positive effect on the struggling readers as the group means increased on standardized and curriculum-based assessments. Changes were noted as the students used the vocabulary of "good reading" behaviors on final student interviews. Responses on the final student and adult questionnaires reported "good reading" behaviors at home and at school but responses indicated students did not use the majority of "good reading" behaviors in their independent reading activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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AD - Miller, Janice A.: Widener U., US
T1 - Rock Up: An initiative supporting students' wellbeing in their transition to secondary school. [References]
A1 - Carmen, Brenda; Waycott, Louise; Smith, Ken
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2010-25669-011

This paper reports the background and findings of the community-based pilot program 'Rock Up' to school. The Rock Up program was directed at a niche section of young students in Grades 5, 6, and 7 to respond to identified risk factors associated with disengagement from formal education. The Rock Up approach was to energise these students' connection to learning as they approach the difficult stage of transition from primary school to secondary school. Ultimately, Rock Up aims to assist those students in their development of wellbeing, within and outside of the school environment. The operational measures of wellbeing covered; academic, social, emotional, behavioural, and school absence. Thirteen students, who had been identified by their respective teachers, were invited to participate in individual and/or group activities that focused on their wellbeing and developing their readiness for secondary school. Written and verbal feedbacks from students, teachers, parents, and the program facilitator, were in the main very positive. Analysis of the data of the first round of the program using a three-wave questionnaire and a participatory action research approach indicated the need to proceed to a new round using more refined processes. When fully developed, Rock Up is intended to be the vanguard for collaborative practice between the education and community sectors throughout Victoria and to be an example of an efficient and effective model of transition for this age-group. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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ID - 2511
N2 - This paper reports the background and findings of the community-based pilot program 'Rock Up' to school. The Rock Up program was directed at a niche section of young students in Grades 5, 6, and 7 to respond to identified risk factors associated with disengagement from formal education. The Rock Up approach was to energise these students' connection to learning as they approach the difficult stage of transition from primary school to secondary school. Ultimately, Rock Up aims to assist those students in their development of wellbeing, within and outside of the school environment. The operational measures of wellbeing covered; academic, social, emotional, behavioural, and school absence. Thirteen students, who had been identified by their respective teachers, were invited to participate in individual and/or group activities that focused on their wellbeing and developing their readiness for secondary school. Written and verbal feedbacks from students, teachers, parents, and the program facilitator, were in the main very positive. Analysis of the data of the first round of the program using a three-wave questionnaire and a participatory action research approach indicated the need to proceed to a new round using more refined processes. When fully developed, Rock Up is intended to be the vanguard for collaborative practice between the education and community sectors throughout Victoria and to be an example of an efficient and effective model of transition for this age-group. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Imagine what it is like to be a child whose clumsy actions make it difficult to keep up with peers on the playground or to accomplish everyday tasks of daily living such as tying shoes or buttoning a coat. This special issue of Research in Developmental Disabilities is focused on the disorder that defines these children, known as Developmental Coordination Disorder. The papers presented here are selected from the VIIIth International Conference on Developmental Disorder which was held, for the first time in the United States, in Baltimore, MD, 2009. We have grouped the contributions into three sections. The first two sections represent the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health framework (WHO, 2001) - (1) Body Functions: Psychological, Cognitive and Neuromotor Function; and (2) Activities and Participation. The third section is titled - (3) Assessment and Measurement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Handclapping songs: A spontaneous platform for child development among 5-10-year-old children.

[References]

The impact of music activity on children’s motor and cognitive skills has been investigated with music learning, instrument lessons and classroom music. While none have employed natural utterances, singing games or playground/street songs, these musical experiences of childhood are acknowledged as a major platform for child development. The current study isolated handclapping songs exploring the association of performance quality with classroom academic achievement and examined whether children who spontaneously engage in handclapping songs activity demonstrate improved motor or cognitive abilities. Finally, the study investigated the outcome of a two-group eight-week classroom intervention. The study found that: (1) children who were more skillful at performing handclapping songs were more efficient First Graders; (2) Second Graders who spontaneously engage in handclapping songs were advantaged in bimanual coupling patterns, verbal memory and handwriting; and (3) classroom handclapping songs training was more efficient than music appreciation classes in developing non-music skills among Second and Third Graders. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2513
T1 - Positive behavior support through family-school collaboration for young children with autism.

[References]
A1 - Blair, Kwang-Sun Cho; Lee, In-Suk; Cho, Su-Je; Dunlap, Glen
Y1 - 2011//
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-07290-003
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Autism
KW - Behavior Modification
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Collaboration
KW - Intervention
KW - Mothers
KW - Teachers
RP - NOT IN FILE
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EP - 36
JF - Topics in Early Childhood Special Education
VL - 31:
IS - 1
N2 - In this study, a multiple baseline design across three young children with autism was used to assess the impact of individualized behavior support, implemented through family-school collaboration, on the children's appropriate and problem behaviors and adult-child interactions. A positive behavior support process was used to promote family-school collaboration and to design the individualized intervention. Data indicated that the children's target behaviors improved with the intervention during circle time at school and play time at home, and their behaviors generalized to nontargeted center time at school and play at the community playground. Teacher and mother positive interactions with the children increased while negative interactions decreased. Social validity indicated that the interventions provided through family-school collaboration were acceptable and effective. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2514
T1 - Promising practices for family engagement in out-of-school time
A1 - Kreider, Holly
Y1 - 2011//
N1 - Book: 2011-11784-000
English
Book; Edited Book
(Created by PsycINFO) Foreward Acknowledgments Section I: Conceptualizing family engagement in out-of-school time (OST) * Engaging families in out-of-school time programs / Suzanne M. Bouffard, Helen Westmoreland, Kelley O'Carroll and Priscilla M. Little / 3-19 * A typology of family engagement in youth development settings / Holly Kreider and Shayna Cunningham / 21-29 * Developmental assets as a framework for engaging families in out-of-school time / Andrew J. Schneider-Munoz / 31-41 Section II: Families' selection

KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - After School Programs
KW - Educational Programs
KW - Family
KW - Involvement
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Schools
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - Charlotte, NC, US
JP - (2011)

VL - Promising practices for family engagement in out-of-school time. xi, 150 pp. Charlotte, NC, US: IAP Information Age Publishing; US.

N2 - (from the cover) This monograph addresses the expanding field of family involvement to out-of-school time (OST). OST may be defined as time outside of state required time limits for compulsory school attendance but time in which students are engaged in planned academic or enrichment activities. During the past decade, OST programs have burgeoned across the US. OST programs are offered to children and youth, elementary through high school, as structured and safe venues to increase student academic achievement, and extend students' interests. (from the foreword) Family engagement in OST programs is vitally important because, as during state-required schooling time, family engagement in OST is linked to student academic achievement. Prior to the turn of the century, families had to secure privately funded OST opportunities for their children. Thus, OST programs were dependent on for-profit or nonprofit organizations and not available for all children and youth. In recent years, well-known sports and entertainment personalities publicly attributed OST to their current success. Increasingly, federal, state and local funds have been allocated to the development of a variety of afterschool programs and other OST learning opportunities across the United States. Thus, during the past decade, educational evaluators and researchers within the United States have expanded their attention to study OST learning opportunities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2515
T1 - Social representations of wellness among 9-11 year old youth: A participatory action research study
A1 - Bolżak,Christine Taggart
Y1 - 2011 ///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2011-99120-302

English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Impression Formation
KW - Predelinquent Youth
KW - Health Care Policy
KW - Concept Formation
KW - Social Demonstrations
RP - NOT IN FILE
The Child Nutrition Act of 2004 mandated the creation of wellness policies in all school districts and encouraged youth participation in their creation. Initial reports show a lack of youth participation in community wellness discussions. This participatory action research study used qualitative methods (Photovoice and Literacy Through Photography), and aimed to demonstrate: the socially constructed meanings, or social representations, a purposive sample of youth (ages 9-11) gave to the concept "wellness" in their everyday lives, how their conceptualization of wellness changed over time using the methodologies; their personal impressions and shared understandings of how their settings affect their wellness; and their recommendations for the enhancement of their settings in order to promote wellness. For the purpose of data analysis, some a priori categories were utilized since wellness is a construct that already has dimensions defined in the literature. The participants' conceptualization of wellness fit with Prilleltensky & Fox's (2007) dimensions of wellness: personal, relational, and collective, and included: environment, physical activity, safety, food, freedom, self-directed learning opportunities, transportation, inner life/spirituality, and positive social relationships. Participants made recommendations to enhance their settings' ability to promote wellness. For example, participants stressed the need for access to nature, especially green space for physical activity, and active transportation opportunities. Recess, physical education, and healthy food options were identified as important in the school setting. Community settings and resources that create opportunities for self-directed learning and physical activity in a group setting were seen as critical. Participants acknowledged that wellness can be a social justice issue when their peers live in areas that promote violence rather than wellness-enhancing community assets. The results from this study demonstrate that youth view wellness as more than just nutrition and physical activity, the primary components of most school wellness policies. Consequently, any comprehensive wellness policy should be developed utilizing a more wholistic conceptualization of the term. Participants expressed that their settings can have an impact on wellness; a concept congruent with the social ecological approach in health promotion. This study's findings demonstrate that youth are able to conceptualize wellness and make a significant contribution to their community's wellness discussions. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
In seeking to create gifted education programs and Advanced Placement (AP) classes that are multicultural, I address the following questions throughout this book: Why do all students need an education that is responsive in general and multicultural in particular? Why is a multicultural education essential for White and racially and culturally different students? What is an education that is multicultural? Which components are most important? When is a multicultural education needed? In what school settings is a multicultural education needed? How can educators implement multicultural education so that it does not become an add-on but instead becomes an integral and integrated aspect of the educational process for gifted and advanced learners? Finally, I focus not only on students, but also on educators by offering recommendations to help educators of gifted students to become more culturally competent-aware, knowledgeable, skilled, and responsive. I believe that being culturally competent is indeed a survival skill, both inside and outside the school walls. An important feature of the book is its use of vignettes, scenarios, and brief case studies. This book addresses what I think is needed in the two programs often used to serve high-ability students (i.e., gifted education and AP classes) if they are to truly become multicultural—if education is to affirm the dignity and humanity of traditionally disenfranchised students and open the minds and hearts of White students and educators about those who are different from them. School personnel in gifted education and AP classes must explore the need(s) and rationale for multicultural perspectives in assessment, research, curriculum, instruction, and counseling. Just as we address academic and intellectual diversity, educators of gifted students and other advanced learners must attend to racial and cultural differences. We must seek excellence and equity for all students, acknowledging in the process that all students are the future, worth educating, and deserving of an education that meets their interests and needs. Educators of gifted and AP students must be proactive rather than reactive in addressing this increasing diversity and difference(s); they must seek both excellence and equity—the two are inextricably bound! (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - Presents a case report of an 11-year-old, right-handed male brought by his mother for treatment of ongoing psychotic symptoms. He began to have significant difficulties in reading and word retrieval. A few months later, he began talking and laughing to himself and was evaluated in the emergency room of a local hospital to rule out organic causes for these behavioral changes. He had a normal magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan of his brain, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) exam, and electroencephalogram (EEG). He was diagnosed with depression and prescribed sertraline, which was not helpful. The patient was hospitalized for 7 weeks after he attempted to jump out of a car in response to auditory hallucinations. He was discharged on a combination of olanzapine, risperidone and lithium. He showed a gradual decrease in his psychotic symptoms and began re-integrating slowly back into the school and the community. Our patient is currently in partial remission on a combination of olanzapine, risperidone and lithium. He is attending therapeutic day school and is able to enjoy outdoor activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This paper offers ethnographic observations on the place of "agency" in the lives of Aboriginal children in Central Australia. The focus is on children's play and adult-child interaction in the remote community of Ernabella, the oldest settlement in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, northern South Australia. The circumstance of Aboriginal children in remote areas is introduced as a contrasting picture: on the one hand, the life of Aboriginal families is shaped by their marginalised socio-economic position and dependency on the state, which has become especially evident in the recently intensified efforts by the government to "mainstream" Aboriginal communities deemed in "social chaos" in order to regulate and thereby improve children's lives; on the other there is the social fact that children enjoy a comparatively high level of autonomy within the Aboriginal domain. The much-observed "freedom" from parental discipline, however, does not simply mean that children assert their will without regard for certain social rules. Rather, it is suggested that it is precisely the relatively low level of direct instruction and reprimand by adults that fosters children's ability to pattern their behaviour in relation to one another and to structure their social world and understandings according to the meanings that they co-create. Agency of this kind often occurs through imaginative play and spontaneously. This paper does not address policy issues directly. However, it is relevant as a background paper on Aboriginal children's lives that contributes to the understanding and recognition of existing social capacities outside institutional settings. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Recent research has pointed to childhood maltreatment as a risk factor for adolescent and young adult sexual risk behaviors and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Although several prospective studies have examined the long term effects of childhood maltreatment on adult HIV risk behaviors or sexual health outcomes, few have conducted research among representative samples of black women in the United States. Because of the disproportionately high rates of both childhood maltreatment and STI/HIV infection in this population, it is important to examine this association as well as the pathways by which these constructs are associated. Using data from The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health), a nationally representative cohort of adolescent black females (N = 1,552) who were in grades 7-12 during 1994-5 and followed into young adulthood, the overarching goal of this study was to develop and test two structural equation models of the simultaneous interrelationships amongst theoretically-derived variables as they relate to childhood maltreatment, and 1) adult sexual risk behavior and 2) number of sexually transmitted infections in young adulthood. The research for this dissertation was grounded in a conceptual approach that posits that factors outside the individual’s control are associated with sexual risk behavior. Further it is posited that childhood experiences have long-term effects on the individual, and involve a cascade of influences culminating in risk behavior or acquisition of an STI. The primary finding of this study was that childhood maltreatment is significantly associated with adult sexual risk behavior and STI among black women living in the United States. These associations were found to be only partially mediated by adolescent and adult characteristics (emotional distress, alcohol use, age at first sex, adolescent attachment and religiosity). Lower adolescent attachment, early age at first intercourse, and adult alcohol use were each separate significant mediators of the relationship between childhood maltreatment and adult sexual risk behavior. Significant mediators of the relationship between childhood maltreatment and adult STI diagnosis were: lower age at first sex, and a path via higher adolescent and adult emotional distress. It was hypothesized that religiosity would be an important mediator in this study, providing protection against engagement in risky behaviors and also STIs. However, religiosity was not a significant mediator of either association, and was significantly directly associated with lower sexual risk behaviors, but not significantly associated with STI diagnoses. This was an unexpected finding and suggests that even if religiosity as a form of social control, plays a role in reducing risky behaviors, it may not be enough to protect black women from acquiring sexually transmitted infections. This finding contributes to the literature that suggests that high rates of STI/HIV are not associated with risky behaviors among black women. Public health interventions that address behavioral modification, should also include components that screen for and address past abuse histories. While some hypothesized pathways did not reach statistical significance in this study, variables included, such as emotional distress, alcohol use, and gang involvement and early sexual debut were associated with childhood maltreatment and also associated with sexual risk behaviors. Addressing the trauma from childhood maltreatment provides an opportunity to deal with the underlying reasons for risky activities, and may enhance the effectiveness of behavioral interventions. More research is needed to understand the burden of STI/HIV among black women. Interpersonal relationship characteristics, social networks and macro-level contextual variables should be included in future research addressing this crisis. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2521
T1 - Empowering aspects of transition from kindergarten to first grade through children's voices. [References]
A1 - Loizou,Eleni
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-05022-005
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
This study was designed to investigate the reflective comments of 55 first grade children regarding their experiences in kindergarten and first grade. Data collection involved a conversational interview during which children voiced their reflections and comparisons on specific issues (e.g., friends, teacher, learning) they had encountered during kindergarten and were currently experiencing in first grade. The data was analyzed through Foucault's tenets of power. The aspects of the transition that empowered children were noted and further discussed, as well as aspects that were perceived as limiting. Specifically, children seem to find some things empowering: the newness of the experience; the challenging and hard work; the independence they have in a spacious school playground; the access to a canteen and separate bathroom areas and the opportunity to make more friends. On the other hand, children noted several limiting elements: the structure of the day and specifically the constant lesson-work model; the teacher's more stern behaviors and the scarcity of fun.

This study used increased physical activity during recess to reduce stereotypy in preschoolers with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Results indicate increasing physical activity can be used as an intervention to reduce automatically maintained stereotypy in preschoolers with ASD. The intervention had a lesser effect on a preschooler whose stereotypy was maintained by attention. Results show topographies of the stereotypy were differentially affected for each individual. Not all motor stereotypies were affected equally within the same individual, and for one child, vocal stereotypies appeared to become less variable. Social validity measures indicate teachers would be willing to use this intervention in the future. Implications for using physical activity as an intervention for preschoolers with stereotypy are discussed.
The purpose of this study was to explore strategies that may increase children's motivation to engage in physical activity during unstructured in-school free-time, such as recess. One hundred and sixty-two students, recruited from three elementary schools and nine fourth grade classrooms, were randomly assigned to one of three groups: (1) a teacher's daily verbal persuasion to engage in physical activity during recess; (2) a modeling of active recess time games by a competent adult; and (3) a comparison group that received no treatment. Pre-and post-treatment self-efficacy and effort data were collected utilizing a recess time physical activity self-efficacy instrument and accelerometers. A Spearman's rank correlation analysis determined that, in the context of recess, self-efficacy and effort are not related. A series of 2 x 3 ANCOVAs with pre-treatment scores as covariates determined that following treatment, the verbal persuasion group participants, compared to the modeling group participants, had significantly greater self-efficacy and effort mean scores. A borderline significant gender by treatment interaction effect on effort indicated that verbal persuasion was slightly more effective at increasing males, compared to female's effort. A series of 3 x 2 repeated measures ANOVAs determined that from pre- to post-treatment only participants in the verbal persuasion group spent a significantly higher percent of their recess time engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity. Lastly, a principal component analysis with varimax rotation indicated that the barrier self-efficacy scale utilized in this study consisted of two types of barrier self-efficacy: adult verbal persuasion barrier self-efficacy and other barrier self-efficacy. Given school districts current budget and curriculum constrains, this study provides strong evidence that one cost effective strategy for increasing children's daily physical activity levels is a small dose of social prompting in the form of a teacher's verbal persuasion. In light of evidence suggesting that physical activity is linked to lower obesity rates, and substantial health and academic benefits, social prompting may be a useful strategy for addressing the childhood obesity epidemic, and improving students' academic and health outcomes.
Early childhood education refers to all education and child care programs that serve young children from birth through age 8. As adults quickly learn when a young child surprisingly mimics a word intended only for adults to hear, children learn in all environments. Young children do not distinguish learning from playtime, so for young children all environments are learning environments. Therefore, whether a child is in child care for long hours each day or in a preschool a few hours a week, the quality of the experience is critical. Many young children are in some type of center-based early childhood program prior to kindergarten. The U.S. Department of Education estimated that 43% of 3-year-olds and 69% of 4-year-olds were enrolled in a center-based early childhood program in 2005. Outside of the home, prekindergarten children are found in care by relatives and family friends, family and center-based child care, public and private preschools such as Head Start, and Early Head Start, and early childhood special education programs. Unlike elementary and secondary education, which guarantees a free public education, parents with prekindergarten children are primarily responsible for finding and financing their child's education and care. The goal of early childhood care and education is to provide safe language-rich environments where infants, toddlers, and young children explore their world; deeply connect with materials, other children and adults; and develop healthy bodies and minds. This chapter surveys options for early childhood education and child care and addresses assessment of quality for programs serving young children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)
time-use methods is warranted for use in examining the children-environment-occupation relationship. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2526
T1 - Health behavior interests of adolescents with unhealthy diet and exercise: Implications for weight management. [References]
A1 - Thunfors, Peter
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-10452-008
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Adolescent Attitudes
KW - Diets
KW - Eating Behavior
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Weight Control
KW - Exercise
KW - Lifestyle
KW - Obesity
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 634
EP - 645
JF - Health Education Research
JA - Health Educ Res
VL - 24:
IS - 4
N2 - This study sought to determine individual factors that may influence adolescents' interests in various health behaviors and, by extension, their potential interest in programs that promote healthy lifestyles and reduce obesity. The sample consisted of 737 rural Pennsylvania (United States) middle and high school students not involved in either healthy exercise or dietary behaviors (a target group for health-promoting interventions). Participants completed a self-report measure of their general health functioning, including their interests in sports programs, outdoor recreation programs, weightlifting, weight loss and healthy eating/cooking. Nurses measured body mass indices (BMIs). The vast majority of the sample endorsed self-efficacy in healthy eating and physical activity, and this self-efficacy was associated with interest in a healthy diet and outdoor recreation. Interest in healthy activities was consistently higher among 7th graders (age mean 5 12.6 years) than 11th graders (age mean 5 16.3 years). Females were more interested in weight loss and healthy eating/cooking, whereas males were more interested in weightlifting. Higher BMI only predicted interest in weight loss. These results indicate that adolescent health interests vary on the basis of their gender, grade level, BMI and self-efficacy. These trends are potentially important to consider when seeking to match intervention programs to adolescent interests. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2527
T1 - Wellness appraisal among adolescents in Jordan: A model from a developing country: A cross-sectional questionnaire survey. [References]
The demographic and economic transition that many developing countries, including Jordan, are undergoing is producing important changes in diet and lifestyle that greatly impact the development of chronic illness. The health behavior of adolescents in developing countries constitutes one of the most serious global challenges we face. The purpose of this study was to explore the wellness appraisal of Jordanian adolescents. It specifically describes the (i) self-care and health history pattern, (ii) to assess physical activity and nutrition appraisal, (iii) quality of life appraisal and (iv) school and outside activities appraisal. A self-administered questionnaire collected the data from adolescent groups (boys and girls.). A multi-stage stratified random sample was obtained from six public schools by first selecting the educational directorate located in the city of Irbid, which is located in the north of Jordan. A random sub sample of six individual schools was then selected. Individual classes were then selected. A total of 269 boys and 261 girls (12-17-year old) were included in the analysis. The results showed that the students engaged in risky health behaviors which could lead to short- and long-term health problems. The most alarming finding of this study was students' nutritional habits, including less than the daily requirements of fruits, vegetables, milk and meat, while the intake of fast food, soft drinks and sweets were higher than recommended. School-based health promotion and wellness programs should be established in Jordan to influence the health behaviors of adolescents and parents and to avoid further deterioration of their health. Jordanian school curriculum needs to integrate more precise health education programs about diet, exercise, self care and other life style behaviors. More detailed studies are needed with more elaborate instruments about food habits, physical activities and psycho social life. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Child characteristics including age, gender, risk-taking behaviour and sensation seeking are thought to influence children's ability to appraise risks. The present study investigated children's risk perceptions and appraisals in the context of common outdoor physical play activities. Risk perceptions and appraisal of four- and five-year olds were assessed using a pictorial risk appraisal measure and through individual semi-structured interviews examining children's decision-making. Sensation seeking and risk-taking behaviour were assessed using self-and parent-report measures. Results revealed that the children were able to identify injury risk behaviours however differentiating the severity of the potential injury was less accurate. Furthermore, the children appeared to use these judgements in their play to inform their behaviour whilst using playground equipment. Whilst they actively sought out those activities that offered challenge and excitement, they were aware of their abilities and showed caution in engaging in activities that were beyond their current capabilities. The results have implications for the provision of calculated risk-taking in outdoor play and for adult responses to the risk-taking behaviour of children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
problems for pre-school-aged children were related to the memorization and carrying out of instructions. It was found that intensity, concentration and displacement of attention and both ability to stand from the outside stimulus and the ability to listen and follow verbal instructions were significantly related to respondents' age. The intensity and concentration was also related to the level of progressiveness at school. The results didn't confirm the hypothesis that concentration of attention is related to the educational content. Conclusions: The mental maturity level is not related to the educational content. The progressiveness at school is connected to the intensity and concentration of the attention. All its features (intensity, concentration and displacement) develop according to the age of primary pupils. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - Review of Talk and social interaction in the playground
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N2 - Reviews the book Talk and social interaction in the playground by Carly W. Butler (2008). Scholars who investigate the social lives of children can choose from among multiple lenses to frame their studies. Butler's work is based on 30 hours of recorded talk of 6- and 7-year-old children in an elementary school over a period of 1 month, but analysis in this work focuses on the interactions of 11 children on the playground at school during lunch. As Butler clearly articulates, these 3 days provide a rich and coherent corpus of material that allows for analysis by looking for recurring practices in the fairy club, as well as the detailed analyses of particular episodes of interaction in the club. This book adds to the work on children's social interaction and highlights the practices that allow children to engage in coordinated action. In this book, children's play is respected and honored on the terms of the children and never dismissed as mere child's play. Overall, Butler makes a significant contribution to a growing and important body of work in children's social studies. This book will be of interest to conversation analysts, ethnomethodologists, and children's communication researchers, but other scholars who are looking for clear and detailed discussions of research methods should also take a serious look at this book. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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T1 - Measuring childhood materialism: Refining and validating Schor's Consumer Involvement Scale.
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This paper examines the measurement of childhood materialism using Schor's (2004) Consumer Involvement Scale. Schor treated consumer involvement empirically as a unidimensional construct, though she suggested that conceptually it may be multidimensional. Using confirmatory factor analysis procedures on data collected from children in the U.S. and U.K., the psychometric superiority of a three-factor structure is established, comprising dissatisfaction, consumer orientation, and brand awareness components. Additional analyses demonstrate distinct associations between each of these components and other constructs, including self-esteem, outside school activities, and child-parent relations. The scale's generalizability across boys and girls is also confirmed. The results suggest that Schor's Consumer Involvement Scale will be useful for researchers interested in studying the important topic of materialism in children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This chapter examines several issues on obesity in early childhood that have direct practical relevance to supporting healthy weight gain in this critical period of life. The first fundamental issue for child health nursing practice is the definition of normal growth in early childhood, which leads directly into an examination of the assessment of at-risk growth patterns and other risk factors for later childhood (and adult) obesity. Appropriate feeding practices are fundamental to healthy weight gain in early childhood and these recommendations are reviewed as well as the importance of active play, motor skill development and reduced television viewing time. Patterns for all human behaviors are highly influenced by environments, and this is most true in the early childhood years. Thus, the many preschool settings outside the home environment are also examined as opportunities for implementing the policies and practices needed to promote healthy eating and active play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This study investigated the metalinguistic abilities of 91 prevocational and pre-academic students from 7th and 9th grade. To prevent educational influences, we measured comprehension of joking riddles, 'language of the playground', rather than typical academic language performance. Preacademic students performed better than prevocational students, 9th graders better than 7th graders and riddles which require linguistic knowledge to resolve the joke were more difficult than riddles requiring world knowledge. The study also revealed that vocabulary was an important predictor of metalinguistic abilities, and that riddle comprehension and appreciation were weakly correlated. Furthermore, metalinguistic abilities and vocabulary size of pre-academic 9th graders was larger than of their peers from 7th grade, but this was not the case for prevocational students. Because vocabulary, grade and school track were related, it can be concluded that linguistic riddle comprehension is a valid and appropriate measurement of metalinguistic abilities of young adolescents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
The authoress makes reference to an educational practice realized in a day nursery, in order to manage a cognitive research about the children's routines in the framework of an educational path. In this institutional context occurs a series of experiences, which involve the body as well as its expressive language, articulated in a sequence of paradoxical messages of opposite value. Inside/outside, near/far, narrow/large etc... are topological dimensions drawn by childish gesture and by the educator that is "naturally" prepared to receive the projective movement. It is just in the orderly steadiness of an institutional structure that it is possibile the flexible modulation of child's impulses. If it will be given to the child the opportunity to meet someone able to "play" with him in a "frontier territory", inhabited by rapidly changing of emotions and sensations. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

This study investigates fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students' place preferences between indoor and outdoor non-classroom spaces during recess: The case of three private elementary schools in Izmir, Turkey. [References]

Students' place preferences and their activities were determined with field observations and a 30-item questionnaire with Yes/No and open-ended questions. A total of 173 students (n = 51 School 1; n = 70 School 2; and n = 52 School 3) participated in the questionnaire. The Chi-Square test, a non-parametric statistical analysis test, was used to analyze the students' answers to the questionnaire. The results indicate that students prefer places which offer variety and which are large enough to avoid congestion and that, in general, students are aware of the spatial features of their environments and make choices accordingly. When students are given a choice of outdoors or indoors, they tend to choose according to which is more conducive to their activities. If both outdoor and indoor spaces are conducive, students tend to use both. If neither is conducive to their activities, students either alter their behavior patterns, for example, developing a preference for stationary activities or staying inside the classroom, or they convert available spaces to accommodate their activities. It is concluded that students are good sources of information in the design and
After school care arrangements and student academic performance and misbehavior in middle school

The present study examined the types of settings in which students receive care after school and the activities in which students engage in these particular settings. Data were extracted from the National Household for Education Statistics 2005 data set using students enrolled only in 6th, 7th or 8th grade (N = 4,659). The variables of interest included student academic misbehavior and student academic performance, the type of care arrangement relative, non-relative, parent, center and self as well as the activities homework/school-related, computers, art, chores/work, outdoor play/sports, indoor play/sports, and television/videos/music, in which students are engaged within each after school care arrangement. Chi-square analyses were conducted to assess any differences in the activities in which students were engaged while at after school care arrangements to determine to what extent these activities contribute to students' academic performance and misbehavior. An over-all pattern in the data regarding the care arrangements showed a positive relationship between the parent care arrangement and the occurrence of student misbehavior. In regards to the activities in which students were engaged after school, a positive relationship was found between homework activities and student academic performance and misbehavior. These findings provide some information to assist parents in selecting the best possible environments for their children after school.
Background: Fast ripples (FR, 250-500 Hz) detected with chronic intracranial electrodes are proposed biomarkers of epileptogenesis. This study determined whether resection of FR-containing neocortex recorded during intraoperative electrocorticography (ECoG) was associated with postoperative seizure freedom in pediatric patients with mostly extratemporal lesions. Methods: FRs were retrospectively reviewed in 30 consecutive pediatric cases. ECoGs were recorded at 2,000 Hz sampling rate and visually inspected for FR, with reviewer blinded to the resection and outcome. Results: Average age at surgery was 9.1 + 6.7 years, ECoG duration was 11.8 + 8.1 minutes, and postoperative follow-up was 27 + 4 months. FRs were undetected in 6 ECoGs with remote or extensive lesions. FR episodes (n = 273) were identified in ECoGs from 24 patients, and in 64% FRs were independent of spikes, sharp waves, voltage attenuation, and paroxysmal fast activity. Of these 24 children, FR-containing cortex was removed in 19 and all became seizure-free, including 1 child after a second surgery. The remaining 5 children had incomplete FR resection and all continued with seizures postoperatively. In 2 ECoGs, the location of electrographic seizures matched FR location. FR-containing cortex was found outside of MRI and FDG-PET abnormalities in 6 children. Conclusion: FRs were detected during intraoperative ECoG in 80% of pediatric epilepsy cases, and complete resection of FR cortex correlated with postoperative seizure freedom. These findings support the view that interictal FRs are excellent surrogate markers of epileptogenesis, can be recorded during brief ECoG, and could be used to guide future surgical resections in children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
A selection of common children's games were measured in a laboratory-based study to be enjoyable and to elicit sufficient physical activity energy expenditure (PAEE) in 3rd grade children to combat the purported chronic energy surplus of childhood obesity (~100 kcal day\(^{-1}\)). PAEE during the games was similar for boys and girls, yet overweight children expended greater PAEE relative to body weight than healthy weight children. During a subsequent simulated recess program, the enjoyment declined over the 10-session program with no significant decline in PAEE. Using the enjoyable games of known energy cost in a structured recess program for 9 weeks successfully increased total daily PA compared to the control school who reported substantially greater amount of free-play time. The greater amount of acquired PA in the intervention school children did not affect the amount of time spent in sedentary pursuits but it did result in a smaller increase in body weight after 9 weeks. More research is needed to expand on this initial list of games that reduce the excessive weight gain in children when incorporated into a structured recess intervention. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
(private or public), moving, number of siblings, parents knowing friends and participating in activities outside of school. The research supports the idea that the study of children's social capital (personal, family and neighborhood) is a viable way to expand the understanding of the pathways behind the social patterning of childhood obesity in the United States. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Early detection of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) is crucial to optimizing child and family outcomes. Most research on the early diagnostic features of ASD has been done in the clinic environment; therefore there is a need for research on diagnostic features displayed in a natural environment. Observation of behaviors of young children in their home environment is a possible way to assist in earlier diagnosis in a less time consuming, less stressful, and more cost-effective manner for families. The primary purpose of this study was to explore and quantify red flags for ASD in the behaviors of young children between 17 and 36 months of age (N = 60) demonstrated in the home environment. Measures on the Systematic Observation of Red Flags for Autism Spectrum Disorders in Young Children at Home (SORF-Home; Wetherby & Woods, 2009) were coded from video recorded home observation samples of the child interacting with a parent or caregiver during everyday activities. Overall, the results of this study demonstrated that early red flags of ASD were evident in the home environment. Seven of the red flags identified by previous researchers to be evident in the clinic environment (lack of warm, joyful expression with directed gaze, lack of coordination of gaze, facial expression, gestures and sounds, lack of response to name, lack of communicative vocalizations with consonants, inappropriate eye gaze, lack of response to contextual cues, and lack of sharing interest or enjoyment) were also found to be demonstrated by a majority of children during the home observations. Examination of the relationship between the early red flags and developmental level revealed no significant correlations between the red flags and nonverbal cognitive developmental level and medium to large negative significant correlations between some red flags and verbal developmental level. Significant correlations were observed between many of the early red flags and ASD symptom severity on the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS; Lord, Rutter, DiLavore, & Risi, 2002). No significant correlations were observed between measures of parent report of red flags and the early red flags measured in the home environment. The results of this exploratory study extend knowledge on the nature of red flags for ASD in young children to the home environment which adds valuable information for both practicing clinicians and families. The findings also provide promising information on the utility of the SORF-Home as an interactive screening measure for ASD and offer important implications for early identification of ASD. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
observe perceptions of values, competence and interest in music study (in school versus outside of school) among music learners and non-music learners. Students were grouped into three grade levels: (a) 6, (b) 7-9, and (c) 10-12. Music learners in the USA had significantly higher motivational profiles for music and some other school subjects as compared to non-music learners. Music interest inside of school was ranked significantly lower than for any other subject, while music interest outside of school was ranked second highest for any subject in grades 6 and 7-9, and highest of all subjects in grades 10-12. This article addresses cultural and contextual issues in the USA to consider how music advocates might better demonstrate the importance and usefulness of music study as an academic course. Practical recommendations include encouraging a broader emphasis beyond performance and competition, and promoting opportunities for autonomous music learning within the school setting. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
A qualitative analysis of the bullying prevention and intervention recommendations of students in Grades 5 to 8. [References]

N1 - Focus groups explored the bullying prevention suggestions of 62 Grade 5 to 8 students. Discussions were transcribed and analyzed thematically. Students advocated a comprehensive approach including uniforms, increased supervision, playground activities, group restructuring to prevent social isolation, influential presenters, prevention skills training, solution-focused posters, and meaningful consequences. In addition, students suggested that parents should improve relationships with their children, respond to aggression, limit exposure to media violence, and support school-based discipline. The failure to respond effectively to students who bully in defiance of antibullying presentations, and who retaliate when reported or disciplined, undermines prevention programs by reducing the willingness of bystanders to intervene or report bullying, and influencing the attitudes of younger pupils. The approach advocated by students is supported by meta-analyses of the effective components of bullying prevention trials. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study chronicles the home and school technology practices of a group of 7th grade middle school students representing varying social and economic backgrounds for the purpose of exploring possible ways in which exposure to computer technology in the home helps to inform the ways in which children demonstrate technology literacy when using computers in an academic setting. Further, this study seeks to illustrate that differences in the quality of access to technology and familial support at home are reflected in the behavior, attitude and achievement levels that these children exhibit in school when engaged in technology-related academic activities. For the purpose of illustrating the exhibited differences in technological literacy skills of the students under consideration, the study describes in detail both the type and depth of computer use in the home; including familial support, parental and sibling knowledge and attitudes and other non-academic influences outside of school. The findings of the study indicate that students without home computer access are at a significant disadvantage in relation to their peers in terms of developing technological literacy. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Concern about the level of physical skill development of young children has surfaced since the late 1900s due to the increase of childhood obesity and the decrease in opportunities for children to play freely outside. Increased usages of technology and changes in the way people live have also contributed to this concern. Project First Step began in 1991 to measure the physical skills of beginning kindergarten children to provide teachers with information on strengths and deficiencies in this domain. The focus of this research goes beyond a descriptive quantitative study looking at trends over the past 17 years of children's physical skills and includes aspects of a comparative descriptive design. In addition, an analysis of the physical skills that children possess during the final time period (2006-2008) will be addressed to assist teachers in developing strategies for young children's optimal learning. The works of Piaget and Gesell provide the theoretical base for this study. The results of this study showed that physical skill levels have dropped significantly from the 1991-1992 time period until the 2006-2008 time period. Significant drops occurred in 52 of the 66 t-tests, indicating that physical skill
levels are decreasing in all 10 areas screened and for overall skills as well. The scores were significantly lower in all areas in the 2006-2008 time period than in the 1991-1992 time period. The results of this study will help parents and educators to address the declining opportunities for children's physical skill development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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N2 - This dissertation presents research that investigated how first grade students' ability to construct solutions and to plan through drawing for engineering design problems is related to their participation in a LEGO-based engineering curriculum with two variations on the instruction for planning. The quasi-experimental design engaged two first grade classrooms in an urban K-6 Science and Technology elementary school outside of Boston, MA in a set of activities that asked students to construct solutions to engineering design problems inspired by the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The planning classroom was provided with instructions on how to plan and students were required to plan through drawing prior to constructing their solution to engineering design problems. Students in the spontaneous classroom were not given instruction in planning and were allowed immediate access to materials to construct their solution. Students' drawings and constructed artifacts for engineering design problems during pre and post assessments as well as during the classroom were collected. The analysis of the classroom data found that students were able to successfully construct solutions to engineering design problems with increasingly number of requirements. Pre and post comparisons of students' performance on problems with materials they had had extensive experience with (LEGO) and craft materials (non-LEGO) found that students only made gains in constructing solutions to engineering design problems with materials they had prior experience with. The planning intervention appeared to have no relationship with students' ability to construct solutions that addressed requirements that were clearly presented to the students. However, there may be a relationship with less obvious requirements regarding aesthetics (as measured by symmetry of the artifacts) and material selection. In general, the findings suggest that planning through drawing may help students preserve their ideas but that first grade students do not use drawings for planning in the same manner as adults do. Implications for engineering education for early elementary are also discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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Making the margin visible: Out-of-school literacy practices among Mexican heritage English learners in an English-only district

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The Hispanic academic achievement gap in California is often attributed to language difference, low economic status, and assumed cultural deficit within families (Neufeld & Fitzgerald, 2001; Saracho, 2007). When students who fit these descriptors achieve academic scores of proficiency and above, we can benefit from examining their repertoires of family literacy practices. This qualitative study examined the summer literacy practices within the nine Spanish-speaking families of a second grade cohort attending a small Title 1 urban school in Southern California. At home adult support was in Spanish, and material means were limited by low-income status, yet six of the nine achieved above average on state tests in English. In this descriptive, two-phase study I used semi-structured interviews and video elicitation to answer these questions: (1) What do Mexican-heritage children do during the summer vacation? (2) What funds of literacy are available to them? (3) How do home and community ecological and cultural-linguistic contexts influence their engagement with these funds of literacy? The goal was to identify patterns of literacy engagement with local resources as they emerged through daily family routines within an apparently homogeneous sample. I used the framework of ecocultural activity settings to capture literacy events involving adults and children in their naturalistic settings. Inductive analysis of multiple data sources revealed a wide range of practices and an abundance of literacy resources within each home. Four of the six higher achieving children were found to be involved in church or bible study community activities that required literacy in Spanish. Adults in these cases provided structure and engagement to summer practices, with the purpose of moral education. In two of the cases fathers were the dominant agents of literacy. In all cases older siblings mediated practices in English. These findings complicate the deficit assumptions associated with low-income, linguistic minorities by providing illustrating how families leverage local funds of literacy to support their children’s overall literacy development. The study claims the need for a new framework of literacy research that integrates the role out-of-school literacy activities in overall literacy development, and the need to acknowledge the literacy resources Mexican-heritage students bring to the classroom. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

An investigation of the effects of portable play equipment to increase physical activity levels of preschool children

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The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of a portable play equipment intervention intended to increase the PA levels of preschool children during outdoor classroom time. The following hypotheses were formulated: (a) the intervention using portable play equipment will increase the PA of all children during their outdoor classroom period as measured by pedometer steps. (b) boys will be more physically active as measured by pedometer steps than girls during the preschool outdoor classroom period. The research questions addressed in the study were: (a) what types of activities do preschool children participate in during their outdoor classroom period? (b) what type of portable play equipment is used most often by preschool children during their outdoor classroom period? and (c) is there a difference in the activities and equipment participated in between preschool boys and girls during their outdoor classroom period? An ABAB reversal design was used to study the physical activity measured by pedometers (Yamax New Lifestyles Digi-Walker SW - 701) in preschool children when the portable play equipment was introduced to the outside classroom. The first intervention phase was using portable play equipment and the second intervention phase used a teacher to encourage active play for four randomly selected children. A modified version of the Observational System for Recording Physical Activity in Children-Preschool Version (OSRAC-P) (Brown et al., 2006) was used to code the activities and the intensity of the PA the children did during outside classroom time. A repeated-measure by time analysis was completed to see the differences between baseline phase and intervention phase data. The same analysis was done to see the differences between the teacher intervention phase and baseline phase. The significance level was set to p< 0.05. The PA change between the first baseline and the first intervention was statistically significant. The PA levels significantly increased when the portable equipment was introduced the first time to the outside classroom time. However, the change between the second baseline and the second intervention was not statistically significant. Finally the teacher intervention for the four randomly selected students was not statistically significant either. The results of the study do not support the first hypothesis even though there were statistical differences between the first baseline and the first intervention. The intervention using portable play equipment did not increase PA of all children during their outdoor classroom period as measured by pedometer steps. The second hypothesis is not supported by this study. Boys were not more physically active than girls as measured by pedometer steps. The amount of steps for boys and girls were similar throughout the study. The results indicate that portable play equipment with teacher encouragement has the potential to increase the physical activity levels of preschool children but more research is necessary to understand the complexity of behavior of this age group. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Although much of the violence prevention literature has focused on evaluating intervention programs, few studies have included the perceptions of students in the effort to help them. The goal of this study was to deepen our understanding of their lived experiences and consider the implications for more effective school policies and programs. It is critical to understand what helps at-risk students feel connected to school and want to actively participate in the effort to establish safe learning communities. This study is based on a qualitative research design to include the voice of students on the problems they have experienced in traditional classes, as well as the supports to help them achieve success. Students were considered at-risk because they had experienced difficulty in the past with academics, behavior and their social interactions at school. The decision to focus on middle school students was made given the extent of bullying behaviors at that level and the need to understand what helps them care about their education and want to do well in their classes. The methods used to collect data included individual and group interviews, visual data in the form of photographs taken by students and two direct observations of their support program classes. All of the data in the study was managed and analyzed through the use of a qualitative data analysis software, specifically NVivo 2.0. It was then organized into an electronic project, called the E-Project, which contained all of the documents generated within the study, including raw data and interpretative memos, as well as specific codes and links within the data utilized for analysis. Each of the students initially provided examples as to why they had become so disconnected in their traditional classes and no longer wanted to achieve success. They repeatedly emphasized a lack of care as the most significant problem they experienced and the failure of teachers to establish meaningful connections with them at school. Although academic issues were at the inner core of their concerns, they expressed a significant problem with how their behavior was managed and the wider social dynamics that impacted all of their experiences. Students focused on the beliefs and actions of teachers who allowed them to experience a pattern of failure and utilized punitive discipline that further isolated them in their classes. They especially voiced frustration and anger at the hypocrisy of teachers who said they cared, yet blamed and humiliated them in front of peers without regard for their fundamental social and emotional needs. As all of the students in the study were participating in a support program, they were also able to identify the academic, behavioral and social experiences that helped them actively participate and become involved at school. Students emphasized the need for teachers to believe it is their responsibility to find solutions to the problems they experienced and take the actions necessary to make a positive difference in their lives. They wanted teachers to genuinely care about them and not accept failure as a choice they can make under any conditions. It was important for teachers to stop the bullying behaviors that prevented students from taking academic risks without the fear of being embarrassed or shamed in front of their peers. It was essential for teachers to establish a safe classroom so they could enjoy working together with a sense of community. Students consistently voiced throughout the data the importance of having teachers not only help them achieve academic success, but also recognize their lives outside of the classroom. They emphasized the profound need to be included and valued as important members of the school community and explained how their academic, behavioral and social needs are connected to each other. It was important to celebrate their accomplishments with traditions. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Aggression, in all of its forms, is a growing problem in today's schools. Relational aggression, the attempt to harm another person through manipulation and damage of relationships with others, is a specific form of aggression that is not only increasingly prevalent, but also undertreated (Crick & Gropeter, 1995). Children gossip about peers, exclude each other from activities, and engage in name-calling, among other relationally aggressive behaviors. Females are more likely to engage in this behavior; males tend to engage in more physically aggressive behaviors (Yoon, Barton, & Taiariol, 2004). While frequently dismissed by teachers and administrators as "typical" childhood behavior, studies have shown that relational aggression can be as harmful as physical aggression (Bauman & Del Rio, 2006; Yoon et al., 2004). The purpose of this dissertation is to design and develop a classroom program for a central New Jersey public school to be implemented with third to fifth grade female students during lunch, an unstructured time of day during which children often engage in relational aggression with peers. The program is based on a thorough needs assessment conducted in the middle school for which the program is being designed (Maher, 2000). The program design also relies on Dodge's (1986) Information Processing Model as a foundation for its design (Lochman & Dunn, 1993). The needs assessment examined students' peer relationships and students' bullying behaviors through student and teacher questionnaires. The program consists of ten classroom-based lessons that address bullying, relationship skills, anger management, and problem solving. The other part of the program is a teambuilding component for implementation during lunch and recess. The dissertation includes detailed lesson plans as well as session outlines for teambuilding activities. Also included are introductory lessons, which provide school personnel with a clear lesson for introducing each component of the program to students. Finally, the limitations of the program, implications for the program's use, and future directions are also discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This study compared fifth grade students' physical fitness levels to academic achievement based on the premise that health and physical fitness has an effect on one's ability to learn and achieve academically. Due to No Child Left Behind and the mounting pressures to reach Adequate Yearly Progress, many school officials view non-assessed activities like physical education and recess as unnecessary, consequently creating a case for the elimination of any subject that is not directly measured through standardized testing. Finding a link between fitness and academic achievement may cause educational leaders to reevaluate time spent during the school day.

Data was collected for 113 students during the 2008-2009 school year by using the FitnessGram, STAR Reading and Math Percentiles, and Grade Point Averages (GPA's). Through multiple regression, the researcher found statistically significant relationships between physical fitness and two of the three measures used for academic achievement: STAR Math Percentiles ($p = 0.0063 < 0.05; R = 0.26 > 0.195$) and GPA's ($p = 0.0124 < 0.05; R = 0.23 > 0.195$). Therefore, the hypothesis was accepted, validating a link between fitness and academic achievement. This study does not prove causality; it is more probable that physical fitness and academic achievement influence each other in ways that are still vague.

Despite increased media attention following high-profile school shootings, bullying continues to be defined as a nationwide problem. While researchers in a number of fields have studied this problem, much of the existing literature ignores information about how individuals in schools actually define and interpret bullying. In order to better understand these interactions, my dissertation is a multi-method study combining interviews with 53 students and 10 adults and over 430 hours of participant observation with fifth grade students at two rural elementary schools. Drawing on the sociological tradition of symbolic interactionism, these methods allow me to understand bullying from the perspectives of those in the schools. I argue that bullying is socially constructed by students and adults who take social contexts into account when determining whether or not an action should be defined as bullying and how they will respond. While adults in this study focused on outcomes, students focused on intentions and included a number of caveats in their definitions, stating that those who were joking, retaliating, or making fun of younger students were not engaging in bullying. Further, the images associated with the word "bully" in popular culture led a number of participants to hold views of bullying that focused on people rather than actions, thinking of bullies as those who were always mean. These person-centered definitions allowed them to "define away" bullying as a problem in their schools, despite the continued presence of interactions that fit typical definitions of bullying. Because they could not directly observe all of the interactions taking place in a classroom, at lunch, or on the playground, bullying often went...
unobserved by adults. As a result, students were able to use the school rules as weapons against each other, selectively reporting rule violations by peers that they disliked, whether or not their peers were guilty of those violations. These findings demonstrate the ways that bullying is a part of the culture in these elementary schools. As such, solutions to this problem demand an understanding of and consideration for the larger school culture in order to improve students' daily experiences at school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2556
T1 - Self-control and perceived control as mediators of the relationship between molecular family stability and adjustment
A1 - Sokolowski, Karen L.
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2010-99060-160
English
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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Family Relations
KW - Self Control
KW - Adjustment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 5848
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 70:
IS - 9-B
N2 - Molecular family stability can be defined as the predictability and consistency of the daily activities and routines of the family, including activities in the home as well as activities occurring outside the home that are arranged and supported by the family. Previous research has demonstrated a relationship between the constructs of molecular family stability and child adjustment, with greater family stability associated with better child adjustment. The current study evaluates several control-related constructs as potential mechanisms through which the relationship between family stability and child adjustment may operate. Self-control and aspects of perceived control were assessed as possible mediators of this relationship. The specific aspects of perceived control included were perceived primary, secondary, and anxiety control. It was hypothesized that self-control and perceived control would mediate the relationship between family stability and child adjustment. Participants were 67 children in grades 3 through 8 and their parents. Children and parents were each asked to complete measures of family stability, self-control, perceived control, and adjustment. Multiple regression analyses were used to evaluate the hypothesized mediational model. Results generally support the hypotheses that self-control and perceived primary control mediate the relationship between molecular family stability and adjustment; however, the hypotheses that perceived secondary and anxiety control mediate the relationship between family stability and adjustment were not supported. Additionally, evidence emerged suggesting a suppression situation in which perceived primary control, child age, and family income appear to serve as suppressors revealing a significant and positive relationship between child-reported molecular family stability and one particular aspect of adjustment, anxiety symptoms. Results are discussed in terms of avenues for further research and potential clinical applications of the construct of molecular family stability. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) manifest a triad of deficits, in the areas of socialization, communication, and repetitive and stereotyped behaviors (American Psychiatric Association, 2000; Volkmar, 2005). Tailoring interventions to address these issues is important when working with children with ASD. It is critical to remember that although children with ASD share common deficits, each child is entirely unique. Interventions must be tailored to each child's specific needs and interests. The current study assessed the effectiveness of peer-mediated intervention on increasing social skills in a sample of 6, 5 to 9 year old children with ASD. The intervention was run class-wide, during students' recess time. Although perhaps the most naturalized setting to practice socialization goals, recess remains one of the least utilized times to address goals during the school day. Peer-mediated intervention addresses goals in the most naturalistic of settings, actual peer interactions, while minimizing cost in teacher time and expense to the district. Participants were paired and instructed to play with typically developing buddies. Buddy pairs were rotated to promote exposure to multiple peer exemplars. Intervention occurred in 3 weekly sessions over 6 weeks, for a total of 18 sessions. Prior to intervention, 2 weeks of baseline data was collected on participants' social bids. Social bids were adapted from Baumringer's (2002) study. Doctoral students were trained in the fidelity of treatment, and once 80% reliable on the operationally defined behaviors, collected data on the target dyads. Data was collected on frequency of social bids and percent of time engaged with peers during baseline, intervention, and at follow-up. Social bids were defined as any behaviors that functioned to maintain or initiate peer interaction (Baumringer, 2002). In addition to direct observational data, teachers and parents completed The Social Skills Rating System (SSRS; Gresham & Elliot, 1990) prior to and following intervention. The study utilized a single subject (N=6), ABA design. Results were assessed via visual inspection of data. Busk and Serlin's (1992) techniques were also used to monitor effect sizes for each participant. It was hypothesized that following the intervention, participants would demonstrate: (1) an increased frequency of social bids; (2) an increase in percent of time spent engagement with peers; and (3) increased levels of overall social skills from pre to post assessment as measured by the SSRS-Teacher Form. Results demonstrated strong support for Hypothesis 1. Five of the 6 participants demonstrated increases in the frequency of bids. Results also demonstrated strong support for Hypothesis 2. All participants demonstrated significant increases in percent engagement with peers. Hypothesis 3 was not supported; analysis of teacher ratings did not indicate consistent gains in social skills. Implications for future research are discussed.
The effectiveness of an intervention is dependent on one's active implementation of key intervention elements. In the child mental health field, an intervention often requires parents to implement certain behavior modification strategies in the home. There are a number of factors that could influence whether intervention strategies are used outside of initial training. However, little research has examined the factors related to parenting adherence to treatment strategies. This study explored whether the same factors that are related to initial parental engagement (i.e., child, parent and family contextual factors) also influence subsequent use of intervention strategies presented in a one-time workshop. Participants were parents of children (3-5 years old) who reported difficulties at bedtime. Participants attended a one time workshop, completed pre and post workshop measures and were contacted two and four weeks post-workshop to assess their level of adherence to strategies and the degree of bedtime problems their child was experiencing. Cognitive variables, adapted from the Theory of Planned Behavior and The Health Belief Model, were expected to mediate the influence of child, parent and family factors on adherence. Contrary to hypotheses, perceived benefits, barriers and parent expectations did not significantly mediate the path to adherence. A decrease in bedtime problems was seen across groups. Those parents who most closely adhered to the evidence-based strategies saw the greatest amount of improvement four weeks after the workshop. Limitations of the current study and suggestions for future research are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
programme can have an effect on children's level of free exploratory play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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 AD - van Schijndel, Tessa J. P.: University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands Singer, Elly: University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands van der Maas, Han L. J.: University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands Raijmakers, Maartje E. J.: University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2560
T1 - Stepping toward physical activity requirements: Integrating pedometers into early childhood settings.
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Y1 - 2010///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2010-14776-003

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Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychINFO
KW - Early Childhood Development
KW - Health
KW - Monitoring
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Quality of Life
KW - Apparatus
KW - Obesity
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 95
EP - 102

JF - Early Childhood Education Journal
VL - 38:
IS - 2
N2 - Physical activity is an essential component for lifelong wellness and the quality of life. Over the past years, childhood obesity has dramatically increased. Data supports that young children are adopting sedentary behaviors within and outside of school hours that may contribute to obesity and other health-related diseases. This paper provides early childhood practitioners with an overview of physical activity recommendations for young children between the ages of three to five and cost-effective means to assess physical activity through step count pedometers. Finally, some pedometer activities are provided along with a description of the children's reactions and behaviors to the integration of pedometers. Both the activities and pedometer appear to be easily incorporated into any classroom or recess settings to get your children moving and active. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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AD - Robinson, Leah E.: Auburn University, Auburn, AL, US Wadsworth, Danielle D.: Auburn University, Auburn, AL, US
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ID - 2561
T1 - Playing for keeps: Life and learning on a public school playground. [References]
A1 - Meier, Deborah; Engel, Brenda S; Taylor, Beth
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - Book: 2010-13714-000

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Book; Authored Book
Appendix A: Mission Hill school, a Boston pilot school

Appendix B: The Mission Hill newsletter

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Further reading

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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Playgrounds
KW - School Facilities
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - New
JF - (2010)
N2 - (from the cover) Why is play important in the lives of children? What crucial aspects of learning are being neglected in the current near-elimination of recess time in public schools? Playing for Keeps, coauthored by the well-known writer and educational leader Deborah Meier and two colleagues with equally long experience in schools, explores these questions. Based on close observations on a public school playground, the book shows children at play in a relatively natural, unstructured environment. The reader is virtually there, seeing, listening in, able to appreciate the children's curiosity, humor, intelligence, and inventiveness. Readers will recognize the children's voices and ways of thinking, and perhaps be reminded of their own childhood, their own children, or the children they teach. The authors comment on the observations, adding to the reader's own perceptions. This lively, engaging book makes a strong case for the importance of free exploration, wonder, imagination, and play to the learning and growth of children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2562
T1 - Physical activity and sedentary behaviours in Hong Kong primary school children: Prevalence and gender differences. [References]
A1 - Lam, Jessica W.
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2010-12656-022
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Activity Level
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Primary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 96
EP - 97
JF - Preventive Medicine: An International Journal Devoted to Practice and Theory
VL - 51:
IS - 1
N2 - Low levels of physical activity (PA) and high amounts of sedentary behavior (SB) contribute to the onset and maintenance of various chronic diseases. we report on both PA and SB data in a representative population-based sample in Hong Kong children. Using self-reported data on weekly frequency and average duration of participation in Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) in and outside-school, weekly minutes spent on in-school, outside-school, and total MVPA were computed for each study participant. For sedentary activities, we computed total weekly minutes spent on: TV/video viewing; homework and other educational activities; computer use; electronic sedentary games; non-electronic sedentary games; and all types of sedentary activities. Children reported spending more time on outside-school than in-school MVPA, with the total amount of MVPA falling short of the PA recommendations for children of 420 min per week. A greater proportion of boys than girls were found to invest more time in computer use and electronic and non-electronic sedentary
games, while girls were likely to engage in homework/educational activities. The prevalence of SB associated with electronic media use is very high, with Hong Kong children spending nearly twice the time on such activities than on MVPA. Intervention should focus on the reduction of SB related to the use of electronic media. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
using a packaged program. Chapter 4 explores the link between SEL and academic learning in schools and contains many practical examples and suggestions for how SEL programs and strategies can be woven into the fabric of the curriculum in a manner that supports academic learning. Recognizing that delivery of SEL programming in schools occurs in a complex and increasingly diverse and pluralistic social context, Chapter 5 addresses the need for adapting SEL content to make it culturally appropriate in specific settings and includes a practical, step-by-step guide for doing so. Although we obviously highly value SEL as a mental health promotion tool in schools, we recognize that basic classroom-based SEL programming alone is not enough to fully meet the mental health needs of our students with the most severe and complex problems. Thus, Chapter 6 focuses on enhancing SEL to maximize its benefit to the most distressed students and examines practical ways to help link those students with expanded mental health programming in the broader community. Chapter 7 is a basic primer on using social-emotional assessment, measurement, and evaluation strategies within SEL and briefly overviews some exciting new tools and innovations in this area, some of which are literally "just out the door." And finally, Chapter 8 delves into the intricacies of using SEL within complex organizations such as schools, providing a solid foundation for understanding how systems change, as well as practical strategies for planning and gaining support for using SEL in your own organization. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


TY - JOUR
ID - 2564
T1 - Technology and young children: How 4-7 year olds perceive their own use of computers. [References]
A1 - McKenney, Susan
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2010-08998-022
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Computer Attitudes
KW - Ethnic Values
KW - School Environment
KW - Socioeconomic Status
KW - Technology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 656
EP - 664
JF - Computers in Human Behavior
VL - 26:
IS - 4
N2 - This study examined young children's access, perceptions and use of technology within and outside of school settings. One hundred sixty seven children from varied ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds participated in the study. Regardless of gender, socio-economic status or ethnic group, most children had access to computers in and outside of schools. In both settings, pre-K through grade 2 children report that they primarily use computers to play games. Children's attitudes toward computers are positive. Older children tend to use the computer more often, are better able to operate the computer and their attitudes towards computers are more positive. Boys' attitudes towards computers are more positive than the attitudes of girls, but no gender differences were found for computer use nor ability level. While no significant differences were found between the attitudes of Dutch and immigrant children, the latter group indicated more frequent use. Also, children from a lower socio-economic neighborhood had more positive attitudes towards computers and used computers slightly more often than middle class children. The findings of this study inform the debate on the desirability of young children's exposure to computers at home as well as in educational settings. Further, these findings may help educators and parents to both critically assess their current practices (e.g. the relative value of the most frequently used applications-games), and strive to integrate developmentally appropriate uses of technology at home and in classrooms. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0747-5632
Places to avoid: Population-based study of student reports of unsafe and high bullying areas at school.

Students’ perceptions of school safety and experiences with bullying were examined in a large Canadian cohort of 5,493 girls and 5,659 boys in Grades 4 to 12. Results indicate notable differences in when and where students felt safe based on their own perceptions of safety and their own experiences with bullying, particularly across elementary and secondary schools. For elementary students, especially those involved in bullying, the playground/school yard and outside recess/break time were particularly hazardous, whereas for secondary students involved in bullying, the hallways, school lunchroom/cafeteria, and outside recess/break were considered especially dangerous. The commonality across student-identified unsafe areas is that they tend to not be well supervised by school personnel. Accordingly, the present results underscore the need to increase adult supervision in areas in which an overwhelming majority of students report feeling unsafe.
Working with a child with selective mutism requires knowledge of the characteristics of the disorder, training in appropriate therapeutic techniques, the ability of the therapist to project personal qualities of patience and acceptance, and the therapist's ability to work as part of a team within the school. Behavioral contracting, use of classroom and curriculum modifications, determination of test accommodations, provision of parent and teacher training, and coordination of related services are all likely elements in an overall plan at one time or another and may fall within the play therapist's arena if she takes on a consulting role. Likewise, information from outside sources (i.e., psychotherapy or psychopharmacology) may filter through her. The play therapist has the unique position of understanding the student and gaining his or her trust, as they work to minimize the impact of the disorder and facilitate typical social patterns. She will be the conduit for change in the child as well as the facilitator of generalization of these behaviors to the classroom setting. The play therapist's application of unique skills, position within the school team, knowledge of selective mutism, and personal involvement, will be the variables responsible for increasing mainstream social behaviors in the child who could not do it alone. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

"You mean you're just going to let us play?" asks a fifth-grade boy who is just beginning his first session in a sand tray friendship group at school. He and five other boys are going to play together for an hour using small trays of sand and miniature figurines. They will meet for the next 12 weeks to create scenes in their sand trays and then tell stories about their worlds if they choose. It is hard for the boys to believe they are actually going to play during school time. Unless it is recess time, the idea of play with other children during school hours is a surprise for many children and for adults as well. Even more surprising is the idea that fundamental behavior changes can occur in children in a relatively short period of time through playing...
together and telling stories to one another. Several months after one sand tray friendship group ended, the school principal noticed that the boys from the group had not been referred to her office since they had participated in the group. She was surprised. This group of fifth-grade boys, referred primarily for fighting on the playground and disruptive behavior in the classroom, had been frequent visitors to her office before they started the sand tray group play. The principal was especially impressed by their ability to maintain their behavior changes several months after the group ended, and as a result, she requested a significant increase in the number of friendship groups for the following school year. Once again, the principal noted a dramatic decrease in referrals to her office among the children who participated in the expanded group sandplay program. Although the structure of the friendship groups is simple in form and function, the underlying concepts are grounded in current neuroscience and theoretical principles. Why and how these sand tray friendship groups work is the focus of this chapter. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Recent psychological research has examined the beliefs that individuals hold about their relationship with the natural world. This article builds on the previous literature on connectedness with nature and introduces a new game version of the Implicit Association Test (IAT), known as FlexiTwins. The game is intended to facilitate research using the IAT and provides a flexible platform for measuring implicit associations. In this paper, we report three studies in which we use the game to measure self-nature associations. Study 1 reports the development and validation of FlexiTwins with a college sample. Study 2 further validates the game using a known-groups sample of environmental activists. Finally, Study 3 examines the implicit connectedness of a sample of 30 grade school children. Across all three studies, we find good evidence for reliability, as well as theoretically meaningful results. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
N2 - (from the cover) Current research shows that regular physical activity helps children and teenagers perform better in school. Taking physical activity beyond gym class and recess, this inspiring book shows how to integrate movement with classroom teaching and learning. Drawing on cutting-edge educational research, the authors describe how regular physical movement increases attention span and helps the brain master new information. Readers will learn how to use short activity breaks to refocus students and movement-based games to reinforce the academic curriculum. This resource includes (1) User-friendly information on the influence of physical activity on the brain and how combining it with academics contributes to student achievement; (2) Discussion of how movement can contribute to classroom management and community; and (3) Illustrations of action sequences for gross motor activities. With an emphasis on teaching the whole child, The Kinesthetic Classroom shows how movement can improve students' mental and physical well-being and contribute to their joy in learning. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


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T1 - World of Whyville: An introduction to tween virtual life. [References]
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Y1 - 2010///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2010-00116-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Computer Games
KW - Internet
KW - Virtual Reality
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 3
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JF - Games and Culture: A Journal of Interactive Media
VL - 5:
IS - 1

N2 - Virtual worlds have become the new playground for millions of tweens but we know little what it takes to become a player in a virtual community. This paper focuses on one virtual world, called Whyville.net, which at the time of our study hosted over 1.2 million players ages 8 to 16 years, with the average player 12.3 years old. Girls represent over 68% of all players. A guided tour to the various places in Whyville, the different types of science games, and the range of players' activities provides insights into what players talk about, with whom they socialize, what they like to play, and how they engage in investigations. In 2005, a group of researchers set out to study Whyville by recruiting hundreds of participants online and offline in classrooms and after school clubs and by conducting observations, surveys, and interviews about their online activities. In addition, we collected log files that captured their online movements and chat interaction during a six month period. We discuss ethical issues of conducting research as adults in tween virtual communities and limitations of capturing the complexities of interactions simultaneously in online and offline spaces. The paper concludes with an overview of following papers in the special issue that cover players' avatar designs, representation of race, cheating practices, learning how to throw virtual mudballs, and participation in virtual epidemic. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2573
T1 - Creative and playful learning: Learning through game co-creation and games in a playful learning environment. [References]
A1 - Kangas, Marjaana
This paper reports on a pilot study in which children aged 7-12 (N = 68) had an opportunity to study in a novel formal and informal learning setting. The learning activities were extended from the classroom to the playful learning environment (PLE), an innovative playground enriched by technological tools. Curriculum-based learning was intertwined with game co-creation, play, and computer games in the PLE. The results indicate that the children considered learning in groups, through co-creation and turning fact into fiction, to be a rewarding way to learn, practice group work and use their imagination for a common goal. Teachers felt their role was important and challenging, especially in terms of the amount of tutoring and lesson planning. The study shows that one way to foster activity, creativity, imagination, and group work skills—along with academic achievement—is to integrate fact and fiction and a playful learning environment in teaching, studying and learning. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study examined literacy motivation among middle-school students in English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) classes by using a 20-question survey and semi-structured interview. The survey results identified similarities among students of different genders, but differences between the beginning ESOL group and the more advanced groups, with the beginning group exhibiting higher motivation in the subsection of “valuing” of reading. Multiple linear regression with gender, ESOL group, and self-concept as reader predicted value of reading, with ESOL group having the highest prediction power. The eight students interviewed generally reported a strong interest in reading and writing, particularly outside of school, and a wide array of literacy activities within the family in which the students were both learners and teachers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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N2 - (from the chapter) Consider how much time we spend thinking of others. Almost every expressive act of communication (except maybe for exclamations!) requires that we think of the listeners or readers of our messages. All forms of social interaction demand some thought of those around us: we need to consider their expectations and anticipate their reactions. Failure to think of others is often problematic. And, when it comes to analyzing events or situations, a complete understanding often involves looking at a problem from different points of view. Considering different points of view is so common that many of us may take perspective-taking skills for granted. Yet, the ability to take the perspective of others is not always an obvious part of our psychological response, and very young children often show marked limitations in being able to see the world from another's point of view. The game of hide-and-seek is a consummate example of the need for perspective taking. One child covers her eyes while a second child finds a hiding place; after a prearranged time (say, until the count of 10), the first child seeks the second child, who should be hidden out of view. In order to successfully hide you need to think of what the seeker can and cannot see; in order to successfully seek, you need to imagine where someone might hide outside of your perspective. When very young children play hide-and-seek, sometimes their lack of perspective taking is obvious. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A special connection exists between students' social competence and the playgrounds that schools provide for them. Some of the social success that students experience can be attributed to the physical setting of the playground, the social climate created with their peers, and the caretaking environments that are fostered by school recess practices. Strengthening playground settings can be an important first step toward fostering students' social success and ultimately their social competence. These, then, are my two overarching goals for this book, Resilient playgrounds: (a) to provide a conceptual framework for understanding playground contexts and their relation to students' social success, and (b) to articulate a strategy for assessing playgrounds, identifying features that might disrupt students' social interactions, intervening to modify these features, and monitoring to ensure that the interventions have led to more successful peer relationships. (from the cover) This book provides tools and strategies for school mental health professionals, teachers, and administrators to evaluate and improve the recess experience in order to ensure that children benefit as much as possible from this important time. An accompanying CD contains forms, examples, PowerPoint presentations, and other resources to support the procedures discussed throughout the book.
This study deals with the development of system thinking skills at the elementary school level. It addresses the question of whether elementary school students can deal with complex systems. The sample included 40 4th grade students from one school in a small town in Israel. The students studied an inquiry-based earth systems curriculum that focuses on the hydro-cycle. The program involved lab simulations and experiments, direct interaction with components and processes of the water cycle in the outdoor learning environment and knowledge integration activities. Despite the students' minimal initial system thinking abilities, most of them made significant progress with their ability to analyze the hydrological earth system to its components and processes. As a result, they recognized interconnections between components of a system. Some of the students reached higher system thinking abilities, such as identifying interrelationships among several earth systems and identifying hidden parts of the hydrological system. The direct contact with real phenomena and processes in small scale scenarios enabled these students to create a concrete local water cycle, which could later be expanded into large scale abstract global cycles. The incorporation of outdoor inquiry-based learning with lab inquiry-based activities and knowledge integration assignments contributed to the 4th grade students' capacity to develop basic system thinking abilities at their young age. This suggests that although system thinking is regarded as a high order thinking skill, it can be developed to a certain extent in elementary school. With a proper long-term curriculum, these abilities can serve as the basis for the development of higher stages of system thinking at the junior-high/middle school level. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-04408-001

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KW - Early Experience
KW - Family
KW - Preschool Teachers
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JF - Educational and Child Psychology
VL - 27:
IS - 4
N2 - British children start school at a very early age - they are among the youngest in Europe when they begin formal schooling as 4-year-olds. Today, the majority of pre-school children spend at least part of their day away from their families, and early education outside of the home is increasingly being offered to children under the age of 3. In recent years the UK Government has begun to see Children's Centres and early years policies as a way to reduce the impact of social disadvantage before school entry. Partly as a result of policy and practice changes over the last decade and a half, early years education in the UK is now a rapidly growing academic field which draws on multiple disciplines - sociology, education, philosophy, psychology, and linguistics among others. Most of the papers in this edition address three main issues; the views that teachers and early years practitioners hold of children's play activity, the nature of learning in the early years, and the psychology of young children's communication. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Background: A number of studies indicate higher prevalence of overweight and obesity among rural school children. The purpose of this study was to examine the differences in personal, social, and environmental correlates of physical activity between school location (urban versus rural) and gender. Methods: Middle school children (N = 676) from different districts in Cyprus completed questionnaires assessing physical activity and potential correlates. Results: Children from rural schools reported higher friend support for physical activity and more ease of walk to a bus station from their home. Urban school children reported higher presence of sidewalks in their neighborhood. Boys reported more hours per day playing outside and higher enjoyment and friend support for physical activity than girls, whereas girls reported higher means in the variable 'I see a lot of people walking or being physically active in my neighborhood'. Significant two-way interactions between gender and school location were noted with rural school girls having less favorable scores in a number of correlates of physical activity. Conclusions: More studies are needed to further understand the higher incidence of overweight and obesity observed among rural youth. Girls from rural areas may be targeted as a priority group for promoting physical activity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Early childhood assessment has evolved to an environmental model encompassing not only child attributes, but ecological factors relating to child functioning within systems as well. The purpose of this article is to describe the successful use of a diagnostic classroom model for preschool assessment in a public school district in southeastern Virginia. The diagnostic classroom model is a structured learning environment where dynamic assessments of children aged 3 through 5 can occur by allowing children to be observed in a more natural setting over time. As a mode for assessment, the diagnostic classroom addresses two key features of best practices of early childhood assessment: families play a vital role in the process and methods accommodate children's developmental status. Descriptions of the classroom and stakeholder satisfaction data are discussed.

The primary purpose of this study is to examine the relationship between the independent variables self-esteem, campus climate and parental involvement compared to the dependent variables grades and academic performance in African American Boys. This study will include Private school and Public school students from a large city. African American boys (age 11-16) will be selected to participate in the study, also previous academic performance will be obtained. Additionally, this examination will include the use of the following instrument. (1) Stanford 10 Achievement Test (Stat 10) (Klein, 1993) achievement test which provides information on student performance; (2) Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale (SES) (Rosenberg, 1965) for the purpose of obtaining a measurement of global self-esteem, and the Campus Climate Survey (McBrien, & Brandt, 1997).

Self-esteem has become a household word. Teachers, parents, therapists, and others have focused efforts that may cause many positive outcomes and benefits. Self-esteem is literally defined by how much value people place on themselves (Baffle, 1991). It is the evaluative component of self-knowledge. High self-esteem refers to a highly favorable global evaluation of the self (Baffle, 1991). Low self-esteem, by definition, refers to an unfavorable definition of the self. Self-esteem does not carry any definitional requirement of accuracy whatsoever. School culture and climate refers to the sum of the values, cultures, safety practices, and organizational structures within a school that cause it to function and react in particular ways. Some schools are said to have a nurturing environment that recognizes children and treats them as individuals; others may have the feel of authoritarian structures where rides are strictly enforced and hierarchical control is strong. Teaching practices, diversity, and the relationships among administrators, teachers, parents, and students contribute to school climate. Although the two terms are somewhat interchangeable, school climate refers mostly to the school's effects on students, while school culture refers more to the way teachers and other staff members work together. Parental involvement is linked to children's school readiness. Research shows that greater parent...
involvement in children's learning positively affects the child's school performance, including higher academic achievement (McNea1, 1999) and greater social and emotional development (Bredekamp, & Copple, 1997). Simple interactions, such as reading to young children may lead to greater reading knowledge and skills (Snow, Burns, & Griffin, P., 1998). And, children with richer home literacy environments demonstrate higher levels of reading knowledge and skills at kindergarten entry. Parent involvement outside of home, such as participation in extracurricular activities, relates to their reading, general knowledge, and mathematics knowledge and skills (Reaney, 3 Denton, & West, 2002). However, more information is needed to examine what specific types of parent involvement are related to kindergartners' early literacy and how the relationship varies for children from diverse backgrounds. Procedures. Academic data was obtained from participating schools in a large city. Volunteer African American boys who participate in this research will be selected from two schools, one private and one charter. Test and surveys will be administered by researcher to students selected from the sixth grade class. The research analyses will be performed using SPSS Graduate Pack 11.0.1 for Microsoft Windows. The statistical analysis which will be utilized, is the T test and Spearman Rank Correlation Test. This test will determine if a relationship exist for questions 1-3. Question 4, 5, and 6 will be analyzed using a T Test for independent groups, Question 7 will be analyzed using the appropriate multiple correlation technique. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2584
T1 - Youth and nature: Assessing the impact of an integrated wellness curriculum on nature based play and nature appreciation for youth in out-of-school time recreation programming
A1 - Lewis, Terence Grant Jr
Y1 - 2009
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2009-99230-008
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Curriculum
KW - Health
KW - Recreation
KW - Schools
KW - Exercise
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2235
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 70:
IS - 6-A
N2 - The United States is facing a dilemma related to the wellbeing of today's children and adolescents. Youth, on a broader scale, are increasingly afflicted with what author Richard Louv, in his book Last Child in the Woods (2005), has labeled "nature deficit disorder" (NDD). The NDD phenomenon is considered to have emerged as a result of children and adolescents not having as many direct experiences with or exposure to nature. Estimations are that from the years 1997 to 2003 there was a 50% drop in the number of youth who participated in outdoor activities, including walking, hiking, and fishing ("Mother Nature Knows Best", 2007). Furthermore, only six percent of children age 9 to 13 plays outside on their own (Louv, 2007). Play, however, is considered an essential part of the learning process throughout life and should not be neglected (Rieber, Smith, & Noah, 1998). In addition, there is growing evidence indicating that there are healthy outcomes associated with unstructured play in nature and that although children only play outdoors for limited amounts of time, they enjoy playing outdoors, and given more choice and/or opportunity, many would play outdoors more than they currently do (British Market Research Bureau, 2005; Ericson, 2001; White & Stoecklin, 1998). The purpose of the study was to further investigate the premise that structured integrative health and wellness programs in an out-of-school setting can play a significant role in helping young people adopt physical activity habits and behaviors, as well as influencing dietary choices. This study focused specifically on the evaluation of the Sajai Wise Kids Outdoors program to gain an increased comprehension of the effects that may result from intentional out-of-school time programming with wellness and outdoor exploration focus areas. The program was designed...
to be fun, experiential, and educational in promoting nature based play and nature appreciation in youth ages 6 to 11 years of age while teaching them basic wellness concepts. The research design used to evaluate the program's effects is best described as a mixed-methods approach. The study is based on a quasi-experimental, repeated measures design that utilized a collective (multi-site) case study technique with pre-, post- and follow-up assessments. Multiple sources of evidence were used in the study, including surveys, observations, and focus groups with youth and staff. The Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) served as the theoretical framework as the latent constructs of the TPB have been indicated in the literature as being predictive of behavior related to physical activity and dietary choices. Although program enrollment in the cities of St. Paul and San Francisco totaled 170 participants, 67 youth ages 6 to 13 from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds completed all three phases of data collection. Quantitative measures were administered to assess change in adolescent outcomes related to the latent constructs of the TPB. While results of the quantitative analysis did not show significant differences across the three measures of the study, youth were found to display significantly higher than average means at baseline. This supports the possibility that youth who showed a higher affiliation towards the constructs measured at baseline, as well as at the end of implementation, will have a continued or greater desire or intention to spend time in the outdoors, thus leading to increased physical activity. Triangulation of qualitative and quantitative findings provided further evidence that out-of-school time programs that are intentionally designed to engage youth with concepts focused on wellness and the natural environment, such as Wise Kids Outdoors, have the ability to serve as a gateway of opportunity for youth to explore and discover a relationship with nature. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) SN - 0419-4209 AD - Lewis, Terence Grant: U Minnesota, US ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2585
T1 - An exploration of emotion language use by preschool-aged children and their parents: Naturalistic and lab settings
A1 - Fellows, Michelle Dyan
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2009-99220-344
English Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Emotions
KW - Language
KW - Parent Child Communication
KW - Parents
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 3203
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 70:
IS - 5-B
N2 - Emotion language use provides insight into a person's emotional landscape. However, little is known about how preschool aged children and their parents use emotion language in their real world interactions. To address the shortcomings of the current body of empirical work on naturally occurring emotion language, this dissertation asks the following four research questions: (1) How do children and parents use emotion words in their daily lives?; (2) How is children's emotion language related to parents' emotion language?; (3) How is emotion language use related to emotional functioning?; and (4) How does emotion language in a lab setting compare to a natural setting? The first question relates to descriptive information that is unknown about emotion language use in real world interactions of young children and parents. Points of interest include whether family members differ in rates of emotion language use, whether use of positive and negative emotion words are related within a family member, and how stable emotion language use is over a one year interval. The second question addressed by this dissertation relates to the relationship between parent and child emotion language use. From a social learning theory perspective, it would be expected that children's emotion language use will be related to parents' emotion language use. However, gender plays a large role in emotion socialization so will likely impact the correspondence between parent and child emotion language. The third goal is to examine what
the emotion language used by an individual illuminates about his/her emotional world. Two competing models are possible: emotion language as a reflection of emotion experience or emotion language as an emotion regulation strategy. The reflection model posits that emotion word use simply mirrors an individual’s emotional experience, leading to the prediction that individuals who use more emotion language, particularly negative emotion language, demonstrate more emotional dysfunction. The regulation model, on the other hand, suggests that using emotion words acts as an emotion regulation technique, leading to the prediction that people who use more emotion language would actually be expected to show less emotional dysfunction. The last goal of this dissertation is to evaluate the ecological validity of emotion language measurement in traditional lab settings. The vast majority of research on parent-child emotion language comes from laboratory based paradigms. To date, no empirical work has measured emotion language in naturally occurring parent-child interactions to see if use in the lab corresponds to use in everyday life. The methodology of this project will be able to answer this question because emotion language use by families is measured in both settings. This dissertation implements a naturalistic methodology tool to answer the above questions. Thirty-five preschool aged children and their parents were recruited to participate in a two-wave longitudinal study in which the children wore a digital recording device for one day at each of the time points to capture acoustic information about the emotion language and behaviors they and their parents use in their daily lives. Additionally, participants completed a traditional laboratory based paradigm used to study emotion language within families. Parents also completed self-report measures related to emotion functioning for themselves and their child. Results indicate that children and their parents use high rates of positive emotion but very low rates of negative emotion in their naturally occurring interactions. This is different from lab based paradigms that elicit high rates of both positive and negative emotion language from children and parents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
My field notes and reflective journal were my important source of data. I interpreted and presented my findings in terms of themes. There were six themes evolved from data: learning English in China and U.S. Secondary School, Being Pressured to School Success, Societal Status of Chinese ELLs in Secondary school, Acquiring Societal Status in the U.S., Maintaining identity in Chinese Community, Linguistic and Cultural Navigation in the Borderlands. Through these themes, the linguistic, cultural, societal, community, and geographical factors were found that influence the identity of Chinese English language learners. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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AD - Zhao, Xun: New Mexico State U., US
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2587
T1 - Physical activity intervention in early care and education settings
A1 - Qiu, Wei
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2009-99110-169
Language
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Care
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Social Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4887
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 69:
N2 - This study examined the effectiveness of an eight-week intervention program that was developed to increase children's physical activity in early care and education settings. Social learning theory and the dynamics systems approach were used as the guiding theoretical frameworks in this study. Seven hypotheses were made to guide the evaluation of the intervention program. The intervention took place from November 2006 through January 2007 in the three-, four-year-old, and kindergarten classes at the University of Delaware Laboratory Preschool. One component of the intervention was physical activity curriculum for teachers to implement in children's daily routines. The other component was short energy burst activities also known as Planned Energetic Play (PEP) that teachers could embed in their existing curriculum. For the evaluation of the intervention program, data were obtained from the participants on four occasions: baseline (T1), mid-point of the intervention (T2), immediately following the completion of the intervention (T3), and four months following the completion of intervention (T4). The Actical accelerometer was used to measure children's daily, indoor, and outdoor physical activity at the four times. Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was performed to compare children's activity energy expenditure (AEE) and moderate and vigorous physical activity (MVPA) obtained across the four times of measurement. In addition, class, gender, and children's BMI at the beginning of the intervention were entered as between-subjects factors in the Repeated Measures ANOVA. Children who had the lowest level of physical activity at baseline were compared with the rest of the participants regarding the impact of the intervention program. The results showed that this center based intervention appeared to have a capacity for having an effect on increasing children's physical activity in the early care and education setting. The effectiveness was associated with class and the participant's activity level at the beginning of the intervention. Children's gender and weight status were not significant predictors of the outcome of the intervention. The implementation and effectiveness of this physical activity intervention program had implication on many factors related to early childhood education. Factors at the micro level included teacher attitudes and values, early childhood curriculum, and facilities of early care and education programs. At the macro level, early care policies and regulations had a strong influence on children's physical activity and their participation in programs that aimed at preventing childhood obesity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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AD - Qiu, Wei: U Delaware, US
This paper explores the effectiveness of a school-based mental health project. Research has identified limitations in mental health care for children in the U.S. The provision of services in naturalistic settings geared toward preventing illness and promoting health is currently gaining support across political, social, and educational sectors. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of the Primary Project, a school-based indicated prevention program grounded in developmental ecological theory, designed to increase the capacity of schools to identify and provide intervention for at risk children. The research question focused on determining whether or not participation in the program resulted in a decrease in targeted behavioral problems and an increase in competencies. The study addressed limitations of an earlier multi-year study of the Primary Project and included semi-structured resiliency activities in an attempt to strengthen the intervention for children with externalizing behavior problems. Children in the treatment group participated in 12 individual play sessions conducted by paraprofessionals. Archival pre-post test data for 54 treatment and 54 control group children enrolled in grades K through 3 was analyzed using a MANOVA with repeated measures. Results did not support hypotheses; no significant overall condition x time effect between group difference was found. The current study has important implications for prevention research, and social change. Program evaluation is critical for social-policy development. The rigorous design of this study provides a replicable model for future program evaluation research useful for psychologists searching for direction in the investigation of cost-effective school-based mental health programs for at risk students. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Theories of achievement and motivation in physical education have experienced a significant transformation during the past two decades. Learning achievement in physical education, traditionally characterized by proficiency in playing sports and developing sport-related skills, is being replaced gradually by a demonstrated mastery of knowledge and skills related to healthful living. Similar to the study of motivation in learning academic subject matter, learner motivation in physical education has been viewed through multiple theoretical lenses beyond the behaviorist perspective (e.g., using win/loss as rewards for motivation). Currently, researchers are examining how achievement and motivation strategies can be used to help learners achieve the goals of developing and sustaining a physically active lifestyle. In this chapter, we will frame our discussion of learners' achievement and motivation in physical education in the broad context of curriculum and student learning to explore the critical relationships among content, motivation, and learning achievement. We will (a) discuss the impact of major achievement motivation theories on research in physical education, (b) review and critique major research findings, and (c) discuss possible challenges for future research in physical education. We have focused this review on research conducted with K-12 students in physical education, rather than physical activity associated with sport or recess. Although all three are beneficial to students in school, the meaningfulness of achievement in sport is limited to a small group of highly skilled students, while recess does not represent a meaningful achievement setting. The emphasis on physical education allows us to examine achievement in physical education learning environments within a domain specific context. Thus, the studies reviewed in this chapter were conducted in physical education settings, rather than in youth sport or recess. For sport-related motivation issues, we refer the reader to an excellent collection of reviews on motivation edited by Roberts (2001). (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
approach involved a variety of community stakeholders in developing and implementing affordable, accessible, culturally acceptable, and sustainable physical activities for children and their families. Results: The partnership successfully piloted Open Streets (temporary street closures) and advocated for development of the Bloomingdale Trail, an elevated rails-to-trails project. In schools, the partnership changed the culture at McAuliffe Elementary to support healthy behaviors through new policies, physical projects, and programs. Lessons learned: Vital components of the project's success included a full-time coordinator with strong community ties; time to build healthy relationships within the partnership and community; the use of culturally relevant strategies; and flexibility to welcome complementary opportunities. Conclusions: The partnership intentionally did not produce a single community-recognized campaign; instead, it chose to use limited resources to promote tangible programs and projects that led to sustainable and replicable changes that promote physical activity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2592
T1 - Vegetation and outdoor recess time at elementary schools: What are the connections? [References]
A1 - Arbogast,Kelley L.
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-23109-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Environmental Effects
KW - Plants (Botanical)
KW - School Environment
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Elementary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 450
EP - 456
JF - Journal of Environmental Psychology
VL - 29:
IS - 4
N2 - Empirical and anecdotal evidence suggests that landscapes with more vegetation have a positive impact on children's focus, attention, and cognitive development. In school, children are able to regain focus, suppress impulses, and pay attention in class longer after exposure to natural settings. Because children spend much of their time in school, the amount and types of vegetation on school grounds may influence their development. Public elementary schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia (N =988) were surveyed to examine correlations between school ground vegetation and outside recess. The number of trees on school grounds, the size of the school grounds, and the presence of sports fields were modestly correlated with greater outside recess time. These correlations support common sense because sports fields facilitate supervised play and larger school grounds provide space for sports fields and playgrounds and additional opportunities for free play. More trees on school grounds provide a welcoming environment for students and teachers, and encourage outside play. These results may help school personnel design and maintain school grounds that increase outdoor recess time. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0272-4944
TY - JOUR
ID - 2593
T1 - Preschool children's outdoor play area preferences. [References]
A1 - Holmes, Robyn M.
Y1 - 2009/
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-22406-009
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Preferences
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1103
EP - 1112
JF - Early Child Development and Care
VL - 179:
IS - 8
N2 - This study explores preschool children's outdoor play preferences. The sample was 40 (20 male, 20 female) primarily European-American three and four year olds. Data were collected via naturalistic observation and analyzed using repeated measures ANOVAs and MANOVAs. The independent variable was sex of child; dependent variable was play space (riding, sandbox, slide, jungle gym, open space, castle/play house, swings). Findings revealed a significant effect of sex of child on choice of play space—boys preferred to play on the jungle gym and swings, whereas girls preferred the sandbox more than boys. These findings both support and contradict existing literature. Future research should pursue children's use of micro spaces in their play environments. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0300-4430
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2594
T1 - Home environment and family resources to support literacy interaction: Examples from families of children with disabilities. [References]
A1 - Dolezal-Sams, Juli M.
Y1 - 2009/
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-12055-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Disabilities
KW - Family Socioeconomic Level
KW - Home Environment
KW - Parent Child Relations
KW - Responsibility
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 603
EP - 630
JF - Early Education and Development
VL - 20:
IS - 4
N2 - Research Findings: Research on early literacy development within the family focuses primarily on parent-child interactions as they use literacy materials, typically books. However, features of the home environment
and organization of family life, which provide the framework within which these interactions occur, are rarely investigated. These variables include space; time; family members' roles, responsibilities, and relationships; whether literacy activities are routines; and influences of community and culture. In this exploratory study, these physical, social, and symbolic resources of the family environment were measured using a home tour, photographs, book-reading observation, and an interview during two visits to six families who had children with mild to moderate disabilities. The data generated by these methods were then used to complete a summary measure, the Home Literacy Resource Checklist, for each family. The results indicated that the families who had previously reported reading to their child 1 to 3 times per week differed from those who had reported reading daily in resources such as help from people outside of the immediate family, existence of book-reading routines, a predictable daily schedule, use of the library, and presence of literacy materials. Practice or Policy: Further development of these measures and their use with a larger and more diverse sample are warranted so that practical knowledge about home and family life can contribute to interventions designed to improve the quantity and quality of family book reading. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
intervention, and the changed focus of early intervention services related to the use of toys are the topic of this article. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Nwokah, Eva: Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2596
T1 - Media use vs. work and play in middle childhood. [References]
A1 - Hofferth,Sandra L.
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-09783-006
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Mass Media
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 127
EP - 129
JF - Social Indicators Research
VL - 93:
IS - 1
N2 - As new media continue to be introduced, they become especially troubling for educators, who fear that children will grow up as zombies, lacking creativity, inspiration, and literacy-and becoming sedentary and overweight. This brief article analyzes how media use is nested in children's everyday lives. In particular, it focuses on the hypothesis of media displacement of other activities. According to the displacement hypothesis, media displace creative activities (such as free play), achievement-related activities (like reading and studying), and physical activities. In this article, "play" refers to unstructured noncomputer leisure-time activities not directly related to school, including indoor and outdoor play. Achievement-related activities (such as studying and reading) are the "work" of children in middle childhood. Physical activities include time in structured sports and in walking/hiking outdoors. Time spent in a new activity has to come from another previous activity, leading to the expectation that many other activities will decline. The results support the concerns of those who fear that media interfere with other activities. Of particular concern is that in both years, children's nonmedia play hours and their sleep hours are shorter with greater media use. Play and sleep both seem to offer large blocks of children's time from which new activities can be carved out. Video game playing and television viewing are negatively associated with reading, study and outdoor activities, again suggesting potential negative effects on achievement and physical activity of extensive media use. The large amount of time spent watching television provides a large pool of available time from which to expand new media and may reflect a medium that will decline in the future. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0303-8300
AD - Hofferth, Sandra L.: Department of Family Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2597
T1 - The impact of lifestyles and food knowledge on the food patterns of German children. [References]
A1 - von Normann,Konstantin
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-09502-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Eating Behavior
The German youth is relatively well informed about healthy eating, but does not act in accordance with this knowledge. It is also known from empirical studies that there is an association between lifestyles, food knowledge and the eating patterns of older teenagers. However, is there a similar correlation in regard to younger children? This article shows results of a study addressing this issue by empirically investigating leisure time activities, food intake and food knowledge. The study conducted with 907 children, on average 12 years old, out of an urban region in northwest Germany using a written questionnaire, implies that food patterns and food knowledge have to be improved because they are on average only marginally acceptable. On this level, they are not in line with a healthy future. For the first time in Germany, food patterns and food knowledge of seventh grade pupils were analysed in relation to their lifestyles. The study revealed four lifestyles. One family-oriented lifestyle and three non-family oriented lifestyles: outdoor and sociable youth, culture-oriented youth, and multimedia kids. The family-oriented lifestyle influences the children's food patterns in a positive way; the three found non-family-oriented lifestyles lead to less preferable food patterns. The results imply that there is a phase of unhealthy food patterns at the beginning of the second life decade, which seems to be linked to the detachment from the parents and the gained independency, expressed by the first self-chosen lifestyles. As lifestyles have such a vital influence on healthy eating, and family is no longer the place where children get their everyday competencies, school has to enable pupils to make healthier food and lifestyle choices. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

This study investigated the application of an expectancy-value model to children's activity choices on the playground at recess. The purpose was to test the prediction that expectancies for success and subjective task values are related to decisions to engage in specific recess activities such as climbing, playing soccer, or skipping rope. Participants included 242 children in grades IA from five schools. Participation in playground activities was assessed using the Activities for Daily Living in Physical Play (ADL-PP) (Watkinson et al, 2001).
Task-specific expectancies and values were measured on the playground activities contained in the ADL-PP. The results indicated that children's perceptions of competence were significantly higher on playground skills that they had identified as most important compared with least important (p < .001). Multivariate prediction analyses revealed that the data supported the predictions of the model (p < .0001) suggesting that recess can be an achievement context. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2599
T1 - Affordances for risky play in preschool: The importance of features in the play environment. [References]
A1 - Sandseter, Ellen Beate Hansen
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-05876-009
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Preschool Education
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Risk Taking
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 439
EP - 446
JF - Early Childhood Education Journal
VL - 36:
IS - 5
N2 - The purpose of this article is to qualitatively explore the affordances for risky play in two different preschool outdoor environments, an ordinary preschool playground and a nature playground, based on Gibson (The ecological approach to visual perception, 1979) theory of affordances and Heft's and Kyttea's (Heft in Children's Environ Qual 5(3) 29-37, 1988; Kytta in J Environ Psychol 22:109-123, 2002, Kytta in J Environ Psychol 24:179-198, 2004) extended work on this theory. Observations of risky play in two Norwegian preschools, one ordinary preschool (where play took place on an ordinary playground) and one nature and outdoor preschool (where play took place in a nature area) were conducted. In addition, the children were interviewed about their actualized affordances of risky play, their mobility license, and the constraints on risky play. The results show that both play environments afford an extensive amount of risky play among the children, and that the degree of mobility license tolerated by the staff is an important factor for the children to actualize these affordances. Differences in the qualities and features in the two play environments were found to have an impact on the degree of riskiness in the play situations. As such, the nature playground afforded a higher degree of risk in children's risky play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2600
T1 - Bilingual and biliteracy practices: Japanese adolescents living in the United States. [References]
A1 - Haneda, Mari
Y1 - 2009///
In this paper, we report the findings of our qualitative inquiry conducted with two male and two female sojourner students in their early teens living in the United States. Sojourner students, an under-researched population in literacy studies, refers to expatriate children who reside and study abroad for a number of years because of their parents' jobs and who anticipate eventual return to their home country. Our participants were Japanese sojourner students. Drawing on multiple sources of data, including the students' literacy logs that documented their reading and writing activities in Japanese and English, interview transcripts, and literacy artifacts, we investigated what kind of literacy practices they engaged in outside school and what developing bilingual and biliterate competences meant to them as individuals. Our findings indicate that (a) although the four students spent much time on academic literacy in Japanese and English outside school, they also had active literate lives of their own; and (b) gender affected not only how they perceived their competencies in the two languages but also how they allocated their time outside school to engage in literacy practices in each language. While there is little investigation of this student population from the perspective of gender, we suggest that it is an important issue to take into account in future research. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This article focuses on a bookmaking project that was conducted with pre-adolescent Serbian and Bosnian girls at a summer camp outside Sarajevo, Bosnia in 2005. During this camp, children from Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia were brought together by the Global Children's Organisation to engage in a variety of activities, including conflict resolution, art, athletics and academics. The literacy workshops that were offered gave the children the opportunity to write, illustrate and construct their own books about topics such as peace, friendship and the preservation of nature in Bosnia. The workshops were conducted in English and Serbo-Croatian, using a variety of pedagogical strategies. Upon completion of their books, the girls hosted a 'story hour' for the younger children at the camp and their stories were read aloud and discussed. This article explores the story telling of children in post-war Bosnia (through writing samples) and discusses the powerful social component of literacy events and their ability to unite and heal disparate groups. Additionally, this article explores writing as a means of imagining a more hopeful future and how as writers, children are shapers of their own cultures and of their individual and collaborative identities within those cultures. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
For many researchers, the concept of a power imbalance is central to the understanding of bullying, and its presence in the bully-victim relationship is a prerequisite condition that needs to be fulfilled before bullying is deemed to have taken place. Despite the concept's central importance in many definitions of bullying, the nature of the power imbalance in many types of interpersonal aggression invariably labelled as bullying remains unexplored and unclear, and the concept itself has not received much empirical investigation. One major reason for the absence of experimental data on this important issue in bullying can be attributable to the over-reliance on anonymous questionnaires in the extant bullying literature. From the data collected using a newly developed non-anonymous instrument, Chan (2002) found that in the elementary school sample surveyed, a large percentage of bullying was carried out by one's peers or age-equals, and not by someone outside of one's class. The importance of these findings was examined in the context of the conceptual difficulties ensuing from the power imbalance assumption, as well as the implications for school management (e.g., play-time arrangements) and teacher training. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Objective: In the general population, attention is reliably enhanced after exposure to certain physical environments, particularly natural environments. This study examined the impacts of environments on attention in children with ADHD. Method: In this within subjects design, each participant experienced each of three treatments (environments) in single blind controlled trials. Seventeen children 7 to 12 years old professionally diagnosed with ADHD experienced each of three environments-a city park and two other well-kept urban settings-via individually guided 20-minute walks. Environments were experienced 1 week apart, with
randomized assignment to treatment order. After each walk, concentration was measured using Digit Span Backwards. Results: Children with ADHD concentrated better after the walk in the park than after the downtown walk (p = .0229) or the neighborhood walk (p = .0072). Effect sizes were substantial (Cohen's d = .52 and .77, respectively) and comparable to those reported for recent formulations of methylphenidate. Conclusion: Twenty minutes in a park setting was sufficient to elevate attention performance relative to the same amount of time in other settings. These findings indicate that environments can enhance attention not only in the general population but also in ADHD populations. "Doses of nature" might serve as a safe, inexpensive, widely accessible new tool in the tool kit for managing ADHD symptoms. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Spotting altruistic dictator game players and mingling with them: The elective assortation of classmates.

Altruism can evolve through assortation if the selfish advantage of egoistic individuals is outcompeted by the benefits of mutual cooperation between altruists. This selection process is possible if (a) individuals can distinguish altruists from egoists and (b) altruists cooperate electively with other altruists, leaving egoists no chance but to mingle with each other. This study investigates whether these two conditions are fulfilled in a natural setting. One hundred twenty-two students of six secondary school classes (age 10 to 19 years) played an anonymous dictator game, which functioned as a measure of altruism. Afterwards and unannounced, the students had to estimate their classmates' decisions and did so better than chance. Sociometry revealed that the accuracy of predictions depended on social closeness. Friends and disliked classmates were judged more accurately than liked classmates or those met with indifference. Moreover, altruists were friends with more altruistic persons than were egoists. The results confirm the existence of the two prerequisites for the evolution of altruism through assortation: the predictability of altruistic behavior and the association of altruists.
Without question, the education of America's students in science, from kindergarten through Grade 12, stands at a critical crossroads. The generally inadequate outcomes from science teaching and learning in recent years are well documented on both national and international testing yardsticks: too many students have neither the skills nor the understanding in science to enable them to compete in the increasingly scientific and technically oriented global workplace or to successfully pursue higher education in science or science education. This book represents the collective experiences of half of the eight "dissemination and implementation" centers that were funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), begun between 1997 and 1999, to foster the understanding and use of exemplary mathematics and science instructional materials. Four centers were created to focus on math instructional materials exclusively, three were funded to do the same for science materials only, and one dealt with both subject areas. This book covers the activities of the latter four centers' work in science.
of the intervention by the children's teachers, engaging classroom peers as formal and informal helpers. The effects of the interventions were examined using a multiple baseline design with four conditions replicated across the four children. The results indicate that the musical adaptation of the playground itself did not improve social interactions of children with autism significantly, but it facilitated their play and involvement with peers by attraction to the sound and opportunity to use the instruments. The song interventions produced desirable peer interaction outcomes, and the collaborative consultative approach enabled teachers to implement interventions successfully in ongoing playground routines. In addition, peer-mediated strategies increased peer interactions and meaningful play on the playground. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2610
T1 - Social information processing and aggression in understanding school violence: An application of Crick and Dodge's model. [References]
A1 - Nigoff,Amy
Y1 - 2008///
N1 - Book: 2008-02298-005
English
Book: Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Prevention
KW - School Violence
KW - Social Cognition
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Mental Models
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Schools
KW - Social Processes
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 79
EP - 93
JF - Miller, Thomas W [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 2008
N2 - (from the chapter) The current chapter will review a theory of how children interpret and process social situations and how these processes can be biased in a way that leads the child to aggression. Children are in school for 8 hours of their day. Most of their social interactions occur there, when they are in classrooms or on the playground with other children. Mistakes and biases in the social information processing steps often manifest at school. By possessing an understanding of these steps, one would be in a better position to prevent aggression from happening. The current examination will consist of a review of a theory of social information processing and research connecting biases in processing to aggression. Finally, we will present a scenario exploring how social information processing theories can be used to treat and prevent school violence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2611
T1 - Prevention strategies for parents on adolescent smoking: A gap between what they know and what they practice. [References]
A1 - Holub,Christina K.
Y1 - 2006///
More than 6 million adolescents who have become addicted to tobacco will die of tobacco-related illness as adults. As tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of morbidity and mortality in the United States, developing even more vigorous prevention programs is an important public health priority. Each day about 4,000 youths, age 12-17, will try a cigarette for the first time and about half will become daily smokers. From a socioecological standpoint, there are individual as well as contextual factors related to adolescent smoking. However, there are two important factors that deserve particular attention for their strong influence: peer and parental influence. While there is debate as to whether parents or peers have more influence on smoking (especially in late adolescence), parenting behaviors can affect affiliation with smoking peers. Previous research has identified several parental characteristics associated with adolescent's smoking such as perceived parental influence, smoking status, smoking-related prompting, parental monitoring, and expectations not to smoke. Parents who smoke are encouraged to quit while their children are young; nevertheless, children of smoking parents have lower rates of smoking when parents communicate strong anti-smoking messages and establish household smoking ban rules. Information and guidelines available to parents about smoking prevention typically emphasize the importance of teaching children how to say no or walk away from cigarette offers, ensuring child involvement with sports or other extracurricular activities, talking with children about tobacco in the media, establishing household rules, and being aware of with whom and where children spend their time outside of the home. Healthy Generations, a study examining parental influences and adolescent smoking, found that parents are aware of some smoking prevention strategies (e.g., talking to children about smoking and involving them in extracurricular activities), but not all (e.g., knowing who their friends are). Our research has also shown that what parents do know about prevention does not always translate into the actions they actually take against adolescent smoking. Despite the majority of parents in our study reporting that they discouraged their children from smoking by talking to them about its harmful effects on the body, less than 10% of the parents mentioned teaching their children to say no, knowing who their friends are, talking about family experiences, and keeping them occupied with sports. The majority of parents in our study were willing to participate in smoking intervention programs; however the biggest barrier in being able to do activities with their children was lack of time due to work. Future research on factors that can help facilitate implementation of smoking prevention strategies by parents is important for developing parent-related program components to reduce incidence and prevalence of adolescent smoking. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
This chapter describes a neuropsychological assessment case report of an 8 year old girl who was very seriously mauled by two large dogs. She had been to her mother's friend's house many times and was familiar with her mother's friend's dogs. When the women stepped outside during one visit, Anna thought the two dogs might like to play together, so she took down the gate that separated them from each other. She remembers reaching for the rope toy, thinking she would play with them. She remembers the sounds as first the male full-grown dog attacked her and then the adult female joined in, biting her severely, mauling her head and neck. She remembers being dragged across the room and calling out for help. During 9 hours of surgical intervention to stabilize her injuries, Anna experienced pulmonary distress and required resuscitation. The attack had focused on the right side of her face and neck. Her injuries included nearly complete occlusion of the right internal carotid artery and focal injuries to both vertebral arteries. Her right ear was severed, the facial nerves on the right side of her face were injured, and her right eye was dislodged from its socket. Facial bones required reconstruction, and plates were placed in the right eye socket and across the bridge of her nose. Anna also experienced two cerebral infarcts. The first was during the attack itself. Emergency computerized tomography (CT) and angiogram revealed an embolic stroke at the distribution of the middle cerebral artery on the right. The second stroke came immediately following the completion of her surgery in the right mid-parietal lobe. Three years later, Anna was demonstrating problems with coordinated motor movements. Physical therapy had been completed some time ago; however, like most adolescents, Anna began having trouble remaining compliant with her home exercises. Her parents described her as "sassy" at times, with some "normal" adolescent defiance and occasional giddy behavior. They portrayed her as an affectionate girl, invested in her family, friends, teachers, and church. At the time of evaluation, they stated that Anna had continued concerns regarding her vision and her difficulty using her left hand. However, they clearly stated that they and Anna had no problems with her scars, her physical appearance, or remorse about the injury. The family was interested in seeking neuropsychological evaluation only to determine whether there were any "permanent" cognitive sequelae. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
Introduction: At the moment we can find a great conscience on the benefits that the regular practice of physical activity contribute, together with healthy feeding habits, can help to avoid or slow down the manifestation of certain diseases. In this sense the analysis of the body composition and the physical activity levels in the childhood will allow, if we are able to act consequently, to define the styles and the quality of life in the adult stage.

Method: A total of 211 subjects were analyzed, ages between 8 and 12 years (n1 = 96 boys; n2 = 115 girls) of the Sevillian population of Fuentes de Andalucia. Once grouped based on the physical activity level, the kinanthropometric variables and body composition were measured.

Results and Discussion: Of the analyzed sample only 34.60% were physically active. The average fat percentage of the masculine group was 15.77% (SD = 8.23), whereas for the girls it is of 22.37% (SD = 6.79). On the other hand, 46.92% of the analyzed sample shows overweight or obesity.

Conclusion: The children population of Fuentes de Andalucia that are regularly active outside the physical education classes have less body fat and also less overweight than those who don't practice any physical activity. (PsychINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
questionnaires concerning interaction, activity, and engagement, as well as demographic and biopsychosocial information. A cluster analysis was conducted to find homogenous patterns related to engagement. Five distinct patterns were identified, all related to different levels of engagement. Several factors, within both the child and the environment, were associated with high levels of engagement. Interaction skills and availability of activities appear to be strong predictors of high-level engagement, regardless whether or not the child has been identified as developmentally delayed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2616
T1 - Patterns and correlates of drinking in offspring from the San Diego Prospective Study. [References]
A1 - Schuckit,Marc A.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2007-13517-009
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Alcohol Abuse
KW - Alcoholism
KW - Children of Alcoholics
KW - Offspring
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1681
EP - 1691
JF - Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research
VL - 31:
IS - 10
N2 - Background: The decision among young people to drink is complex and reflects multiple domains of influence. This paper applies the results from a previous test of an externalizing-based model predicting heavy drinking and alcohol problems in the probands from the San Diego Prospective Study to evaluate how similar characteristics relate to the decision to drink in their offspring. Methods: Data were generated from multiple sources for 152 offspring with a mean age of 17.2 years. Information on the family histories, personal alcohol and other substance use, socioeconomic stratum, the child's gestational problems, and additional characteristics were gathered from face-to-face interviews with a parent approximately every 5 years between their mid-20s and mid-40s. Data regarding the drinking status and additional variables applicable to the offspring were extracted from the 25-year (T25) epoch of the family evaluations using data supplied directly by the offspring. The relationships of variables to the drinking status in that generation were determined through correlations, regression analyses, and an AMOS-based structural equation model (SEM). Results: Significant correlations to the drinking status in offspring were observed for age, but not for sex. Using age-adjusted backgrounds and data supplied by the offspring at T25, the most robust correlations to the drinking status were seen for a disinhibition measure, peer drinking, expectations of the effects of alcohol, and the history of having worked outside the home. When placed into an SEM, the former 3 variables performed in a manner similar to that observed in the original probands in the prediction of the drinking status, in a model with good fit characteristics. Conclusions: These data from a prospective study support the importance of similar domains across 2 generations in characterizing age-appropriate alcohol-related outcomes. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2617
T1 - Race, parental socioeconomic status, and computer use time outside of school among young American children, 1997 to 2003. [References]
A1 - Ono, Hiromi; Tsai, Hsin-Jen
Y1 - 2008///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2008-16668-005
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Computers
KW - Parental Characteristics
KW - Racial and Ethnic Differences
KW - Socioeconomic Status
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1650
EP - 1672
JF - Journal of Family Issues
VL - 29:
IS - 12
N2 - This article investigates the role that parental socioeconomic status plays in forming the racial gap in home computer use among young school-age children. Descriptive statistics from time diary data of 6- to 11-year-olds in the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, Child Development Supplement, reveal that Black American children spend substantially fewer minutes on the computer than do non-Hispanic White children; however, the racial gap in percentage terms has narrowed between 1997 and 2003. Multivariate analyses indicate that the extent to which parental socioeconomic status explains the racial gap declined between 1997 and 2003-in 2003, less than 10% of the gap is explained by family income and household head's education. The pattern of decline is not observed when analyzing the racial gap in reading time. As home computer ownership approaches saturation, the racial gap in computer use time may increasingly reflect the underlying racial boundaries rather than parental status differentials. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2618
T1 - Using computer-presented social stories and video models to increase the social communication skills of children with High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders. [References]
A1 - Sansosti, Frank J.
Y1 - 2008///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2008-09347-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Computer Assisted Instruction
KW - Pervasive Developmental Disorders
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - Social Skills
KW - Videotape Instruction
KW - Ability Level
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Communication Skills
KW - Social Skills Training
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SP - 162
EP - 178
The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of computer-presented Social Stories and video models on the social communication skills of three children with High-Functioning Autism/Asperger's Syndrome (HFA/AS). Using a multiple-baseline across-participants design, computer-presented Social Stories and video models were implemented and direct observations of the participants' identified target behaviors were collected two times per week during unstructured school activities (e.g., recess). Overall, data demonstrated that the combined treatment package was effective for improving the rates of social communication for the participants, although modifications to allow access to social reinforcement were needed in two cases. In addition, all three participants demonstrated maintenance of skills at a 2-week follow-up. However, generalization of skills was only observed for one participant. This research adds evidence that a combined intervention presented via computer may be a beneficial method for remediating social skill difficulties for individuals with HFA/AS. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
- What difference does it make? Assessing outcomes from participation in a residential environmental education program. [References]

A1 - Stern, Marc J.
Y1 - 2008///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2008-13400-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Educational Programs
KW - Environmental Attitudes
KW - Environmental Education
KW - Student Attitudes
KW - Awareness
KW - Interests
KW - Learning
KW - Participation
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SP - 31
EP - 43
JF - The Journal of Environmental Education
VL - 39:
IS - 4

- The authors explored the influences of 3- and 5-day residential environmental education programs at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont (TN) on participants' connections with nature, environmental stewardship, interest in learning and discovery, and awareness of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and biodiversity. The authors found significant positive, short-term effects on all outcomes of interest. Also, 3-month delayed posttests indicated retention of significant gains in environmental stewardship and awareness, whereas other gains faded. Longer stays and active engagement of visiting teachers in on-site instruction enhanced most outcomes. The authors discuss the influences of previsit preparation and group size on participants. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2621
T1 - A positive psychology approach to tackling bullying in secondary schools: A comparative evaluation.
[References]
A1 - Richards, Andrew; Rivers, Ian; Akhurst, Jacqui
Y1 - 2008///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-06944-007
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - High Schools
KW - Positive Psychology
KW - Bullying
KW - Secondary Education
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SP - 72
EP - 81
JF - Educational and Child Psychology
VL - 25:
IS - 2
Anti-bullying interventions in schools favour approaches that practically tackle the problems in the classroom as well as the playground. However, the effectiveness of curriculum-based interventions is often context specific. A Positive Psychology (PP) approach to tackle bullying focuses upon the individual strengths of pupils rather than behaviours. It foregrounds the greater involvement of pupils in problem-solving the issue of bullying, and promotes development of personal qualities that are valued both socially and individually. In this study, a positive psychology intervention programme was designed for implementation in a school's year seven Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) lessons, with a control group recruited from another school. The effectiveness of the programme was measured both pre- and post-intervention using self-report questionnaires which included items on bullying behaviour, general well-being and mental health. Results indicated that, among those pupils who experienced the PP intervention programme, levels of bullying reduced and they scored marginally better in terms of general well-being but not mental health. Further developments in the programme are underway.

Boys' perception and experience of relational aggression

Research on aggression commonly cites that boys engage primarily in physical aggression, as characterized by the pursuit of dominance via hitting, kicking, and threatening while girls engage primarily in relational aggression, which includes a plethora of behaviors geared toward manipulating others' social interactions and inflicting harm on peers so as to cause damage to peer relationships. Although most research suggests that girls engage in relational aggression more than boys, contradictory findings suggest that there is no significant difference between boys' and girls' perpetration of, or victimization by, relational aggression. In fact, some studies indicate that boys engage in relational aggression at a higher rate than girls. Further, it is found that boys involved in relationally aggressive acts exhibit significantly higher degrees of social-psychological maladjustment than girls involved in relational aggression. Despite these findings, however, there has been relatively little focus on the experiences of relational aggression in boys. This is perhaps due to the attention given to overt physical aggression in boys and their tendency to ignore a relational aggressor or respond with a physically aggressive act in return, both of which lead the relationally aggressive act to go unnoticed. In any case, given that boys are involved in relational aggression and suffer its consequences, studying their perception and experience of relational aggression is warranted and is the goal of the current research. As a sub-project of grant-funded research at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a focus group methodology was employed to study boys' perceptions and experiences of relational aggression. Twelve 5th grade children (6 males in one group and 6 females in another group) at a West Philadelphia elementary school participated in the focus group study over the course of seven weeks. All participants were of low socioeconomic status, African American, and from regular education classes. Boys in this study provided initial evidence that they experience some aspects of
relational aggression in similar ways as girls. For example, for both boys and girls, relational aggression includes gossip, rumors, and exclusionary behaviors, is a common problem, is typically enacted in unstructured and unsupervised settings, and is carried over from one location to another. For both sexes, there is a link between physical and relational aggression. Finally, adults' feelings toward males and females involved in relational aggression tend to vacillate and their responses to relationally aggressive behaviors are inconsistent at best. On the other hand, this study provides critical data on the ways in which boys and girls perceive and experience relational aggression differently. For instance, the primary functions of relational aggression in boys are to show off and to expel anger, while for girls relational aggression tends to be enacted out of jealousy or revenge. Second, male perpetrators of relational aggression are not popular, while female perpetrators are popular. This may be due to a gender-based stigma that exists for boys who are involved in gender non-normative behaviors, but not for girls. Finally, although both boys and girls perceive relational aggression as a problem and can identify its negative implications, boys do not see as much of a need for help as girls do. Results from the study enhance the literature on girls and relational aggression, provide critical information on boys' perceptions and experiences of relational aggression and treatment needs, and can contribute to aggression prevention programming for youth, as well as parent, teacher, and playground supervisor training programs.

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ID - 2623
T1 - Performing self and society: Growth and maturity at a Japanese junior high school
A1 - Grimes-Maclellan,Dawn Marie
Y1 - 2008///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2008-99211-221
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Junior High Schools
KW - Learning
KW - Society
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1851
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 69:
IS - 5-A
N2 - This study brings us inside a contemporary public junior high school in Kobe, Japan, providing a window on students' everyday experiences and struggles with growing up and learning the principles and responsibilities of becoming a member of Japanese adult society. On the one hand demonstrating teachers' ethnopedagogical schema of curriculum and pedagogy that is strongly linked to cultural notions of developmental readiness, this study on the other hand explores how student participation in an increasingly complex series of lessons, activities, and practices shape their identities over time as junior high school students and as members of Japanese society. Social discourses and conditions in broader society emerge in teacher practice and surface in students' conversations and writings that offer glimpses of how they see themselves and their futures vis-a-vis these received views. As they navigate between the worlds of school and of broader society, school events such as school excursions and "Let's Try Week" challenge students to extend concepts of selfhood by providing opportunities for performing emerging concepts of self and society outside the school perimeter. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2624
T1 - "U got 2 move it" pilot study: Impact of an after-school interactive video entertainment program for underserved children
Background. The prevalence of childhood overweight in the United States has increased by 50% in the last two decades (Schumann, Nichols X Lingston, 2002) and 25% to 30% of U.S. children between the ages of 6 and 17 are obese (Moran, 1999). Several studies show that sedentary activities such as television viewing, using a computer, and playing video games increase the risk of childhood obesity (Ebbeling, Pawlak & Ludwig, 2002; Dennison, Erb & Jenkins, 2002; Yackel, 2003). An innovative means of reducing sedentary activity in children through the use of video "exergames" or "exertainment" is becoming a popular means of increasing physical activity in children. A limited number of studies show that "exergames" can make a positive contribution to players' stress management, weight management, fitness, and health (Lieberman, 2006). More research is needed to determine if and how these interactive video games improve physical activity and overall health in children at high risk for obesity. Purpose. The purpose of this pilot study was to assess the effects of a four-week interactive video "exertainment" program in underserved children, as part of an after-school program based on social cognitive theory. Method. Participants consisted of 58 children recruited from an existing after-school program in the San Bernardino City Unified School District. The participants were children ages 7-12 years of lower socioeconomic status living in Southern California. Pre- and post-assessments were made to see if there were improvements in attitude, self-efficacy, outcome expectations, body composition, cardiovascular endurance, body image, physical activity outside the intervention, absenteeism, and academic achievement. Analyses. Results from this study showed that there was a 16% decrease in resting heart rate from baseline to post-intervention for males (p=le;.001) and a 12.9% decrease in resting heart rate for females (p=le;.001). Average active heart rate decreased for all subjects post-intervention representing at 7.16% decrease for males (p=041) and 5.2% decrease for females ( p=053). Absenteeism rates improved significantly for students participating in the intervention. The mean number of days students were absent during the intervention (3.73, p=020) decreased compared to prior to starting the intervention (000, p=000). Academic scores showed significant improvements in the students' mean math performance while participating in the intervention (t=3.63, p=001) compared to non-participants (t=2.16, p=.042). The average percent body fat in males showed a non-significant decrease by less than 1% (-.89, p=.295). There were no significant changes on the other study variables. Application to Health Education. The "U Got 2 Move It" program focused on promoting healthy lifestyle modifications in America's youth as a means of reducing the risk of obesity in underserved children by introducing an appealing format for activity-interactive video games in after-school programs. The results from this pilot test will serve as a model for health educators to partner with schools and community-based organizations to develop future health-related programs focusing on preventing or reducing the threat of obesity and related health problems in high risk children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The idea of student engagement has come to the forefront of the United States educational system over the past decade. Student engagement requires learners to be actively involved in all stages of the learning process. This study focuses on the use of online quizzes in the chemistry classroom as a means to help students become more engaged in their learning outside of the classroom. Students were given three different types of online quizzes over the course of a chemistry chapter. Student scores on end of the chapter examinations was used to determine whether there was a significant difference in the amount of learning that occurred when a student took each of the three types of online quizzes. Students in a private parochial high school chemistry class completed online quizzes over the course of a semester. The quizzes were taken after completing assigned readings from the chemistry text. After each reading, a third of the students took online multiple-choice quizzes, a third took a paragraph quiz, and a third took no quiz. Scores received from end of chapter tests were evaluated to determine if the impact each of the quiz types had on the learning. All statistical analysis was done using SPSS using two-way split plot ANOVA with condition (paragraph, multiple-choice, nothing) as the within subject factor and group (A, B, C) as between subject factor. The data indicates that there was no significance within the condition F (1.877, 90.087) =.996, p>.05, or the interaction results. F (3.754, 90.087) =.509, p>.05. The data indicated that the effect of group was not significant either. F (2, 48) =.981, p>.05. Interviews undertaken to explain this outcome discovered that students did not become engaged with the content until the night before each test. When they did so, they used a teacher-provided study guide as their primary learning tool. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Using the concept of resilience, as well as its processes and mechanisms, this study proposed to investigate the possible relationship between resilience and leadership. More specifically, the purpose of this research was to explore the possible relationship between parents' perceptions of resilience and their daughters' standardized leadership scores per the Roets Rating Scale for Leadership (RRSL) instrument. This research utilized a correlational design to determine whether, and to what degree, the resilience variable was related to leadership. The possibility of a relationship between the two variables was suggested by research conducted on leadership (French & Stright, 1991; Jablin, 1997; Landau & Weissler, 1991; Thompson, 2000; Trawick-Smith, 1988), parenting (Arntson & Turner, 1987; Bellinger & Gleason, 1982; Hartup & Moore, 1990; Huang, 1999; Teichner, Ames, & Kegir, 1997; Whorton & Karnes, 1992), and resilience (Fraser, 1997; Krovetz, 1999; Lugg & Boyd, 1993; Masten, 2001; Masten & Coatsworth, 1998; Smith & Prior, 1995) as well as derived from experience and observation.

Method. The research design selected for this research study was a correlational design with the quantitative paradigm as its primary methodology. This methodology was chosen to explore the magnitude and the direction of the relationship between the variables of leadership and resilience in the hopes of helping the field of leadership to solve practical problems such as closing the gap between the "theories that integrate the process of leader development with that of leader performance" (Chan & Drasgow, 2001, p. 481). Additionally, the study was designed as correlational because this quasi-analytic design provided the greater ecological validity by being more easily applicable outside laboratory settings. The procedures for this study indicated the need to obtain two group scores, one for each variable of interest. Resilience ratings were used as the independent variables and the total leadership score served as the dependent variable. The resilience measures included four resilience behavior factors and a total resilience behavior score as well as the four social support factors and total social support score. Mediating variables of age, GPA, and type of parents' biological relationship, and mother vs. father ratings were also addressed. Scores for the narrative section of the RRSL were calculated by assigning a code to the girls' responses. 153 participants were recruited from four different public schools in Regions I, III, and IV of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The data collection for the leadership variable (RRSL) occurred in a natural setting, while the data collection for the resilience variable (RRAPRS) occurred in the participant’s home. The mother and the father, or the two primary caregivers, of each participant were asked to complete the rating scale separately. Both an English version and a Spanish version of the RRAPRS instrument was sent together for parents to choose the one they preferred.

Major findings. Although a significant relationship between the concept of leadership and resilience could not be established across the border, the findings regarding father and male caregiver influence, and the variables of academic achievement, resilience, and grade, seem to pose interesting implications for families and educators. More specifically, when correlating the constructs of leadership and resilience, the literature suggests strong environmental or situational components affecting both of them. While there was a lack of statistical significance when correlating leadership and resilience, this could have been due to both constructs been difficult to measure objectively since so many factors play a role in their development and manifestation.

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The purpose of this study was to describe the daily pedometer-determined Physical Activity (PA) patterns of 4th and 5th grade children during the segmented school week (i.e., recess, Physical Education, lunchtime, school day, outside of school, weekdays, and weekends). Eight hundred and twenty-nine children from six Southwestern United States elementary schools participated by wearing pedometers (Yamax Digiwalker SW-200) for seven consecutive days (5 school days and two weekend days). Students recorded their steps at arrival and departure from school as well as before and after Physical Education, recess, and lunchtime. They used a recording sheet independently over the weekend. Results showed that boys took significantly more total steps/weekday than girls, outside of school steps, steps during lunchtime, steps during recess, and steps during school. During Physical Education, both boys and girls accumulated a similar number of steps. For boys, lunchtime represented the largest single source of daily PA (13.4%) obtained during school, followed by PE (12.7%) and recess (9.5%). For girls Physical Education was the largest single source (14.3%), followed by lunchtime (11.7%) and recess (8.3%). Significant differences were also found across ethnicity/racial groups, Body Mass Index cut points, and schools. A similar number of steps were also accumulated on weekend days. This study is critical, as it was the first with a large diverse sample investigating students' PA patterns across various activity segments. The daily steps/day patterns of fourth and fifth grade children are variable; however, an understanding of the contributions of the in-school segments can serve as baseline measures for practitioner and researchers to use in school based PA interventions. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
corresponded to self reports of Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Internet users. Thirty-three percent of youth rated themselves as Advanced users which aligns with previous research on Internet-savvy teens. Although females and males differed in Internet activities and scored below males on Internet-savviness, they closed the gap by age 12. Regarding gender, there were no statistical differences on dimension or total IS scores in this study. Doing something creative, exchanging images, access speed, age and access at home and at a friend's house were statistically significant predictors of IS scores. Effect sizes were reported. Narrative data was collected from the participants, analyzed and summarized as a way to identify central themes regarding Internet use in and outside of school and to triangulate on the multidimensional nature of Internet-savviness. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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Genetic factors play an important role in the etiology of anxiety disorders. Williams syndrome (WS), a genetic disorder caused by a deletion on chromosome 7q11.23 and associated with increased prevalence of anxiety disorders relative to the general population and other genetic disorders associated with intellectual disability, can be used in the search for susceptibility genes for anxiety disorders. This study examines the prevalence of anxiety disorders in children with WS, their mothers, and their siblings, in order to facilitate the use of WS in studies of genetics of anxiety disorders. Anxiety disorders were assessed in 109 children with WS ages 4-16 years, 106 mothers, and 72 siblings in the same age range. Prevalence was compared to that in the general population. Children with WS had a significantly higher prevalence of specific phobia, generalized anxiety disorder (GAD), and separation anxiety in comparison to children in the general population. The mothers had a significantly higher prevalence of GAD than women in the general population, but the prevalence rate for GAD in this group prior to the birth of the child with WS was comparable to that for women in the general population. The siblings had a significantly higher prevalence of specific phobia in comparison to children in the general population, but it was similar to the rates reported in other studies of specific phobia in typically developing children. The odds of a child with WS having an anxiety disorder increased with age and the severity of maternal anxiety. The odds of mothers having an anxiety disorder increased if the mother was not employed outside of home and if the child with WS was a male. The elevated prevalence rates of anxiety disorders in children with WS suggest a connection between the deletion found in WS and anxiety disorders. Given the increased prevalence of anxiety disorders in children with WS, genetic studies examining possible links between particular gene(s) deleted in WS and anxiety are warranted. It would also be worthwhile to investigate relations between genes deleted in WS and genes previously implicated in anxiety disorders. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The purpose of this study was to investigate how much funding a site-based managed school allocated toward promoting effective professional development at an elementary school level. Additionally, the study examined a district and school's practice of allocating resources for professional development and determined how funding and where the funding for professional development originated. Furthermore, an evaluation process was used to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the school's professional development programs as they compared to an evidence-based professional development model. This study used conceptual frameworks adapted from the research literature to guide data collection and analysis for four research questions: (a) How are personnel used for the delivery of professional development? (b) How are resource allocation decisions for professional development determined? (c) How much funding is directed toward professional development and from what sources do these funds originate? (d) How is professional development used to promote organizational capacity and student achievement? This descriptive-analytic case study was conducted in one elementary school, Sutherland Elementary, in a decentralized unified school district, Glenn Park Unified, located just 30 miles outside of Los Angeles' metropolitan area in Southern California. The district and school were selected on the basis of: (a) implementation of innovative professional development; (b) evidence of administrative freedom to allocate funds to professional development; and (c) significant gains in the school's Academic Performance Index (API) over the last 5 years. Data analysis revealed that Sutherland Elementary and Glenn Park Unified School District employed several research-based strategies pertaining to professional development that aimed at building the capacity of the organization and the individuals. Additionally, the data uncovered that while Sutherland Elementary had the autonomy to decide upon professional development activities, the district supported the school site. An evaluation of Sutherland's allocation practices for professional development revealed a disconnect with the research provided by the evidence-based model. However, the data also highlighted that Sutherland Elementary and Glenn Park Unified School District received a greater amount of professional development resources than could be accounted for in the school and district's expenditures due to partnerships with universities and educational foundations. The study provided conclusions addressing the six core strategies of the conceptual framework, the role of the district office in a decentralized setting, and the analysis between the decentralized setting of Glenn Park Unified as compared to a centralized management style. Five major themes surrounding professional development practices appeared to illustrate the overall success of the school and district: (a) a vision for learning; (b) data-driven decision making; (c) effective utilization of resources; (d) collaboration; and (e) site autonomy. Recommendations for successful professional development practices at other schools and districts included: (a) establishing a clear vision and goals for teaching and learning; (b) utilizing data to make professional development decisions; (c) establishing the needed access to ongoing, on-site, fulltime coaching; (d) adopting a financial plan that mirrors those used in the private sector; (e) collaboration across the school and district; and (f) encouraging site autonomy for professional
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N2 - Neighborhood research, the body of work exploring the link between the neighborhood context and residents' behaviors, has received growing attention in recent years. Although this literature is rapidly expanding, there is currently no consensus on how researchers should measure the neighborhood space. Many researchers rely on census data that have been shown to be problematic, while others conduct independent observations of neighborhoods and interview residents about their perceptions of neighborhood conditions. Unfortunately, the few studies that incorporate residents' perceptions of neighborhoods generally rely on adult ratings even if the outcome of interest is concerned with children. As this poses a potentially serious methodological issue in neighborhood research, this dissertation gave voice to children using a mixed methods design. First, ten preadolescent children enrolled in after-school programs in two New York City neighborhoods participated in open-ended interviews and walking tours of their neighborhoods. Qualitative findings revealed that children frequently discussed the following elements: neighborhood quality, safety, social, and physical disorder. These findings informed the design of a survey assessing children's and parents' perceptions of their neighborhoods and children's mental and physical health. 126 children, aged nine to 13, enrolled in after-school programs in three neighborhoods and 117 parents completed this survey. The children also listed five blocks around their home that constituted their neighborhoods. These blocks were observed by two outside raters and census data were collected at the block group level of aggregation. Results from the quantitative study phase suggest that children and parents showed some overlap in their perceptions of neighborhood conditions but these subjective ratings did not relate to the neighborhood observations and census data. Subjective ratings of neighborhood safety mediated the relationship between neighborhood disorder and neighborhood quality and child-rated perceptions of neighborhood conditions predicted their ratings of mental health. Neither parents' neighborhood perceptions, neighborhood observations, nor the census data directly related to children's mental health. On the other hand, observed physical disorder and child-rated neighborhood safety predicted physical health. The dissertation supports the hypothesis that subjective perceptions of neighborhood conditions related best to children's health and that children should be actively recognized in research concerning them. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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The impact of ethnicity, age and cue word type on autobiographical memories of African American and European American adults

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The growing ethnic diversity of the United States has created a need to reinvestigate older concepts, such as the relations between autobiographical memory and the reminiscence bump, in new ways shaped by the shifting demographics of the American population. In keeping with these shifts, an investigation of the autobiographical memories produced by adult participants in terms of the ratings they provided for the level of positive affect, emotional intensity, and identity salience for each memory, and how these factors are impacted by cue word type (Civil Rights Targeted or Era Neutral), participant ethnicity (African American or European American) and participant age (child versus adolescent during the Civil Rights Movement) was carried out. It was found that African American participants reported memories that differed significantly in both their timing and their ratings from those provided by European Americans. African Americans tended to provide memories from an earlier point in their lives, with an emphasis on the first half of the reminiscence bump (ages 11-20). European Americans tended to place an equal emphasis on each half of the entire reminiscence bump (ages 11-30). There were also variations in their memory ratings. With the exception of ratings of affect, ratings by African Americans of the emotional intensity and identity salience of their memories were higher than those of the European Americans. It was concluded that ethnic identity can play a major role in how we perceive our autobiographical memories, as well as what period of life those memories are drawn from. An exploratory structural equation model was also run to investigate the relations among the ratings of affect, emotional intensity, and identity salience for the memories that were located either within the reminiscence bump or outside of this time period. This was performed in order to investigate which, if any, of these factors was the best predictor of the type of memories represented in the reminiscence bump. The generally weak relations between location relative to the reminiscence bump and the participants' ratings of their memories indicated that the model should be revisited and that other factors should be considered. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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An investigation of the validity of the Computer Assisted Child Interview (CACI) as a self-report measure of children's academic performance and school experience

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The model should be revisited and other factors should be considered.
Collecting assessment information on child characteristics and social emotional behaviors has predominantly relied on the use of adult informants. However, there has been an increase in the recognition of the importance of obtaining information directly from the child to supplement other assessment methods. This increase has been due in part to the improvement of the technical adequacy of recent self-report measures, and the understanding of the important role of self-perceptions on children's behavior through motivation. Limited self-report measures have been available in the past for assessing the concept of young children age 7 and below. This study investigated the Computer Assisted Child Interview (CACI) as a self-report measure of children's academic performance and school performance to determine its validity. The CACI is a computer assisted self-report assessment tool for children 4 to 10 years of age. It is used to obtain child perception of two broad areas: their perceptions of parenting behavior and strategies, and their own behavior and experiences. This study utilized a non-experimental within-subjects correlational design. The reliability of the CACI was established from a prior pilot project. The main focus of this study was to determine the relations between the predictor variables, particularly the CACI subscales of School Experience and Education Support, which solicited child input on their school difficulties and performance and the dependent variables such as parent and teacher reports. The Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL), the Teacher Report Form (TRF), the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test-III (PPVT-III), and playground observation were used as criterion measures. Results indicated significant relations between child report on CACI School Experience subscale with the CBCL School Competence, and three TRF academic subscales. The CACI School Experience also correlated significantly with the Peer Rejection and Antisocial subscales of the Teacher Perception of Risk measure. No significant correlation was found between the CACI School Experience and the PPVT-III. Education Support scores predicted PPVT-III and positive playground behavior in the opposite direction. Scores from the CACI School Experience significantly predicted a combined construct of parent and teacher perception of student academic performance. Finally, hierarchical regression analyses indicated that the CACI school subscales contributed unique variance in predicting different models of outcome construct. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This study was based on the Cyprus data from both the student questionnaire and the tests of the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS), undertaken in 2001 under the auspices of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). The sample included 3,001 fourth-grade students from Cyprus, whose average age was 9.7 at the time of testing. The statistical analysis used to distinguish the more and less effective schools was based on the residuals. From this analysis, 6 factors explaining school differences in reading achievement were identified. The 1st factor, which is the strongest one, is related to class activities subsequent to the reading class. The 2nd most important factor is related to reading outside school. The 3rd factor is related to the time spent on homework. The 4th factor relates to attitudes toward reading. The 5th and 6th factors are activities during teaching and school climate. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Discourses on family time: The cultural interpretation of family togetherness in Los Angeles and Rome.

In this article, we examine U.S. and Italian parents' discourses on family time in parent-filled weekly activity charts and interviews with parents. Analysis indicates that in Los Angeles, California, parents talk about sheltering and isolating their nuclear family from the outside world and from everyday routine by creating special times and special activities for the nuclear family. In contrast, Roman parents' discourse allows for spontaneous times with the family that are diffused within routines and merged with other community members, institutions, and social spaces. We argue that differences displayed in parents' discourses are shaped by culturally specific orientations toward time, family, and individual versus shared responsibility. Through this cross-cultural comparison we contribute to the understanding of how local cultural models shape different ways in which parents interpret time spent in family and influence individuals' perceptions of their everyday lives.

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This study investigated the physical activity (PA) levels of 6- to 8-year-old children over a seven-day period. The participants consisted of 35 girls and 36 boys in kindergarten and 113 girls and 131 boys in 1st grade. Physical activity (PA) is defined as "any body movement produced by skeletal muscles resulting in energy expenditure" and measured in this study using a Caltrac accelerometer. In addition to the data produced by the accelerometer, a detailed activity log was kept for each participant. The results revealed no statistically significant difference in PA levels between kindergarten and 1st-grade participants, F(1,311) = 1.16, p = .282. However, boys were more physically active than girls F(1, 311) = 66.10, p < .001, 2 = .17, and the level of PA was higher on school days than on free days for both sexes, F(1, 311) = 20.45, p < .001, 2 = .06. Finally, the data on the children's PA at school strongly supports the importance of physical education lessons (PE lessons) and recess periods in the daily school routine.
This paper is an extension of previous work on capturing and modeling the affective state of entertainment ('fun') grounded on children's physiological state during physical game play. The goal is to construct, using representative statistics computed from children's physiological signals, an estimator of the degree to which games provided by the playground engage the players. Previous studies have identified the difficulties of isolating elements of physical activity attributed to reported entertainment derived (solely) from heart rate (HR) recordings. In the present article, a survey experiment on a larger scale and a physical activity control experiment for surmounting those difficulties are devised. In these experiments, children's HR, blood volume pulse (BVP) and skin conductance (SC) signals, as well as their expressed preferences of how much 'fun' particular game variants are, are obtained using games implemented on the Playware physical interactive playground. Given effective data collection, a set of numerical features is computed from these measurements of the child's physiological state. A comprehensive statistical analysis shows that children's reported entertainment preferences correlate well with specific features of the recorded signals. Preference learning techniques combined with feature set selection methods permit the construction of user models that predict reported entertainment preferences given suitable signal features. The most accurate models are obtained through evolving artificial neural networks and are demonstrated and evaluated on a Playware game and a control task requiring physical activity. The best network is able to correctly match expressed preferences in 69.64% of cases on previously unseen data (p-value=0.0022) and indicates two dissimilar classes of children: those that prefer constantly energetic play of low mental/emotional load; and those that report as fun a dynamic play that involves high mental/emotional load independently of physical effort. The generality of the methodology, its usability as a real-time feedback mechanism for entertainment augmentation and as a validation tool are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Using data from a cohort of school-going children, their households and caregivers (the Amajuba Child Health and Wellbeing Project, ACHWRP) in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, we compared demographic characteristics, care burden, health, physical function and social capital of caregivers of orphans (n = 300) with those of non-orphans (n = 298). This analysis presents cross-sectional findings from questions for caregivers that were added for the study's second round, conducted between September 2005 and June 2006. Caregivers of all children were overwhelmingly women (87%). Compared to non-orphan caregivers, caregivers of orphans were on average older (49.5 vs. 45.2 years, p = 0.0002), had fewer years of education (6.7 vs. 7.8 years, p = 0.0042) and were less likely to be married or cohabiting (29% vs. 46%; p < 0.0001). Caregivers of orphans reported caring for more children than those of non-orphans (4.8 vs. 3.8 children, p < 0.0001). A larger proportion of orphan caregivers reported having cared for an ill adult in the previous year (28% vs. 19%), and for that adult to have been a biological child (p = 0.0531). There was a high prevalence (55%) of self-reported poor health among all caregivers; caregivers of orphans were more likely to report poor general health and chronic illness. Although there was a high prevalence of functional impairment (self-reported inability to perform primary activity) among all caregivers (59%), there was no difference between groups. In terms of social capital, although similar proportions of orphan and non-orphan caregivers reported having friends outside the household, orphan caregivers were less likely to have a source of a small emergency loan [51% vs. 63%; adjusted odds ratio: 0.60 (0.41-0.88)]. Our results suggest that orphan caregivers are indeed more vulnerable, and that their particular limitations and needs must be considered when developing strategies for assisting vulnerable households to ensure better support for both caregivers and the children in their care. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
To understand the different relations children establish with the environment, an investigation on the use of several areas of a school patio and the interaction between children, (three to seven years old), during recreation time was performed. Data were collected through systematic observation, and place-centered mapping, which is an observational technique used in Environmental Psychology. According to the observed: playing in group was predominant, specially in areas with multiple-utility equipments, sports court, and in large open shady areas; differences in the use of the spaces were found related to children's age and gender. The implications of these results appoint to the need of planning outdoor areas that allow diverse activities, and promote quality of life for children regardless their age or gender. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
living in the Eindhoven region in the Netherlands were used. Four segments were identified that differ regarding their leisure activity participation, and a modest impact of green space accessibility was found. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)


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The utilization and effects of positive behavior support strategies on an urban school playground. [References]
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Rates of problem behavior at urban elementary school playgrounds are of growing concern. The purpose of this study was to examine how the implementation of a recess intervention within the context of School-wide Positive Behavior Support (SwPBS), a systemwide, team-driven, data-based decision-making continuum of support, affected disruptive student behavior and teacher supervision on the playground in an urban elementary school. Specifically, this study replicated investigations conducted by Lewis and colleagues through teaching recess-related behaviors to students and using group contingencies to reinforce appropriate student behaviors. A multiple baseline design was used to assess the effects of SwPBS on the frequency of five target behaviors. Results indicated decreases in disruptive behaviors across three grade levels and increases in active teacher supervision. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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Dynamics, this study identified five different profiles of shared time between parents and young people at
different stages of development. In childhood, all profiles had high rates of shared television viewing, but some
were oriented toward in-home activities and others toward activities outside the home (e.g., cultural events).
These latter profiles tended to be higher in socioeconomic advantage, and the young people in them tended to
demonstrate greater gains in math, but not reading, achievement across the transition into adolescence. In
adolescence, shared activity profiles favored low amounts of shared time between parents and adolescents
across activities and disadvantaged shared time in public domains. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2647
T1 - Social skills intervention for children with autism during interactive play at a public elementary school.
[References]
A1 - Licciardello, Cristina C.
Y1 - 2008///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2008-02275-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Autism
KW - Peer Relations
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Social Skills
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Peers
KW - Social Skills Training
We evaluated a social skills intervention with four children who had autism during interactive play with typical peers at a public elementary school. Paraprofessional staff (classroom assistants) used preteaching, rewards, and prompting to increase social initiations by the children toward peers. The children's social responses to peer initiations also were measured and rewarded. Intervention was introduced in a multiple baseline design and produced increases in social interactions between the children and peers. The application of social skills training in naturalistic settings and topics for future research are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

The social and emotional development of knee children. [References]

Reviews the book, Socioemotional development in the toddler years: Transitions and transformations, edited by Celia A. Brownell and Claire B. Kopp (see record 2007-15136-000). Many might argue that toddlerhood, like middle childhood, has been relatively neglected by developmentalists. While infants, preschoolers, and adolescents have been the focus of broad developmental theory and research for a long time, toddlers (one- and two-year-olds, called "knee babies" or "knee children" by Margaret Mead) have received attention only in specific domains, such as language development and attachment. However, it is clear with this book that their time has come. Clever experimenters have found ways to tap the toddler mind, and modern theories make what goes on from ages one to three important. Sociocultural theories, with their emphasis on language and communication, and epigenetic and dynamic systems theories, with an emphasis on behavioral organization within a biological perspective, see these early years as crucial. Most of the contributors to this book use some version of sociocultural or epigenetic theory to explain what is going on during the toddler years. The contributors are good about organizing their chapters by telling readers what they have to say, saying it, and telling them what they said. However, the chapter authors clearly did not read each other's contributions, so there is considerable unnoted redundancy throughout. The editors weave the contributions together nicely in their introductory chapter, but that integration occurs before the reader has seen the chapters. Other concerns include the lack of an author index and too little use of descriptions of toddler activity in natural environments. Finally, several authors allude to the role of objects and the physical environment in the interactions with others. Yet the picture of toddlerhood presented in this book is peculiarly underrepresented by key toddler activities such as object play, exploration, and problem solving. Despite these quibbles, this is an excellent book. The authors collectively make a convincing case for the importance of toddlerhood in social and emotional development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Overview of behavioral assessment with children and adolescents. [References]
A1 - Reitman, David; Christiansen, Heather; Snyder, Julie
Y1 - 2008
N1 - Book: 2007-19009-001
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Adolescent Development
KW - Behavioral Assessment
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Clinical Psychology
KW - Mental Disorders
KW - Psychodiagnosis
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 3
EP - 24
JF - Hersen, Michel [Ed]; Reitman, David [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 2008
N2 - (from the chapter) Behavioral assessment has evolved rapidly since Hersen and Bellack (1976) first surveyed the field over 30 years ago. Child behavioral assessment (CBA), in particular, has grown increasingly complex. Whereas the earliest treatments of behavioral assessment focused on broad areas of concern such as "behavioral excesses" and "behavioral deficits," contemporary efforts "suggest a field that is becoming more inclusive, and at the same time more highly specialized" (Reitman, 2006, p.3). Much of the growing specialization in behavioral assessment has been fueled by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM; American Psychiatric Association, 2000). Indeed, Child Behavioral Assessment (Ollendick & Hersen, 1984) devoted only a single chapter to diagnostic issues. By contrast, a recent special section of the Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (see Mash & Hunsley, 2005) emphasizes the DSM taxonomy yet reveals limitations in DSM-focused assessment that has broad implications for CBA (see Kazdin, 2005; Pelham, Fabiano, & Massetti, 2005). In this overview, we discuss CBA past and present and offer some perspectives on the future of research and practice in this ever-developing field. Behavior therapy has undergone many changes since its inception in the 1950s. During its formative years, behavior therapy focused heavily on the development of more effective treatments, but the importance of behavioral assessment practices was relatively unappreciated until the late 1970s and early 1980s. Since the early 1980s, trends in therapy have continued to drive changes in assessment practices. Most recently, concerns have arisen over the merits of some forms of behavioral assessment. Specifically, questions have arisen about diagnostic assessment, especially in the realm of treatment monitoring and outcome evaluation. As a result, the next decade may well feature more research evaluating the utility of functional behavioral assessment and greater appreciation for the diverse functions of behavioral assessment in child behavior therapy. Finally, as with the evidence-based treatment movement, there appears to be a large gap between the assessment practices utilized by university and grant-funded researchers and assessment activities in clinical practice settings. The greater empirical scrutiny that is being brought to bear on assessment in clinical practice appears consistent with societal trends emphasizing demands for accountability outside of and within the mental health system (Lambert & Hawkins, 2004). Although preliminary data suggest the need for changes in assessment practices to accommodate the realities of clinical practice, there are only limited data concerning guidance on empirically based assessment as it should be practiced in the field. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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Girls on the sidelines: "Gendered" development in early childhood classrooms. [References]
A1 - de Groot Kim, Sonja

TY - JOUR
ID - 2650
T1 - Girls on the sidelines: "Gendered" development in early childhood classrooms. [References]
A1 - de Groot Kim, Sonja
In this chapter, I focus on the physical activity patterns of some of the two- and three-year-old boys during transition times while they waited in the classroom to go play outside or in the hallway. It appeared that these boys regularly sent their teachers nonverbal, gender-related messages. I will discuss (1) how socialization of two- and three-year-old boys and girls into their gender roles seemed to be influenced by the sociocultural context of their particular setting, a classroom in a childcare center; (2) how a small group of toddler boys seemed to transform unintentional physical body contact activity into intentional body contact activity, which resulted in gaining earlier access to space and resources and receiving more teacher attention; and (3) how a year later, in response to a different set of sociocultural expectations, some of the three-year-old boys seemed to transform body contact activity into a more socially acceptable, noncontact activity, aided by voice and hand gestures. They similarly gained earlier access to space and resources and received more teacher attention. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Our chapter will present an analysis of different activities available in Whyville, in particular casual, collaborative, and community science-related games, and the potential they hold for science inquiry in informal settings. In our evaluation, we were interested to find out where players spend their time and to what extent they become engaged in Whyville's various science games. We worked with two classes of sixth-grade students aged 10-12 and asked them about their activity preferences in Whyville at different time points during their three months online at school and at home. Our analyses have shown that multi-user virtual environments (MUVEs) such as Whyville offer a promising informal place for children to learn and play with science in multiple ways. The categorization of different science game genres helped us to identify Whyx as a distinct feature of MUVEs because it facilitated the immersion of the whole community rather than individual players, it is clear that these immersive features in MUVEs deserve further design efforts and study in how they can lead to greater engagement in science and technology that possibly might lead to improved understanding of science and technology ideas. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


TY - JOUR
ID - 2652
T1 - The acquisition process of children's game songs during peer teaching: A semi-structured experiment with pre-school children. [References]
A1 - Ogawa, Yoko
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-10419-007
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Music
KW - Peers
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Strategies
KW - Teachers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 69
EP - 78
JF - Research Studies in Music Education
VL - 29:
IS - 1
N2 - A semi-structured experiment was conducted to identify children's acquisition processes when learning playground game songs. Participants in the study were 20 pairs of children aged 4, 5, and 6 years, with each pair consisting of a younger child-learner and a senior child-teacher. The pairs were divided into two groups; Group 1 was observed by a researcher and a video-recorder, while Group 2 was observed using only a video-recorder. All child-teachers were well-acquainted with how to play the games, however the games were unfamiliar to the child-learners. Results suggest that child-teachers change their strategy of teaching depending on the conditions of instruction. Child-teachers in Group 1 used a variety of strategies including: demonstrating; playing and singing with the learner; slowing down; and, instructing. In contrast, child-teachers in Group 2: demonstrated; frequently played with the learner; sang alone; and, increased the tempo and rate of repetition even though the child-learners did not understand. In Group 1 over 50% of the time was devoted to demonstration by child-teachers, 40% to children playing together, and 5% to dialogue. In Group 2, over 90% of the time was devoted to the children playing together, and approximately 10% to demonstration by child-teachers. The article suggests that this latter instruction mode is not only a common feature of child-teachers' teaching in Group 2, it is also reflective of the teaching strategies of the masters of Japanese traditional music. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 1321-103X
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Using a tactile map with a 5-year-old child in a large-scale outdoor environment. [References]

A1 - Renshaw, Rebecca L.

Y1 - 2007///

N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2008-11283-002 English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Blind
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Mobility Aids
KW - Pediatrics
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 113
EP - 120

JF - RE:view: Rehabilitation and Education for Blindness and Visual Impairment
VL - 39:
IS - 3

The authors constructed an 11 x 17 in. tactile map to teach routes in an outdoor play environment to a 5-year-old blind child. After learning the routes on the tactile map, the child independently navigated them in the outdoor play environment. With practice, the child reduced the time necessary to learn and navigate the routes. The authors identify some concerns about the design of the project and suggest ways in which future researchers could resolve those issues. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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Parental bookreading in low-income families: Differences and similarities between fathers and mothers in frequency and style of reading and the impact on children's language and literacy development

A1 - Duursma, A.

Y1 - 2007///

N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2007-99230-509 English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Family
KW - Literacy
KW - Lower Income Level
KW - Reading
KW - Fathers
KW - Language
KW - Mothers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2310

JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 68:
IS - 6-A

N2 - This thesis presents three studies of parental bookreading in low-income families. The first study examined differences between fathers and mothers in reported frequency of bookreading at child ages 24 and 36 months and in the summer before children entered Kindergarten. This study also looked at differences (e.g., education, race/ethnicity, language) between families where both parents report reading frequently to their toddlers compared to families where only mother reports reading frequently. The second study investigated
whether paternal bookreading makes an additional contribution to children's language and literacy, over and above maternal bookreading. The third study examined differences and similarities in style between fathers and mothers when reading to their toddlers. Results indicated that mothers reported reading more frequently to their toddlers than fathers. Furthermore, fathers in families where both parents reported reading regularly to their children were likely to have higher levels of education than fathers in families where only the mother did so. Children in families where two parents read to them had higher scores on measures of cognition and language. Paternal bookreading, in addition to maternal bookreading, predicted children's emergent literacy skills and oral language skills assessed prior to kindergarten entry. Both fathers and mothers actively engaged their children in the bookreading interaction. Fathers used more non-immediate talk (talk related to objects and events outside the book) than mothers did. Fathers were also more likely to help their child decode the text at preK. Mothers on the other hand were more likely to engage their children by eliciting text segments. Both parents engaged in talk about the book itself. The findings in this thesis emphasize the importance of including fathers in research studies when examining child development in a family context. Most of the research on bookreading has focused on mothers since they are often still the primary caregiver of the child. The results from these studies demonstrate that fathers do make a difference in children's language and literacy development. More research is needed to investigate fathers' unique contributions to child development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2655
T1 - Mexican-American adolescents and metabolic syndrome: Deciphering the role of acculturation
A1 - Ruiz, Rafael Enrique
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2007-99200-432
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Acculturation
KW - Metabolic Syndrome
KW - Mexican Americans
KW - Diets
KW - Food Intake
KW - Physical Activity
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2300
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 68:
IS - 4-B
N2 - Metabolic syndrome (defined by three or more of the following traits: elevated triglycerides, low HDL, abdominal overweight, elevated fasting plasma glucose, and elevated blood pressure) has been linked to an increased risk of type-2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Cook and colleagues (2003) demonstrated that Mexican American have the highest prevalence of metabolic syndrome among adolescents. Thus, understanding the factors associated with an elevated risk for metabolic syndrome in this population is paramount. This study examines the role of acculturation on the risk of metabolic syndrome and its antecedents, physical activity and dietary intake, in Mexican-American adolescents. A pooled cross-section (N=1831) of adolescents (12-19 yrs.) was taken from the NHANES 1999-2002. Logistic and linear regression models were used to examine the relationships between acculturation and metabolic syndrome, physical activity, and dietary intake controlling for other known correlates. The overall prevalence of metabolic syndrome was 4.8% or approximately 1.5 million U.S. adolescents. Mexican American ethnicity, overweight, gender, and inactivity, were associated with a higher prevalence of metabolic syndrome. Mexican-American adolescents were more likely to be overweight and inactive compared to Caucasians. Acculturation did not have a direct association with metabolic syndrome, but higher levels of acculturation were associated with increased physical activity and increased daily intake of calories, carbohydrates, saturated fat, and the number of times eating meals outside the home. Mexican American males were the most likely to have metabolic syndrome. Acculturation seems to be playing a role in
the risk profile of Mexican-American adolescents, which increases their daily dietary intake that may contribute to metabolic syndrome via overweight. Acculturation also increased the likelihood of physical activity, but this association may be insufficient to override the other risk factors. These results suggest that acculturation should be considered when designing and implementing interventions or policies aimed at Mexican-American adolescents to reduce overweight, increase physical activity, and promote healthy dietary options. This may help to reduce the treatment costs associated with overweight and type-2 diabetes. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2656
T1 - Theory of mind ability in the preadolescent language broker: Connections between language brokering, social cognition, and academic achievement
A1 - Love, Julia Anne
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2007-99014-009
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Cognitive Ability
KW - Language
KW - Social Cognition
KW - Human Sex Differences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 651
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 68:
IS - 1-B
N2 - This study examined the connections between language brokering, social cognition, and academic achievement for preadolescent Latinos. Gender differences in language brokering activity, theory of mind ability, and academic achievement were also examined. There is a paucity of research on theory of mind development in older children from low SES and ethnic minority communities, as well as children from cultures outside the United States and Western Europe. There is no research on the relation between language brokering, theory of mind ability, and academic achievement. This study uses both a cultural approach and a theory of mind approach to study the socio-cognitive development of Latino preadolescents from immigrant families. Participants were 117 Mexican American 6th graders (M = 11.33 years; 56 girls, 61 boys) from a semi-rural agricultural community in Oregon. Each participant completed a questionnaire consisting of the Language Brokering Scale, the Short Acculturation Scale for Hispanic Youth, the Parent-Child Bonding Scale, and demographic information. Participants also completed tests of receptive English vocabulary (PPVT-III), receptive Spanish vocabulary (TVIP), and responded to two theory of mind vignettes developed to assess higher order theory of mind ability. Participants who reported being chosen as the primary language broker out-performed non-primary language brokers on theory of mind ability, things brokered, GPA, and reading achievement test scores. Girls out-performed boys on theory of mind ability, biculturalism, Spanish vocabulary, and GPA. Non-primary girls language brokered for more people than primary girls, and non-primary boys language brokered for less people than primary boys. Non-primary girls also reported more biculturalism than any other sub-group. English vocabulary, language broker order, and feelings about brokering were positively related to theory of mind ability for boys. Language broker order and biculturalism were positively related to theory of mind ability for girls. The relationship between theory of mind ability and academic achievement was non-existent for girls, and seemed to be masked by language brokering variables for boys. These results are discussed in relation to cultural variation in theory of mind, and traditional Latino gender socialization goals. Implications for the classroom and suggestions for future research are also discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4217
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Perceived classroom climate and motivation in physical education during the move to middle school

A1 - Cox, Anne E.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2007-99005-093
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Environment
KW - Middle Schools
KW - Motivation
KW - Physical Education
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 3344
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 67:
IS - 9-A

N2 - Declines in physical activity-related beliefs and behaviors have been observed in the physical education setting as students move through middle school (Parish & Treasure, 2003). According to the stage-environment fit hypothesis (Eccles & Midgley, 1989) and self-determination theory (Deci & Ryan, 1985) these declines may be due in part to change in students' perceptions of the physical education context. Certain changes in the social context may undermine key individual perceptions that impact self-determined motivation, affect, and behavior.

The purposes of this dissertation were to: (a) examine the relationships among and change in students' perceptions of the classroom climate, individual perceptions (competence, autonomy, relatedness), self-determined motivation, and enjoyment in physical education and physical activity outside of school and (b) explain change in these variables as students move into the first two years of middle school. Students completed a multi-form questionnaire with psychometrically sound measures of study variables as 5th and 6th graders (n = 518) and again the next school year (n = 449). Results from structural equation modeling analyses revealed that perceived teacher support mediated the positive relationships between perceived mastery climate and individual perceptions. Perceived competence, autonomy, and relatedness partially mediated the positive relationship between perceived teacher support and self-determined motivation. Further, students' enjoyment in physical education mediated the positive relationship between self-determined motivation and physical activity outside of school. Group difference analyses showed that students' perceptions of teacher support (older cohort who changed teachers only), enjoyment in physical education, and physical activity behavior declined from one school year to the next. Finally, results of structural models of change in study variables supported cross-sectional analyses. This study extends past research by including perceived teacher support in an examination of the physical education classroom climate, providing a description of motivation-related variables in physical education as students move into middle school and demonstrating the link between students' physical education experiences and their physical activity behavior outside of school. Developing strategies that help students feel supported by their teacher and socially connected in physical education may promote self-determined motivation in physical education and, in turn, greater physical activity outside of school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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Young children learn by actively interacting with their environment. They explore their surroundings to play with objects and with other people. Through these interactions, they gain new knowledge and understanding which contributes to their social and cognitive development. Young children with autism may have difficulties interacting with their environment because of their specific deficits in symbolic play and joint attention. The purpose this study was to provide information on play and joint attention behaviors in a naturalistic environment, the preschool special education classroom, for children with autism (N=27) as compared to children with mental retardation or other developmental delays (N=28). The participants were observed in their classroom environment for approximately two hours over three separate days. The children were also assessed individually on visual, motor, receptive, and expressive language skills as well on play and joint attention. The children ranged in age from three to five years old and their mental ages ranged from 18.5 to 59 months. Child characteristics and demographics were not significantly different between the two groups. Results show that children with autism spent more of their time in an unengaged state than in any other engagement state, which directly translated into fewer symbolic play and joint attention behaviors. Additionally, children were not showing their optimal levels of symbolic play at school, nor were their teachers targeting those levels. Compared to children with mental retardation or other developmental delays, children with autism displayed fewer responses to and initiations of joint attention. Finally, the findings indicate that although teachers seldom focused on symbolic play and joint attention in their teaching, when they did, it was rarely for the purposes of increasing symbolic play and joint attention skills. These findings suggest the importance of teachers targeting play and joint attention skills in their preschool special education classes, specifically for children with autism. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
well as punishers consistent with the level and function of misbehavior. School-wide PBS addresses student behavior in the public areas of the school, such as the hallways, cafeteria, playground, and so on, through PBS practices and the use of office discipline referrals for evaluation and decision making. This study assessed the influence of school-wide PBS in middle schools using student surveys collected by the Oregon Healthy Teens project. The research hypotheses posited that (a) school-wide PBS would improve school context measures, such as teacher praise; (b) school-wide PBS would improve student target behaviors, such as delinquency and truancy; (c) school-wide PBS would not necessarily change measures of student competence, such as social skills; (d) student competence would moderate the effect of school-wide PBS on student target behaviors; and (e) if the target behaviors were associated with school-wide PBS, then school context measures would mediate those effects. The analyses compared student reports of school context, target behaviors, and competence in a quasi-experimental design with 103 randomly selected middle schools across three years, among which 32 received training in school-wide PBS. Student survey data and office discipline referrals were also correlated with measures of school-wide PBS implementation collected in 19 schools. The longitudinal, multilevel statistical models accounted for the nested structure of the data, which included student, cohort, and school levels. The results failed to support the research hypotheses, as no tests of context, target behaviors, competence, or moderator effects obtained statistical significance. With no differences in target behaviors, mediational analyses were not applicable. A thorough appraisal of this investigation revealed that the lack of support for the research hypotheses likely arose from limitations of the quasi-experimental design as well as survey questions that inadequately measured the changes in behavior expected from the implementation of school-wide PBS. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
incident density by up to 65 percent. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2662
T1 - Mapping the social and physical contexts of physical activity across adolescence using ecological momentary assessment.
[References]
A1 - Dunton, Genevieve Fridlund; Whalen, Carol
Y1 - 2007
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2007-15284-004
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Adolescent Development
KW - Environmental Effects
KW - Exercise
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Walking
KW - Psychosocial Factors
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 144
EP - 153
JF - Annals of Behavioral Medicine
JA - Ann Behav Med
VL - 34:
IS - 2
N2 - Background: Research has sought to understand how environmental factors influence adolescent physical activity, yet little is known about where and with whom adolescents are physically active. Purpose: This study used electronic ecological momentary assessment (e.EMA) to map the social and physical contexts of exercise and walking across adolescence. Differences in physical activity contexts by gender, grade in school, day of the week, and season were examined. Methods: Twice a year between 9th and 12th grade, 502 adolescents (51% female) of mixed ethnicity (55% White) participated in 4-day e.EMA intervals (Thursday-Sunday) where their primary activity (e.g., exercise, TV, homework), social company (e.g., friends, family, class), and physical location (e.g., home, school, outdoors) were assessed every 30 (+10) min during waking hours. Results: Overall, greater proportions of exercise and walking were reported with friends, outdoors, and at school. However, boys were more likely to report exercising and walking in outdoor locations than girls. Exercising with classmates, family, and at school decreased across high school. Walking with family, friends, and outdoors also decreased. On weekdays compared to weekends, students reported a greater proportion of their exercise and walking at school. Students were more likely to report exercising and walking outdoors in the fall and the spring than in the winter. Conclusion: e.EMA showed that the social and physical contexts of adolescent exercise and walking vary as a function of gender, grade in school, day of the week, and season. Understanding the contexts of physical activity during the high school years can be helpful in designing interventions during adolescence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2663
T1 - Modifying socially withdrawn behavior: A playground intervention for students with internalizing behaviors. [References]
A1 - Marchant, Michelle R.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2007-15238-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Internalization
KW - Playgrounds
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - Students
KW - Withdrawal (Defense Mechanism)
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 779
EP - 794
JF - Psychology in the Schools
VL - 44:
IS - 8

N2 - There is little research regarding interventions for children with internalizing behaviors in schools, both within classrooms and in nonclassroom environments. In response to this need, a nonclassroom treatment package, consisting of (a) social skills instruction, (b) mediated self-management, and (c) a reinforcement system, was implemented to modify the socially withdrawn behavior of 3 elementary students. The effects of this treatment package were evaluated on the school playground--during recess--by recording both the number of communicative acts and the total time spent engaged in appropriate peer play for each target student. All target students showed marked improvement in their playground, social interaction. Future research should be conducted with similar populations, using variations of the described methods in other school settings.

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SN - 0033-3085
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2664
T1 - Socioemotional development in the toddler years: Transitions and transformations
A1 - Brownell, Celia A.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Book: 2007-15136-000
English
Book; Edited Book

Index

KW - PsychInfo
KW - Early Childhood Development
KW - Emotional Development
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Social Skills
KW - Individual Differences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - New
VL - Socioemotional development in the toddler years: Transitions and transformations. xi, 497 pp. New York, NY, US: Guilford Press; US.

N2 - (from the jacket) The second and third years of life are a time of momentous growth and change. Leaving infancy behind, toddlers become increasingly independent as they begin to speak, walk, and participate actively in their widening social world. This volume brings together leading investigators to examine the key social and emotional transitions that characterize this pivotal period. Illuminating the pathways by which children develop socioemotional competence, how specific abilities emerge, and the nature and significance of individual differences, this is an authoritative reference for anyone studying or working with very young children. The introductory chapter provides an integrative overview of socioemotional functioning in toddlerhood and identifies basic issues and questions to be addressed. Subsequent sections scrutinize typical and atypical developmental processes on multiple levels, from evolutionary foundations and neurobiology to attachment and peer relationships. Tightly written chapters yield compelling insights into toddlers' emotions, pretend play, communication, prosocial behavior, self-control, autonomy, and attempts to understand themselves and others. Current empirical literature is reviewed; innovative research methods and findings are explained, including concrete examples; and implications for early intervention and prevention are considered. Throughout, the book emphasizes that no single behavior can be used as a yardstick of socioemotional competence and that it is the continuing interplay among codeveloping systems that moves the toddler forward. The final chapter presents a systematic framework for socioemotional assessment. Accessible and thought provoking, this timely work offers state-of-the-art information and ideas for developmental psychologists and early childhood educators, as well as graduate-level students. It will also be of interest to child mental health practitioners. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Brownell, Celia A.: University of Pittsburgh, Early Social Development Laboratory, Pittsburgh, PA, US
Kopp, Claire B.: Private practice, Los Angeles, CA, US

ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2665
T1 - Dangerous activities within an invisible playground: A study of emergent male football play and teachers' perspectives of outdoor free play in the early years of primary school. [References]
A1 - Jarvis, Pam
Y1 - 2007///<
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2007-12897-002

English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Males
KW - Primary School Students
KW - Soccer
KW - Teacher Attitudes
RP - NOT IN FILE


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KW - PsychInfo
KW - Early Childhood Development
KW - Emotional Development
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Social Skills
KW - Individual Differences
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T1 - Dangerous activities within an invisible playground: A study of emergent male football play and teachers' perspectives of outdoor free play in the early years of primary school. [References]
A1 - Jarvis, Pam
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This research was carried out during a study which focused upon the rough and tumble play of children in the early years department of a suburban primary school in northern England. The child sample's playtime activities were ethnographically observed over a period of 18 calendar months, during which time interviews were also carried out with the children's class teachers and several other adults taking part in the children's daily school routines. It was found that the narratives created by a cohort of four-and-a-half- to six-and-a-half-year-old boys around their football (soccer) play were socially and symbolically complex, providing evidence that such play is a highly valuable developmental activity. However, the interview data indicated that owing principally to very low adult:child ratios in playground supervision, the focus of the adults was strongly directed towards negative aspects of outdoor free play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This study examined relationships between teacher implementation of a comprehensive bullying prevention program and student outcomes. Implementation in third- through sixth-grade classrooms (N = 36) was measured by observation and teacher report. Student outcomes were measured by student surveys and teacher ratings of peer social skills (N = 549) and observations of playground behaviors (n = 298). Multilevel modeling showed that teacher coaching of students involved in bullying was associated with less observed victimization and destructive bystander behavior among students engaged in these problems at pretest, and less observed aggression among fifth- and sixth-grade students. Support for skill generalization related to reductions in observed aggression and victimization among older students. Adherence to lessons was associated with higher ratings of peer social skills. Quality of lesson instruction corresponded to greater self-reported victimization, as well as more perceived difficulty responding assertively to bullying. Implications for school-based practice and future research directions are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study examined the effect of a social-behavioral learning strategy intervention (SODA) on the social interaction skills of 4 elementary school children with Asperger syndrome (AS). More specifically, the study investigated the effect of SODA training on the abilities of 4 children with AS to participate in cooperative learning activities, play organized sport games, and visit with their peers during lunch. A multiple-baseline-across-settings design (Tawney & Gast, 1984) was used to analyze social behavior without SODA (baseline) and with SODA (intervention) during fourth- or fifth-grade social studies cooperative learning activities, noon recess, and lunch. Maintenance probes occurred once a month for 5 months following completion of the intervention. The participants benefited from the SODA intervention. They presented increased percentages of time spent learning cooperatively, playing organized sport games, and visiting during lunch when SODA training began. When SODA training discontinued, they maintained high performance across all study conditions, nearly matching those achieved by 4 peers without disabilities. In addition, the participants presented long-term memory of SODA 1 month after maintenance. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
understanding. When working with my students on issues that are difficult to understand, I ask them to write a dialogical play, complete with stage directions. The play is written in the questioning Socratic method and the characters (preferably only two) represent the confusion the student feels about the subject matter. Writing in dialogue allows the students to talk to themselves, question what they have just written, think in deeper ways about the parts that make up the issues they are writing about. Like a two-year-old, the dialogical play provides them the opportunity to constantly ask 'why'? Besides that, it's fun and allows the students to stretch their creative juices by tackling sensitive issues as another person. Inform your students that the stage directions should convey in a literal and metaphorical way both the mystification and enlightenment the characters (and by extension the students) experience. The process of conceptualizing and writing the play allows students to question themselves, constantly delving deeper into obscure meanings. As a conclusion for this exercise, you can either have certain students perform their play for the entire class, or depending on class size and time available, all of the plays can be performed in a culminating event for the class. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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ID - 2670
T1 - Parent's social support for children's outdoor physical activity: Do weekdays and weekends matter?

[References]
A1 - Beets, Michael W.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2007-07610-012
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Exercise
KW - Parental Attitudes
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Human Sex Differences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 125
EP - 131
JF - Sex Roles
VL - 56:
IS - 1-2
N2 - In this study we examined the relationships among parental social supportive behaviors for children's weekday and weekend outdoor physical activity (OPA). Thirty-nine girls and 29 boys 8 to 11 years wore pedometers for 7 days. Sixty-five mothers and 50 fathers responded to a social support questionnaire about OPA that was comprised of four dimensions: encouragement, playing with, use of activity as family recreation, and watch. After controlling for age and sport participation, regression analyses indicated that mothers' use of activity as recreation was positively associated with girls' weekday OPA. On the weekend, fathers' play with son was positively related to OPA. The effectiveness of family-based activity interventions depends on when parents have opportunities to be present for their child's activity and gender differences in the support provided. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0360-0025
We conducted three studies which examined the performance vs. skill acquisition model of social skills deficits. In Study 1, baseline social behaviors for a random sample of 12 boys with comorbid emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD), learning disabilities (LD), language delays, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) revealed that prosocial behaviors as well as inappropriate behaviors exist comorbidly in behavioral repertoires, supporting a performance rather than acquisition model of social competence difficulties. In Study 2, an ABAC design was used to examine the efficacy of a self-management intervention with noncontingent (B) and contingent (C) reinforcement for three elementary aged boys with EBD. Generalization was demonstrated in natural settings for the contingent reinforcement phase only, but was not observed over time. Study 3 replicated Study 2’s procedures using an ABAC multiple baseline across participants design with a sample of adolescents with varying degrees of mental retardation. Two of the three participants responded favorably to the self-monitoring training and showed marked improvements in prosocial play skills during recess; for the third participant, no behavioral changes were observed. Results from all three studies are discussed from a social learning theory perspective. The efficacy of the data collecting procedure and implications of the results are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The psychometric properties of a Spanish translation of the Buss and Perry aggression questionnaire adapted for pre-adolescents and adolescents have been studied. A maximum-likelihood confirmatory factor analysis corroborates Buss and Perry's four-factor structure. The internal consistency of each factor and of the total score has proved to be satisfactory. The four factors are more closely interrelated in pre-adolescents than in adolescents. A second aim of this work has been to further our understanding of the possible relationship between aggression scores and certain outside-school activities of the subjects studied. Two thousand two hundred and eight students filled in the questionnaire together with a self-report concerning their habits. The results show that the aggression scores rise concomitantly with time spent watching television and playing video games and decrease the greater the time devoted to extra-curricular reading or moderate amounts of homework. Statistically significant differences relating to age and gender were also found. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
resilience, and shield them from its ill effects. When their primary caregivers are also affected, they are less available to provide reassurance to their young children and to help them re-establish their sense of safety and security. As a result, the burden of care for these children often shifts, at least in part, to caregivers outside their home. The child care center often takes on added significance for children affected by trauma who crave consistency and nurturance and are looking for a safe haven where they can play and learn and focus on more age-appropriate tasks of development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


TY - JOUR
ID - 2674
T1 - Telling themselves who they are: What one out-of-school time study revealed about underachieving readers. [References]
A1 - Alvermann, Donna E; Hagood, Margaret
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2007-03507-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Underachievement
KW - Extracurricular Activities
KW - Mass Media
KW - Popular Culture
KW - Reading
KW - Motivation
KW - Reading Ability
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 31
EP - 50
JF - Reading Psychology
VL - 28:
IS - 1
N2 - The purpose of this study was to explore whether or not adolescents who are deemed underachievers and who struggle to read school-assigned textbooks will engage with popular culture texts of their own choosing (e.g., magazines, comics, TV, video games, music CDs, graffiti, e-mail, and other Internet-mediated texts). The 60 student participants, who were enrolled in grades 7-9 in a small city school district in the southeastern U.S., self-identified mostly as not being interested in reading. Thirty attended weekly meetings of an out-of-school time media club and kept a daily out-of-school time activity log for 14 weeks (the intervention group); the other 30 were assigned to a comparison group and did not attend the weekly media club meetings but did keep a daily out-of-school time activity log for the same 14-week period. Independent t-tests applied to data from the daily activity logs revealed several interesting contrasts between the two groups. One unexpected finding was the relatively large amount of time that participants in both groups reported they spent reading outside of school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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During a flight of 50 minutes in a non-analytic relational field, a sequence of scenes occurred between the 6-year-old Farah and the author, increasingly taking the shape of a message. Diverse vulnerabilities—whether belonging to infantile neurosis in a wider sense or not—were just as clearly observable in the playful dialogue as the unswerving integrative efforts of the child. This event motivated the author instead of considering as usual the chasm between pathology and normality to look this time into the opposite direction onto the continuum between normality and pathology. Beside theoretical preoccupations it was the emotional effect of the long-term aesthetic presence of this experience which led to its publication. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Background: Many researchers are concerned with the proficiency of children in movement education. They are expressing this concern through the assessment of fundamental motor skills, owing to the established links between the proficiency of fundamental motor skills and subsequent involvement in sport and physical activity. The assessment of fundamental motor skills has predominantly employed a qualitative approach. Another form of assessment involves quantitative measurement; however, the relationship between process and product assessment paradigms is largely unexplored. Purpose: To investigate the relationship between the movement process and product measures of fundamental motor skill performances for primary school-aged children. The relationship between process and product assessment paradigms is at the centre of this research. Participants: included 161 six to ten year-old children including 86 girls and 75 boys. The primary school-aged children participated in the study after parental permission and university ethics approval for the research were granted. Research design: involved a cross-sectional design which involved collecting data in an 'ecologically valid' environment—a school playground. Children were withdrawn from class three at a time and individually asked to strike the ball from a batting tee for three warm-up trials. Six trials for each child were measured in terms of process and product performance. Data collection: occurred in the school. The students were video recorded as they performed six trials of tee-ball striking, responding to the task goal of 'hit the ball as far as you can into the batting V'. These recordings were later coded using a (process) amalgamated striking
instrument that is comprised of three levels of efficiency for 10 components of the strike. The components of the process instrument were derived from both the Component Approach and the Total Body Configuration models. The distance or product scores were measured from the batting tee to the resting place of the ball.

Data analysis: The six trials for the 161 children were analysed by firstly taking the process observations and coding them using the amalgamated striking instrument. These process codes were analysed using the partial credit form of Rasch (Quest) analysis. Subsequently, Quest provided case estimates, transforming ordinal observations to interval data. These process data were then compared to other interval measures—the distance measured in metres represented the product of the performance. Process scores (case estimates) were compared to product (metres) data to find the relationship.

Findings: A significant correlation between the process and product measures for each of the six trials ($r = .51 - .66, p < .0001$) indicated there is a positive relationship between the process and product measures of the fundamental motor skill performance of the strike for each of the six trials.

Conclusion: The application of the Rasch model allows for investigation of two different forms of data (ordinal and interval). The exploration of the relationship between process and product performance indicates the significant correlation between the two performances for these data. Choice of assessment technique now is more open, with some confidence in the association established for these two techniques. With considerable variance still unaccounted for, further exploration of this type of investigation would be prudent.

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T1 - Cross-sectional comparison of physical activity and inactivity patterns in Chinese and Filipino youth.
[References]
A1 - Tudor-Locke, C.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-23252-009

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Adolescent Development
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Cross Cultural Differences
KW - Motor Processes
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 59
EP - 66
JF - Child: Care, Health and Development
VL - 33:
IS - 1
N2 - Background: To compare and contrast youth physical activity (PA) and inactivity patterns in two developing Asian countries: the Philippines and China. Methods: Comparative analysis of 1997-1999 Cebu Longitudinal Health and Nutrition Survey and the 1997 China Health and Nutrition Survey, large-scale surveys that included questions on type, frequency and duration of: commuting mode to school, sports/exercise in and outside of school, select sedentary activities and chores. Results: Filipino data included 760 males and 872 females aged 14-16 years. The comparable Chinese sample consisted of 202 males and 197 females. Active commuting is proportionately high in both countries (70-71% in the Philippines vs. 77-90% in China), although commuting by bicycling is rare in the Philippines (<1%) vs. China (35%). Patterns of school sport/exercise participation differ between countries by gender; more Filipino males report school sport/exercise than females (63 vs. 49%) vs. China, where more females participate than males (75 vs. 69%). Sport/exercise outside of school is proportionately low (6-12%) for youth from both countries with a single exception: 74% of Filipino males participate in extra-curricular sport/exercise. Although a higher percentage of Filipino youth report watching television > 4 h/day (< 10%) vs. Chinese youth (< 1%), both are lower than comparable US reports. Conclusion: In the Philippines, continued modernization augurs a decrease in local primary PA sources (chores and active commuting). In China, where youth already are not expected to perform chores, shifts to more
passive commuting modes (i.e. increased motorized transportation) are anticipated. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)


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TY - JOUR
ID - 2678
T1 - Issues in preschool assessment. [References]
A1 - Nagle, Richard J.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - Book: 2006-20171-002
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Early Childhood Development
KW - Educational Measurement
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Early Intervention
KW - School Psychologists
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 29
EP - 48
JF - Bracken, Bruce A [Ed]; Nagle, Richard J [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 2007
N2 - (from the chapter) The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), recognizing the importance of early identification and intervention for young children's psychological and developmental difficulties, adopted a position statement on early childhood assessment to guide the fair and accurate identification of the developmental needs of young children (Bracken, Bagnato, & Barnett, 1991). This position statement was later revised in 2005 (National Association of School Psychologists, 2005). The current NASP position endorses multidisciplinary team assessments within an ecological model that includes multiple procedures, multiple sources of information, across multiple settings, and across time in order to yield a comprehensive viewpoint of the child's abilities. These multidimensional assessments should be linked to intervention strategies and should be conceptualized using more than a single methodology or theoretical framework. Furthermore, the position also underscores the importance of the full integration of parents and/or caretakers into the assessment process, including systematic data gathering in the natural environment. The foundation of the NASP statement on early childhood assessment practices is based on evidence garnered through research and professional practice. This chapter will discuss several critical issues that have emerged as psychologists in preschool settings strive to promote best practice during assessment activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2679
T1 - The neurobehavioral and social-emotional development of infants and children. [References]
A1 - Tronick, Ed
Y1 - 2007///
Neurobehavior, Culture, Infant Social-emotional capacities and coping

This Mutual Regulation Model and Still hundreds of key studies in the US and abroad on normal and abnormal infant and child development

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N2 - (from the jacket) Over the course of his esteemed career, author Ed Tronick has received funding for hundreds of key studies in the US and abroad on normal and abnormal infant and child development—including his Mutual Regulation Model and Still-Face Paradigm, which revolutionized our understanding of infants' emotional capacities and coping—all of which led to critical contributions in the field. Organized into five parts—

(I) Neurobehavior, (II) Culture, (III) Infant Social-Emotional Interaction, (IV) Perturbations: Natural and
Experimental, and (V) Dyadic Expansion of Consciousness and Meaning Making—this book represents Tronick's major ideas and studies regarding infant-adult interactions, developmental processes, and mutual regulation, carefully addressing such questions as: (a) What is a state of consciousness? (b) What are the developing infant's capacities for neurobehavioral self-organization? (c) How are early infant-adult interactions organized? (d) How can we understand the nature of normal versus abnormal development? (e) How do self- and mutual regulation relate to developmental processes? (e) Is meaning making purely a function of the brain, or is it in our bodies as well? In an introduction to this compilation of work, Tronick writes, "...the focus of my research has been on the nature of how people live in the world and how they change both themselves and their relation to the world over moments, hours, days, and years." The neurobehavioral and social-emotional development of infants and children demonstrates these aims in one simple volume, and offers readers a first-ever look at the important repertoire of a highly respected clinician and researcher. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Scope and method of study. This study was designed to assess and follow the presence of posttraumatic stress disorder symptomology in children exposed to a tornado and compare that to the same symptomology in demographically similar children who had not been exposed to a tornado. This was done to examine the differences between these groups, both of whom live in a disaster-prevalent area, inside and outside of tornado season. The study also examined the roles that re-exposure to environmental cues, exposure to disaster-related media, attributions, and other factors play in maintaining a child's level of distress, as well as the children's general behavioral and emotional functioning. Participants in the study were 95 exposed children and 70 non-exposed children ages 8-12. The exposed children had at least one tornado strike their hometown in late May or early June 2004, while the non-exposed children's hometown had not had a tornado within 10 miles of it in the past five years. Each participant and their parent completed a series of questionnaires designed to measure the above variables in November 2004 (6 months post tornado and outside tornado season) and May 2005 (12 months post tornado and inside tornado season). Findings and conclusions. The current study supported the proposed stability of posttraumatic distress symptoms in tornado-exposed children, showing no decrease from six to 12 months post tornado. Also supported was the difference in posttraumatic distress symptom level between exposed and non-exposed children, with non-exposed children displaying significantly lower amounts of tornado-related PTSD symptoms both outside and inside tornado season than exposed children. The degree of difference between these two groups, while statistically significant, was not as large as expected, as the non-exposed children did show mild levels of posttraumatic distress. In contrast to expectations, results showed that tornado-specific distress was not related to more global behavioral or emotional functioning. The current study also supported the relationship between the factors of exposure, attributions, and distress. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Building on a number of recent studies examining verb development in natural and experimental contexts, this dissertation is the first to have examined in the same population children's naturalistic verb performance and their ability to generalize novel verbs in an experimental setting. In addition, this study investigated the role of discourse context on children's novel verb usage. Twenty-three 2- to 4-year-old children (eight 24-29 month-olds, eight 30-35 month-olds, seven 36-43 month-olds) and their primary caregivers participated in two observation and novel verb training sessions over the course of one week at their homes. Caregiver and child dyads first were observed in naturalistic play and subsequently each dyad engaged in a novel verb training task with the experimenter. At the end of the second visit all children participated in an elicited production task.

Analysis of the naturalistic productions indicated that as the children became older they were more able to use transitive constructions in diverse ways (measured in terms of the number of verb types and tokens used, as well as the range of grammatical frames employed). In contrast, intransitive verbs were used in restricted ways across age groups. An examination of age differences in use of novel verbs in the experimental setting provided evidence for age differences in the contexts (training vs. elicitation) where children produced novel verbs. Nevertheless, in contrast to predictions, there was little evidence of children (regardless of age group) being able to produce a novel verb in a way it was not modeled in the input, suggesting that the children lacked full generalization abilities. A comparative analysis of the relation between verb productivity in natural and experimental contexts indicated a relationship between the ability to use verb constructions diversely in natural settings and ability to generalize novel verbs. Discussion focuses on how an understanding of a child's natural language diversity may affect interpretation of novel verb training studies and why so few instances of generalization were found in the present study in contrast to prior research. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Aggression negatively impacts children's psychological and academic well being. The playground environment is more susceptible to aggressive behavior than more structured academic settings like the classroom. In this study, the relation between staff and student reports of student playground aggression was examined. Then, the relation between environmental playground factors (i.e., playground activities, playground supervisor ratios, active supervision, and playground rules) and student reports of aggression was examined. Finally, the relation of playground aggression to student self-reports of playground worries was evaluated. School Climate Theory provided the conceptual framework for evaluating playground characteristics, student aggression, and worry. Participants included 767 third, fourth, and fifth grade students and 57 playground supervisors from 10 Midwest elementary schools. Participants completed reports of aggression (students and staff), playground worries (students only), and playground environmental factors (staff only). Bivariate correlations were used to examine the relation between staff and student reports of aggression. Hierarchical Linear Modeling analyses were conducted to examine the relation among playground factors, aggression, and playground worries. This study used a novel approach to measuring the predictive relation of aggression on
children's worries through student self-report measures. Results of this study showed that staff and students reports of playground aggression were inconsistently correlated. Although overt physical and verbal playground aggression scores were significantly correlated, relational playground aggression and playground conflict were not associated. Additionally, four playground characteristics were linked to playground aggression: cooperative games, supervisor ratios, active monitoring, and playground rules. Finally, when students reported more playground aggression, their reports of playground worry were higher. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Something's happening: Emergence of social worlds on the school playground
A1 - Huecker, Esther Molder
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2006-99010-280
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Schools
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Friendship
KW - Morality
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 6334
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 66:
IS - 11-B
N2 - This study explores the lives of children on the school playground to examine what happens and how children's social worlds emerge. Recess is an important part of the school day when social and moral actions are constructed in the midst of activity (Goodwin, 2002). Based on a 10-month school year, this ethnographic study of 5th- and 6th-grade children in a private Christian school in Southern California focused on peer interactions, especially when something unanticipated happens and moral dilemmas ensue. By attending to significant and situated social, cultural and historical events of mediated action (Wertsch, 1998), this study addressed children socially occupied (Lawlor, 2003, 2004) in collaborative activities. Observations, fieldnotes, video tapes as well as student interviews and journaling provided a rich basis to capture the multiple perspectives involved when complex and dynamic occupations emerge as meaningful social activities. Centered primarily on the interactions of 7 girls in the 5th grade, ages 10 and 11, fine-grained microanalysis of key events generate insights into how individuals negotiate times of uncertainty, make sense of their experiences, and shape their identities over time. Moral dilemmas reflect each individual's emotional vulnerability of struggles with fairness and responsibility toward others when pulled between personal desires and collective expectations. As powerful everyday encounters, moral dilemmas propel actions and present opportunities for students to find new ways to act through improvised occupations. When several girls organized a band to write and perform songs, meanings of membership and positions are negotiated at multiple levels of group engagement. Other girls created occupations of songwriting to voice resistance to frustrations with peer pressures, express reshaped identities (Holland, Lachicotte, Skinner, & Cain, 1998) and construct future possibilities for friendships. Changes occur within and between peer groups as the girls on the periphery of practice (Wenger, 1998) shift positions within and between these groups. These findings support occupations as dynamic endeavors with others. Building on the research in occupational science, this study contributes to what happens on the school playground and how occupations emerge as joint improvisations when students attempt to resolve moral dilemmas and transform identities in complex social interactions and relationships. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4217
T1 - A grant proposal for an outdoor behavioral healthcare summer camp for boys at risk for developing externalizing behaviors
A1 - Barnhart, Catherine R.
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2006-99010-175

English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Adolescent Development
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Health Care Services
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SP - 6260

N2 - Violence in America is an epidemic that service providers need to address with the growing statistics of youth violence and aggression. There are cost benefits to intervening early, when risk factors are becoming evident. Prevention works on a continuum and there are many types of programs that are successful in targeting violence. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Surgeon General have released reports that identify risk factors. Prevention research shows that secondary prevention is successful by targeting peer relations, social skills, and problem-solving skills. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identifies that social-cognitive problem-solving prevention programs are model programs. They identify, and developmental research supports, that middle childhood (ages 6-12) is an ideal time to target these risk factors with programs that teach social-cognitive problem-solving skills. Presently, Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare (OBH), which, through weak research, has shown benefits with a general population, have developed programs that seem effective in working with at-risk youth. The research is still minimal. The research exists, but only in the last five or ten years has the research begun to operationally define variables and utilize quantitative measures and research designs. Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) is a curriculum that is empirically validated to successfully prevent violent behaviors by teaching emotional, social, and problem-solving skills in elementary school classrooms. It is also identified by violence prevention research as a model program. The curriculum has been replicated in other settings. The goal of this proposal is to provide an innovative approach to violence prevention with at-risk youth (ages 8-12) by combining the OBH programming and activities with PATHS curriculum lessons. The program will adopt the themed lessons from the PATHS curriculum and teach them while instructing campers on outdoor activities. By doing so, the outdoor activities will have specific aims in their lessons learned and the PATHS lessons will have immediate and real life applications. The program will be implemented and evaluated to add to the research in the areas of violence prevention, PATHS, and OBH. The eight-week outdoor program will incorporate a simple interrupted time series design utilizing screening questionnaire to aid in inclusion criteria, the Kusche Affective Interview-Revised (KAI-R), the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL), the Youth Outcome Questionnaire (YO-Q), semi-structured interviews, and module evaluations. The participants will be 64 males between the ages of 8 and 12 years. The goal of the evaluation is to and to research in the field, but also ensure program quality. Through the research, the hypothesis is that results with this innovative approach, combining the OBH theory and programming with PATHS theory and curriculum, will demonstrate success in reducing the probability that the participants will develop violent behaviors in adolescence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Joint attention, the ability to selectively attend to an object of mutual interest, is a critical skill that develops early in life and consequentially affects future social-cognitive skills, social-emotional skills, and language development. It is widely known and accepted that children with autism have difficulties with joint attention. Children with autism need types of intervention that will systematically facilitate as much cooperative, negotiated and culturally relevant learning as possible. Interventions need to be deliberately monitored with attention to the learner's moment-to-moment motivational and interpersonal responses. Music therapy is one effective method for increasing interpersonal understanding, joint motivation, and cooperative skills. Music therapy interventions have been used with children diagnosed with autistic disorder for the past forty years. The present study examines the effectiveness of music therapy intervention on development of joint attention behaviors in children diagnosed with autistic spectrum disorder both within treatment and as reported by parents outside of treatment. Participants were 3 to 5 year old non-verbal males diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. All participants fell in the Severely Autistic range of functioning as measured by the Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS) (Schopler, Reichler, and Renner, 1988). Participants received eight 30-minute individual music therapy sessions, twice weekly. Sessions consisted of five categories of musical experiences: greeting song, seated imitation activity, instrument playing, gross motor musical movement/imitation activity, and closing/goodbye song. Both live and recorded music was used. Musical improvisations were often created during sessions based upon the child's vocal and motor output with intent to musically join, reflect, and expand the child in his experience. Most parents noted improvements in responsivity to social cues and social approach behaviors as measured by the Parent Version of the Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Behavioral Inventory (PDDBI) (Cohen and Sudhalter, 1999). Parents noted improvement ranging between 8% and 40%. Positive changes were found in other areas measured on the PDDBI as well (e.g. decreased Ritualisms/Resistance to Change, Arousal Regulation Problems, and Specific Fears, and increased Phonological Skills). Video analysis of initial and final music therapy sessions showed that approximately 70% of participants had noticeable increases in joint attention behaviors. The range of improvement was between 36% and 200%. Results indicate that the addition of music therapy intervention to a child's treatment program can have positive outcomes and may be an effective method for increasing joint attention skills in some children with autism. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The recent expansion of research guided by the metaphor of co-construction of family narratives has significantly contributed to the child and parent development literature (Bearison & Dorval, 2002; Wang, Leichtman, & Davies, 2000). Researchers have borrowed from various theories, including Vygotskian notions of how young children internalize thought and language, to capture the way parents scaffold their children's growing cognitive abilities (Rogoff, 1991; Wertsch, 1992). Similarly, potential also exists for using narratives to capture the manner in which parents help children develop an understanding of family dynamics and emotion (Oppenheim, Nir, Warren, & Emde, 1997). This report contributes to the field's knowledge base, by introducing a new method for assessing co-constructed narrative representations of family and emotion and toddlers' interactions with their parents. This approach builds upon two complementary premises: (1) parents are essential agents in socializing their children's knowledge of emotions (Denham, 1998; Hughes, & Dunn, 1997), and (2) parents can modify the impact of family process through the ways they portray relationships to their children through narratives (McHale, 1997). Eighty-seven families with 30-month old sons (n = 44) or daughters (n = 43) comprised the sample. In separate sessions, mothers and fathers joined their preschooler at a dollhouse with a family of dolls matching their own family structure, and were asked to narrate and enact three stories about a happy, a sad, and a mad family. The study evaluated the co-constructions by examining both (1) the process of the sessions, and (2) the content of the stories. Further, parents rated their child's behaviors on standardized surveys and teachers likewise rated the child's adaptive skills outside of the home. Additionally, the whole family took part in a semi-structured family play session, which was rated for overall levels of family warmth and conflict. Results documented several associations between both mother-child and father-child co-constructed narrative representations and process measures and observed family-level dynamics. Father-child, but not mother-child, co-constructed measures were also associated with children's socioemotional adjustment. Analyses established that father-child dyad representations in general did not mediate the relationship between family functioning and toddlers' socioemotional behaviors, except in one instance. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2688
T1 - Using video modeled social stories to increase the social communication skills of children with high functioning autism/asperger's syndrome
A1 - Sansosti,Frank J.
Y1 - 2006
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2006-99006-201
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aspergers Syndrome
KW - Autism
KW - Intervention
KW - Storytelling
The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of individualized video-modeled Social Story interventions on the social communication skills of three children with High Functioning Autism/Asperger's Syndrome (HFA/AS). Using a multiple-baseline across participants design, video-modeled Social Stories were implemented and direct observations of the participants' identified target behaviors were collected two times per week during unstructured school activities (e.g., recess). Overall, data demonstrated that video modeled Social Stories were effective for improving the rates of social communication for the participants, though modifications to allow access to social reinforcement was needed in two cases. In addition, all three participants demonstrated maintenance of skills at a two-week follow-up. However, generalization of skills was only observed for one participant. The present research provides no definitive claims of the effectiveness of a combined intervention for children with HFA/AS. Rather, it adds preliminary evidence that a combined intervention that teaches social communication skills and provides for a model of appropriate behavior may be a beneficial method of remediating social skill difficulties for many children and youth with HFA/AS. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
hallways), management clarity (e.g., rules and expectations clearly posted), the emotional environment (e.g., student affect), and staff behaviors (e.g., quality of staff monitoring). Non-classroom settings were observed (e.g., hallways, outside corridors) during school transition times. One of the primary aims of this study was to examine the utility of the school observational measure, including the measure's reliability and validity. Using hierarchical linear modeling, both student report of school climate and observations of school context were examined as predictors of deviant peer affiliations and the student outcome variables (substance use, antisocial behavior, and positive engagement). There is initial support for the validity of the observational measure. The results suggest that student outcomes are associated with indicators of the school environment, particularly the school-level factors of a positive social-emotional environment and staff monitoring. There is limited evidence of a moderating effect of school context in the relations between deviant peer affiliations and the student outcomes. Sex differences emerged, in which the presence of certain school context factors was more protective for the female students. The observational assessment tool used in this study may provide future school-based research and intervention programs with a more cost- and time-effective data collection alternative. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2690
T1 - The effects of different recess timing regimens on preschoolers' classroom attention. [References]
A1 - Holmes, Robyn M.
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-20004-005
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Attention
KW - Classrooms
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 735
EP - 743
JF - Early Child Development and Care
VL - 176:
IS - 7
N2 - This study examined the effects of different recess timing regimens on preschoolers' classroom attention. Using cognitive immaturity theory, we predicted that attention to a classroom task would be greater after a recess break. We also examined the extent to which different recess timing regimens related to post-recess attention. Participants were 27 European American children (18 girls and nine boys; mean = 55.56 months, standard deviation = 4.01) from a northeastern US preschool. Observations were made in the classroom before and after recess and outdoors on the playground during recess. Findings revealed that post-recess attention was greater following sustained outdoor play periods. Gender differences emerged. Girls were more attentive to classroom tasks than boys were. Our findings support and parallel empirical findings with primary school children on the role of recess in children's cognitive performance. It seems reasonable that outdoor recess breaks rejuvenate young children and help them attend to classroom tasks. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0300-4430

TY - JOUR
ID - 2691
T1 - Practical projects: Birth to 5 years
A1 - Spratt, Jenny
Y1 - 2006///
Children's neighborhood place as a psychological and behavioral domain. [References]

A1 - Min, Byungho
Y1 - 2006

N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-11681-005
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Environment
KW - Neighborhoods
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Psychology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 51
EP - 71
JF - Journal of Environmental Psychology
VL - 26:
IS - 1

N2 - Interviews of 91 children living in a large high-rise, high-density planned neighborhood of 5277 families reveal that children find most of their psychologically valued settings within the neighborhood outdoor spaces such as designated play areas and developed parks. They are aware of differences in experience between such valued 'places' and other 'spaces'. They choose the places because such places offer some key environmental attributes--spatial, physical, and social--that support behaviors that children want to engage in. Due to these attributes, behaviors in places are different from behaviors in other spaces, with the former being more purposive, social, creative, and dependent on particular affordances of the setting. This can be confirmed in a follow-up behavioral analysis of three pairs of most popular places and their counterpart settings. This observational analysis shows that settings children mention to be important to them are utilized more often (about twice as much) than their counterparts, showing a variety of behaviors, incorporating more intentional activities (as opposed to transient, short-lived ones), encouraging group behaviors (as opposed to single-person activities), and providing children with a sense of their own territorial play area. The study demonstrates that in children's neighborhood environment, emergence of such important places is related to use pattern and there are
Maternal involvement in preschool children's education in Japan: Relation to parenting beliefs and socioeconomic status. [References]

A1 - Yamamoto, Yoko
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-11665-006
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Mother Child Relations
KW - Parental Attitudes
KW - Parental Involvement
KW - Preschool Education
KW - Socioeconomic Status
KW - Mothers
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 332
EP - 346
JF - Early Childhood Research Quarterly
VL - 21:
IS - 3
N2 - Studies conducted in the US consistently demonstrate that parenting self-efficacy and construction of the parent role are critical elements associated with parents' involvement in their children's elementary school education. Less is known about the dynamics of parent involvement during the preschool period, or in nations outside the US. This study examined the relation of maternal beliefs and family socioeconomic status (SES) to three dimensions of parent involvement in Japan: preschool selection strategies, engagement in reading at home, and involvement in activities at the preschool. Interview and questionnaire data were obtained from 108 Japanese mothers, all of whom had a child in the last year of preschool. Consistent with theory and findings in the US, parenting self-efficacy and family role construction were associated with Japanese mothers' strategies for selecting preschools and frequency of engaging in home reading. Findings regarding family SES demonstrated a culturally specific pattern; mothers of higher SES background were more likely to access formal sources of information and to engage in daily home reading but less likely to participate at the school site.
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SN - 0885-2006
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2694
T1 - Motivation and Physical Activity in Adolescents With Visual Impairments. [References]
A1 - Kozub, Francis M.
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-10699-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
To identify appropriate free-time experiences, it is important to know what motivational factors predict physical activity decision making. In this study, I explore differences in free-time motivation scores between adolescents with visual impairments from a residential setting who are at criterion levels of body mass indexes (BMIs) and their fellow students who score outside the healthy zones. Participants in the study were 31 students (11 women and 20 men), 12 to 21 years old, who were involved in educational and after-school residential programs at a midwestern school for the blind. All participants had residual sight but were classified as visually impaired with vision deficits that affected their educational performance. None of the participants had any coexisting cognitive or physical disabilities. The resulting data revealed motivational differences among these participants. Physical activity continues to be a recommended course of action to alleviate obesity and improve physical functioning, and the data from this inquiry present interesting results that need further study.

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N2 - (from the cover) While most families of young children with cerebral palsy and similar conditions work in conjunction with a physical therapist a few times a week, it takes daily intervention to help a child reach his motor potential and become more independent. Teaching Motor Skills is the resource that parents, therapists, and other caregivers can consult to help young children with gross motor delays learn and practice motor skills outside of therapy sessions. Written by an experienced physical therapist who is also the mother of a child with cerebral palsy, this comprehensive guide examines the physical characteristics of cerebral palsy and similar conditions--muscle tightness and weakness, increased or decreased flexibility, abnormal reflexes, impaired sensory perception--that affect a child's ability to sit, crawl, stand, and walk. Teaching Motor Skills offers dozens of easy-to-follow exercises with accompanying photos that parents may incorporate into many daily routines at home with the guidance and support of their child's physical therapist. Exercises address: head control; protective reactions; proper positioning; independent sitting with and without arm support; transitional movements; daily stretching; improving muscle strength and coordination; balance training; and gait training. Full of anecdotes and frequently-asked-questions, with a chapter on medical interventions and bracing, and an appendix of equipment and supplies, this user-friendly guide helps parents and professionals coordinate their efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for the child. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Martin, Sieglinde: Children's Close To Home Health Care Center, Dublin, OH, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2696
T1 - Imitative Interaction Increases Social Interest and Elicited Imitation in Non-verbal Children with Autism.
[References]
A1 - Heimann, Mikael; Laberg, Kari E; Nordoen, Bodil
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-08875-008
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Contingency Management
KW - Early Intervention
KW - Imitation (Learning)
KW - Pervasive Developmental Disorders
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Autism
KW - Interests
KW - Nonverbal Ability
KW - Oral Communication
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 297
EP - 309
JF - Infant and Child Development
VL - 15:
IS - 3
N2 - Recent studies indicate that being intensely imitated for a brief period of time increases social interest among children with autism. The aim of this study was to replicate and extend these findings. Twenty children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) were randomly assigned to one of two interaction strategies: imitation (n = 10) or contingent (n = 10). The children had little or no functional speech, and their developmental age averaged 25 months (mean chronological age = 6:5 years). Both conditions were presented with repeated sessions of a modified version of Nadel's 'still-face' paradigm (still-face/intervention/ still-face/spontaneous play). The analysis revealed a significant increase of both proximal and distal social behaviours (touch and look at person) for the imitation condition, which confirms previous reports. In addition, an increase in elicited imitation, as measured with the PEP-R developmental assessment procedure, was also observed for children in the imitation condition, but not in the contingent condition. This finding extends earlier reports in that it suggests that the social expectancies unlocked by imitation also spread to tasks outside the experimental setting. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 1522-7227
Tessa is a 7-year-old girl with odd behaviors, worsening over the preceding year. She spends a significant amount of time alone in her room, talking to "Richard." Her father observed that Tessa is "in her own world." In school, she often glares at the teacher and refuses to work. She is alone at recess without any real friends. Her father reports that she eats little and only after he tastes the food. She is increasingly cruel to both real and toy animals. She tied a string around her cat's neck and swung it around, saying she wanted to punish it. She was heard to say to her stuffed cat, "Die, b....; die." Richard told her to do this and other "bad" things. Tessa has not had chronic health problems or developmental concerns. During the first 18 months of life, her height was between the 5th and 10th percentiles; it declined to below the 3rd percentile over the past 2 years. Weight has been consistently between the 3rd and 5th percentiles. Tessa's parents both have been diagnosed with schizophrenia. There are at least 7 first- and second-degree relatives with the same diagnosis. Both parents cared for Tessa for 4 years with a lot of support. Then, her father left the home, but he was in contact with her while managing his own illness. When the mother's illness and compliance worsened, Tessa was removed for neglect at 5 1/2 years old. Two foster homes preceded Dad's award of sole custody 13 months ago. Mother's weekly visitations are quite upsetting to Tessa. Tessa is a verbal, solemn, small, well-dressed girl with no physical abnormalities. She talks with advanced vocabulary and syntax, with normal prosody and good conversational skills. She says Richard is a bad boy who gets her into trouble at school. She equivocates when asked if he is real or imagined or if others can see him. She says that she misses her mother. In this article, several doctors offer their professional opinions on diagnosis and treatment of this challenging case. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The present study evaluates the trend of morbidity and growth of children and adolescents--the most vulnerable part of population. Negative trends in health of Slovak children and adolescents reflect probably increasing social differences, changes in life style and non-systematic preventive health care during certain periods of life--in school children, students, and working adolescents. A significant increase in chronic diseases and disorders in children and adolescents during the last decade are probably the results of many genetic, nutritional, environmental and also psychosocial factors related to changing life style patterns. Routine health statistics in Slovak Republic did not include some serious preventable diseases and disorders, which have an increasing trend in the young population and may have serious consequences in adulthood. Increase in chronic diseases prevalence is in contrast with trends of acceleration and shows the impact of present big social disparities. Prevention requires identification and elimination of known environmental risk factors in children and adolescents, and reestablishment of systematic intensive preventive health care. The health educational activities should become materialized in healthy life psychosocial conditions and environment of houses, schools, and playgrounds. Our results require further comprehensive analysis and international comparison. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Sevcikova, L'.: Institute of Hygiene, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic Jurkovicova, J.: Institute of Hygiene, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic Stefanikova, Z.: Institute of Hygiene, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic Machacova, E.: Institute of Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic Sobotova, L'.: Institute of Hygiene, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic Aghova, L'.: Institute of Hygiene, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

TY - JOUR
ID - 2699
T1 - Motor Function and Social Participation in Kindergarten Children. [References]
A1 - Bar-Haim,Yair; Bart,Orit
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-04983-007
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Group Participation
KW - Kindergarten Students
KW - Motor Processes
This study focused on the associations between individual variations in children's motor abilities and individual differences in social participation and play behavior. Indoor and outdoor play behavior patterns of 88 kindergarten children were observed, and a battery of standard assessments of basic motor functions was administered. The findings indicate significant associations between children's motor abilities and social and nonsocial forms of play. Results are discussed in relation to existing conceptual models of the underlying causes for nonsocial behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Teachers face more challenges today than during any other time. Students present with more challenges than ever before, particularly in the area of mental health needs. Clear evidence suggests that a variety of mental problems are increasing in frequency, and access to and availability of services for students with mental health needs have not improved for decades. In the face of such need, it is easy for educators to accept the responsibility of this burden borne by so many of today's students. But teachers should resist the propensity to shoulder a burden that is outside the purview of their professional training and focus. Educators should acknowledge, however, that they can have a positive impact on children's mental health. Teachers can play an incalculable role in fostering psychological resilience in children, which can serve to protect them from exposure to a variety of risk factors. The strategies suggested in this chapter are classroom techniques that can assist in the development of these protective factors. They are techniques that have been found to be effective, while actually tending to decrease, rather than increase, one's workload. In addition, the impact of protective factors seems to be cumulative so that the more of these strategies a teacher implements, the more protection a student may cultivate. Teachers are among the most involved adults in the lives of children. In our society, physicians maintain a high level of professional prestige, whereas teaching has lost credibility. Ironically, a child may go through life and rarely, if ever, see a physician. The same cannot be said of educators. If a child
begins to show symptoms of a mental health problem, teachers are likely to be the first professionals to see them. Thus, teachers can also play an indispensable role in recognition of problems, referral, participation in interdisciplinary planning, advocacy, and monitoring of their students and can do so without making a difficult job impossible. To assist in this, and to fill a void in most teacher training programs, this book is devoted to helping teachers recognize the most common mental health issues seen in children and adolescents and to offer strategies on how they can help encourage and support all their students. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) AD - Waller, Raymond J.: Piedmont College, Demorest, GA, US Bresson, Diane J.: J. H. House Elementary School, Conyers, GA, US Waller, Katherine S.: Piedmont College, Demorest, GA, US ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2701
T1 - Play behaviours and play object preferences of young children with autistic disorder in a clinical play environment. [References]
A1 - Dominguez, Anna; Ziviani, Jenny; Rodger, Sylvia
Y1 - 2006/
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-03162-005
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Autism
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Childhood Play Development
KW - Recreation Areas
KW - Playgrounds
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 53
EP - 69
JF - Autism
VL - 10:
IS - 1
N2 - Play is the primary occupation of childhood and provides a potentially powerful means of assessing and treating children with autistic disorder. This study utilized a cross-sectional comparison design to investigate the nature of play engagement in children with AD (n = 24), relative to typically developing children (n = 34) matched for chronological age. Play behaviours were recorded in a clinical play environment. Videotapes comprising 15 minutes of the children's spontaneous play behaviour were analysed using time-interval analysis. The particular play behaviours observed and play objects used were coded. Differences in play behaviours (p < 0.0001) and play object preferences (p < 0.0001) were identified between the groups. Findings regarding play behaviour contribute to contention in the literature surrounding functional and symbolic play. Explanations for play object preferences are postulated. Recommendations are made regarding clinical application of findings in terms of enhancing assessment and intervention by augmenting motivation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 1362-3613
AD - Dominguez, Anna: University of Queensland, St Lucia, QLD, Australia Ziviani, Jenny: University of Queensland, St Lucia, QLD, Australia Rodger, Sylvia: University of Queensland, St Lucia, QLD, Australia ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2702
T1 - Using social stories to improve the social behavior of children with Asperger syndrome. [References]
A1 - Sansosti, Frank J.
Y1 - 2006/
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2006-01113-006
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
To date, the empirical support for the use of social story interventions for children with Asperger syndrome (AS) is small. The purpose of this study was to examine the effects of individualized social story interventions on the social behavior of three children with AS. Using a multiple-baseline-across-participants design, social stories were implemented, and direct observations of the participants' identified target behaviors were conducted three times per week during unstructured school activities (e.g., recess). Data revealed an increase in the social behavior of two of the three participants when the treatment was implemented. Unfortunately, maintenance of target behaviors was not observed. These data provide some initial support for the use of social stories to teach social skills to children diagnosed with AS. However, failure to demonstrate skill maintenance and poor results for one participant highlight possible limitations of the social story intervention and suggest a strong need for further research. Recommendations for future research endeavors and the potential benefits of social story interventions are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

A part of mathematics is learning how to work with numbers, but mathematical knowledge also includes knowing what the numbers represent; for example, understanding the amount off a price (discount); using patterns to explain natural phenomenon and business trends, etc. Mathematics reform stresses the contextualization of the mathematics. As teachers, we can bring real mathematics into the classroom; however, we cannot forget to include the mathematics outside of the classroom, such as a geometry nature hike to look at the patterns of the veins in leaves and a similar pattern in the branching out of tree limbs; being able to determine the area and perimeter of the layout of safety mats under the playground equipment; or comparing the angles of slides for different age groups. The 'School in the Park' (SITP) program, developed by the combined efforts of the staff at Balboa Park and Rosa Parks Elementary (under the direction of the City Heights Educational Pilot), provides the students multiple opportunities to study mathematics in the world.
outside the classroom. Using the students' experiences in the SITP, I want to point out not only the obvious mathematics being used, but also the not--so--obvious mathematical experiences that teachers can tap into as they continue working with the students in the classroom across grade levels. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - (from the chapter) We believe 'School in the Park' is a unique and bold educational endeavor implemented during a time of shrinking education budgets. Few schools and districts may have access to the resources necessary to operate a program on the scale of 'School in the Park'. However, the practical lessons learned are useful for understanding how community--based learning experiences can enhance educational outcomes for children. In addition, conditions can be created in which students will be motivated, focused, and excited about engaging in challenging learning tasks that most would consider out of their reach. Provided the right conditions exist, we would be thrilled if this book facilitated every school being able to offer multiple opportunities to apply the principles of 'School in the Park'. At the very least, understanding the principles and practices of 'School in the Park' will result in rethinking and reorganizing traditional field trip resources and moving instruction beyond: 1. Grade--level standards must drive the selection of environments, activities, materials, and assessments. 2. Grade--level standards can be taught and reinforced via hands--on, interdisciplinary, and experiential learning. 3. Formal (directed) and informal (constructive) learning need not be polar opposites. 4. Nontraditional classroom environments, when carefully selected, can provide motivation, purpose, and a depth of understanding for a standards--based curriculum. 5. If nontraditional classroom environments are to be effective in supporting a standards--based curriculum, then the instructional program must coordinate classroom and nonclassroom learning. The curriculum must be mapped and integrated into a year--long subject--specific pacing chart that identifies key standards that will be taught and assessed. 6. The number of nontraditional classroom environments accessible to most schools is limitless and can be inventoried via an environmental scan. Not all of these environments will require extensive logistical arrangements and costs. 7. Extending learning outside of traditional classroom settings creates an opportunity to expand instructors and create teaching teams. Time to engage all of the teaching adults in common planning is time well spent and can serve to support multiple classes and programs. 8. Extending learning outside of traditional classroom settings can increase the prior knowledge students bring to future learning environments and thereby increase their cultural capital. These principles and practices are described and exemplified throughout this book. We also hope that this book prompts new public and private interest in creating partnerships that continue to promote adding new environments and experiences to excite and enhance learning outcomes for students. Readers are challenged to begin to create their own asset maps of facilities and locations in their immediate community that are readily
available to provide educational opportunities that will extend and expand 'School in the Park'-type teaching and learning. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2705
T1 - Quality Improvement Activities and Expanded School Mental Health Services. [References]
A1 - Nabors, Laura A.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2004-15260-009
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Accountability
KW - Mental Health Program Evaluation
KW - Mental Health Programs
KW - Quality of Care
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - Program Evaluation
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 596
EP - 616
JF - Behavior Modification
JA - Behav Modif
VL - 28:
IS - 4
N2 - Quality improvement (QI) activities, designed to enhance program evaluation efforts and to improve quality of care, have become increasingly important in children's services research. QI activities examine outcomes and provide accountability data that can be very useful for telling the story of the development, implementation, and effectiveness of expanded school mental health (ESMH) programs. This article discusses the implementation and results of QI activities for two ESMH programs, one relatively new program, and one with 10 years of experience. When presenting each case example, the authors review key QI activities such as developing new measures and interventions, evaluating costs of care, and disseminating results to clinicians, program administrators, and funders. The article concludes with a discussion of the importance of QI in school-based mental health and reviews directions for future research and program development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0145-4455
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ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2706
T1 - Gender at play: Fourth-grade girls and boys on the playground. [References]
A1 - Boyle, D.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-00864-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Social Interaction
This study explores the complicated social interactions related to gender that take place at school recess. Using grounded theory methodology and a social constructionist perspective, the researchers observed 67 recesses in New England and then examined the data to determine which themes emerged. Results demonstrate that there is great complexity in preadolescent gender relations and that their incidence and significance is influx during recess time. Among the results noted were ways in which children reinforce their gender identities; the wide intragender variability in choice of activities especially for girls; and clear evidence of borderwork that is, those interactions where boys and girls play together but there is something about the play that actually reinforces the gender divisions rather than diminishes them. Future research should examine ways adults can support children in developing relationships based on mutual collegiality and liking, thereby building their sense of competence and self-esteem. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
children in a clinical, naturalistic setting, a research project to evaluate its short and long term efficacy is presented. The treatment timing, phases and strategy are described as well as the role of intrapsychic conflicts and parental representations which are the focus of the treatment. Fifty-eight children meeting DSM-IV criteria for pure or mixed AD were assigned to either active treatment or community services; all subjects were measured at baseline, after six months and at a two-year follow-up, by C-GAS and CBCL. The benefits of treatment manifest both immediately and with delayed onset (sleeper effect): patients sought mental health services at a significantly lower rate than the compared condition. These findings permit to propose psychodynamic psychotherapy as a useful therapeutic tool in AD and illustrates the importance of developing empirical research on psychodynamic-oriented treatment widely applied in clinical practice but less frequently studied through careful long-term outcome evaluation. The role of the intensive involvement of the parents in our combined psychodynamic psychotherapy is proposed as an area of specific research for this type of treatment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2708
T1 - Leisure activities, alcohol, and nicotine consumption in people with a hypomanic/hyperthymic temperament. [References]
A1 - Krumm-Merabet, Christiane; Meyer, Thomas
Y1 - 2005///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-01603-017
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Hypomania
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Recreation
KW - Time
KW - Alcohol Drinking Patterns
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Sports
KW - Tobacco Smoking
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 701
EP - 712
JF - Personality and Individual Differences
VL - 38:
IS - 3
N2 - Several studies show an association between the Hypomanic Personality scale (HPS; Eckblad & Chapman, 1986) and variables related to bipolar disorders. In theory, people with a hypomanic temperament are thought to be more active than others. The purpose of this study was to examine empirically which kinds of activities students with a hypomanic temperament typically pursue outside of the school context and especially how much time they engage in these activities. We hypothesized that students would report a high proportion of activities that are fun- and reward-related, also including problematic ones (e.g. alcohol abuse). Teenage students (n = 4045) completed several questionnaires, including the HPS, CES-D, questions about performance in school, future success, and leisure activities. Using the HPS, a high-risk group (n = 300) was defined and compared to a control group (n = 1709). As hypothesized, "hypomanic" adolescents spent most of their time outside of school socializing with friends and pursuing sports rather than attending to duties such as homework, smoked more often, drank alcohol more often, and were more often involved in physical fights. The results are discussed within the context of a model that regards dysregulation of the Behavioral Activation System as a vulnerability factor in bipolar disorders. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0191-8869
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2709
T1 - The introduction of the Webster-Stratton Incredible Years Classroom Dinosaur School Programme in Gwynedd, North Wales: A pilot study.
A1 - Hutchings, Judy; Lane, Eleanor; Owen, Richard Ellis; Gwyn, Rhiain
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-01044-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Classroom Environment
KW - Educational Programs
KW - Problem Solving
KW - Therapeutic Processes
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4
EP - 15
JF - Educational and Child Psychology
VL - 21:
IS - 4

The Webster-Stratton Classroom Dinosaur School Programme was developed as a therapeutic intervention to teach social and problem-solving skills and to reduce behavioural problems in young children. It has subsequently been developed as a classroom programme for use in schools (Webster-Stratton et al., 2001a). In 2001 Gwynedd Education Service in North West Wales undertook a pilot delivery of the classroom programme in the reception class of one primary school. This paper describes the programme and the detail that went into ensuring that the plan would be effective. It also reports on some outcomes from the first year of the programme in terms of pre- and post-intervention measures of child behaviour and use of social and problem solving skills. Interviews were also conducted with school staff and parents and their perceptions of the programme's effectiveness are reported. Results demonstrated positive effects on academic performance, social and emotional development and reductions in behavioural problems. There was evidence that improvements had generalised to other settings, playground and home, and to other children in the school. The success of the programme in the first year helped to ensure the continuation of the programme, which is now in fourteen schools. The paper concludes with discussion of why the programme has been successful and describes the way in which the plan has evolved since this first year. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

SN - 0267-1611
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2710
T1 - Outcome Measures to Assess the Effectiveness of Bullying-prevention Programs in the Schools.
A1 - Left, Stephen S; Power, Thomas
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Book: 2004-00070-014
English
Book; Edited Book
There are numerous innovative bullying and aggression-prevention programs being used in schools across the country and worldwide. This chapter presents a review of the most commonly used sets of measures to identify aggressors and bullies and to determine the effectiveness of bullying and aggression prevention programs. The review will focus on the strengths and limitations of each set of measures. In addition, the chapter describes how our research team has collaborated with the adults who supervise students on the playground and in the lunchroom to develop and validate several innovative community-responsive questionnaires that can be used in conjunction with other methods to evaluate the effectiveness of bullying prevention and intervention efforts. The chapter concludes by discussing how to translate research to practice in the development outcome measures designed to evaluate the effectiveness of school-based bullying prevention programs.
training. In a second study, 29 children with dyslexia, aged 5-12 yrs, received a similar training, but for only 15 min a day, 7 days a week, over 6 weeks, part at the speech therapist office, part in their own homes. The finding of comparable improvement in a more 'natural' environment and in children over a wider age range was found. However, this study also showed that 1 of 4 children did not improve as expected, prompting a third study where 23 children (mean age 9.5 yrs) underwent specific tasks presumably exploring various aspects of temporal processing in order to find predictors of training efficacy. A 'temporal order judgement' task was found to be best correlated with post-training improvement, suggesting that one could use this task for selecting the best candidates for temporo-phonological training. These studies provide further justification for a rational, indication-based temporo-phonological treatment of dyslexia. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The author presents the analysis of a precocious traumatized little girl, which reveals the ways in which historical trauma is transmitted and intra-familial trauma is both disguised and represented. The play as it evolves is seen to simultaneously communicate what the child struggles with and to resolutely try to hide what has actually happened. Analyst and child together participate in play which utilizes displacement, enactment and interactive enactment, the latter play mode being the very hallmark of profound traumatic experience. Carlotta, the child, helps the analyst to follow her quest for meaning making even as the interaction between them adheres to and departs from the deepening pentimenti of traumatic experience, which needs to be unraveled and reconstructed in order that her own developmental progression can be rejoined. The analysis facilitates Carlotta's capacity to play in a more unfettered fashion and to assist her family's recovery as well. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Bullying affects between fifteen and twenty percent of students in the United States (Batsche and Knoff, 1994) and up to eighty-eight percent of students witness bullying in school (Quiroz, 2002). A needs assessment was conducted to investigate the prevalence and patterns of bullying in a suburban elementary school. The Olweus Bully/Victim Questionnaire was used to survey 134 third through fifth grade students. This survey ascertained the percentage of bullies and victims as well as students' views about bullying. A bullying prevention program was designed to fit the needs of students and staff. Key staff members were interviewed to determine what character education programs the school already had in place and what resources would be available for a new bullying prevention program. Results of student surveys indicated that 49.3% of students were bullied and 10.4% of students reported bullying others. There was no significant difference in the prevalence of bullying by gender or grade. Students were most likely to be bullied on the playground and in the
lunchroom. The majority of victims reported that the bullying had lasted for at least a year. The majority of students reported feeling sorry for victims; however it was also reported that students rarely tried to stop bullying. Results from staff interviews revealed that the school has a variety of social programs in place at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of prevention. A program was developed that consists of four components; a playground and lunchroom program, bullying lesson plans, a school-wide anti-bullying policy and a method for anonymous reporting. This program was designed to complement existing programs and utilize the limited resources available. Results are discussed and further areas of research are suggested.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2716
T1 - Long and short-term effects of video games on impulsive responses in boys: An alternative to content-based research
A1 - Schleifer, Eric
Y1 - 2005/
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2005-99022-129
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Computer Games
KW - Human Males
KW - Impulsiveness
KW - Response Latency
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2862
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 66:
IS - 5-B
N2 - Prior research in the field of video games has focused primarily on how violent content affects aggressive behavior. The current study was designed to show that game-users' ability to press a button and elicit an immediate and fixed response from the game will have an effect on impulsive reactions outside the gaming environment. Forty boys, age ten to fourteen, were given two questionnaires that gathered information regarding their video gaming habits (past and present) and their propensity for disinhibition or impulsivity in certain situations as measured by the Behavioral Activation System (BAS) Sensitivity Scale (Carver & White, 1994). Before and after engaging in a reward-based activity (playing video games vs. shooting baskets for a prize), participants were asked to perform a Time Perception Task as a measure of cognitive impulsivity. There were no significant differences between the experimental conditions. Participants who reported playing more video games per day, however, showed greater cognitive impulsivity following cessation of the reward-based activity regardless of which condition they were in. Results concerning the BAS Sensitivity Scale yielded findings in two of the three sub-scales of this measure. Participants who reported playing more video games per day reported a more impulsive, persistent pursuit of desired goals (Drive scale). Results also indicated that these same participants tended to respond more positively to the occurrence and anticipation of rewards (Reward Responsiveness scale). When viewed collectively, these findings indicate some support for the model proposed in this study, which attempted to link video game play with Patterson and Newman's (1993) theory of disinhibition. Also discussed are possible applications of the proposed model for future studies correlating high video game play and high BAS ratings with affect regulation, capacity for fantasy/imagination, clinical populations (ADHD, ODD, and Bi-polar), agency/locus of control, academics, and gender differences.
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SN - 0419-4217
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TY - JOUR
The induction of observational learning repertoires in preschool children with developmental disabilities as a function of peer-yoked contingencies

Stolfi, Lauren

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English

Dissertation Abstract

KW - PsycInfo
KW - Contingency Management
KW - Developmental Disabilities
KW - Observational Learning
KW - Peers
KW - Preschool Students

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Two experiments tested the effects of "peer-yoked contingencies" on the establishment of observational learning repertoires using a time-lagged multiple probe design across participants. The three participants in each experiment were preschoolers with mild developmental delays who did not have an observational learning repertoire prior to this study. Both experiments were conducted in a small tutorial room in a preschool for students with disabilities located outside of a major metropolitan area. In Experiment 1, a baseline probe for observational learning was first conducted in which a participant was seated next to a peer while the experimenter taught the peer to vocally identify a set of pictures. Once the peer mastered that set of pictures, the participant was probed for the same set of responses. This procedure was then repeated with the same participant and a different peer. The peer-yoked contingencies were then implemented in which a participant and one of the peers (the "game peer") played a game in which the participant was required to observe the peer's responses to a pre-set criterion in order to win the game for the team. Once the participant mastered the game, another probe for observational learning was conducted. The results of Experiment 1 showed that, following the peer-yoked contingencies, all of the participants showed an increase in the number of responses learned through observation. However, the degree of this increase varied across the three participants, and one participant showed only a very slight increase in observational learning. Experiment 2 was a direct replication of the previous experiment, with the major difference being that participants were exposed to additional sessions of the peer-yoked contingencies if they did not acquire observational learning after a single exposure. The results of Experiment 2 also showed that the peer-yoked contingencies were effective in teaching observational learning repertoires to these preschoolers and that the participants required different numbers of sessions of peer-yoked contingencies in order to establish this repertoire. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Harrington, Scott Winslow

2005///

Dissertation Abstract: 2005-99016-183

English

Dissertation Abstract

KW - PsycInfo
KW - Intrinsic Motivation
KW - Reinforcement Schedules
KW - External Rewards

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The effect of rewards on intrinsic motivation has been evaluated extensively over the last 30 years, and is still fervently debated. Some researchers claim that when extrinsic rewards are terminated while engaging in an activity that is intrinsically motivating and previously reinforced, the rates decrease below baseline levels (viz., the "Overjustification effect"). Other researchers claim rewards have no detrimental effect on intrinsic motivation; if reductions in behavior are reported, the behavior eventually returns to baseline levels. This investigation evaluated the effects of rewards on intrinsically motivating playground activities with three children. The participants were 2 girls and 1 boy, ranging from ages 8-11. The experiment utilized a multielement, multiple baseline design across participants, and provides data on percent of session engaged, as well as scores on an 8-item attitudinal self-report. Reinforcement was provided on fixed-ratio 4 and variable ratio 4 schedules. Discriminative stimuli are associated with each condition to facilitate discrimination. Other methodological advances include preference assessments on the intrinsically motivating playground activity and stimulus (reinforcer) preference-assessments to identify actual reinforcers rather than rewards. Moreover, a time-series design was utilized to allow for a comprehensive analysis of the data across conditions and a 2-week follow-up was also conducted. Results indicated reinforcement has no detrimental effect on intrinsic motivation for all 3 participants; conversely, increases in behavior in the postsession and 2-week follow-up data were observed. The 8-item self-report measure also showed no detrimental effects from the delivery of rewards. These results extend the behavioral literature on rewards and intrinsic motivation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
on social aggression was associated with higher levels of social power among girls in comparison to boys. Theoretical implications and implications for research methodology, risk identification, and intervention are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2720
T1 - Teacher-child relationships and preschool children's cortisol fluctuations
A1 - Lisonbee, Jared A.
Y1 - 2005///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2005-99010-024
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Care
KW - Classrooms
KW - Hydrocortisone
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Teacher Student Interaction
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 6086
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 65:
IS - 11-B
N2 - Teacher-child relationships were examined as possible predictors of children's cortisol change in a preschool setting. Cortisol fluctuations across the day (daily change) for children (n = 186) in 17 full-day childcare classrooms were assessed in the morning and again in the afternoon on two days (one in Winter and one in Spring). In order to isolate the effects of the teacher-child relationships on cortisol, each child and his or her teacher took part in a one-on-one interaction episode outside of the classroom, and cortisol change was measured before and after the interaction episode (interaction change). Hierarchical Multivariate Linear Modeling (HMLM) was used to assess associations among teacher-child relationship qualities and cortisol change while taking into account or controlling for nested measurement (e.g., time since waking), child (e.g., sex and temperament), and classroom/teacher (e.g., group size and observed teacher negativity) effects. Morning to afternoon changes in cortisol replicated findings from previous research, with 51.2% and 45.8% of children showing increases in cortisol across the day, rather than the typical circadian pattern of decreases across the day. Modest stability was found for a.m. to p.m. cortisol change across the Winter and Spring assessments (r = .20, p < .05) with morning values showing the greatest consistency (r = .30, p < .001). Cortisol levels were associated with elapsed time since wake-up, but not with duration of sample collection. Teachers' reports of clingy relationships were associated with children's cortisol increases from morning to afternoon in the Winter classroom assessment. Teachers' reports of relationship conflict were associated with increases in cortisol across the teacher-child interaction task for boys but not girls. Child reports of relationship negativity were also marginally related to cortisol increases across the teacher-child interaction. Although the influence of teacher-child relationships on children's cortisol activity were not consistent across all measurement periods, the results provided a stringent test of the hypotheses and evidence that children's relationships with their teachers in the childcare setting may influence cortisol fluctuations, even after controlling for the effects of child, classroom, and measurement factors known to influence cortisol level. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2721
T1 - The relationship between personal factors and task specific teacher efficacy judgments: Implications for student reading gains (Ohio)
Recent literature has conceptualized teacher efficacy as context and task specific. Little is known, however, as to variables that predict such task specific teacher efficacy judgments, and there have been no investigations into the potential relationship between such efficacy judgments and student academic outcomes. The purpose of this study was to identify personal and organizational perceptual variables, as well as demographic variables predictive of teacher efficacy judgments in the areas of classroom management, student engagement, and instructional strategies. This study then assessed the relationships and predictive ability of the three task specific teacher efficacy judgments with student gain in the area of reading comprehension. Utilizing the recently developed Ohio State Teacher Efficacy Scale with 136 general education-upper elementary teachers (3rd through 6th grade), the current investigation revealed that both hardiness personality disposition and having a perceived high percentage of actively engaged students highly correlated with, and significantly contributed to, elevated teacher efficacy judgments in the three assessed tasks. Additional analyses revealed that supportive principal leadership accounted for significant variance in classroom management efficacy only. The reading performances of 2,011 general education students were deemed admissible for this study and included 699 third graders, 722 fourth graders, and 590 fifth graders. Analyses of the task specific teacher efficacy/student academic gain relationship revealed no significant correlations in the predicted direction. Subsequent regression analyses also revealed that none of the three efficacy judgments accounted for significant variance in student reading comprehension gain in the predicted direction. Recommendations for future research include the need for a case study approach of teachers who possess a hardy personality disposition, report a high number of actively engaged students, and supportive principal leadership to better understand how they differ from others in the way they process sources of efficacy information. Inclusion of both regular education and "at-risk" students when assessing educational outcomes in teacher efficacy research is also critical. The current study excluded students who received remedial reading support outside of the classroom setting, and previous research suggests that this "at risk" group may benefit the most from having highly efficacious instructors. Expanding the scope of assessed educational outcomes would also appear appropriate and include both academic and affective domains. Finally, the current study attempted to extend previous findings by utilizing a pre-post academic measure that was highly correlated with the students' actual curriculum. Recommendations for improvement include the use of pre-post measures that are curriculum based, standardized, and normed on the local population, along with use of cross-validation procedures that may include the use of nation ally-normed assessments, grades, or other curriculum based measures. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Childhoods in place and placeless childhoods: An historical geography of young people in Yorkville and East Harlem, 1940--2000 (New York City)

A1 - Wridt, Pamela J.
Y1 - 2005///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2005-99003-098

English

Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Experiences (Events)
KW - Geography
KW - History
KW - Urban Environments
KW - Leisure Time
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 3182

This dissertation provides an analysis of how young people's everyday lives outside of school in Yorkville and East Harlem have changed from the 1940s until present time, and what factors contribute to consistencies or differences in young people's use and experience of their local environment. This research seeks to contribute to the limited academic literature on the historical geography of childhood in urban communities. The focus of this investigation is upon the period of middle childhood (roughly the period of childhood between ages 11 and 13), a time when most young people are able to actively and autonomously explore their communities. The emphasis of the research is on changes in children's geographies, or how children use, think about, and make sense of place in their everyday life. I compare children's geographies over three different time periods: (1) the 1940s, working with seniors in their 60s and 70s; (2) the 1970s, working with adults in their 30s; and (3) present time (2000s), working with young people aged 11-13. Topics explored in the research include young people's sense of place, their interactions with peers and adults in the community, their leisure time activities, their use of public space and their geographic territories. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2723

The athletic profile of people from the Island of Majorca in accordance with sociodemographic variables and levels of participation. [Spanish]. [References]
A1 - Sampol, Pere Palou; Verdaguer, Francesc Xavier Ponseti; Rotger, Pere
Y1 - 2005///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-16635-004

Spanish Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Athletic Participation
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Motor Processes
KW - Sports
KW - Profiles (Measurement)
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 225
EP - 236

JF - Revista de Psicologia del Deporte
VL - 14:
IS - 2
Participating in sports is one of people's favourite leisure time activities, but athletes are not a homogeneous group at any time, owing to obvious differences in gender and socio-demographic factors. Maximum participation in physical and sport activities occurs during a child's school years. On the other hand, participation in sports drops massively when children leave school, owing to a multitude of factors that depend on psychological and socio-personal factors. The objective of this article is to identify the athletic profile of people from the island of Majorca in accordance with sociodemographic variables and levels of participation. This paper is part of research conducted during 2001 that aimed to study and identify the athletic habits of the Majorcan population between 10 and 14 years of age. A sample of 2661 subjects was studied and a previously validated questionnaire based on authors' work was used for evaluation. The results obtained in this study demonstrate that taking part in sports has been consolidated as a lifestyle in our society and that it is a favourite occupation for Majorcan pre-adolescents during free time. It is also significant to emphasize the obvious differences between males and females in the age groups studied in connection with taking part in sports outside physical education classes. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract) SN - 1132-239X AD - Sampol, Pere Palou: Dep. Ciencias de la Educacion y Didacticas Especificas, Universitat de les Illes Balears, Palma de Mallorca, Spain ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2724
T1 - Achieving learning goals through play: Teaching young children with special needs (2nd ed.).

[References]
A1 - Widerstrom, Anne H.
Y1 - 2005///
N1 - Book: 2005-15297-000
English
Book; Authored Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Educational Objectives
KW - Learning Strategies
KW - Special Needs
KW - Teaching
KW - Disabilities
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - Baltimore, MD, US
JF - (2005)
VL - Achieving learning goals through play: Teaching young children with special needs:
IS - 2nd ed.
N2 - (from the cover) Play is more than fun; it's a powerful teaching tool that helps young children learn. The second edition of this practical guide gives early childhood educators creative, ready-to-use strategies for weaving individual learning goals into play activities throughout the school day. Developed for use with young
children who have special needs--but equally effective for typically developing children--Achieving Learning Goals through Play helps teachers (a) foster children's cognitive, communication, motor, social, and preliteracy skills during group activities and free play; (b) use existing classroom play centers and materials to create age-appropriate learning opportunities; (c) support individual and group learning goals during familiar types of play, such as outdoor activities and music and rhythm play; (d) work play activities into the classroom schedule with straightforward planning sheets; and (e) adapt activities for children with special needs. Helpful appendixes offer guidelines for developmentally appropriate practice, resources for including children with disabilities, and photocopiable planning matrices. With this strategy-filled handbook, early childhood educators will help all their students reach their individual learning goals in fun, creative ways. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


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TY - JOUR
ID - 2725
T1 - First step to success early intervention program: A study of effectiveness with Native-American children.

[References]
A1 - Diken, Ibrahim H.
Y1 - 2005///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-15017-009

English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - American Indians
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Early Intervention
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 444
EP - 465
JF - Education & Treatment of Children
VL - 28:
IS - 4

N2 - This study examined the effectiveness of the First Step to Success (FSS) early intervention program with four Native-American students, their teachers, and their parents on (a) targeted students' problem behaviors, (b) class-wide student behaviors, and (c) teacher behaviors. Participant teachers and parents were also interviewed to gather their perceptions of the FSS program. The results of direct observations of targeted students' play behaviors on the playground revealed that the FSS program had a significant positive affect on all participant students' social play behaviors. As soon as the intervention started, all participant students' social play behaviors significantly increased and their nonsocial behaviors decreased. All participant students showed higher levels of social play behaviors as soon as the intervention was initiated. Substantial decreases in problem behaviors were also reported by two teachers. Some positive changes in class-wide student behaviors and teacher behaviors were reported by the participant teachers. All but one parent reported significant changes in problem behaviors of targeted students. They all were highly satisfied with the program and rated it as easy to use. Limitations of the study and directions for future research are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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AD - Diken, Ibrahim H.: Anadolu University, Turkey Rutherford, Robert B.: Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, US

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2726
T1 - Preventing trouble: Making schools safer places using positive behavior supports. [References]
A1 - Oswald, Karen; Safran, Stephen; Johanson, George
Y1 - 2005///
Effective management of disruptive behaviors in schools is a national concern. While substantial resources are often allocated toward individual students who exhibit challenging behavior, less emphasis is placed on preventative interventions in common areas such as hallways, cafeterias and playgrounds. The purpose of this study was to determine whether a multi-component Positive Behavior Support (PBS) intervention consisting of positive practice, pre-correction, verbal praise, reinforcement, correction of inappropriate behavior, active supervision, discussion of behavior with students and on-time dismissal could improve middle school students' problematic hallway behaviors. The 5-week intervention phase resulted in a very large reduction between baseline and treatment phases of 42.36% across 950 students. This study provides evidence that readily available and cost-effective techniques can be used to make school common areas safer and more orderly. Implications for the use of school-based PBS practices are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

From the introduction: This manual presents a unique, step-by-step model for treating children who have experienced chronic conflict or violence within their families. The first edition was developed specifically for children of highly conflicted separating and divorced families who were referred by family courts to the Judith Wallerstein Center for the Family in Transition, which has been one of the country's foremost centers for divorce research. The second edition includes changes that have been made to the model during the past seven years as it has been applied more broadly in multiethnic, multicultural neighborhoods, schools, and family agencies to help children who are living in a whole range of stressful situations related to family conflict and violence. Whereas the first edition focused solely on older school-age children, the second edition includes a section specifically designed for younger school-age children as well. Now the manual provides developmentally appropriate treatment curricula for children ranging from about five to fourteen years.

A phenomenological framework guided data collection and analysis of the prevalent influences on attitudes and behaviors of elementary, junior, and secondary school students towards their physically active leisure. Twenty-two students participated in individual in-depth interviews. Parental influence and outdoor play effected choice and level of physically active leisure for elementary students. Opportunities for organized and non-structured physically active leisure and friends were significant for junior students. Academic responsibilities and organized physically active leisure were influential for secondary students. Common threads were parental influence and the belief that the students were too old to start new activities. These findings highlight the importance of providing opportunities in safe environments for children and youth to participate in...
a variety of structured and non-structured forms of physically active leisure. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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T1 - Predicting changes in children's self-perceptions from playground social activities and interactions.

[References]
A1 - Boulton, Michael J.
Y1 - 2005
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-09367-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Self Perception
KW - Social Acceptance
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Physical Appearance
KW - Psychosocial Development
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 209
EP - 226
JF - British Journal of Developmental Psychology
JA - BR J DEV PSYCHOL
VL - 23:
IS - 2
N2 - The general aim of this study was to examine the concurrent and longitudinal (6 month) associations between 8- to 9-year-old children's (N = 75) social activities and interactions during recess and their self-perceptions, and to test for gender differences in those associations. The underlying rationale was that recess provides an important, and hitherto unstudied, context in which children's experiences can impact on their views of themselves. Consistent with this proposition, several of the playground variables were significantly correlated concurrently with participants' self-perceptions regarding social acceptance, and, particularly, athletic competence. Even stronger evidence came from the longitudinal analyses which indicated that group size positively predicted changes in social acceptance and global self-worth scores; network positively predicted changes in physical appearance and global self-worth scores; rule games positively predicted changes in athletic competence, physical appearance and global self-worth scores; conversation negatively predicted changes in athletic competence, and alone negatively predicted changes in physical appearance and global self-worth scores. Several significant gender differences were obtained: the association between rule games and changes in social acceptance was negative for girls but positive for boys; a positive association between conversation and social acceptance was evident among girls but not boys; and a negative association between conversation and changes in athletic competence was evident among boys but not girls. The theoretical and practical implications of these results are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
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T1 - Emotional Availability: Differential Predictions to Infant Attachment and Kindergarten Adjustment Based on Observation Time and Context. [References]
Two studies are used to illustrate the importance of context and length of time in the use of the Emotional Availability Scales (EAS) to predict aspects of child development. The purpose of the first study was to examine whether prediction of attachment by the EAS is better with increasing amounts of time. We scored emotional availability (EA) every 15 min for a total of 2 hr, with correlations showing an increasingly stronger relation with attachment with increasing time. In addition, difference scores were calculated between the first and the last 15 min for each EAS dimension. The difference score was significantly higher for the insecure group, suggesting that we need more observation time for the prediction of insecure attachments than is the case for the prediction of secure attachments. The second study investigated whether EA is differentially predictive based on context. We explored play contexts versus reunion contexts. We also explored the relations with other indices of child development. Results revealed that some dimensions of EA (e.g., maternal nonhostility) are difficult to detect outside of a stress context. Maternal nonhostility during the reunion (but not the play situation) was correlated with child aggression in the kindergarten classroom. In addition, most dimensions of EA assessed in the reunion context were better predictors of teacher reports of kindergarten adjustment than was EA assessed in the play situation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Access Nature (by Bethe Gilbert Almeras and David Heath, 2001) is an inclusive curriculum created by the National Wildlife Federation. The main premise for designing this curriculum was to offer educators a tool that would aid in formulating quality environmental education programs that would reach and stimulate all participants with and without disabilities. This curriculum is designed around objectives in outdoor and environmental education with a main theme of habitat. Each of the activities in this sixty-hour curriculum is geared towards youth and teens ages 6-14. Specific adaptations are incorporated that address four categories of disabilities: hearing, learning/cognition, motor, and visual. Invaluable. This manual is a very useful resource for gaining awareness into the little things that can be done to create a safe and stimulating environment for all participants regardless of their abilities. The suggestions and guidelines for including participants with disabilities transcend the scope of the listed activities to programming in general. The Access Nature curriculum encourages facilitators to increase their comfort level working with inclusive audiences by offering all students the opportunity to explore nature. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

A developmental ecological model was used to identify child attributes, father characteristics, and familial factors associated with multidimensional father involvement with preschool children enrolled in Head Start. The relations between father involvement and children's school readiness were also investigated. Eighty-five African American fathers and father figures were surveyed about their involvement in child care, home-based educational and school-based educational activities. Children's school readiness competencies were evaluated via teacher report or direct assessment. Father involvement in child care and home-based educational activities were predicted by different contextual factors and child attributes. Fathers were more involved in child care activities when they lived in a child's home and when a child was highly emotional. Fathers who perceived the existence of a strong parenting alliance reported more involvement in home-based educational activities. Father involvement in child care and home-based educational activities was associated with higher levels of children's emotion regulation. Findings are consistent with a contextual, multidimensional perspective of African American Father Involvement and Preschool Children's School Readiness. [References]

African American Father Involvement and Preschool Children's School Readiness. [References]
American fathering and hold policy implications for fatherhood initiatives in the early childhood education field. Efforts to increase father involvement may be most effective when addressing the multitude of influences on fathering behavior and focusing on father-child activities that occur outside of the preschool setting. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
The majority of teens are having sex, however, we know little about sex that occurs outside the traditional dating context and the factors associated with these non-romantic sexual experiences. Prior work indicates that healthy sexual behaviors depend on the relationship context of sexual intercourse, but research on the characteristics of teens who engage in non-romantic sex is limited. We use two waves of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health to analyze adolescents' reports of non-romantic sexual intercourse, and whether key protective and risk factors as well as normative orientations distinguish the context within which sexual activity occurs. We find that the majority of sexually active teens have had some sexual experience outside of a romantic relationship. We conclude that teenagers' sexual experiences are not static over time, because 60% of sexually active teenagers have had sex in both romantic and non-romantic contexts. Our multivariate analyses indicate that the teen's normative beliefs have significant effects on teenage non-romantic sexual activity. The traditional risk and protective factors often are not related to teens' decisions about sexual partners. These results have implications for our understanding and encouragement of healthy adolescent sexual behaviors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study investigated the relationship between the social and play behaviors of young children with pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) and without PDD. Videotaped observations of 21 preschool children (12 with PDD and 9 without PDD) were examined independently for (a) social complexity and (b) play complexity that was assessed on an individualized basis for each child. The researchers used log-linear analyses to analyze the data. The results supported an inverse relationship between play and social interaction: The children's play within a social interaction tended to be less complex than their play outside of the interaction. All children, regardless of diagnosis, demonstrated similar behavioral patterns, although the children without PDD engaged in social interaction to a greater extent. These results suggest that social interventions should be implemented in the context of play activities that the child has mastered, as opposed to those activities the child is in the process of learning. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
experiences in the classroom and on the playground are all but certain to profoundly, and perhaps indelibly, warp their perceptions about themselves and their world. (from the cover) For the child who doesn't have friends, does poorly in sports, has difficulty learning, or who steals, lies, or bullies, Greene provides solid, proven methods to help these learners discover and practice better life skills. Helping Students Fix Problems and Avoid Crises includes: insightful stories for teachers and students illustrating each problem; practical activities and exercises illustrating techniques to help students address each problem; supplemental reproducible exercises; and encouraging follow-up and application exercises. The author divides each problematic issue into two sections: for educators, he looks at the dynamics and implications of each problem, and for students, he provides classroom scripts and exercises to bring their own awareness to each problem. This essential classroom resource also includes illuminating ten-minute read-aloud stories, strategic thinking questions, optional activities, and reproducible exercises! (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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ID - 2738
T1 - Development of System Thinking Skills in the Context of Earth System Education. [References]
A1 - Assaraf, Orit Ben-Zvi; Orion, Nir
Y1 - 2005///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-04339-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cognitive Ability
KW - Science Education
KW - Systems Theory
KW - Thinking
KW - High School Education
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 518
EP - 560
JF - Journal of Research in Science Teaching
VL - 42:
IS - 5
N2 - The current study deals with the development of system thinking skills at the junior high school level. The sample population included about 50 eighth-grade students from two different classes of an urban Israeli junior high school who studied an earth systems-based curriculum that focused on the hydro cycle. The study addressed the following research questions: (a) Could the students deal with complex systems?; (b) What has influenced the students' ability to deal with system perception?; and (c) What are the relationship among the cognitive components of system thinking? The research combined qualitative and quantitative methods and involved various research tools, which were implemented in order to collect the data concerning the students' knowledge and understanding before, during, and following the learning process. The findings indicated that the development of system thinking in the context of the earth systems consists of several sequential stages arranged in a hierarchical structure. The cognitive skills that are developed in each stage serve as the basis for the development of the next higher-order thinking skills. The research showed that in spite of the minimal initial system thinking abilities of the students most of them made some meaningful progress in their system thinking skills, and a third of them reached the highest level of system thinking in the context of the hydro cycle. Two main factors were found to be the source of the differential progress of the students: (a) the students' individual cognitive abilities, and (b) their level of involvement in the knowledge integration activities during their inquiry-based learning both indoors and outdoors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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Research has demonstrated that nonschool hours provide a powerful opportunity for community-based organizations to help children and schools reach their academic goals. For example, Reginald Clark says, “Youngsters who engage in constructive learning activities outside of school are more likely to excel in school and in life than those who do not. By participating in a well-rounded array of activities, they are able to practice and thoroughly learn skills required for academic success.” Based on this knowledge, The Children’s Aid Society (CAS) aims to integrate after-school and summer enrichment programs with classroom instruction through a model that both supports the school’s academic mission and promotes healthy youth development. The vast majority of students in CAS’s 10 community schools, which are located in New York City, struggle with basic skills; in addition, more than half are Spanish speakers grappling with English as a second language. Their parents, teachers, and principals look to after-school and summer programs to help address their needs. The challenge for CAS is to answer this call in a way that is fun and engaging for children and achievable for program staff.
This study examined contextual factors associated with physical activity of urban African American preschoolers (N = 59). Qualitative research methodologies utilized data from home visits, caregiver and child interviews, field notes, and document collection. The primary finding suggested, "In underserved communities fundamental barriers exist that obstruct young children's ability to be physically active." Four themes were developed revealing that outside environments limited opportunities for physical activity, home environments resulted in sedentary behaviors, and communities had limited physical activity role models. Despite this, young children enjoyed being physically active. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Temperament is often regarded as biologically based psychological tendencies with intrinsic paths of development. The existing research findings reveal that the development of temperament plays a unique role in protesting and understanding children's personality and socialization in the future. With emphasis on the enhancement of people's quality in the 21st century, research on children's temperament will be of much value in developing developmental theories and promoting children's healthy personality development. Since the 1980s, developmental psychologists outside China have conducted a large quantity of research, both empirical and theoretical, in this area of children's temperament. This has made it one of the most active and important research areas in child psychology. In contrast, systematic research efforts have been rare in China's developmental psychology, and the general tendencies of the development of children's temperament in Chinese culture remain a big area to be explored. A comprehensive literature review is made with regard to the important empirical findings, major theoretical models as well as the research deficiency. The purpose of this study is to reveal the Structure of Chinese children's temperament aged 3 to 9, to develop indigenous instrument. Based on the open questionnaires that Chinese teachers provided on their students' characteristics, one temperament questionnaires for ages 3 to 9 was developed. Confirmatory Factor Analysis was conducted using AMOS and SPSS in attempt to testify the temperament structure of Chinese children. The major findings in the study are as follows: 1) The questionnaire of children's temperament has high reliability and validity so that it can be used by teachers and researchers to evaluate children's temperament. 2) The structure of Chinese children aged 3-9 is a multifactor, which involves five aspects: emotionality, activity, reaction, social inhibition and attention. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract) 

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T1 - Mother-child conversations about gender: Understanding the acquisition of essentialist beliefs: II. Methods and preliminary results
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Constructing adolescents differently: On the value of listening to Singapore youngsters talking popular culture texts. [References]

A1 - Kramer-Dahl, Anneliese
Y1 - 2004
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-12635-002
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Adolescent Attitudes
KW - Popular Culture
KW - Reading Skills
KW - Sociocultural Factors
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In contrast to the commonsense discourse of youth-as-unruly widely circulating in the West, the kind of discourse which has become part of the Singapore public and academic imagination is one that mobilizes constructions of youth as narrowly achievement-oriented, as "exam-smart muggers", who "lack an enquiring mind". This study attempts to complicate this picture of Singaporean adolescents, showing them to be sophisticated meaning-makers who employ texts of different modes to construct shifting subjectivities in their everyday lives. It draws on selected focus-group data my students and I have collected over the past two years from Singaporean 10- to 12-year-olds as they talk with their peers and us about the texts they like to read and watch in their spare time [Lim, L. E. (2002). Fast cars and magical cards: A study of gendered choices in cartoons. Singapore: Nanyang Technological University, Honours Academic Exercise; Seah, H. L. (2003).]
Gender differences in the reading habits and attitudes of primary pupils in single-sex government-aided schools in Singapore. MA (applied linguistics) thesis: Nanyang Technological University. Building on Moss' research on knowledge about informal literacies as a "horizontal discourse" (Bernstein), in the discussion of this data I argue that the youngsters whose voices we hear are not entirely trapped within monochrome schooled literacy practices, even though much of what goes on at home may reinforce these; rather, in the spaces they make for themselves, they can be seen engaged in an array of out-of-school activities around texts, displaying special competencies and taking up multiple reading strategies and positions as they navigate them. Having a better understanding of the kinds of "impr oper" knowledge about literacy that is generated alongside the privileged pedagogized version in many Singapore homes can not only help complicate our current image of Singaporean youth but also help re-envision literacy education in schools in ways that the students' unsanctioned experiences and competencies with texts are recognized and built upon. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

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ID - 2745
T1 - Implications of a relationship-focused intervention targeting aggression, violence and resilience among middle school adolescents
A1 - Spears,Beverly Ann
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2004-99023-081
English
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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Early Intervention
KW - Resilience (Psychological)
KW - School Environment
KW - Violence
KW - Middle School Students
KW - Safety
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
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N2 - The purpose of this study was two fold. First, to examine the changes in levels of aggression, delinquency and the three domains of resilience in middle school adolescents who participated in a relationship-focused intervention compared to those who did not participate. Second, to determine adolescents' perception of school safety, (how safe they felt at school and how much power they perceived they had to influence or change their school environment). A total of 164 middle school students met all study requirements which included completing both a pre-test and post-test. The relationship-focused intervention took place at two inner city middle schools located in a city enhanced enterprise zone. For a twelve-week period, students met with a program facilitator during one hour weekly classroom instruction sessions and two hours weekly outdoor/field activities. The relationship-focused intervention used a recently developed curriculum-based program for which the investigator served as lead writer. The study used a theoretical framework of resilience that links social learning and attachment theories. This framework illustrated that resilience can be strengthened in adolescents when they model the prosocial behaviors of an attached figure and are positively reinforced. The study used a quasi-experimental, pre-test/post-test comparison design with experimental and comparison groups. The resilience domains were measured using the Individual Protective Factor Index (IPFI): Social Bonding, (school, family, pro-social norms), Personal Competencies (self-concept, self-control, self-efficacy, and positive outlook) and Social Competencies (assertiveness, confidence and cooperation). Aggression and delinquency were measured using syndrome scales from the Youth Self Report (YSR). For hypotheses testing, repeated-
measures Multivariate Analysis (MANOVA/MANCOVA) procedures were conducted. Three qualitative questions were used to obtain adolescents' perceptions about their safety in school and their power to make a difference in their school environment. The results of the program found that mean scores were moving toward changes in levels of behavior for those who participated in the relationship-focused intervention. Qualitative data showed differences in adolescents' attitudes and intended behaviors after participating in the intervention. The investigator concludes that the relationship-focused intervention was promising but needed continuous rigorous evaluation including testing of a methodology of a post to pre-test comparison design with adolescents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - The involvement of motor function in social play and solitary behavior and its relation to child behavior problems during the kindergarten years
A1 - Goldenberg Bart,Orit
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2004-99018-246
English Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1577
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 65:
IS - 3-B
N2 - This study focused on the potential contribution of individual variations in children's motor functions to individual differences in social participation and play behavior. The study further examined whether the interaction of social behavior with peers and children's motor abilities was related to the occurrence of behavior problems. Indoors and outdoors play behavior patterns of 88 kindergarten children (53 girls) were observed, and a battery of standard assessments of basic motor functions was administered. Maternal reports on children's behavior problems were collected. The findings indicate modest but significant associations between typically developed children's play behavior and various domains of motor functioning. High frequency of social play was associated with better motor planning and execution, posture control, and visual-motor coordination. In contrast, high frequencies of solitary behavior were associated with poor motor function. The combinations of high frequency of social play or low frequency of solitary behavior and high motor ability appear to serve as a protective factor that reduces child behavior problems. It is concluded that motor functions appear to play a significant role in children's social adaptation. Possible links between motor functions, their underlying brain's structures, and the extant neurobehavioral models of social withdrawal are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2747
T1 - A comparison of the play performance of boys with autism and that of boys without disabilities in Taiwan
A1 - Lee,I.Ching
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2004-99012-241
English Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
This study assessed the play performance of 37 boys with autism and 42 boys without disabilities, aged 3 to 5 years, in Taiwan. Play performance was determined from videotaped observation of boys playing in the naturalistic environment, and rated using the standardized instrument of the Revised Knox Preschool Play Scale (PPS). Results indicated that the autistic boys scored significantly lower than the normal boys on PPS and its four dimensions. Analyses demonstrated a significantly higher correlation between the PPS age scores and the chronological age in the normal boys than in the autistic boys. Discriminant analyses revealed that the age scores from PPS and its dimension of Space Management, Pretense/Symbolic, and Participation, each correctly classified the subjects into their actual groups with a high degree of precision (i.e., the classification rate ranged from .84 to .98). The score from Material Management dimension only correctly classified 67% of the subjects. The Chinese Version of Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test - Revised (PPVT-R) was administered to estimate subjects' cognitive capability. Of 37 subjects with autism, only 15 subjects completed the test independently with a score over 70. An additional statistic was applied to compare the performance of this subgroup of autistic boys with their normal peers. Analysis indicated that this subgroup of autistic boys scored significantly lower on PPS and three of its four dimensions (Material Management, Pretense/Symbolic, and Participation) than their normal peers did. However, caution should be given to the interpretation of these results since the cognitive functioning (as measured by PPVT-R) was significantly lower in this subgroup of autistic boys, as compared to the normal controls. This study broadened understanding of play performance in the Taiwanese population and was informative of the potential play deficiencies that may help explain a wide range of the impairments associated with autism. It also raised a number of concerns that demand future investigation. Some comments regarding the implication of the findings and the application of PPS in the Taiwanese population were directed to Taiwanese practitioners. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The study examined the effects of caring adults, religiosity, and resiliency on African American middle school girls' self-concept, school attachment, and participation in out-of-school time programs. The study was conducted in two phases. In Phase I, African American girls (n = 130), grades 6-8, who resided in Columbus, Ohio, were asked to complete a survey to obtain data on the specific variables of interest. A sample of the girls reported on the survey that they participated in out-of-school time (OST) programs took part in a series of focus groups (Phase II). The focus groups were done to gather in-depth information regarding girls' perceptions of the role of OST activities on their development. Overall, the girls in this study had moderated to fairly high levels of self-concept, school attachment, and resiliency. They also perceived that there were caring adults (other than parents) in their lives. The overwhelming majority of girls reported involvement in at least two OST activities. A positive correlation emerged between girls' resiliency and religiosity. The girls' scores on the school attachment and self-concept measures were positively correlated. MANOVA analyses revealed that African American girls who had higher levels of caring adults in their lives (e.g., the degree of nurturing relationships with adults outside of their parents) and resiliency scores had significantly higher self-concept and school attachment scores than girls who had significantly lower caring adults and resiliency scores. Girls who reported higher levels of religiosity had significantly higher self-concept scores than girls who reported lower levels of religiosity. However, there was no difference for reported levels of religiosity on school-attachment scores. Regression analyses found that girls' levels of caring adults and religiosity accounted for a significant amount of the variance in their self-concept scores. Results also showed that girls' levels of caring adults and resiliency accounted for a significant amount of the variance in their school attachment scores. However, caring adults, resiliency, and religiosity did not account for a significant amount of the variance in the number of OST programs. The results from the qualitative portion of the study supplemented the findings from the Phase I examination. In particular, reports from the various focus groups indicated that the majority of the girls perceived that participation in OST activities has an influence on various aspects of their development (e.g., anger management and academic achievement). Participation in OST activities also provided the girls with a set of caring adults other than parents who provided guidance and support to them. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
physical abuse that were referred by a state human services agency and families recruited from the community. Participating children had a mean age of 7.3 years and ranged between 4 and 9 years old. To determine direct effects, marital conflict was assessed using a modified version of the Conflict Tactics Scales. Children's social behaviors were measured by two subscales on the Social Behavior Scale. To calculate indirect effects mediated through parenting behavior, parents and children participated in three 10-minute vignettes that were videotaped and coded. Overall, results supported a direct effects model in which marital conflict predicted 5% of the variance in children's asocial behavior. Asocial behaviors in the classroom were also significantly associated with peer rejection and low engagement on the playground. Although moderation of the relation between marital conflict and the three parenting behavior domains by parental anxiety, depression, and stress was not supported, substantial support was found for the negative impact of parent psychopathology and stress had on parenting behavior. Prevention/intervention efforts for children and parents using a family systems perspective were emphasized. (PsycINFO Database Record © 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Beyond situational specificity and other hypothetical constructs: A practical approach to general outcome measurement of preschool social skill development
A1 - Silberglltt, Benjamin
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N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2004-99007-074
English
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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Personality Measures
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 64:
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N2 - The purpose of this paper is to investigate current developments and controversies in the assessment of early childhood social skill, and to explore an alternative approach, focusing on the "practical utility" of assessment. The paper begins with an introduction to assessment of preschool social skill development; a review of the situational specificity debate in personality assessment and its implications for early childhood social skill assessment; a presentation of General Outcome Measurement (G.O.M.) as an alternative assessment approach; and a discussion of needed research to create a practical and useful general outcome measure of preschool social skill development. A standard of utility is emphasized as an important approach to developing an assessment tool. Three major issues are identified, facing the further development of social turns as a general outcome measure of early childhood social interaction: (1) The effect of situational variation in the data collection format on G.O.M. of social interaction skill; (2) The effect of situational variation on the validity of G.O.M.; and (3) The need to determine factors outside of the child that can account for variance in a G.O.M. Thirty-five children between the ages of 40 and 66 months participated in the study, 19 males and 16 females. Participants were predominantly from families with middle to high SES, and the ethnicity of participants was predominantly White, with 2 Asian-American and 2 African-American participants. Three children in the study were receiving special education services under an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), with social/behavior goals on their IEP. Participants played in dyadic play situations, with one of two specific toys and either a familiar or unfamiliar playmate. A repeated-measures design was used, in which all target children played in all four possible situations. Results indicate that setting has a significant effect on G.O.M. of preschooler's social skills, and must be accounted for in developing a practical measure. In addition, a significant portion of the measure's variance can be accounted for by the behavior of the peer, namely, the number of times the peer attempted to
initiate social interaction. Implications for implementing general outcome measurement of social interaction skill are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Executive Function in Preschool Children: Examination Through Everyday Behavior. [References]
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KW - Test Construction
KW - Factor Structure
KW - Executive Function
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N2 - Clinical assessment of executive function in preschool-age children is challenging given limited availability of standardized tasks and preschoolers' variable ability to participate in lengthy formal evaluation procedures. Given the benefits of ecological validity of measuring behavior by rating scales, the Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function (Gioia, Isquith, Guy, & Kenworthy, 2000) was modified for use with children ages 2 through 5 years to assess executive functions in an everyday context. The scale development process, based on samples of 460 parents and 302 teachers, yielded a single 63-item measure with 5 related, but nonoverlapping, scales, with good internal consistency and temporal stability. Exploratory factor analyses identified 3 consistent factors: Emergent Metacognition, Flexibility, and Inhibitory Self-Control across parent and teacher samples. In a second study with a mixed sample of preschool children with various developmental disorders, parents and teachers rated these preschool children as having greater executive difficulties in most domains than matched controls. Such rating-scale methodology may be a useful complementary tool by which to reliably assess executive functions in preschool children via everyday behaviors in the natural environment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
The influence of older peers on younger children's emerging symbolic play was examined for 24 young children in eight participating long-day child-care centres. Toddler participants (aged from 17 to 31 months) were observed and video-taped in three conditions in free play in the outdoor environment as follows: condition one, with their same-age peers; condition two, with their older, preschool-aged peers; and condition three, in a dyad situation with a familiar often 'self-chosen' preschool-aged peer. Fourteen of the participants were first-borns and 10 were later-borns. The toddlers' symbolic play was coded in the four dimensions of symbolic play ('decontextualization', 'thematic content', 'organization of themes', and 'self-other relationships') in accordance with Westby's (1991) 'Symbolic play scale'. First-born participants exhibited higher levels of symbolic play in all four dimensions as identified by Westby (1991) in mixed-age free play sessions. Additionally, in mixed-age free play, first-borns scored significantly higher in three dimensions in the most frequently occurring levels of symbolic play than did later-born participants. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
all-time high among adolescents. With this in mind, we developed "EatFit" to improve the dietary and physical activity behaviors of middle school students. The physical activity assessment has students examine their current fitness activity behaviors and guides them through goal setting and contracting. Each week, students track their eating and fitness goal progress. Many skill-building activities are included in the EatFit curriculum. Recipe preparation and tasting provide students with the opportunity to increase their self-efficacy for choosing and preparing foods that support their nutrition goal. Among the fitness lessons, activities are included that allow students to practice physical activity skills (e.g., leg lunges, stretches). Practicing the skills in the classroom will increase students' self-efficacy so that they will be more likely to perform the physical activities outside the classroom. This education intervention was pilot tested with 34 middle school students who were Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) participants. Data from self-reported recall instruments indicated that students made positive changes in dietary behaviors (41%), dietary self-efficacy (29%), physical activity behaviors (56%), and physical activity self-efficacy (26%). Seventy-four percent and 79% of the students rated themselves as making one lasting improvement in their dietary and physical activity behaviors, respectively. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Research suggests that the relationship between school bullying and its various risk factors should be clearer among girls than boys, and should become stronger with age, as roles within the peer group stabilise. This paper tests this theory by comparing sex, school type, and bully/victim status differences in friendships and playground social interactions, using data from nine surveys in seven countries: China, England, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Portugal, and Spain. A total of approximately 48,000 children completed various translations of the Olweus Bullying Questionnaire. Small but generally consistent main effects were found for sex and school type (boys and primary pupils enjoyed playtimes more and had more friends, but were also more likely to spend playtimes alone). Larger effects were consistently found for bully/victim status (victims were significantly worse off on all the measures in all the samples where a difference was found, while bullies and neutrals did not differ consistently), but the interactions between these factors varied widely between samples and there were few consistent patterns. It is concluded that bullying is a universal phenomenon with many negative correlates for victims and few (if any) for bullies, but that there are cultural variations in the... (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
In this study we described development of boys' and girls' games on the school playground at recess as they progressed across the first year of primary school in London (UK) and Minneapolis (USA) in order to document age-related trends in games during this period and to examine the predictive role of games in children's adjustment to school and more general social adjustment. Consistent with expectations, games accounted for a significant portion of children's, but especially boys', behavior during recess. American children played games more frequently, especially simple games, relative to English children. Consistent with expectation, the complexity of games increased, especially for boys, across the school year for children in both countries. We also examined the extent to which facility with games forecasted adjustment to school and social adjustment. Games predicted both, but only in the USA sample. Results are discussed in terms of games being an important developmental task for children of this age. Implications for future research and educational policy are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Given the prevalence of and growing concern about school violence perpetuated by bullies on school playgrounds, the need for progressive state-of-the-art interventions that promote the psychosocial development of children who are most susceptible to school violence during the school day must be acknowledged. The most vulnerable time for many children is during recess on the school playground. Programs during recess hold great potential for promoting positive playground and school experiences among children. The study discussed in this article builds on two studies that explored the effect of a social skills intervention on problem behaviors displayed by elementary school children during recess. Findings conclude that social skills intervention significantly decreased problem behaviors among school children at recess. Implications for behavioral management and healthy school environments are explored. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

This study examined the relationship between children's developing theory of mind and their ability to engage in two social behaviors which have, as their cognitive underpinning, the representation that what one knows may not be accessible to others. Children of 3, 4, and 5 years, in a quasi-naturalistic setting, played hide-and-seek and also were required to keep a secret about a surprise. The ability to play hide-and-seek was significantly related to children's ability to refrain from disclosing the secret, and there was a significant relationship between these behaviors and children's social cognition, as measured by theory of mind tasks. The relationship between these social behaviors and tasks measuring executive function was not significant once age was taken into account. With regard to the development of these social behaviors, few 3-year-olds, but most 4-year-olds, and almost all 5-year-olds could successfully play hide-and-seek and keep a secret. This study demonstrates the importance of the conceptual understanding of mental states in the young child's social world. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
Pointing accuracy in children is dependent on age, sex and experience. [References]

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We investigated the influence of age, sex and familiarity on spatial performance assessed with a pointing task in 84 children: 21 kindergartners, 21 first-graders, 21 fifth-graders and 21 sixth-graders. Spatial performance was assessed in the children's natural environment, their respective school or kindergarten. The children had to indicate the direction of prominent landmarks on the school campus while sitting in their classroom, drawing an arrow on a sheet of paper. Since the children had spent different amounts of time at their respective schools, experience with the environment was regarded as a covariate. Data analysis revealed significant effects for age, sex and experience. Fifth-graders aged around 10 years outperformed the younger children. Sex differences revealed male superiority at all ages. Experience with the environment was also shown to play a vital role. Children who had spent a longer time at the school were able to demonstrate better spatial knowledge by pointing more accurately towards unseen landmarks. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
The purpose of this study was to examine parenting practices associated with adolescent free time use. Interviews (n = 17) were conducted with parents of adolescents (12-14 years) in two communities. Eight were from a university-based community in the northern U.S., and nine were recruited from rural communities outside a large metropolitan center in Eastern Canada. The parents in this study used a number of practices to structure, regulate and support their adolescents' behavior in the free time domain. These practices extended from: (a) parents' beliefs and expectations of the free time context, (b) the ways in which parents communicated and enforced these beliefs and expectations, (c) parents' actions to direct their adolescents' activity engagement, (d) strategies used to monitor the adolescents' activities, (e) the provision of resources to support preferred activity engagement, and (f) parents' efforts to support autonomous behavior in the free time context. The results are discussed in terms of extant literature on parental structuring and support of adolescents' free time behavior and leisure interests. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

The purpose of this study was to investigate the daily activities that young South African children perceived as health related activities. The sample included 117 children (33, ages 5-7 years; 44, ages 8-10 years; and 40, ages 11-12 years) chosen by two-stage cluster sampling in a rural community of the central region of the Northern Province. Results indicated that the most important health actions around healthy eating were, 'washing hands'; around dressing, 'wearing warm clothes'; around keeping clean, 'washing body and hair'; going to sleep, 'washing body'; activity at school, 'read and write'; recess and leisure time, 'playing football or netball'. Personal hygiene (washing, brushing teeth, etc.) was the most common health action of the children around healthy eating, keeping clean and going to sleep. Some health actions were insufficiently mentioned, brushing teeth for example and some wrongly mentioned such as eating porridge before going to sleep. This study showed that children have insufficient knowledge and understanding about health related activities. Results suggest that health professionals and teachers should consider providing more information about health related activities for young children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study examined strategies teachers reported using to support friendships among young children in inclusive early childhood classrooms. The teachers included 25 general early childhood educators from 9 child care centers and 20 early childhood special educators from 9 specialized programs. The Playmates and Friends Questionnaire for Teachers documented the number and nature of children's friendships and teachers' reported use of 11 different strategies to support individual friendships. Overall, the friendship strategies that teachers reported using most frequently included providing sufficient free choice time, allowing children to form their own friendships, and commenting on the play between friends. The majority of teachers reported rarely using two strategies: arranging for children to play together outside of the classroom and allowing two friends to exclude other children from their play. Teachers reported using more active friendship strategies to support dyads in which one or both children had special needs. Implications of these findings to support friendship formation in inclusive early childhood settings and directions for future research are presented. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
The study explored the effects of ability (i.e., learning disabled [LD] versus nonlearning disabled [NLD]) and sex (i.e., male/female) on children's peer acceptance ratings and friendships when working in groups with cooperative learning goals. Methodological concerns in measuring peer acceptance and friendship were also explored. Finally, the correlation between students' peer acceptance/rejection ratings and their frequency of solitary lunchtime interactions and solitary outside play was investigated. Sixty fifth graders from two New York State school districts that used student work groups with cooperative goals for instruction participated in the study. Thirty LD (15 girls and 15 boys) and thirty NLD (15 girls and 15 boys) students assigned to typically achieving, inclusion classrooms were asked to list who they liked most and liked least in their classroom. On a scale of 1-5, students were also asked to rate how much they liked to play with their classmates on the playground. To assess the correlation between students' peer acceptance/rejection rates and their frequency of solitary behavior, children's unstructured social interaction time at lunch and recess was recorded. The results showed that contrary to expectations, there were no significant differences between LD and NLD children's peer acceptance/rejection scores. However, when LD girls and boys were directly compared, NLD children preferred LD boys to LD girls. Apart from ability, peer acceptance varied by sex. Moreover, regardless of sex, LD children engaged in significantly higher instances of solitary lunchtime and outside play behavior. No correlation between sociometric scales and frequency of solitary lunchtime interactions or solitary play was noted. These results are discussed in terms of their implications for future research and educational practice.
appraisals when speaking with children was associated with children's sad/fearful biases at school. Responding angrily to their children's negative emotions was associated with both anger and sad/fearful biases at school. On bivariate correlation, paternal hostile appraisal styles were associated with children's sad/fearful biases at home. As predicted, mothers in high-risk families utilized fewer prosocial appraisals than low-risk mothers when explaining events to their children, and they tended to use a higher level of hostile appraisals than mothers in low-risk families. Similar patterns were found for fathers' hostile appraisals. Mothers in the high-risk group also demonstrated significantly more angry responses and less emotion regulation to their children's sadness than mothers in the low-risk group. Finally, longitudinal analyses showed a strong continuity of children emotion biases over a one year period, particularly with regard to anger biases. Maternal anger responses and emotion regulation at Time 1 had no predictive effect on a change in children's emotion biases over time; however, a hostile balance of maternal appraisals was found to predict change in children's anger biases in the home and school, with different effects in high- and low-risk families. These findings and future directions are discussed in the context of current theoretical, empirical, and clinical work. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - The effects of prior information on social interactions between children with disabilities and their typical peers
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English
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
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N2 - Integration of children with disabilities into mainstream settings has become increasingly common in recent years. Research into interventions to enhance the success of such efforts have primarily focused on interventions after the child with a disability has been introduced. One area of intervention that has been relatively neglected in the literature is that of intervention before the child enters the classroom. In a computer analog study, Esteban and Romanczyk (2000) investigated the influence of various types of prior information on typical peers' willingness to interact with a novel peer. Their results showed that combining information about similarities with information about characteristics of disability was superior to simply providing information about the aspects of disability alone. In addition to the focus on intervention prior to meeting a novel peer, Esteban and Romanczyk (2000) used the pervasive developmental disorders (PDDs) as the model for the disability information, in contrast to most other studies of attitudes toward disability that have focused primarily on physical disabilities or mental retardation. The current study was conducted as an extension of that research to a quasi-naturalistic setting. Seventy-eight third- and fourth-grade boys participated. After being given information about one of four boys with PDD, each participant then interacted with that child for two 5 minute segments. One segment consisted of a structured puzzle activity, while the other was unstructured. After each segment, the participant completed a questionnaire regarding the segment, which included six behavioral intentions questions. At the end of the session, the participant was given the choice of playing with the other child or playing alone. Social behaviors displayed by both children were measured. The effect of information was not replicated for most outcome measures. A main effect of activity type was found for many measures such that the unstructured activity was superior to the structured activity, contrary to hypotheses. Possible explanations of these unexpected findings are discussed. In addition, exploratory analyses regarding the effects
of specific behaviors displayed by the children with PDD and the correspondence between self-report and actual behavior were conducted and are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Physical characteristics as determinants of trait attribution and forgiveness
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English
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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Forgiveness
KW - Personality Traits
KW - Racial and Ethnic Attitudes
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KW - Interpersonal Interaction
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JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 63:
IS - 10-B
N2 - Psychologists who have studied the development of racial attitudes have offered support for the sociocognitive theory of Aboud (1988). For example, children's reports of own-group preferences have been found to decline around age 7 (Doyle & Aboud, 1995), which has been associated with the attainment of conservation skills and increased cognitive flexibility in these children. The present study sought to explore how participants' racial attitudes were related to their attribution of traits to characters in a story. In addition, the relationship between racial attitudes and children's willingness to forgive an antagonist was explored. Forty-seven Caucasian participants between the ages of 7 and 10 years participated in this study. All were found to score predominately in the nonstereotyped category of the modified Preschool Racial Attitude Measure-II (PRAM-II) (Bigler & Liben, 1993). Children were asked to rate a narrative describing an interaction between two children, one an antagonist and the other a victim in a playground incident. Participants were systematically assigned to one of two experimental conditions. In one condition, the antagonist was Caucasian and the victim was African American. In the other, the antagonist was African American and the victim was Caucasian. Children then completed the vignette PRAM-II and the Enright Forgiveness Inventory for Children-Revised (EFIC-R). Results revealed no significant differences between the two experimental conditions on either measure. Based on the results of previous studies (Bigler & Liben, 1993; Doyle, Beaudet, & Aboud, 1988), greater variability was anticipated in the children's responses on the modified PRAM-II. Possible reasons (e.g., geographical differences, developmental age, transparency of the measure) are provided to account for the limited range of scores obtained in the present study. Accordingly, recommendations are given for future research on the development of racial attitudes in children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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T1 - Effects of home- and school-based interventions for students with and at-risk for antisocial behavior
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Dissertation Abstract
Antisocial behavior is defined as "recurrent violations of socially prescribed patterns of behavior" (Simcha-Fagan, Langner, Gersten, & Eisenberg, 1975, p. 7). The purpose of the current study was to investigate the effects of home- and school-based interventions for students with an at-risk for antisocial patterns of behavior. Prospective participants were identified using a modified multiple-gating screening procedure (Walker & Severson, 1990), wherein three consenting Kindergarten and first grade teachers nominated students whose behavior pattern most closely matched an operationalized definition of antisocial behavior. Thereafter, students were screened for eligibility using parent- and teacher-rated social behaviors. Finally, students were required to demonstrate at least average intellectual ability. Three Kindergarten and two first grade students met criteria for inclusion in the study and received home and school-based interventions. Two intervention sequences were utilized based upon the First Steps to Intervention program designed by Walker and colleagues (Walker, Stiller, Golly, Kavanagh, Severson, & Feil, 1997) using a multiple baseline-multiple sequence design (Noell & Gresham, 2001). Pre- and post-test ratings were obtained on the Social Skills Rating System (SSRS; Gresham & Elliott, 1990) and Critical Events Index (CEI; Walker & Severson, 1990). Observations were conducted across four behaviors: total disruptive behavior, academic engaged time, negative social interaction, and solitary play during recess. Results showed that both home and school interventions resulted in high effect sizes and that larger decreases in disruptive behavior were demonstrated from baseline to phase one intervention than from phase one to phase two intervention. Collateral effects on academic engaged time were demonstrated for all participants across phases. Optimal treatment sequences were noted for disruptive behavior and academic engaged time but were confounded by order effects. Independent ratings conducted by two behavior analysts showed low-to-moderate interrater agreement. Moreover, ratings based on interocular inspection showed little correspondence to standardized difference effect sizes. Additional results regarding the interventions' effect on unstructured play behavior are presented and discussed, along with study strengths, weaknesses, and implications for future research.
While research has confirmed a negative relationship between adult depression and physical activity, there is little evidence for children. This study examined the relationship of being classified as physically active or inactive by a parent or a teacher to depressive symptoms in children 8 to 12 years of age (N= 933). It also assessed the relationship of playing sports outside of school, and of meeting health related fitness standards, to symptoms of depression. Relative risk of depressive symptoms for inactive classification was 2.8 to 3.4 times higher than it was for active, 1.3 to 2.4 times higher for children not playing sports outside of school, and 1.5 to 4.0 times higher for those not meeting health related fitness goals. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The physical-spatial aspects of environments and their relation to subjectivity and human behavior have been increasingly studied by psychologists. Thus, this study investigated the relationship between playgrounds of two public preschools of Porto Alegre and the interaction of 50 5 to 6 year-old children who were enrolled in these schools. Children were observed at the playgrounds, which presented differences in terms of area (size), density and materials. The interaction states observed were related to types of play and toys used. Results drawn from quantitative analyses showed that children established more associative and parallel interaction states in the large playground, and unoccupied and solitary in the small playground. As for the type of toy, the association of this aspect with the interaction in the large playground was smaller than in the small one. A higher association between interactions and types of play in the small playground was found. The study shows that concerning environmental aspects the large playground favors a variety of interactions states. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
This study assessed the effects of Friendship Circles on the social interactions between students with mild disabilities and their nondisabled peers. A multiple probe design was used to analyze the social interactions during lunch. Data also were collected in the form of sociograms and anecdotal records. In addition, generalization was assessed during recess observations. Results indicated that the Friendship Circle intervention produced increases in appropriate interactions at lunch for all three students and for two there were increases in friendly play at recess. Anecdotal data suggested improved social interactions for two of the students throughout the day and improved social behaviors in the general education classroom such as cooperation during group activities. Implications for future research are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

This study examined connections between teacher-child interaction and children’s perceptions of self and peers. 47 predominately white, middle-class preschoolers (27 boys, twenty girls; 40 European-American, 2 Hispanic, 2 African-American, 3 Asian) were observed during indoor and outdoor activity at their preschool over a period of four months. Children's time spent interacting with teachers, as well as children's cooperative behavior, emotional expressions, and aggression toward teachers was assessed. In addition, children participated in interviews designed to assess their self-perceptions and perceptions of peers. Results revealed that girls spent more time interacting with teachers than boys, and had more cooperative and positive interactions with teachers than did boys. Correlation analyses indicated that the quality of teacher-child interaction was differentially linked to boys' and girls' self-perceptions and perceptions of peers. The implications of interactions between teacher and child for children's cognitions about self and others are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
T1 - Social skills instruction for students at risk for antisocial behavior: The effects of small-group instruction.

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KW - Antisocial Behavior
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KW - Social Skills Training
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JF - Behavioral Disorders
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N2 - This study examined the effectiveness of social skills instruction for seven elementary-age students (aged 8.05 yrs-9.74 yrs) at risk for antisocial behavior who were unresponsive to a schoolwide primary intervention program. Students received instruction in social skills in a small-group setting over a 10-week period. A comprehensive list of acquisition deficits was generated for each student using an empirically validated assessment tool. These acquisition deficits became the core content of each intervention group. Results revealed lasting decreases in both disruptive behaviors in the classroom and negative social interactions on the playground. Students also experienced increases in percentage of academic engaged time. Findings from a social validity measure indicated that students viewed the intervention procedures as acceptable and reportedly used the newly acquired skills in multiple settings. Limitations are discussed, and directions for future research are provided. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2774
T1 - A multimethod, multi-informant, and multidimensional perspective on psychosocial adjustment in preadolescents with spina bifida. [References]
A1 - Holmbeck, Grayson N.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-06685-020
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Emotional Adjustment
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Social Adjustment
KW - Spina Bifida
KW - Measurement
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 782
EP - 796
JF - Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology
VL - 71:
IS - 4
This study examined the psychosocial adjustment of preadolescents with spina bifida in relation to a comparison sample of able-bodied preadolescents (8- and 9-year-olds; n = 68 in each sample). The study also examined the potential clinical utility of a narrowband multimethod, multi-informant, and multidimensional perspective on the assessment of psychosocial functioning in children and adolescents with pediatric conditions. Findings revealed that children with spina bifida tended to be socially immature and passive, less likely to have social contacts outside of school, more dependent on adults for guidance, less competent scholastically, less physically active, less likely to make independent decisions, and more likely to exhibit attention and concentration difficulties. No group differences were found for externalizing symptoms, affective functioning, or global self-worth, suggesting resilience in these domains for the spina bifida sample. Findings also suggest that low socioeconomic status and the presence of a physical disability may be additive risk factors for certain psychosocial adjustment difficulties. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

SN - 0022-006X
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2775
T1 - Recess in middle school: What do the students do? [References]
A1 - Jarrett, Olga S; Duckett-Hedgebeth, Michelle
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - Book: 2003-06677-013
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Middle School Students
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Physical Education
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 227
EP - 241
JF - Lytle, Donald E [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 2003
N2 - (create) Studied how middle school students spend time during recess. Of specific interest was how adolescents interact, how much of the playground behavior can be considered physically active, to what extent recess behaviors can be considered “play,” and how much negative behavior occurred. These questions were explored by systematically observing the play area during recess. A secondary interest emerged while conducting the observational research: Why do some students not go out for recess? How do students view recess, and what suggestions do they have for improving it? These questions were explored through a student survey. Findings suggest that recess provides valuable opportunities for students to interact with their peers, engage in physical activity, and play games. The observational coding system and the quick count used can be employed by other researchers, teachers, or parents to gather data on what behaviors occur during recess. This study suggests that recess is important to students and allows for play and other social behaviors that would not occur in structured physical education classes. Any school system considering the substitution of physical education for recess should learn what actually occurs during recess and consult with students before making a decision. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
ER -
The role of pauses in family interactions at the table with children aged 3-4 years. [Italian]. [References]

Maroni, Barbara; Gnisci, Augusto; Pontecorvo, Clotilde

Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-05348-005

Pauses and silence in family conversation has been investigated as a process implied in children's development and socialization. We grounded our study on the international literature about discourse's uses in natural settings. Nine hours of videotaped recordings of 6 dinners of 3 different families, consisting of father, mother, young child (3-4 years) and an older child, have been systematically observed in two different periods (8 months between the two measurements). Results have been analysed with log-linear and show that: 1) in the management of pauses there are shared rules and also a variability between families; 2) the person who speaks before the pause is usually the same one speaking after it (self-transition); however when the other-transition is taken into consideration, the patterns of association between familiar roles can be understood with a developmental explanation; 3) few differences and more similarities are identified among the two different periods. Overall results are discussed from the perspective of the role played by pause management within the family system at dinner table. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Maroni, Barbara: Universita di Roma "La Sapienza", Roma, Italy

Time budgets of the mothers of pre-school children: An analysis of mother-child joint activities.

Galboda-Liyanage, Kumari Chandani; Scott, Stephen; Prince, Martin James

Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-05148-007

Overall results are discussed from the perspective of the role played by pause management within the family system at dinner table. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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The objective of this research was to describe how a group of mothers of pre-school children spend their days in relation to the index pre-school child and in general. We examined time use by means of the Yesterday’s interview for Mothers of Pre-schoolers (YIMP), a semi-structured interview, with 31 mothers recruited from mother and toddler groups. Detailed time budgets were obtained on three full days covering the content, duration and environmental context of mother-child joint activities. Reading was the most common joint activity. A substantial proportion of activities took place outside the home. Research implications in relation to the environmental context of joint activities are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Social development and social relationships in middle childhood. [References]

Adaptive Behavior
Childhood Development
Interpersonal Interaction
Psychosocial Development
Social Behavior
Social Skills

Middle childhood is a time of considerable change in children's social competencies and interpersonal relationships. Descriptions of the salient features of this developmental period highlight an expansion of the social world as children spend increasing amounts of time outside their homes, away from their families, at school, with peers, and in extracurricular activities. Learning to interact effectively in these new and diverse social settings is at the core of social development in middle childhood. Building on conceptual models that emphasize adaptation to interpersonal and setting demands as fundamental to social behavior and social competence, in this chapter the authors describe the nature of and influences on social development between ages 6 and 12 yrs. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


Horn, Eva M.
The present study investigated physical activity trends among young children aged three, four, and five years old in Hong Kong preschools using pedometry. Subjects were 86 boys and 62 girls. The Digi-walker sw-200 electronic pedometers were utilized to collect activity data during daily regular physical activities in three preschools. School A was located in a rural area, whereas Schools B and C were in urban areas. An observation inventory, Children Activity Rating's Scale (CARS), was used to categorize the intensity level of the physical activities and to validate the pedometer counts. In line with overseas studies, significant age and gender differences in physical activity levels were also observed among the Hong Kong preschool children. A two (gender) x three (age groups) analysis of variance indicated that both main effects were statistically significant.
Older children in the school (School A) with a larger outdoor play space, in a rural district, were much more active than their counterparts in urban schools (Schools B and C) with limited indoor play space. The pedometer counts correlated significantly with the CARS scores, which suggested that pedometry can be a reliable tool to measure the intensity of physical activity level of preschool children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2781
T1 - What Happens During the School Day? Time Diaries from a National Sample of Elementary School Teachers. [References]
A1 - Roth,Jodie L.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-02555-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Racial and Ethnic Differences
KW - Recreation
KW - Student Characteristics
KW - Time On Task
KW - Blacks
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Whites
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 317
EP - 343
JF - Teachers College Record
VL - 105:
IS - 3
N2 - This study presents data collected from a nationally-representative sample of teachers of first through fifth graders. Teachers completed a time diary, recording exact beginning and ending times for all the target student's school activities for a randomly selected day. We examined students' total time in school and their activities while there. Students attending school for the longest day were significantly more likely to be White and have fewer special needs, and to have smaller classes with a larger percentage of White students and a smaller percentage of students of other races than students attending for less time daily. We grouped students' activities at school into four categories that accounted for all but 9 minutes of the school day: academic, enrichment, recess, and maintenance activities. We found variations in how students spent their time based on student, family, and classroom characteristics. Teachers of African American students reported spending more time on academic subjects, and less time on enrichment and recess activities than teachers of white students. The same pattern emerged for teachers of more advantaged students, and classrooms with a larger percentage of White students. Results are discussed in terms of school reform efforts and inequality issues. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0161-4681
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2782
Boston, like many other major cities, experienced a sudden increase in youth homicides during the late 1980s and early 1990s. Research evidence suggests that the epidemic of urban youth violence was intensely concentrated among criminally active young Black males residing in disadvantaged urban neighborhoods rather than all young Black males residing in disadvantaged Black neighborhoods. Other researchers, however, suggest that there was a diffusion of guns and gun violence from youth involved in street crack markets to youth outside the drug trade who armed themselves primarily for self-protection against the armed criminally active youth. In this paper, criminal history data are analyzed to determine whether the criminal profile of Boston arrested youth gun offenders (aged 12-24 yrs) changed over time and micro-level data on youth gun assault incidents in Boston are examined to unravel whether there were noteworthy changes in the nature of these violent events over time. The results of these analyses suggest that the youth violence epidemic in Boston was highly concentrated among serious youth gun offenders rather than a diffusion of guns away from the street drug trade, gangs, and criminally active youth. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Background: Individuals with brain injury are prone to severe behavior problems related to various postinjury variables, including confusion, emotional distress, fear of challenging activity, and loss of skills to access desired outcomes. Objectives: This article proposes the use of a new model, errorless rehabilitation, to improve rehabilitation outcomes by systematically focusing on graduated and success-based exposure of clients with brain injury to increasingly demanding circumstances, to provide them with the ability to tolerate and manage the natural environment. Main Outcome Measures: Research on difficulties parents with brain injury experience with their children is subsequently reviewed and a new approach (based on the same principles as Errorless Rehabilitation) to treatment of parent-child relationship issues after brain injury is described. Conclusions: A case study of a father with brain injury and his oppositional son is presented to demonstrate a specific application of this model for enhancing the quality of life of parents with such impairments. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2784
T1 - Accessibility or obstacles? Children's independent mobility and valuation of the outdoor environment.

[References]
A1 - Heurlin-Norinder, Mia
Y1 - 2003
N1 - Book: 2003-00929-012

English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aesthetic Preferences
KW - Community Development
KW - Commuting (Travel)
KW - Psychosocial Factors
KW - Spatial Organization
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Safety
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 161
EP - 172

The author shows that children's design preferences for neighbourhoods are related to their degree of independent mobility and how they evaluate their environment. Analyses point to differences concerning the interaction with the physical environment and social aspects of the neighbourhood environment, in terms of affordances and individual evaluations. In the first study 732 children (8 and 11 years old) in 9 schools filled in questionnaires concerning, for example, how they had come to school on that particular day, how they used to travel to activities after school, if they were allowed to visit friends and go out and play without being followed by any adults. The children also made drawings showing their way to school. The aim of the second, qualitative study was to get a deeper understanding of differences that were found in the first study, but also the meaning of the neighbourhood's planning and characteristics related to children's independent mobility. Traffic-separated areas seem to be very positive for children's independent mobility, but they are not enough if you want the neighbourhood to be stimulating, developing and safe. There is more to it. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2785
T1 - 'I forgot the sky!' children's stories contained within their drawings. [References]
A1 - Coates, Elizabeth
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2004-17069-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Drawing
KW - Narratives
KW - Storytelling
KW - Symbolism
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 21
EP - 35
JF - International Journal of Early Years Education
VL - 10:
IS - 1
N2 - What stories do young children's drawings contain? So often children's free drawings are not held in high regard but are seen as an activity which is undertaken outside lesson time or as an illustration to some prescribed task. However, the concentration and care with which some children undertake a drawing suggests that the content has real significance and has not been undertaken lightly. This small-scale study arose from observations in a school setting of young children talking to themselves as they drew pictures. Often it seemed that this talk was a rehearsal for the drawing and it was this link that the project set out to explore. Children aged from 3 to 7 years were studied in their classrooms where they were participating in a free choice of activities. This paper examines the drawings collected together with transcriptions of the children's descriptions of their drawings. It looks at the symbolism contained within the pictures and the stories woven within each one. The study is intended as a pilot for a longitudinal research project focusing not only on children's drawings and accompanying narrative but extending to an exploration of emergent writing. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0966-9760
AD - Coates, Elizabeth: Institute of Education, University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2786
T1 - Hanging out: Community-based after-school program for children. [References]
A1 - Garner, Ruth
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Book: 2004-12814-000
English
Book; Edited Book
N2 - (from the introduction) This book is a collection of accounts of what children do after school, both outside and inside (especially inside) after-school centers. Centers are affiliated with communities, and because different communities have different values, different ways of doing things, centers differ. Readers will encounter centers in public schools, in libraries, and in labs. They'll find them in a small town, in small cities near large universities, and in big cities. They'll read about one cluster of centers that began in an urban setting but migrated to other communities, both in the United States and elsewhere. Readers will encounter academic and nonacademic centers, centers for young children and for older children, centers that provide activities for 5 children at a time and for 50. They'll see that some centers, like Baldwin's, are technology-oriented, whereas others emphasize reading, writing, or science activities. They'll note that some large multicenter programs have large multiyear grants, whereas some small operations just get by. In reading the accounts, readers will notice that the centers described by contributing authors, varied though they might be, have informality in common. Contributing authors have been invited to say something about how we should judge the work of an after-school center. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Zhao, Yong: Michigan State University, MI, US Gillingham, Mark: Great Books Foundation, Chicago, IL, US

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2787
T1 - Changing antisocial behavior patterns in young boys: A structured cooperative learning approach.

[References]
A1 - Quinn, Mary Magee
Y1 - 2002/11
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-07473-002

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Antisocial Behavior
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Behavior Change
KW - Cooperative Learning
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Human Males
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 380
EP - 395
JF - Education & Treatment of Children
VL - 25:
IS - 4

N2 - This study examined the effectiveness of using a structured cooperative learning approach to increase appropriate behaviors of young boys who were identified as being at risk for the development of antisocial behavior patterns. Students received a six-week cooperative learning intervention using positive peer role models to teach interpersonal problem-solving skills through the combined use of cognitive and behavioral
techniques. Results show a significant increase in academic engaged time; however, the intervention failed to produce significantly lower rates of externalizing antisocial behaviors or negative playground interactions. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2788
T1 - Activities and staffing patterns in therapeutic wilderness camps: A national survey. [References]
A1 - Fuentes, Angel Ilarraza; Burns, Ronald
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-06868-008
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Criminal Justice
KW - Juvenile Delinquency
KW - Organizational Characteristics
KW - Organizations
KW - Wilderness Experience
KW - Goals
KW - Management Personnel
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 41
EP - 62
JF - Journal of Offender Rehabilitation
VL - 35:
IS - 1
N2 - Describes therapeutic wilderness programming (TWP) as it is currently being used within the context of American Juvenile Justice. Based upon a review of the TWP literature and their personal familiarity with these programs, the authors developed a series of questions designed to provide additional insight regarding the structure, characteristics, and goals of TWP. The surveys were addressed to the chief administrative officer or executive director at each program. 35 of the original 106 surveys were returned for a 33.0 completion rate. Among other things, it was found that such programs are primarily intended to provide an alternative to punitive confinement, with the main goal of rehabilitating offenders. It was found that academic education, backpacking, and canoeing are the most popular means to achieve this goal. Findings are presented with regard to camp size, and camp staff/personnel issues are discussed. Finally, it is also noted that most of the literature regarding wilderness programs is found outside traditional criminal justice-, juvenile justice-, and criminology journals, despite the finding that states are heavily relying upon wilderness types of programs within their respective juvenile justice systems. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 1050-9674
AD - Fuentes, Angel Ilarraza: Texas Christian U, Ft Worth, TX, US Burns, Ronald: Texas Christian U, Ft Worth, TX, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2789
T1 - Influences and Mediators of the Effect of Poverty on Young Adolescent Depressive Symptoms. [References]
A1 - Eamon, Mary Keegan
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-06226-007
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Major Depression
Data from a sample of young adolescents between the ages of 10 and 12 years (N = 898) from the mother-child data set of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth were analyzed in a study of influences that explain the relation between poverty and depressive symptoms measured 2 years later. Other variables that predicted youth depressive symptoms were also identified. Results indicated that neighborhood problems, nonparticipation in outside school and neighborhood activities, residing with mothers who exhibited depressive symptoms, and mother's use of physical punishment were partial mediators of the effect of poverty on depressive symptoms 2 years later. Youth health status, lower levels of school satisfaction, marital-partner conflict, and father's emotional support also predicted depressive symptoms. The findings indicate that youth depressive symptoms are multiply determined and that poverty can adversely affect young adolescents in many ways. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Student outcomes are improved when ongoing intervention decisions are based upon formative assessment data. In the area of social competence, existing assessment instruments do not meet all criteria for optimal formative assessment tools. A brief, simple observation tool (ISC: Indicators of Social Competence) was designed around broad indicator behaviors that could reflect overall student performance. Research questions centered on reliability (stability and representativeness) and concurrent criterion-related validity of ISC data. ISC observations were conducted across days with 48 third-grade students during authentic school tasks (independent seatwork and unstructured free play on the playground). Parent and teacher ratings of student social competence served as criterion measures. Reliability. Most correlations reflecting stability of ISC data across days were statistically significant, but in the weak to moderate range. ISC data from the first half of a task period (i.e., seatwork or recess) adequately represented ISC data obtained from the entire task period. The stability and representativeness results suggest that collecting several brief samples will produce the highest quality data per investment of time. Validity. Three of four ISC behaviors correlated significantly with teacher judgments of social competence. None of the correlations between ISC data and parent judgments of social competence reached statistical significance. These results suggest that the ISC measure adequately reflects the social behaviors that are important for success in academic and free play tasks. Practitioners could consider using the ISC measure for formative assessment purposes, after reviewing its strengths and limitations, their data needs, and other available social assessment instruments. Researchers are encouraged to review the
challenges and outcomes of this project in their efforts to advance our assessment technology. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4209
AD - Doyle, Joleen Marie: U Oregon, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2791
T1 - "Everybody get page by page": How children use peer reading talk and interaction to construct and to cross lines of gender and popularity
A1 - Bower, Aviva Donahue
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2002-95021-035
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Popularity
KW - Reading
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1705
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 63:
IS - 5-A
N2 - This qualitative study of an ethnically diverse urban third grade classroom asks how children used their peer structured talk and interactions during reading activities to negotiate peer identities and relationships. The study addresses the broad issue of how official literacy practices and children's unofficial social worlds are interwoven, drawing upon and mutually transforming one another. Theories of language socialization (Ochs, 1996), interactional sociolinguistics (Goffman, 1981), and interpretive approaches to child socialization (Gaskins, Miller, & Corsaro, 1992) frame the study; methods from ethnography of communication and ethnography (Erickson, 1992; Walcott, 1994, 1995) are used to create an analytic framework. Children's talk and interaction are analyzed as agentic social work during two reading activities that involved peer structured discussion of text: guided reading and self-selected reading. Data collected over a five month period include field notes, audio taped interviews with teacher and children, and video taped data. The findings suggest that reading activities provided opportunities to both maintain and to rework salient social categories of gender and popularity. The analysis of four children's talk during one guided reading activity shows how a less popular boy was able to reshape the official literacy activity so that it more closely resembled an unofficial peer interaction that had taken place earlier. He used the literacy activity to rework his social alignment to the girls at his table, and to ease gender and popularity divides. The analysis of self-selected reading activities shows that partner reading during self-selected reading was a girl gendered activity. Boys and girls could partner read together, but this was not easy to organize. There were, however, socially meaningful alternatives to partner reading during self-selected reading. Boys and less popular girls used talk during self-selected reading time outside of partner reads to affiliate with peers and to reshape the constraints of gender and popularity divides. The study suggests that peer structured reading talks may be a particularly rich arena in which children can work and rework constructions of peer identity, and that more research is needed to understand how to support children's efforts to use peer reading in this way. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4209
AD - Bower, Aviva Donahue: State U New York At Buffalo, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2792
T1 - Gender differences in social acceptance and play behavior
A1 - Sondell, Sandra Kuperman
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2002-95020-252
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Preferences
KW - Social Acceptance
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2076
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 63:
IS - 4-B

N2 - Kindergarten, first, and second grade children and their teachers were recruited from an elementary school in Oak Park, Illinois to examine social preferences and play behavior. Past research (e.g. Ladd, 1983; Pellegrini, Blatchford, & Kato, 2001) has found gender differences in children's behavior on the playground. These studies have also suggested that boys rejected by their classmates are often found to be playing with girls. At this age, where gender is a key factor in children's thoughts and actions, these findings led us to question what happens when children are rejected by their same-sex peers, but accepted by their opposite-sex peers. This study examined the differences in play behavior across gender and social status. To add to the existing literature, it explored the behavior profiles of children who are accepted by opposite-gender peers. Finally, it evaluated how teachers perceive the children who are accepted by opposite-gender peers. Findings indicated distinct behavior profiles for boys and girls at this young age: Boys played in cooperative, rule-governed activities, while girls engaged in associative, social conversation behaviors. Boys who were rejected by their same-gender peers ("Non-normal Boys"), but accepted by opposite gender peers did not show differences in play behavior when compared to the group of "Normal Boys." "Non-normal Girls" were found to have a distinct play profile compared to the other groups of children, marked by a significantly higher frequency of solitary play. No differences were found in teacher ratings across the groups of children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Sondell, Sandra Kuperman: Illinois Inst Technology, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2793
T1 - Play behavior and peer status of five to seven year old children as a function of cognitive development
A1 - Azzi,Lorenzo George
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2002-95020-248
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Cognitive Development
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Status
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2087
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 63:
IS - 4-B
N2 - A great deal of changes occur in the lives of children between the ages of five to seven. Foremost in these changes is entry into a formal school environment and the shift from preoperational thought to concrete operational thought. During this time, a child also has the important task of negotiating social exchanges with same-aged peers, a relatively new task for many children. A child's social competence is closely related to a wide variety of factors that determine success in social and academic circles. Further understanding of how
children acquire their social status may be an instrumental first step in assisting children to have more social success and avoid the pitfalls associated with rejected peer status. The results of this study demonstrate the importance of cognitive developmental level when examining the social behavior of five to seven year old children. Results indicate that the social play behavior of children on playgrounds serves as a partial mediator in the relationship between cognitive developmental level and social status. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0419-4217
AD - Azzi, Lorenzo George: Illinois Inst Technology, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2794
T1 - The effect of classroom meetings on the reduction of recess problems: A single case design
A1 - Murphy, Patrick Sean
Y1 - 2002
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2002-95019-070
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Behavior
KW - Elementary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1256
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 63:
IS - 4-A
N2 - This paper will establish classroom meetings as an effective problem-solving intervention in the reduction of recess problems. A multiple baseline across groups analysis was conducted of problems related to recess in three 4/5 th grade classrooms. Social problem-solving classroom meetings were introduced in each class and staggered every two weeks following two weeks of baseline for each class. This study was conducted over 9 weeks with daily data collection of recess reports and teacher surveys. Classroom meetings were effective in reducing the overall reports of recess problems. They were most effective in reducing problems of inclusion, playing alone and not joining others’ play. Classroom meetings had a lesser effect on reports of Conflict problems, especially arguing. Implications of the study, including recommendations and suggestions for further study are addressed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4209
AD - Murphy, Patrick Sean: U Denver, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2795
T1 - The virtual classroom: An application in the assessment of attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
A1 - Bowerly, Todd David
Y1 - 2002
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2002-95018-192
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity
KW - Neuropsychological Assessment
KW - Virtual Classrooms
KW - Virtual Reality
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1554
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 63:
Virtual reality (VR) technology applications targeting neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation are now feasible and offer advantages that are not available using existing methods. The pilot study evaluated a VR Head-Mounted Display "classroom environment" designed for the assessment of Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The Virtual Classroom scenario presents a standard classroom environment containing desks, plants, a teacher, blackboard, pictures on the walls, a large window looking out onto a street with vehicles and a playground, and a pair of doorways through which activity occurs. Within The Virtual Classroom, participants are presented with a traditional AX continuous performance test (CPT) on the blackboard and attention performance (RT) and other motor activity (head-turning, arm and leg-shaking) are recorded while a series of typical classroom distracters (i.e., activity and sounds) are systematically presented. Data were collected on 10 ADHD diagnosed children (aged 8 to 12) and 10 undiagnosed normal control children, comparing performance on the AX task and a basic listen-look-respond task, with and without distractions. VR exposure consisted of three conditions presented for 10 minutes each. Condition 1 measured performance on the AX task without distractions. Condition 2 was the same task with distractions included. Condition 3 consisted of a more realistic "ecologically valid" attention task requiring the integration of audio and visual attention processes. A battery of standard psychometric tests was administered to all participants for comparison with findings from the VR scenario. It was found that The Virtual Classroom scenario was able to differentiate between ADHD children and normal controls and in the expected direction. Within The Virtual Classroom, ADHD children responded with more omission and commission errors and greater levels of hyperactivity than normal controls among all conditions. ADHD children displayed more distractibility in their response to distractions than normal controls. Virtual Classroom measures were highly correlated with tests traditionally used to diagnose ADHD, the behavior checklist and CPT. The Virtual Classroom brings specific assets and improvements to the existing procedures and protocol for the assessment of ADHD. These assets and improvements strongly support the continued development and refinement of this virtual assessment tool. Suggestions for future research and clinical implications are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
play between parents and preschool children. Fathers and sons rough-and-tumbled approximately twice as much as mothers and daughters, respectively. Father-son rough-and-tumble was not associated with son's social competence, but father-son intimate physical play was. (Parental directiveness had no material effect on any relation). Additional analyses revealed that father-son rough-and-tumble behaviors that involved direct body contact were related moderately with sons' social competence and very strongly with 3-year-old sons' social competence. No kind of parental physical play was linked with daughters' social competence. The results of this study confirm that rough-and-tumble was both an intergenerational and domestic phenomenon. The quality of father-son rough-and-tumble was as critical to the contribution to sons' social competence as was the frequency. Because its benefits were both age- and gender-specific, rough-and-tumble emerged as an important factor for future research into the developmental course of parent-child play and parental gender-role socialization of children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2797
T1 - Effects of adventure education utilizing a portable climbing wall activity on children's self-efficacy
A1 - Newhouse, Gretchen C.
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2002-95016-376
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Self Efficacy
KW - Wilderness Experience
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 763
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 63:
IS - 2-B
N2 - The purpose of this study was to compare the effectiveness of an intervention consisting of an adventure education activity using a climbing wall (Treadwall) activity with no intervention as a means for enhancing children's general self-efficacy. A total of five fourth-grade and five fifth-grade classes were involved in the study, including 84 fourth-grade and 87 fifth-grade students. The researcher utilized Cowen's et al. (1991) Perceived Self-Efficacy Scale in assessing experimental and comparison group participants' general self-efficacy at a pretest and posttest, with one week between the tests. The 20-item Perceived Self-Efficacy Scale contains three subscales that consist of: Difficult Situations, New Experiences, and Problems with People. The data was analyzed using the t-test of independent means to compare pretest and posttest scores on the Perceived Self-efficacy Scale, Difficult Situations Subscale, New Experiences Subscale, and Problems with People Subscale across the experimental and comparison groups. ANCOVA (Analysis of Covariance) was used when initial differences in groups were determined to potentially influence the posttest results. Based upon data analysis, findings revealed that significant differences were found in the Problems with People Subscale between fourth- and fifth-graders who participated in the three-hour Treadwall activity, and those who were assigned to the comparison group. No significant differences were found between the experimental and comparison groups for the Perceived Self-efficacy Scale, Difficult Situations Subscale and New Experiences Subscale. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Newhouse, Gretchen C.: U New Mexico, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2798
T1 - Organizational features as facilitators of youth gang aggression and antisocial behavior
A1 - Wyrick, Phelan Alexander
Y1 - 2002///
Youth gangs are the subject of widespread fear and fascination in large part because of the high levels of violent and illegal behavior that gang members commit. Recent longitudinal studies have demonstrated that elevated levels of gang member offending are the consequence of group processes that facilitate such offending, rather than selection processes in which gangs recruit youth who are already high level offenders. Group cohesiveness and norms supporting aggression and antisocial behavior have been discussed as processes likely to play a role in facilitating offending. However, the importance and sophistication of youth gang organizational characteristics has been a topic of considerable debate among gang researchers and practitioners. Many experts view youth gangs as loosely affiliated groups with low levels of organization. But this view stands in contrast to evidence that many gangs possess characteristics suggestive of organization (e.g., leaders, identifiable symbols, regular meetings). In the current study, a conceptual framework is developed for considering the role of organizational features in facilitating gang member offending, and the relationship between these features and four categories of offending is tested using hierarchical multiple regression. Data are drawn from open ended interviews with 140 gang members in Denver, Colorado, Aurora, Colorado, and Broward County, Florida. Results show that organizational features, including the presence of gang leadership, role differentiation, codes of conduct, initiation rituals, subgroups, and regular meetings, account for a significant amount of variance in gang member self-reported violent, property, and weapons offending, but not drug sales. Organizational features that appear to make the most important individual contributions are regular meetings and codes of conduct. The findings demonstrate that organizational features of youth gangs should not be dismissed in trying to understand gang member offending. Although youth gangs may not reflect high levels of organizational sophistication by outside or objective standards, the presence of organizational features is related to higher levels of offending among gang members. It is likely that organizational features serve to bring individual gang members into closer adherence with group norms that support aggressive and antisocial behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
It has been assumed that children with autism have difficulty transitioning from one activity to another, but there has been little systematic investigation of the transitioning behavior of children with autism in their natural environments. The methods of ecological psychology were used in this study to explore how children with autism transition from one activity to another in their natural environments and how the transitions made by children with autism compare to those made by children with Down syndrome. A new construct, the behavioral transition unit (BTU), was developed for use in this study. Eight boys with autism and 8 boys with Down syndrome between the ages of 6 and 10 years were observed in their homes using the methods of ecological psychology. The structure of the transitions and the behavior of the children and others in their homes during transitions were examined. It was found that the boys with autism spent more time transitioning and had more frequent BTUs, which indicates a more immature pattern of behavior than that exhibited by the boys with Down syndrome. The boys with autism also took more time beginning activities and less time ending activities than did the boys with Down syndrome. This may reflect particular cognitive deficits seen in people with autism. Family members and caregivers were more likely to become involved in the activities of the autism group. In addition, the children with Down syndrome had the goal of getting attention or interacting with others more often than did the children with autism. There were some interesting similarities between the groups also. The relationship of these results to other research and theory in autism is discussed.
than for verbal/physical aggression, and appeared to diminish with age. Results suggest that young males and females engage in verbal/physical aggression at increasing rates from age 5 to 7, with males showing rates of relational aggression that surpass those of females. Findings provide initial evidence for the importance of studying relational aggression in younger samples, as well as for the utility in incorporating observational methods in studies of aggression. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Suarez, Mariann: Wichita State U., US
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2801
T1 - No words necessary: An ethnography of daily activities with young children who don't talk. ++
A1 - Spitzer, Susan Lanell
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2002-95010-001

English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Autism
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Meaning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 5075
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 62:
IS - 11-B
N2 - Understanding and participating in the activities of young children, especially children with developmental disabilities such as autism, can be difficult for adults. In this qualitative study, the guiding question was "How do young children with developmental disabilities create and convey meaning through their daily activities?". The participants were a total of 5 three- and four-year-old children, with a diagnosis of autism, who did not consistently use language to communicate spontaneously. Participant-observation was used to collect data in the home and other natural settings in which the child engaged in daily activities. Interviews with key adults in the child's daily life provided supplemental information. Analysis of fieldnotes and transcripts was focused on the children's occupations, that is, meaningful, directed activities that occupied their time. Unique patterns and preferences were identified and described for each child and his or her activities. The meaning, from the child's perspective, was interpreted with close attention to how a child did the activity and its relationship to the child's needs, desires, and abilities. Findings were related to the following conceptual topics: defining occupation, framing an occupation, the nature of changes within an occupation over time, temporal links to past occupations, occupational structure, self-direction, and reframing of required activities into more satisfying occupations. Although they shared a diagnosis, through their engagement in activities, the children were seen as unique individuals with their own particular interests and abilities. Categories of the children's activities with others were identified as being equipped (accepting materials from another), guided (accepting assistance from another), mentored (incorporating another's suggestion), and shared (maintaining reciprocal interaction). The participants used their bodies, sensory perception, objects, and scripted action instead of words to mediate and focus their interaction on an activity with shared meaning. There was an implicit agreement about the shared meaning of the activity—what they were doing, why, and how. Through these shared activities, the children seemed to be connecting and building relationships with other people. Suggestions were made for balancing person-centered and family-centered services for children with developmental disabilities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Spitzer, Susan Lanell: U Southern California, US
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2802
T1 - Children, attention, and nature: Evidence from AD/HD and poor urban populations
A1 - Faber Taylor, Andrea Jean
Children's attentional functioning impacts both their ability to perform everyday tasks and their potential for success in life. For example, children need a robust capacity to direct their attention for academic and social success. Can nature support children's directed attention? Attention Restoration Theory (Kaplan & Kaplan, 1989; Kaplan 1995) proposes that natural environments contain qualities that foster attentional restoration by allowing directed attention to rest. A growing body of evidence with adults indicates that nature does indeed support attention. We know little, however, about nature's potential for supporting children's attention. This dissertation examines whether nature in children's everyday environments is related to their attentional functioning. Two studies were conducted, each focusing on a distinct population of 7-12 year old children. One study examined 96 children with Attention Deficit Disorder living in predominately middle and upper-class neighborhoods with relatively high levels of nature. Data were collected through a written survey and follow-up focus group. The other study examined 169 children with normal attentional functioning, living in an inner city setting with relatively low levels of nature. In this study, data were collected through one-on-one interviews and objective performance measures. Is children's contact with everyday nature linked to their attentional functioning? This question was addressed through analyses involving both within and between-subjects comparisons, and multiple forms of everyday nature-activity setting, playspace, and residential nature. Numerous findings indicated that contact with everyday nature is related to better attentional functioning. In addition, some gender differences in the nature-attention relationship were discovered. The studies here are among the first to provide evidence for a systematic positive link between nature and attention in children. This work also contributes to Attention Restoration Theory, and the literature on the benefits of views of nature. Implications for design of children's spaces are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - Children growing up in the inner city are at risk of academic underachievement, juvenile delinquency, teenage pregnancy, and other important negative outcomes. Avoiding these outcomes requires self-discipline (SDP). SDP, in turn, may draw on directed attention, a limited resource that can be renewed through contact with nature. This study examined the relationship between near-home nature and 3 forms of SDP in 169 inner city girls and boys (aged 7-12 yrs) randomly assigned to 12 architecturally identical high-rise buildings with varying levels of nearby nature. Parent ratings of the naturalness of the view from home were used to predict children's performance on tests of concentration, impulse inhibition, and delay of gratification. Regressions indicate that, on average, the more natural a girl's view from home, the better her performance at SDP. For girls, view accounted for 20% of the variance in scores on the combined SDP index. For boys, who typically spend less time playing in and around their homes, view from home showed no relationship to performance on any measure. These findings suggest that, for girls, green space immediately outside the home can help them lead more effective, self-disciplined lives. For boys, perhaps more distant green spaces are equally important.

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are discussed with respect to support of an emerging empirical database and implications for practice. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2805
T1 - An observational study of preschooler's aggressive behavior in free play, in relation to gender and peer group status. [Japanese]. [References]
A1 - Hatakeyama, Miho
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-11631-004
Japanese Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Status
KW - Social Isolation
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 252
EP - 260
JF - Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology
VL - 13:
IS - 3
N2 - Examined aggressive behaviors of preschool children according to the context in which they occur and examined subtypes of aggressive behavior in relation to gender, peer group status, and numbers of aggressive children. Four- and 5-yr-old preschoolers (16 boys and 18 girls) were observed in a natural setting for 1 yr. A total of 160 aggressive behaviors were observed and classified into 3 categories: Proactive/overt aggression, instrumental/bullying, and relational aggression. Results show that boys show more proactive/overt aggression and instrumental/bullying aggression than girls, while girls show more relational aggressive behaviors than boys. In addition, children were aggressive according to their peer group status. Children who were classified as "nuclear" in their peer group had higher frequencies of relational aggressive behavior than children who were otherwise classified. Children who were classified as "isolated" suffered more than others from relational aggression. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0915-9029
AD - Hatakeyama, Miho: Hiroshima U, Faculty of Education, Japan Yamazaki, Akira: Hiroshima U, Faculty of Education, Japan
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2806
T1 - Peer relationships of preadolescent students with disabilities who attend a separate school. [References]
A1 - Hall, Laura J.
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-11075-006
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Middle School Students
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Schools
Research describing peer relationships of students with disabilities has focused on younger children and students attending inclusive schools. The following study incorporated multiple measures that included: peer nominations, peer interviews, and direct observations in the playground, as a means of describing the peer relationships of 7 middle-school students (aged 5-18 yrs) who attend a separate school for students with disabilities. Results were compared to those obtained using the same measures in a nearby inclusive school, for one child who attended both schools, and for typical middle-school students. Results reveal that students with disabilities who attend a separate school experience a variety of peer relationships that included reciprocal positive nominations as preferred peers as well as low social status, lack of social interaction during recess and engagement in age-inappropriate activities. Results suggest that strategies to facilitate peer relationships that include students with disabilities are needed to foster the development of positive interactions between peers during unstructured periods at school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Prevention of victimization: Survival Skills for urban youth. [References]
A1 - Mikalsen,Elena
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-06924-003

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Conflict Resolution
KW - Prevention
KW - Urban Environments
KW - Violence
KW - Age Differences
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Self Esteem
KW - Victimization
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 33
EP - 44
JF - Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community
VL - 24:
IS - 2

Submitted the unique prevention program implemented in inner city parks designed to prevent the development of short- and long-term consequences of exposure to chronic violence. 55 children and adolescents (aged 5-15 yrs) attending inner city Houston parks and playgrounds were recruited for participation. Results indicated that participants benefited significantly from the program, as evidenced by a decrease in endorsement of submissive conflict resolution strategies and behavioral problems. Higher self-esteem was related to increased program gains. Gender emerged as another moderator, while age was unrelated to improvement.

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SN - 1085-2352
AD - Mikalsen, Elena: U Houston, Houston, TX, US Vincent, John P.: U Houston, Houston, TX, US Harris, Gerald E.: U Houston, Houston, TX, US
ER -

Activities useful for fostering creativity: Singaporean children views. [References]
A1 - Tan,Ai-girl; Law,Lai-Chong
Y1 - 2002///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-04826-005

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Behavior
KW - Creativity
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Social Learning
KW - Student Attitudes
KW - Participation
KW - Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 59
n 385 children (aged 9-12 yrs) in Singapore rated the degree of usefulness of the activities for fostering creativity on a 5-Likert scale (1=not very useful, 5=very useful). They comprised Grade 4 (29.9%), Grade 5 (31.9%), and Grade 6 (38.2%) students of Singapore schools. Three clusters (C) were elicited from their responses. Cluster 1 (C1) was featured by 15 "student-centered participatory activities." Children belonging to this cluster (26%) seemed to hold relatively similar conceptions of creativity with the experts. They seemed to understand that creativity challenges an individual's multiple competencies. Cluster 2 (C2) was nearly characterized by all items, except verbal presentation, recess, listening to jokes, and video show with a final cluster center "3." Cluster 3 (C3) focuses on teacher guidance, recitation, and independent learning. 40% of the children belonged to a cluster (C3) resembling learning activities of the Singaporean everyday classroom of the upper elementary level. Singaporean children sit for 2 streaming examinations at the age of 10 yrs (Grade 4) and at the age of 12 yrs (Grade 6). Half of the 4th graders (n=58, 50.4%) belonged to this cluster, indicating possible influences of the national streaming examination on their responses. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Maternal socialization of safety practice among Mexican American children. [References]

A1 - Power, Thomas G.
Y1 - 2002
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-02435-003

TY - JOUR
ID - 2811
T1 - Maternal socialization of safety practice among Mexican American children. [References]
A1 - Power, Thomas G.
Y1 - 2002
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-02435-003

N2 - The relationship between maternal socialization strategies and children's safety practices was examined in a sample of 80 low-income Mexican American mothers (mean age 31.8 yrs) and their 4- to 8-yr-old children. Mothers were interviewed about the socialization strategies they used to influence their child's safety practices and about their children's safety behaviors in the home. Observations of the home environment yielded a measure of the family's use of proactive safety strategies. Children's safety knowledge was assessed in a structured play situation conducted in a simulated home environment. Results show that although mothers uniformly set safety rules regarding child behavior inside and outside the home, a significant number of mothers engaged in relatively few proactive practices to ensure child safety. Children who showed the greatest degree of safety knowledge and/or behavior tended to have mothers who used proactive safety strategies and who relied on consequence explanations versus commands or unelaborated explanations to teach child safety. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


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TY - JOUR
ID - 2812
T1 - Children's social behavior before and after the availability of broadcast television: Findings from three studies in a naturalistic setting
A1 - Charlton, Tony; Davie, Ronald; Gunter, Barrie; Thomas, Cilla
Y1 - 2002
N1 - Book: 2001-10129-006

TY - JOUR
ID - 2812
T1 - Children's social behavior before and after the availability of broadcast television: Findings from three studies in a naturalistic setting
A1 - Charlton, Tony; Davie, Ronald; Gunter, Barrie; Thomas, Cilla
Y1 - 2002
N1 - Book: 2001-10129-006

ER -
This chapter reports on 3 research studies, each using separate and independent measures of behavior to monitor young children's behavior across the availability of broadcast television on the island of St. Helena. Study 1 involved cohorts of nursery class children (aged 3-5 yrs) and incorporated teachers' ratings of children's behavior around school. Study 2 investigated 3- to 8-yr-olds' freeplay behavior in 2 school playgrounds in 1994 (before the availability of broadcast TV), and on two post-TV occasions in 1997, and 1998. Study 3 centered on a focus group discussion with 16- to 18-yr-old students from a secondary school on the island. The students' discussion threw light on potentially mitigating environmental factors. Findings on the whole showed little change in children's social behavior following the introduction of broadcast TV on the island.
Studied spontaneous social interaction, social dominance, and resource exchange during free play among preschool children. 28 preschool students engaged in controlled free play while 28 (all aged 4-6 yrs) participated in passive vigilance free play. Ss' behavior during recess was recorded; Each S was monitored for a minimum of 40 min. The results were evaluated according to friendly contact, interchange of material resources, antagonistic dominance, authority, leadership, fighting, disobedience, symmetry of dyadic interchanges, equity, group participation, and type of supervision. Statistical tests were used. (English abstract) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - Studied the relationship between the use of leisure time and the consumption of legal drugs. Ss were 277 7th-grade students (aged 11-13 yrs). Information on personal factors, use of leisure time, history of consumption of tobacco or alcohol, and intent to use tobacco or alcohol in the future was obtained by questionnaire. The results were evaluated according to participation in sports, and social or educational activities outside of school. (English abstract) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2815
T1 - Leisure time and drug consumption. [Spanish]
A1 - Alonso Sanz, Carlos; del Barrio Gandara, Victoria
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1995-85633-001
Spanish
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Drug Usage
KW - Leisure Time
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 71
EP - 93
JF - Revista de Psicologia Social
VL - 9:
IS - 1

TY - JOUR
ID - 2816
T1 - Child care and education for Spanish children younger than six years. [Spanish]
A1 - Palacios, Jesus
Y1 - 1989///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1990-79183-001
Spanish
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Day Care
KW - Preschool Education
N2 - Examines from a macroscopic perspective the preschool education available in Spain for children younger than 6 yrs. In contrast to most other countries, Spain offers few choices for preschool education; almost 98% of public preschool programs are provided by the Ministry of Education or autonomous communities, and serve four- or five-year-olds, while over 94% of private programs (mostly for those under four) are provided by private sources or the Catholic church. Almost 65% of early childhood educators work in the public sector, and over two-thirds are trained for that age level. Finally, 52% of pupils rely on school transportation; 89% of programs operate from 9 AM to 5 PM; 52% of children attend from 4 to 5 hours a day; 47% of programs are housed in school buildings; 4% lack outside playgrounds; and 95% offer an educational program. (English abstract) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2014 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - 12 boys and 12 girls provided home dreams and waking fantasies (WFs) at 3 age levels: 9-11, 11-13, and 13-15 yrs. A total of 299 dreams and 286 WFs were coded by 2 independent raters using C. S. Hall and R. Van de Castle (1966) content categories. There were few changes in dreams or WFs of either boys or girls, but dream reports were longer at ages 13-15 yrs, aggression/friendliness percent increased over time, joint-sex peer groups became more frequent, and girls showed a decline in animal percent. The tendency for men to dream mostly about other men and for women to dream equally of women and men was found in both dreams and WFs. Dreams and WFs differed markedly, with dreams containing more outdoor and unfamiliar settings and more bizarreness. In dreams, Ss tended to portray themselves as victims of aggression and recipients of friendliness, but in WFs they took a more active role as aggressors and befrienders. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2817
T1 - The home dreams and waking fantasies of boys and girls between ages 9 and 15: A longitudinal study.

[References]
A1 - Strauch, Inge
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-11074-003

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycINFO
KW - Age Differences
KW - Dream Content
KW - Dreaming
KW - Fantasy
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Content Analysis
KW - Daydreaming
KW - Fantasy (Defense Mechanism)
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 153
EP - 161
JF - Dreaming
VL - 9:
IS - 2-3

N2 - 12 boys and 12 girls provided home dreams and waking fantasies (WFs) at 3 age levels: 9-11, 11-13, and 13-15 yrs. A total of 299 dreams and 286 WFs were coded by 2 independent raters using C. S. Hall and R. Van de Castle (1966) content categories. There were few changes in dreams or WFs of either boys or girls, but dream reports were longer at ages 13-15 yrs, aggression/friendliness percent increased over time, joint-sex peer groups became more frequent, and girls showed a decline in animal percent. The tendency for men to dream mostly about other men and for women to dream equally of women and men was found in both dreams and WFs. Dreams and WFs differed markedly, with dreams containing more outdoor and unfamiliar settings and more bizarreness. In dreams, Ss tended to portray themselves as victims of aggression and recipients of friendliness, but in WFs they took a more active role as aggressors and befrienders. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
ID - 2818
T1 - Infant day care facilitates preschool social behavior
A1 - Field, Tiffany; Masi, Wendy; Goldstein, Sheri; Perry, Susan; Parl, Silke
Y1 - 1988///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1989-29126-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Attachment Behavior
KW - Child Day Care
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 341
EP - 359
JF - Early Childhood Research Quarterly
VL - 3:
IS - 4
N2 - 71 children (aged 23-68 mo) entering infant day care at varying times and receiving varying amounts of care were compared on their reunion-with-parent behavior, teacher and parent ratings of their behavior, and playground play interactions. Age of entry into day care (<6 mo vs >6 mo) had no significant effect on attachment to mother as measured by reunion behaviors or on play and socialization skills as measured by observation and behavior rating scales in a full-time day-care setting. Ss with more hours and months of day care engaged in less watching, solitary play, and teacher comfort-seeking behavior and they showed more cooperative play, positive affect, peer interaction, and positive verbal interaction. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0885-2006
AD - Field, Tiffany: U Miami School of Medicine, Mailman Ctr for Child Development, FL, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2819
T1 - Effects of preschool environments on nonverbal social behavior: Toddlers' interpersonal distances to teachers and classmates change with environmental density, classroom design, and parent-child interactions
A1 - Burgess, J.
Y1 - 1989///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1989-31147-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Environment
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Parent Child Relations
KW - Personal Space
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Preschool Teachers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 261
EP - 276
JF - Child Psychology & Psychiatry & Allied Disciplines
VL - 30:
IS - 2
N2 - 12 toddlers’ (aged 22-32 mo) interpersonal spacing patterns were studied in preschool environments of different density and design. Results show that an apparently spacious open classroom may produce behavioral changes reminiscent of crowding in young children. When more space was available on an outdoor playground children (1) increased interpersonal distances overall and (2) aggregated more with classmates and teachers,
fragmenting into subgroups that were separated from the class overall. With visual dividers added to the classroom to facilitate subgrouping, toddlers formed larger subgroups with teachers. Parent/child behavior during separation also affected distances: longer hand-holding and verbalization were found in children who stayed further from others. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
IS - 4
N2 - Examined the percentage time estimates of momentary time sampling (MTS) against the real time obtained with handheld computers among 16 1st-4th graders in a natural setting. Concurrent observations were conducted by 1 observer who used 15-sec MTS and a 2nd who used a handheld computer. Results for 6 behaviors (school work, looking, other activity, child interaction, teacher interaction, and out of seat) show a close correspondence between the MTS percentage observation intervals and the real-time percentage observation time. However, 15-sec MTS tended not to sample low-frequency short-duration behaviors. Short-interval MTS estimated percentage time accurately for a wide range of behavior frequencies and durations, and observers using MTS in a natural setting are able to obtain accurate data. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0021-8855
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2823
T1 - School injuries in Athens: Socioeconomic and family risk factors
A1 - Petridou,Eleni; Kouri,Nicoletta; Trichopoulos,Dimitrios; Revinthi,Katharine; Skalkidis,Yannis; Tong,Donald
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1995-19336-001
Language: English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Family Structure
KW - Injuries
KW - Socioeconomic Status
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Junior High School Students
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 490
EP - 491
JF - Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
VL - 48:
IS - 5
N2 - Examined the importance of family and social risk factors for injuries at school in Athens, Greece. During study on 80 nonconsecutive days, 101 injuries occurred, 49 on the playground, 39 in classrooms or corridors, 10 during sporting activities, and 3 during transportation to or from school. Results indicated that low SES increases the risk for injuries, not only by creating adverse environmental conditions, but through mechanisms related to behavior and education that can operate even in the school environment. Children from single parent families were 5 times more likely to sustain a school injury. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0143-005X
AD - Petridou, Eleni: Athens U Medical School, Dept of Hygiene & Epidemiology, Ctr for Research & Prevention of Injuries, Greece
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2824
T1 - A social learning model of peer choice in the natural environment
A1 - Snyder,James; West,Lisa; Stockemer,Vanessa; Gibbons,Shannon; Almquist-Parks,Laura
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1996-01776-004
Language: English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
Examined the social processes used by 74 African American children (aged 49-62 mo) to choose peer affiliates in a natural classroom setting. Preference ratings for each classmate were collected individually from each S, and the amount of time each S spent with peers during free play periods in the classroom was observed and coded. Results indicate that Ss were selective in their affiliation with peers; they spent substantial social time with a small number of peers and little time with remaining peers. Ss' initial affiliation with each of an array of same- and opposite-gender Ss and temporal changes in those affiliations were strongly related to the relative proportion of positive consequences the Ss experienced during social interaction with those peers. Strong mutual affiliations or friendships were established between Ss who provided each other with the highest levels of positive social consequences available from peers in the classroom. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
TY - JOUR
ID - 2826
T1 - Effectiveness of using a computer to improve attention to visual analysis activities of five preschool children with disabilities. [References]
A1 - Del Pilar Cardona, Maria; Martinez, Alba Lucia; Hinojosa, Jim
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-05360-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Computer Applications
KW - Disabilities
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Special Education
KW - Visual Attention
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 42
EP - 56
JF - Occupational Therapy International
VL - 7:
IS - 1
N2 - This study used a single-subject reversal research design to examine the effectiveness of using a computer to improve attention to visual analysis activities in five preschool children with disabilities in a special education programme. Baseline levels of attention to task behaviours were measured during the performance of fine motor tabletop visual analysis activities of matching, requiring shape recognition, counting, free drawing, and size and colour discrimination. During the intervention phase, computer-based visual analysis activities were introduced. Results suggest that each child's attention to task performance improved during the computer-based activities, when measured by the number of distractions, although sitting tolerance and visual attention to the task did not change. The findings of this study, although limited to five participants with developmental disabilities, suggest that the students were interested and motivated to engage in computer-based activities. More research is needed to examine a longer intervention phase and the effectiveness of computer-based intervention in natural settings such as a classroom. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0966-7903
AD - Hinojosa, Jim: New York University, New York, NY, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2827
T1 - Children adopted to Finland from countries outside Europe. [Swedish]
A1 - Kvist, Beatrice; Viemero, Vappu; Forsten, Nina
Y1 - 1989///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1991-70234-001
Swedish
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Adoption (Child)
KW - Cross Cultural Differences
KW - Immigration
KW - Aggressiveness
KW - Anxiety
KW - Ego Identity
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Self Concept
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 97
EP - 108
JF - Nordisk Psykologi
N2 - Studied the self-image, self-ideal, ego strength, aggressiveness, anxiety, and leisure activities of adopted vs nonadopted Ss. Human subjects: 14 normal schoolage children (aged 10-12 yrs) (adoptees from Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam). 13 normal Finnish schoolage children (aged 10-22 yrs). Psychological assessment and rating scales were used. (English abstract) Developmental. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - Investigated reliability and convergent validity of the Scheme for Observing Activity Level (SOAL) developed by the present authors, using data from 3 studies. In Exp I, 12 male and 10 female preschoolers, (mean age 33.3 mo) were observed indoors and on a playground for 2-min intervals. In Exp II, 15 boys and 24 girls (mean age 44.4 mo) were observed while wearing an actometer, and results were correlated with the SOAL. In Exp III, 62 Ss (mean age 51.7 mo) were observed on indoor climbing structures for 1-min intervals. Correlations between Exp I and Exp III were .5. The SOAL displayed moderate convergence with alternative measures of activity level. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - At home with nature: Effects of "greenness" on children's cognitive functioning
The nearby natural environment plays a far more significant role in the well-being of children residing in poor urban environments than has previously been recognized. Using a premove/postmove longitudinal design, this research explores the linkage between the naturalness or restorativeness of the home environment and the cognitive functioning of 17 low-income urban children (aged 7-12 yrs). Both before and after relocation, objective measures of naturalness were used along with a standardized instrument (the Attention Deficit Disorders Evaluation Scale) measuring the children's cognitive functioning. Results show that children whose homes improved the most in terms of greenness following relocation also tended to have the highest levels of cognitive functioning following the move. The implications with respect to policy and design are also discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
FP - 276
EP - 279
JF - The Family Journal
VL - 7:
IS - 3

N2 - Presents the case study of Robert to demonstrate an interaction collaboration model for family therapists and school counselors. When family therapy originates outside the school setting, the school is likely to be ignored, but communication is often poor between school and therapists even in cases where therapy originates through school referral. Robert (aged 9 yrs), repeatedly demonstrated acting-out school behavior. To assist him in gaining control of his emotions, implemented procedures and activities included Robert's unconditionally sanctioned attendance at social events, setting up a routine contact schedule with his distant father, minor classroom changes, and school group counseling sessions. All family members set aside quality time. The school counselor coordinated classroom arrangements with Robert's teachers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 1066-4807
AD - Rotter, Joseph C.: U South Carolina, Dept of Educational Psychology, Columbia, SC, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2832
T1 - Physiological, behavioral, and psychological effects associated with television viewing in schoolboys: An exploratory study
A1 - Myrtek,Michael; Scharff,Christian; Brugner,Georg; Muller,Wolfgang
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1996-05720-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavioral Assessment
KW - Computer Applications
KW - Psychophysiology
KW - Television Viewing
KW - Emotional Responses
KW - Monitoring
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 301
EP - 323
JF - The Journal of Early Adolescence
VL - 16:
IS - 3

N2 - 50 German schoolboys (aged 10-13 yrs) demonstrate a new procedure for gathering physiological, psychological, and behavioral data on TV viewing in the home environment on a normal school day, using a special ambulatory monitoring device. The mean time spent watching TV was 123 min per day, during which the
Ss watched mostly entertainment and action shows. Results indicate that different types of TV programs had differing physiological effects and more specifically, heart rate (HR) as compared to other programs was low for entertainment and high for action shows. Compared to school and leisure time, additional HR during TV viewing was much higher. Boys with high TV consumption read fewer books, showed diminished activities outside home, a tendency for reduced school-related homework, and reduced interest in hobbies. Findings show that psychophysiological effects of TV viewing can be monitored in the home environment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0272-4316
AD - Myrtek, Michael: U Freiburg, Psychologisches Inst, Forschungsgruppe Psychophysiologie, Freiburg, Germany
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2833
T1 - School/nonschool friendship patterns in early adolescence
A1 - DuBois, David L.
Y1 - 1993///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-37108-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Environment
KW - Friendship
KW - Racial and Ethnic Differences
KW - Social Skills
KW - Blacks
KW - Whites
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 102
EP - 122
JF - The Journal of Early Adolescence
VL - 13:
IS - 1
N2 - Examined the school/nonschool ecology of early adolescent friendship activity using data from 115 female and 95 male White students and 39 male and 33 female Black students. Principal components analysis of friendship measures revealed distinct dimensions for activities that occur during and outside school with the best school friend. Social skill and environment-related obstacles to seeing school friends outside school were also identified, particularly among Black Ss. Activity with the best school friend was more frequent during school and environmental obstacles interfered to a greater extent with seeing school friends outside school than did social skill problems. Activity with the best school friends during and outside school was related to self-esteem among boys but not among girls. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0272-4316
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2834
T1 - Factor structure of the School Function Assessment
A1 - Coster, Wendy J.
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2000-05366-008
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Criterion Referenced Tests
KW - Disorders
KW - Factor Structure
The School Function Assessment (SFA) was developed to provide information on students' abilities to meet functional demands of the elementary school program. This judgment-based, criterion-referenced assessment supports a comprehensive, detailed examination of the extent to which students with a variety of disabilities are performing important school-related functional tasks and activities such as moving around the school, using classroom materials, interacting with peers, and caring for personal needs. The factor structure underlying the SFA Activity Performance scales was investigated using data from two heterogeneous national samples of students with disabilities (266 and 341 Ss aged 5-14 yrs). Analysis with the principal axis technique and oblique rotation identified two factors, a Cognitive/Behavioral Function dimension and a Physical Function dimension. These factors were moderately correlated, which is congruent with definitions of the function construct that emphasize the integration of physical, cognitive, and social abilities in the performance of daily activities in the natural environment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
classmates and teachers, reactions to teaching practices, and time spent in sports activities, youth clubs, and religious activities. Results show that 65% of Hong Kong delinquent Ss, and 40% of Guangzhou delinquent Ss came from broken homes. Nearly all delinquent Ss reported that they were ignored by their parents and seldom felt understood. Delinquent Ss exhibited higher school drop-out rates, which they attributed to their own behavioral problems, academic difficulties, or poor teacher-student relationships. Non-delinquent Ss associated with friends from school; in contrast, delinquent Ss met their peers in video arcades, street corners, or playgrounds and had close ties to neighborhood gangs. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0267-3843
AD - Wong, Dennis S. W.: City U of Hong Kong, Dept of Applied Social Studies, Kowloon, Hong Kong
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2836
T1 - High-risk Behavior by Boys in Traffic Situations in Belem. [Portuguese]. [References]
A1 - de Assis Rocha, Joao Bosco
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2003-07965-002
Portuguese
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Human Males
KW - Motor Traffic Accidents
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Risk Taking
KW - Drivers
KW - Parents
KW - Witnesses
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 23
EP - 33
JF - Arquivos Brasileiros de Psicologia
VL - 53:
IS - 3
N2 - Every year thousands of Brazilian children die or get injured from traffic accidents. To know the inherent factors to the dangerous behavior at the moment accidents happen, we studied twenty non-lethal cases involving children from 5 to 10 years old. The study included not only the interview of the victims, their parents, witness and drivers but also the use of psychological tests, questionnaires and drawings which aimed the reconstruction of the accident scene and the better understanding of the behavior of the subjects. Secondary factors, such as the type of road, climatic conditions, day and time of accident, and the reason for the subject's presence at the scene, were also evaluated. The results indicated that 1) lower-income boys, due to their precarious living conditions were more exposed to high-risk traffic conditions. The following aspects were characteristic of accident causality: a) they were busy with some outdoor activity, b) were distracted, c) had poor schooling, and d) seemed unaware of traffic-related dangers. 2) With reference to their psychological profiles, the boys did not differ significantly from peer controls, which led to the conclusion that available psychological test are not predictive of accident proneness. In conclusion, there is an urgent need for restructuring the Brazilian transit system. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0100-8692
AD - de Assis Rocha, Joao Bosco: Universidade D. Bosco, Campo Grande, Brazil
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2837
T1 - Free play use of space by preschoolers from diverse backgrounds: Factors influencing activity choices
A1 - Harper, Lawrence V.
Y1 - 1998///
Analyses were made of the location and quality of free play of 244 3- to 5-year-olds from 6 different preschool and day-care centers. Although SES and ethnicity were confounded with amount of space and the range of choices available, 13 play sites/activities could account for at least half the children's time in every center. There was no simple relation between the amount of space allocated to a setting and the proportion of time that the children used it. Patterns of use varied as a function of weather-related accessibility in spacious facilities. Differences across samples drawn from the same SES/ethnic pool indicated that the particular make-up of a group (the "cohort") in the same physical context can affect specific patterns of usage. Among children drawn from all 6 centers, there were sex differences in time spent in 5 of 9 common play sites. Moreover, across centers and a broader spectrum of areas, certain play sites consistently yielded different patterns of social exchanges with peers and adults. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Naturalistic observations were made of 17 aggressive and 22 nonaggressive children in Grades 1 to 6, filmed with video cameras and remote microphones on school playgrounds. Observers coded interactive behaviors, affective valence, and play states. Aggressive children displayed more verbal and physical aggression, more prosocial behaviors, and higher rates of interaction than did nonaggressive children. The 2 groups spent similar time in solitary and group activities. Sequential analyses indicated that peers made similar initiations to aggressive and nonaggressive children, but aggressive children were more likely to respond.
antisocially. Aggressive children initiated more mixed behaviors (prosocial and antisocial) than did nonaggressive children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0272-930X
AD - Pepler, Debra J.: York U, LaMarsh Ctr for Research on Violence & Conflict Resolution, North York, ON, Canada
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2839
T1 - Temporary and long-term friendships in hearing and deaf preschoolers
A1 - Lederberg, Amy R.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1988-14334-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Deaf
KW - Friendship
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Hearing Disorders
KW - Longitudinal Studies
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 515
EP - 533
JF - Merrill-Palmer Quarterly
VL - 33:
IS - 4
N2 - Observed 33 hearing and 29 deaf 3-5 yr olds during outdoor play at their schools over 7 mo. Three types of peer relationships were examined: nonfriends, temporary friends, and long-term friends. Both deaf and hearing Ss typically had 1 temporary friend and 1 long-term friend at a given time. The 2 types of friends differed from the nonfriends in the affective tone of their interactions. Compared to nonfriends, friends were less likely to behave negatively and were more likely to be of the same sex and ethnicity. Long-term friends engaged in more social than parallel play and were more similar in age and ethnicity. Except for differences in stability, the pattern of friendship was similar for deaf and hearing preschoolers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0272-930X
AD - Lederberg, Amy R.: U Texas-Dallas, Richardson, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2840
T1 - Disabled children's integration in school: From social representation to subjectivity
A1 - Donfrancesco, R.
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-03747-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Disorders
KW - Educational Programs
KW - Mainstreaming (Educational)
KW - Verbal Memory
KW - Visual Memory
KW - Classroom Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 283
EP - 295
Evaluated integration in school of 14 disabled children (aged 7.6-13.11 yrs) during the experience of a stage for memory improvement that was carried out during class time. Ss were divided into 3 working groups; all Ss attended primary school, except one child who attended Italian middle school. All Ss willingly accepted the stage and actively took part in the proposed work; at the end of the stage (3 mo; a total of 60 hrs) Ss' visual memory and verbal memory were improved (p < 0.005 and < 0.001 respectively). The children's behavior after integration in school was studied using the Social Emotional Dimension Scale (J. B. Hutton and G. T. Roberts, 1986); similar values were obtained before and after the stage. Results suggest that selected Ss may be able to work outside general class during some hours a week without detriment to their capacity to socialize and to integrate in school. An Italian translation of this article precedes the English version abstracted here. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
ID - 2842
T1 - Outdoor activities as a basis for environmental responsibility
A1 - Palmberg, Irmeli E; Kuru, Jari
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2000-05494-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Curriculum
KW - Educational Field Trips
KW - Environmental Attitudes
KW - Responsibility
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Emotional Adjustment
KW - Personal Values
KW - Personality Traits
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 32
EP - 36
JF - The Journal of Environmental Education
VL - 31:
IS - 4
N2 - Examined the effects of outdoor environmental education activities involving school children. 36 students (aged 11-12 yrs) residing in Finland were categorized as experiencing high, moderate, or low levels of outdoor education, which included field trips, hiking, camps, canoeing, and sailing. Collected data included questionnaire responses, interviews, drawings, landscape photographs, and S observations during outdoor activities. Results show that nature experiences developed Ss' self-confidence and feelings of safety, which in turn increased their willingness to participate in future outdoor activities. In comparison to Ss experienced with outdoor activities, those who were inexperienced were more uncertain and anxious about trying new things, were quicker to express their inability, and had more difficulties in working as a group. Experienced Ss showed a strongly empathic relationship to nature, better social behavior, and higher moral judgements. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 095-8964
AD - Palmberg, Irmeli E.: Abo Akademi U, Dept of Teacher Education, Vaasa, Finland
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2843
T1 - Musical learning: Differences between boys and girls in Hong Kong Chinese co-educational secondary schools. [References]
A1 - Ho, Wai chung
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-13630-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Music
KW - Music Education
KW - Stereotyped Attitudes
KW - Student Attitudes
KW - School Environment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 41
EP - 54
JF - British Journal of Music Education
VL - 18:
IS - 1
N2 - Presents an overview of boys' and girls' musical learning inside and outside school. Ss were 877 pupils (414 boys and 463 girls) in 9 Chinese secondary schools. Most of the Ss were aged 12-16 yrs. The paper argues that patterns of gender stereotyping associated with music among Hong Kong students have some similarities with those in the Western world. The impact of gender beliefs was most evident in types of instrumental learning, types of music activities, and listening and singing preferences. The Ss' attitudes toward the promotion of popular and Western classical music in school emerged as statistically significant, while their attitude toward Chinese classical music was nonsignificant. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0265-0517
AD - Ho, Wai-chung: Hong Kong Baptist U, Hong Kong
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2844
T1 - Treatment of child aggression: Development and assessment of multi-agent programs of behavioral intervention. [Spanish]. [References]
A1 - Velazquez,Hector Ayala; Caso-Lopez,Alicia Chaparro; Juarez,Monica Fulgencio; Cabrera,Francisco Pedroza; Chaine,Silvia Moralez; Trejo,Ayme Pacheco; Gonzalez,Brenda Mendoza; Sanchez,Aura Ortiz; Sandoval,Eloisa Vargas; Torres,Noemi Barragan
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-10326-001
Spanish
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Behavior Modification
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 34
JF - Revista Mexicana de Analisis de la Conducta
VL - 27:
IS - 1
N2 - Evaluated the effectiveness of 8 behavioral intervention programs directed at modifying aggressive behavior in children. These interventions were designed based on those factors that research in the field has identified as being directly linked to the development and maintenance of childhood aggression. They were offered to the three groups of change agents that have been shown to be related to these patterns of behavior: the child itself, it's parents and teachers. 84 children participated in this study and were exposed to one of several to the following intervention programs: Parent Training for young children (6-9 yrs), Parent Training older children (10-13 yrs); Classroom Behavior management; Playground Behavior management; Self-control training in anger management for young children (6-9 yrs); Self-control training in anger management for older children (10-13 yrs), Problem Solving training with peers, and Social Skills training. For each of the intervention programs, a series of measures were obtained before and after completing the training, which indicate an important level of effectiveness in the reduction of aggressive behavior, suggesting the viability of its application and their pertinence in the development of multimodal intervention strategies for this population. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0185-4534
AD - Velazquez, Hector Ayala: U Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2845
T1 - Psycho-sensory static load and physical activity in daily regimen of Slovak school children. [References]
A1 - Sevcikova,L.'
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2002-08703-011
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
Examined psychosensory and static load and physical activity among Slovak school children. 2,108 1st-9th grade Slovak schoolchildren reported daily regimen activities in 1982; 2,339 1st-9th grade Slovak schoolchildren did so in 1998. Data were compared concerning: (1) psycho-sensory and static load; (2) leisure time sports activities; (3) sleep; and (4) outdoor activities. Results show that significantly more younger subjects (Ss) attended optional and private lessons and other educational activities in 1998, compared to 1982. New daily sedentary and psycho-sensory activities with personal computers were reported by 36% of Ss. Watching television significantly increased in all Ss, and was correlated with a significant shortening of sleep. Regular sports activity increased in younger Ss. Physical and sport activity was lower in females than in males. 84% of younger Ss relaxed outdoors <3 hrs daily. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This reprinted chapter originally appeared in Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders, 2000(Fal), Vol 8(3), 165-176. (The following abstract of the original article appeared in record 2000-02433-004). Describes Linking the Interests of Families and Teachers (LIFT), a prevention program designed for delivery to children and parents within the elementary school setting. The LIFT targets for change those child and parent behaviors thought to be most relevant to the development of adolescent delinquent and violent behaviors, namely child oppositional, defiant, and socially inept behavior and parent discipline and monitoring. The 3 major components of the LIFT are (1) classroom-based child social and problem skills training, (2) playground-based behavior modification, and (3) group-delivered parent training. The results of a randomized controlled evaluation of the LIFT, using 1st and 5th graders and parents from high juvenile crime neighborhoods, are reviewed. To date, the program has positively impacted the targeted antecedents. Most importantly, during the 3 yrs following the program, the LIFT delayed the time that participants first became involved with antisocial peers during middle school, as well as the time to first patterned alcohol use, to first marijuana use... (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


TY - JOUR
ID - 2847
T1 - The development of explanations for biological phenomena: Children's and adults’ understanding of inheritance
A1 - Korpan, Connie Anna
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2001-95022-231
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Genetics
KW - Transgenerational Patterns
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2517
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 62:
IS - 5-B
N2 - This research concerns biological understanding of inheritance. Among other things, biological understanding entails knowing that biological processes operate outside the forces of mechanical and intentional causes. A question that has been the center of much debate is: When do children possess such understanding? One view is that before the age of approximately 7 years, children interpret biological phenomena in terms of psychological forces such as beliefs and intentions and that between 7- and 10-years of age, they undergo something akin to paradigm shift. The other view is that children possess an autonomous theoretical framework related to biology at a much earlier age. Of particular interest in the current study is the types of explanations individuals endorse or generate when thinking about biological inheritance. In this study, students in Grades 2, 4, 6, and university were systematically and intensively interviewed on the topic of inheritance. They were presented with three tasks. In the Generation Task, participants were presented with a variety of items intended to elicit explanations about how physical traits are inherited across one or two generations. In the Endorsement Task, participants were asked to render an opinion concerning seven explanations for the color of an animal, a plant, and an artifact. Finally, in the Background Knowledge Task, participants were asked questions that were designed to determine their knowledge about genes and the role they play in transmission of traits, their knowledge about the environment and how it influences the expression of traits, and their intuitive statistical knowledge regarding natural variability and homogeneity. In the Generation Task, participants in all age groups generated approximately six types of explanations, suggesting that participants have at hand a variety of explanations from which to choose. Adults tended to generate explanations that were congruous with biological theories of inheritance but included a clear causal mechanism in their explanations. Children's explanations were also mostly congruous with biological theories of inheritance, but frequently lacked a clear causal mechanism. Implications of evaluating biological understanding and its development from the perspective of multiple,
overlapping explanations are discussed. (Abstract shortened by UMI.) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Korpan, Connie Anna: U Alberta, Canada
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2848
T1 - An interplay-based social skills group for children with Asperger's syndrome
A1 - Doyle, Melissa M.
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2001-95019-112

English Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aspergers Syndrome
KW - Group Psychotherapy
KW - Social Skills
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1583

JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 62:
IS - 4-A

N2 - Asperger's Syndrome is a cluster of cognitive, social and affective deficits that falls in the continuum of Pervasive Developmental Disorders. Current methods of intervention have met with limited success and have not been replicated outside of the treatment setting. In this study, an Interplay based brief group treatment, utilized a metaphor of acting skills to teach social skills to a group of six latency aged boys with Asperger's Syndrome. A measurement instrument, designed for this study, assessed play skills, social skills, Theory of Minds Skills, and verbal and non-verbal communication skills. Pre- and post-intervention results were measured using separate single case research designs. Only minor gains in skills were noted, although qualitative report of group members and parents were positive. Recommendations for future treatment and research include small group size, increased parent involvement, and a high child to facilitator ratio that permits both participation and reflection on the group process. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4209
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2849
T1 - Group entry strategies of socially excluded children as a function of sex, ethnicity, and sociometric status
A1 - Bradley, Kathy Denise
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2001-95018-183

English Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Racial and Ethnic Differences
KW - Social Acceptance
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1613

JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 62:
IS - 3-B

N2 - Understanding the process of social exclusion is necessary to develop effective intervention programs. The effects of peer relationship problems are far reaching, and include academic difficulties, problems with parental relationships, and even a variety of mental disorders. Researchers have a good understanding of the antecedents
of social exclusion and its deleterious effects on the outcast child; however, much less is known about the process of social exclusion in the context of peer group entry. It has been determined that peer group entry attempts is one of the most difficult social situations for young children, and a child's performance, or lack thereof, in this domain is significantly correlated with the peers' behavior toward that child. Of the studies which have focused on peer group entry, most have been conducted in laboratory settings. The present study examines naturally-occurring group entry attempts of rejected and neglected children, focusing on the types of group entry attempts made, how the group responds to these children, and whether these two findings are a function of subgroup differences. Participants for this study came from a larger study examining the effects of a social exclusion intervention on the social and emotional experiences of kindergarten children in the classroom: The sample for this study was 41 kindergarten-aged children who were identified from the original study at risk of peer group exclusion based on sociometric status. These children were observed during freeplay in the classroom and on the playground for 12, 5-minute observations across at least 5 different days. Observations were conducted during the first half of the school year, and again during the second half. Behaviors were coded on the basis of group entry attempts made and responses of the group. The different patterns observed help explain the strategies used, processes, and outcomes of peer group entry for socially excluded children, and, therefore, provide knowledge that can be applied for use by teachers, and also to increase the effectiveness of interventions focusing on childhood social exclusion. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
psychomotor domain, and therefore, when teaching children with Ds gross motor skills, people should use verbal, visual, gestural/kinesthetic prompts, demonstrations of skills displayed with dolls and models, and explanations aimed at influencing cognitive understandings of motor skills. Future research options include motor theory development with Vygotsky's proposals, finding new ways to assess psychomotor knowledge, and using declarative and procedural knowledge when teaching motor skills to children with movement disorders/motor delays. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The purpose of this pilot investigation was to examine playground interactions of eight children (aged 6-10 years) with learning impairments (LI) and their typical peers in order to clarify further the social behaviors of these children. The participants were videotaped during the morning and lunch recesses. Their behavior was coded into one of the 37 subcategories and the subcategories were grouped into 6 general categories. Children with LI demonstrated significantly more withdrawn behaviors than did their peers. Typical children spent considerably more time interacting with peers than did children with LI. No other significant differences were observed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

In the child-centered group play therapy (GPT) process, children experience an environment that is marked by warmth and acceptance and promotes safety and growth. This environment allows children the opportunity to discover that their peers may be struggling too, which helps to deconstruct the barriers that children have of feeling alone in their pain. A sense of belonging develops, and children appropriate ways to relate within and outside the playroom. In the child-centered GPT process, children experience a consistent and accepting response from the therapist, regardless of their presenting problems, degree of normality, or extent of personal adjustment. The group experience allows children to communicate about these issues on both an intrapersonal and interpersonal level. The child-centered therapy process takes the focus off the therapist and allows the children to experience self-exploration, self-discovery, and self-realization. It is the actualization of empowerment. This chapter discusses issues related to diagnosis and treatment planning, therapeutic limiting setting, the rationale for utilizing group play therapy, and group structure and logistics. A case example is presented of child-centered GPT involving 3 children (7 and 8 yrs old). (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Behavior sampling and ethnography: Complementary methods for understanding home-school connections among Latino immigrant families. [References]

A1 - Weisner, Thomas
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-14176-002

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Ethnography
KW - Home Environment
KW - Sampling (Experimental)
KW - Immigration
KW - Lower Income Level
KW - Methodology
KW - Latinos/Latinas
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 20
EP - 46
JF - Field Methods
VL - 13:
IS - 1

Both ethnography and experience-sampling methods (ESMs) are effective for assessing children's home activities. The authors combined them to examine home activities that were school-like, complementary to school, or unrelated to school. The activities were then related to children's school achievement in a sample of 8 low-income Latino immigrant families and their 10-11 yr old children at risk for low school achievement. Children reported a wide variety of types of activities in their evening routines. Children with higher school achievement were engaged in chores; homework; monitored outside activities; family social activities and hobbies; and self-directed, goal-oriented activities. Children with lower levels of school achievement tended to be engaged in more television, video games, peer and solitary play, and resting. ESMs are a valuable and effective complement to ethnographic and school achievement data in the study of home activities and home-school relationships. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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Connecting school and community with science learning: Real world problems and school-community partnerships as contextual scaffolds. [References]

A1 - Bouillion, Lisa M.
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-11906-002

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Communities
KW - Elementary Education
KW - Environmental Education
KW - Pollution
KW - Science Education
KW - Elementary School Teachers
Discusses an approach to helping children see and discover meaning in their science learning beyond the classroom. Two 5th grade teachers, their students, a science teacher, a technology coordinator, and a bilingual instructor participated in a student-identified problem of pollution along a nearby river as an interdisciplinary anchor for teaching science, math, language arts, and civics. The resources, knowledge, and experience of students, parents, and teachers were combined to clean up a riverbank site and transform it into a community green space. Explored areas included the kinds of activities students were engaged in, how they evolved over time, and the kinds of supporting knowledge and experience that were brought together. The real-world problems were interdisciplinary in nature, were relevant to both the curriculum and students' lives, and were highly visible and accessible. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

The goal of the present investigation was to examine whether early coordination impairments were related to later football participation in the school playground. The participants were 64 boys (aged 6-10 yrs), 32 in a movement impaired group and 32 in a non-impaired group, who were divided into groups of those who were often alone and those who were not. The not-alone group was further subdivided into those who played football for considerable periods and those who did not. There were 10 boys with poor scores on the Movement Assessment Battery for Children (Movement ABC) who were not often alone and who played football for considerable amounts of time. Analyses of the subscales of the ABC indicated that the balance subscale was significantly related to participation in football, but that some boys with relatively poor balance scores did play football. Only extremely poor performance on the balance tasks of the Movement ABC was related to non-participation in football. Some of the key differences between groups of children with movement impairments in terms of their inclusion in social and physical games like football may not relate to hand/eye coordination and manual control, but to the ability to maintain posture while carrying out other movements, particularly when balance skills are extremely poor. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2857
T1 - Overlap in bilingual play: Some implications of code-switching for overlap resolution. [References]
A1 - Cromdal, Jakob
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-11714-002
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Bilingualism
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Code Switching
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 421
EP - 451
JF - Research on Language and Social Interaction
VL - 34:
IS - 4
N2 - Examines children's procedures for dealing with simultaneous bilingual speech as it arises in multiparty play episodes. Sequential analyses of more than 10 hr of videorecorded recess activities at an English school in Sweden revealed that Swedish-English bilingual children in grades 2 and 4 use code-switching and an array of methods to minimize the overlapping passage. Exceptions to this may be found in exchanges that are demonstrably competitive with regard to turn taking, in which participants' actions strive to gain exclusive rights to the floor, often resulting in stretched overlaps. Moreover, the sequential location of bilingual overlap onset proved relevant for its resolution: Whereas in interjacent onset participants would use different methods to deal with simultaneity, resulting in various outcomes of overlap negotiation, instances of overlapping turn beginnings occasioned by multiple self-selection were always resolved the same way, with the speaker diverging from the language of previous turn(s) keeping the floor. It is therefore suggested that the linguistic contrast arising with the code-switch may enhance second speakers' chances to acquire the floor and that the effectiveness of this "turn security device" is strongly dependent on its sequential placement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2858
T1 - Students' use of time outside of school: A case for after school programs for urban middle school youth. [References]
A1 - Shann, Mary H.
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-09614-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - After School Programs
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Extracurricular Activities
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Disadvantaged
KW - Middle School Students
KW - Minority Groups
KW - Program Development
RP - NOT IN FILE
Students in 4 inner-city middle schools serving mostly (90.9%) economically disadvantaged, minority youth were asked how they spend their time after school and on weekends. Analysis of responses from 1,583 students revealed that the vast majority did not participate in after-school programs (77.2%) or lessons of any kind (86.5%). Students reported extensive time spent watching television or hanging out with friends. Weekends presented a similar pattern of unstructured social activity with even more television viewing and considerably less homework. Implications for designing after school programs are discussed in light of the students' highly unproductive use of time outside school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

In Scandinavia it has become popular for kindergartners to spend more time outdoors in the natural environment. Some kindergartens are organized as outdoor schools, where the children, aged 3-6 yrs, spend all or most of the day outdoors in a natural environment. Playing in a natural environment seems to have positive effects on children; they become more creative in their play, and play activities and play forms are increasing. It is also indicated that absence due to sicknesses is lower among children in outdoor kindergartens than in the traditional ones. At the very least it is evident that children's motor fitness is improved in such an environment. They move easily around in a rugged terrain and cope with physical challenges, which improve their motor ability. Although few in number, these studies indicate that the natural environment is a stimulating arena for learning in general, and for motor fitness training in particular. The present research corroborates the main findings. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

The educational benefits of a ten-week home-based wild bird feeding program for children. [References]
A1 - Beck, Alan M.
Y1 - 2001///

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T1 - The educational benefits of a ten-week home-based wild bird feeding program for children. [References]
A1 - Beck, Alan M.
Y1 - 2001///
Evaluated a 10-wk educational home-based program for feeding wild birds, intended to increase elementary school age children's knowledge about birds, especially those wild birds commonly encountered at outdoor home feeders. The authors measured changes from pre- to post-program in 65 7-12-yr-old children's knowledge about wild birds, as well as in environmental attitudes. The goal was not only to increase bird knowledge in the target child but also to involve other family members in home-based nature education activities. After the program, 7-9-yr-old boys and girls showed significant gains in bird knowledge, but older children (10-12 yrs) did not significantly improve. Children's increased knowledge was positively associated with parental education. There was no systematic change in environmental attitudes. Parents identified family involvement as a particularly beneficial aspect of the program, and 90% of contacted families were still feeding birds one year after program termination. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - Evaluated factors influencing compliance with a home therapeutic program for children with disabilities in Jewish and Bedouin Israeli populations. Members of 83 Bedouin and 110 Jewish families with disabled children (mean ages 6.8 and 9.54 mo) completed questionnaires concerning compliance with suggested home exercise, disability status and medical diagnoses, belief in outcome, satisfaction with service, and economic burden. Results show that Bedouin Ss had more severe disabilities than did Jewish Ss. Bedouin families had lower levels of education, more mothers working outside the home, more children, and stronger feeling of burden from caring for Ss. Compliance was significantly lower among Bedouin families. Families with higher levels of intensity of destiny-questioning were less compliant with therapeutic regimes. A trial intervention program for Bedouin families, involving telephone contact, translation facilities, and detailed explanations during visits to the center, increased the compliance rate of the Bedouin to 76%, compared to 81% for Jewish families. It is concluded that increased attention through strengthened communication can greatly improve compliance with home therapeutic programs. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2862
T1 - Spontaneous sonorous productions during playtime. [French]. [References]
A1 - Lapoujade, Christine
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-01944-003 French Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - School Environment
KW - Acoustics
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Music
KW - Singing
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 167
EP - 179
JF - Enfance
VL - 53:
IS - 2

N2 - Studied the relation of spontaneous sonorous productions during play time and environmental factors in play areas at 8 nursery schools and 12 primary schools in France. Ss included 50-100 children (aged 3-6 yrs) per nursery school play area and 60-200 children (aged 6-12 yrs) per primary school play area. Children's sounds and environmental sounds were tape-recorded during 30 min intervals and scored using the Repertoire of Sound Effects method (J. -F. Augoyard, 1987). Musical and other sound productions of children were evaluated according to timbre, scale changes, audibility, rhythm, and melodic elements; environmental factors were evaluated according to background sounds, sound uniformity, number and spatial arrangement of children, movement of children, and tension. The results show that children's spontaneous productions tend to be school-specific. The results also suggest that disturbing demographic and acoustic conditions at some playgrounds may increase tension via sound overload. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0013-7545
AD - Lapoujade, Christine: U Rene Descartes-Paris V, Lab de Psychologie Clinique et Psychopathologique, Paris, France
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2863
T1 - Physical activity for preschool children: Growing up fit-Together. [References]
A1 - Bosch, Ann; Glatzmeier, Darlene; Servais, Lisa; Reicks, Marla
Y1 - 2000///
There is an increasing prevalence of overweight in preschool children among the U.S. low-income population. Although research indicates that important correlates of physical activity in preschoolers are time spent outdoors and prompts to be active by adults, there are few educational materials available for parents that build on this research. Nutrition educators with the University Extension Service developed materials to increase physical activity and improve eating habits of low-income families with preschool-aged children in a mid-state cluster of counties. To learn more about the physical activity and eating habits of families, focus group interviews were held with three groups of Hispanic and Anglo mothers attending WIC clinics. Information was obtained about needs, barriers, and motivators for physical activity and reactions to ideas about proposed types of educational materials. Results indicated that barriers to being active with preschoolers were lack of time and energy and limited resources. Educational materials were developed based on needs suggested by focus group participants. Materials included an activity calendar, reminder refrigerator magnet, poster, motivational videotape, and brochures. Most women responded favorably when asked if they used the calendar; and more than half indicated that it helped them be more active with their preschooler by serving as a reminder and a source of ideas for activities. The materials are currently being used by county staff, with future plans to make them available statewide. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


TY - JOUR
ID - 2864
T1 - Physical activity of children with and without mental retardation in inclusive recess settings. [References]
A1 - Lorenzi, David G.
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-17960-004


TY - JOUR
ID - 2864
T1 - Physical activity of children with and without mental retardation in inclusive recess settings. [References]
A1 - Lorenzi, David G.
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-17960-004
Compared physical activity levels of children with and without mental retardation. 34 children (aged 5.5-12 yrs) were assessed in an inclusive recess setting and monitored for heart rate, activity counts and observational activity levels. Based on the data analysis, boys demonstrated significantly higher values on all comparisons. Boys with mental retardation demonstrated higher activity counts and heart rates than boys without mental retardation while no group differences were apparent on the observational checklist. It was concluded that an inclusive, non-structured recess setting appears to encourage and facilitate physical activity for children with mental retardation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Investigated parent (PA) and sibling (SI) perspectives on the educational and community inclusion of students (aged 3-20 yrs) with moderate or severe disabilities. Interviews with PAs from 21 families identified the type and extent of inclusive educational and community settings in which the student and his/her PAs and SIs were involved. Eight of these target SIs were also interviewed to provide insight on their experience of inclusion. Mothers reported involvement in an average of almost 4 community activities, with fathers averaging 3 activities, siblings averaging 1.33 activities each, and the student usually engaged in only one activity outside of school. Themes that emerged included: 1) the belief that the child with a disability can function and achieve in the real world; 2) the desire to have the child with a disability around typical children as much as possible in order to serve as models of skill and behavior; 3) the PAs’ view that regular education teachers are unwilling or untrained to accommodate children with disabilities; 4) the general satisfaction with the amount and type of inclusion both at school and in the community; and 5) the view that the student with disabilities models the typical sibling. SIs' perceptions tended to mirror those of the PAs. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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The play interactions of young children with and without disabilities: Individual and environmental influences
A1 - Hestenes, Linda L.
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-03185-004
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Classroom Environment
KW - Developmental Disabilities
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 229
EP - 246
JF - Early Childhood Research Quarterly
VL - 15:
IS - 2
N2 - Examined preschool children's play interactions and beliefs in inclusive preschool settings in order to better understand the experience of inclusive classrooms for children with and without disabilities. Individual interviews of 21 typically developing children and observations of 29 children with and without disabilities in the classroom and on the playground provided data for the study. Summaries of children's play patterns showed a tendency for children without disabilities to engage in more cooperative play and less solitary play and onlooking behavior than did their peers with disabilities. Descriptive comparisons of activity choice showed a high level of similarity between the types of activities that children with and without disabilities selected during free play. Typically developing children spent less time interacting with their peers with disabilities than was expected, and children with disabilities interacted less with their typically developing peers than was expected. An understanding of disability was predictive of stated preference to play with hypothetical peers with disabilities. Actual interactions with peers with disabilities were predicted by children's age and teacher presence, but not by an understanding of disability or stated playmate preference. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2867
T1 - The relationship between physical activity and stress response of children. [Japanese]
A1 - Uechi, Hiroaki; Takenaka, Koji; Oka, Koichiro
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2001-00888-001
Japanese Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Activity Level
KW - Exercise
KW - Rating Scales
KW - Stress Reactions
KW - Test Construction
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Physical Activity
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 8
Two experiments developed a physical activity scale for elementary school children, and examined the relationship between their daily physical activity and stress responses. In Exp 1, 234 pupils in grades 4-6 completed a battery of questionnaires in the classroom. Factor analysis revealed that the physical activity scale had a single-factor structure that consisted of 5 factors: physical education class, recess, lunch, after school, and the evening. 306 Ss in grades 4-6 participated in Exp 2, where results of a correlation analysis of the relationship between daily physical activities and stress responses indicated that the amount of daily physical activity was consistently correlated with the stress response subscales: physical states, depressive-anxious feeling, irritated-angry feeling, and helplessness. It was concluded that the increase of physical activity improves children's mental health. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The role of challenge/initiative recreation games as a therapeutic regimen in fostering a positive self-concept for inner-city preschool children

A1 - Uzomah, Celestina Nnenna
Y1 - 2000
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2000-95020-060
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Childrens Recreational Games
KW - Competition
KW - Initiative
KW - Urban Environments
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1916
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 61:
IS - 4-B

The purpose of this research was to determine whether a challenge/initiative program conducted in an existing recreation setting that was not in an outdoor wilderness could be used as a treatment technique in enhancing a positive self-concept of low-income inner-city children. Data were collected using a pre-test-post-test control group design with the Piers-Harris Children's Self-Concept Scale (1996), (the standard and the modified scale version) administered from mid-April to late May of 1999. The dependent variables for this study were the post-test and the pre-test self concept scores as measured by the Piers-Harris Children's Self-Concept Scale (Piers & Harris, 1996). The independent variables were the types of treatment program experimental or control/ or challenge/initiative games or traditional games. Also sex, age, and ethnic background were considered independent variables. A total of 96 three-, four- and five-year old inner-city preschoolers were randomly assigned to experimental and control groups. The treatment group received challenge/initiative game treatment; the control group received traditional playground type competitive games for a duration of six weeks. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was used to determine whether there was a significant difference in overall self-concept as measured by the Piers-Harris Children's Self-Concept Scale (Piers and Harris, 1996) of post-test scores of low-income children who participated in the challenge/initiative games (experimental group) when compared with the low-income children who were involved in traditional recreational games (control group). Multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) was also used to test for differences in self-concept scores, pre-test scores (dependent variables), and the independent variables of sex, age and ethnic background. Results showed that there were significant and practical differences between the treatment and control groups when measured with the modified scale. The results of this study indicated that there is a need to address the development of children's self-concept within the pre-school setting of the inner city. Future investigations are needed, however, to identify other recreation programs to be included in the school curriculum to allow the children opportunities to explore their feelings and perform tasks successfully, thereby increasing their sense of competence, causing significant increases in their self-concept. Happy, cooperative, well-behaved children are more likely to make the pre-school environment a better work setting for the adults, and pre-school environments that promote the widespread use of cooperative games may have a positive impact on future social behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The effects of empathy training on the peer approval of students who had the most least-liked votes on a class sociogram and were considered the least empathic by their classmates was investigated. Peer approval was assessed through the administration of a pre, post, and follow-up classroom sociogram. Structured playground observations were utilized to determine if the empathy training resulted in an increase in positive peer interactions and a decrease in negative peer interactions. Peer perceptions of classmates’ empathy were determined through the use of a sociometric format. Students were asked to name the classmates they would like to be with if they felt sad and which they would not like to be with when they felt sad. Acquisition of empathy skills was measured by the pre, post, and follow-up administration of Bryant's Index of Empathy for Children, and Adolescents (1982). A multiple baseline across subjects design was utilized, to determine if empathy training increased the three participants' playground peer approval. Study results indicated that teaching children empathic responses increased peer approval as reflected by playground observations. These observations indicated that peers positively approached participants more and that the approaches of the participants were accepted more frequently. Participants also displayed a decrease in aggressive behavior. A six month follow-up of participants’ playground behavior demonstrated that behavioral improvements had been maintained. Peer approval, as measured by a classroom sociogram administered immediately after the intervention's completion, revealed minimal improvement in the participant's peer status. The minimal gains made by the participants on the classroom's pre- and post-intervention sociogram and empathy measure were not maintained six months later. These findings are consistent with previous results which indicate that empathy training contributes to an increase in prosocial skills and a decrease in aggressive behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

The purpose of this study was to explore how, in the culture of an elementary school, children gain knowledge about moving, sitting still, and using their bodies in response to the daily demands of schooling. It describes the body use of a class of typically developing first graders (while viewing their learning as a step in
the larger enculturation process that prepares them for adult work roles in our society). Using qualitative research methods, the children and their teachers were observed and interviewed over an entire school year. The children also drew pictures and told stories about their perceptions and understanding of classroom and playground environment. Their skills in the areas of body concept and body use, and their physical size were assessed using quantitative research methods. After examining the school culture, four factors (program structure, the physical environment, and the behaviors of the children and their teachers) were found to have both overt and covert influences on body use. Two contradictory movement agendas (one expansive, the other limiting) were observed to operate simultaneously in the school setting. Body use factors identified as important in the school environment included sensory and perceptual processing, movement, neuromuscular integrity, cognition, and psychosocial skills. The children's performance on a repeated measure of body concept did not change significantly over the school year as had been anticipated. Their body use and physical size did increase significantly between pre and posttesting. Detailed descriptions of posture and movement (gross motor, upper extremity, and fine motor), based on observational data, were developed. From the children's stories, six themes relative to the body use enculturation process were identified. They included teaching and learning, work and play, understanding rules and routines, pleasing adults, and pleasing yourself. Recommendations for school personnel include advocating for more space, greater variability in classroom environments, and enriched playground environments. The development of teacher training materials in the areas of body use learning and classroom management of movement is also suggested. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2872
T1 - A study of group entry techniques and equivalent social interactions of prekindergarten children
A1 - Ross, Theodosia Barkley
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2000-95011-018
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Social Acceptance
KW - Social Interaction
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4313
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 60:
IS - 12-A
N2 - The purposes of this study are: (1) observe ways in which prekindergarten children initiate social interactions among peers to gain group entry and (2) examine the equivalent interactions from the children already in the group, and (3) examine whether boys and girls use different social strategies and behaviors in their play. The research was conducted in a prekindergarten center located in a public elementary school located in a large urban community. The school served predominantly black middle class children. The center had four to five year old children attending the extended day prekindergarten program five days a week. The children's uninhibited group play with their peers in centers and on the playground was examined through time sampling. Written descriptive observations of the children's activities during 10-15-minute-time observations were recorded on social interaction checklists and through field notes. Each child was observed according to a prearranged list, over a period of 15 weeks yielding to a total of 200 minutes of observations per child. The researcher served as an on-site participant observer three to four hours per day, four days a week. The methodology of participant observation consists of principles, strategies, procedures, methods, and techniques of research. Through participant observations, it is possible to describe what goes on, who goes on, who or what is involved, when and whether things happen, how they occur, and why-at-least from the standpoint of participants-things happen as they do in particular situations. The findings revealed: (1) prekindergarten children are accepted into social context by their peers more often than they are rejected. (2) When prekindergarten
children use verbal statements or commands when entering a social context, they are usually accepted by the peers than when attempting to enter non verbally. (3) Peers we more likely to non verbally accept or reject children who attempt to enter a social context and (4) Prekindergarten children rarely engage in solitary activities or avoid making bids for entrance into social contexts. The results from this study indicate that prekindergarten children who acquire social skills and verbal communication strategies are more likely to be accepted by their peers when attempting entrance into social context. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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ID - 2873
T1 - Father-child interaction and its relation to children's interactions with peers
A1 - Carrillo,Sonia
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 2000-95006-257
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Father Child Relations
KW - Peer Relations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4926
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
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N2 - The first relationships a child establishes are within the family context. As children grow older, their social interactions outside the family environment increase, and peers become more influential in their socialization. A very important research question in social development is how the family and the peer systems are related. Do children's interactions within the family influence children's interactions with peers? Although it is frequently argued that family interactions serve as a base for the establishment of interactions with peers, the nature of the processes and mechanisms by which the family and peer systems are linked have not been elucidated. More specifically, evidence of the role of family members other than the mother in children's peer interactions has been limited. The main purpose of the present research was to extend the studies of family-peer linkages to one of these neglected family members: the father. Thirty-five 7-year-old children (18 girls and 17 boys) were videotaped behind a one-way mirror in two 24-minute play sessions, one with their father, and one with an unfamiliar same-sex peer. Videotapes were scored using rating scales that assessed father individual behaviors with children, father-child dyadic interactions and children individual behaviors with peers. The results showed that some father individual behaviors were correlated with children individual social behaviors with peers. Similarly, dyadic synchrony was found to be significantly related to children's social behaviors with peers. However, the two types of measures (individual vs. dyadic) did not correlate with the same children's behaviors. Further statistical analyses showed that dyadic synchrony contributed to the prediction of children's social behavior with peers above and beyond father individual behaviors. These results suggest that both individual and dyadic measures of father-child interaction are necessary for an understanding and prediction of children's social interactions out of the family context. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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T1 - Does the matching law explain how the allocation of teacher attention relates to the allocation of children's engagement with toys?
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Y1 - 2000///
The matching law (Herrnstein, 1961) is a mathematical expression that predicts how individuals distribute their behavior between alternative sources of reinforcement. In general, the law states that the proportion of behavior given to a source will match the proportion of reinforcement received from that source. Tests of the matching law in experimental and natural settings have suggested applications to educational settings. The present study asked how well the matching law can predict from a teacher's allocation of attention to children's engagement with toys how the children will allocate their time to engagement or nonengagement. The participants were three very young, typically developing girls (ages 19, 21, and 24 months) who attended a university-based infant and toddler full-daycare program; and three teachers, who at the time were undergraduate students enrolled in a practicum in early-childhood education. After an analysis of how the teachers and the children allocated their time during a baseline condition, four subsequent experimental conditions were programmed in an ABC1DC2 design for two of the children, and three subsequent experimental conditions were programmed in an A1BCA2 design for the third child. In each condition, different ratios of teacher attention (sometimes combinations of talk, laughs, and touches; and sometimes only talk) were prescribed for the children's engagement and nonengagement. When the relative values of teacher attention for engagement were compared to the relative values of child engagement, the results overall suggested that the matching law was predictive: Across conditions, the proportion of teacher attention to the children's engagement predicted a roughly matching proportion of the children's engagement, relative to their nonengagement. All three participants, however, showed some degree of undermatching and bias. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The purpose of this research was to examine the peer processes that occur during episodes of bullying on the school playground. These processes were examined within a social learning theory perspective, while also drawing on emotional contagion theory, an ethological approach to studying dominance hierarchies, and dynamic systems theory. Fifty-three segments of videotape that contained a peer group viewing bullying on the school playground were examined. Peers were coded for actively supporting the bully, passively watching the bullying, and for actively supporting the victim. Also coded were the levels of affect, aggression, and distress of bullies, victims, and peers, throughout each episode. On average, four peers viewed the schoolyard bullying, with a range from two to 14 peers. Averaged across all episodes, peers spent 53% of their time passively viewing bullying, 25% of their time actively supporting victims, and 22% of their time actively supporting bullies. Older boys were more likely to spend time helping the bully, and less likely to spend time helping the victim, than were younger boys, or girls of either grade level. Sequential analyses were used to examine, over time, peer influence on bully affect and aggression ratings. Peer active support for the bully was related to subsequent decreases in bully negative affect ratings, and increases in aggression ratings. Other types of peer interaction with the bully or victim (i.e., passively watching the bullying, intervening to help the victim) were not associated with changes in bully affect or aggression ratings. Chi-square analyses indicated few relationships between the number of peers present and intervention on the victim's behalf. Regression analyses of peer social status indicated a relationship to intervention on the victim's behalf: overall, the trend was for less disliked children to intervene more, while more disliked children were less likely to intervene. Taken together, the data suggest that peers are often aware of playground bullying, but may feel powerless to effectively intervene. The viability of a dynamic systems framework for examining peer influences on playground bullying is considered, and the results of the study are discussed with regard to possible intervention strategies. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
assessed with respect to both social studies and math. Questionnaires were administered to fifth and sixth graders (n = 275) attending schools in predominantly upper-middle SES neighborhoods. Students answered questions tapping various motivational constructs such as goal orientations and achievement standards. Their parents were asked questions designed to capture thoughts about child rearing and academic expectations. Data were subjected to race by sex analyses of variance and regression analyses. Students tended to take the same approach to learning math and social studies. Moreover, with respect to patterns of motivation, little distinguished Korean American students from Caucasians. However, as reported in existing literature, Korean students tended to hold higher academic standards for themselves than their Caucasian peers and in fact felt subject to higher parental expectations. They believed themselves to be more able in math than social studies, but did not significantly differ from Caucasians with respect to achievement measures. A greater percent of Korean students than Caucasians participated in activities outside of school. As for parents, the Koreans expected their children to maintain set grades. Caucasian parents were not so inclined. Finally, Korean parents, like their children, appeared to view math and social studies differently. Not only did they believe their children to be better at math, they tended to feel that their children work harder at it than social studies. To better understand patterns of motivation and achievement as well as differing views toward various school subjects, future studies should examine more diverse groups of students, socioeconomic and otherwise. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - Utilized qualitative and quantitative measures to explore the abilities of 11 young children (36-49 mo old) nominated by their parents as gifted. A part-time preschool enrichment program provided a naturalistic setting in which to investigate measures that might reflect potential giftedness, predict later achievement, and reveal individual profiles of development. The curriculum invited children to display any differences from typical preschoolers. Characteristics nominated by parents as indicators of their child's giftedness were consistent with indicators in the research literature and were generally supported by norm-referenced test results and teacher observations. In spite of test limitations, both quantitative and qualitative measures played a valuable role in revealing advanced abilities amidst diverse profiles of abilities, skills, and interests. Longitudinal data would help to confirm the potential apparent in some of these children as giftedness. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Employed naturalistic observations to compare 185 school children's bullying and victimization in the playground and in the classroom. The results indicated that there were more opportunities to observe aggression and receive and initiate aggression in the playground than in the classroom. The frequency of bullying was higher in the playground (4.5 episodes per hour) than in the classroom (2.4 episodes per hour). The nature of bullying reflected the constraints of the context (i.e., direct bullying was more prevalent in the playground and indirect bullying was more prevalent in the classroom). Being at the receiving end of aggression was more likely to occur in the playground as compared to the classroom. Nonaggressive children were more likely to bully in the playground, whereas aggressive children were more likely to bully in the classroom. There was no difference across context in the proportion of episodes of reinforcement with peers present or in the rate of peer and teacher intervention. The results highlight the necessity of a systemic intervention program that addresses not only the individual characteristics of bullies and victims, but also the roles of the peer group, teachers and the school.
Examined the purpose and patterns of Internet usage among 384 junior-high and high school students (aged 12-18 yrs) in Israel, with a focus on the linkage between Internet usage and school activities. The findings show that the Internet was being used by about half of the students, with the main use being for communication. Search for information was the second reason. A low degree of connection was found between Internet usage and school practice. The results show significant sex differences. In general, more boys were using the Internet more extensively than girls. Only a few differences among age groups were found. The findings are discussed in terms of the range of Internet use among youngsters and its emerging role as an alternative knowledge resource outside school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Private speech (PS)-or speech for the self-was studied in 25 preschool-age children to determine how widely and with what characteristics it occurs when examined in the familiar home setting. Activities were selected that required several steps and that were intended to engage working memory or longer term recall. Both quantitative (numbers of words and utterances produced) and qualitative (utterance type) analyses were conducted on the children's PS. Across the age range from 4.5 to 6 yrs, younger children had higher frequencies of PS than older children. Increased information loads resulted in more PS, indicating a relation between PS and task difficulty; however, total quantities of PS were not correlated with degree of task success. Self-regulatory utterances accounted for 89% of the PS produced; the majority of these utterances involved repetitions of the instructions that appeared to enhance recall, to help pace the children's activity, or to enable deliberation with respect to making choices. There was a strong age trend in which the amount of audible PS decreased with age. Qualitative differences across tasks are presented and considered in relation to how PS functions for different activities and possibly achieves adaptive significance. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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KW - PsychInfo
KW - Experimentation
KW - Methodology
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Theories
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Moral Development
KW - School Environment
KW - Self Concept
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - Malden


N2 - (from the preface) Introduces students to the field of childhood social development and is intended for readers who are newcomers to the field of social development research and are interested in reading current and original articles by developmental theorists and researchers on various aspects of social development. This book also is designed as a supplementary text for undergraduate and graduate courses in developmental psychology and social development. The selection of articles is based on several criteria. (1) The articles should represent the current state of research into social development: thus, 11 of the 13 articles have been published in the 1990s. (2) The articles should be representative of current theoretical and methodological approaches in social development, as well as illustrating elegant empirical research. (3) The articles should be accessible, in the sense of being understandable to students with limited backgrounds in psychology. (4) Finally, because this book is one of a series, the authors have tried to avoid repeating the same article in different readers. (create) The chapters are journal reprints that were covered by PsycINFO at the time of their original publication and can be found in the PsycLIT journal database. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2885
T1 - The diachronic approach and solutions to interpersonal conflicts
A1 - Montangero,Jacques; Pons,Francisco; Cattin,Jean-Pierre
N2 - Examined the relationships between levels of the diachronic approach in children and their ability to imagine solutions to a conflict between children. 60 children (aged 8-12 yrs) were presented 1st with tasks assessing their level of diachronic tendency (propensity to evoke past or future stages of a present situation), of dissociation of 2 temporal sequences (absence of covariation of a cause and its delayed effect) and of dynamic synthesis (ability to describe a set of pictures representing the successive steps of an event by a single noun phrase). During a 2nd session, the participants were presented with a drawing representing 2 boys fighting in the playground and they were asked to explain the reasons for the fight. Participants then had to imagine several solutions to prevent the 2 boys fighting. Results showed a development in the ability to imagine solutions to a conflict and a significant correlation between the levels of this development and the levels of 2 aspects of the diachronic approach, temporal dissociation and dynamic synthesis. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
5-min periods. 55 children were assigned to a developmental coordination disorder (DCD) group and 55 to a control group, on the basis of their scores on the Movement Assessment Battery for Children. Results indicate that Ss in the DCD group spent more time alone, were onlookers more often, and played formal games in large groups less often if they were boys and informal games in large groups less often if they were girls. It was found that social fantasy play did not differentiate between the 2 groups but social physical play did, particularly in the older age groups. Play performance in the DCD group was more variable overall with some boys taking an active part in team games while others never took part in them. It is suggested that as social non-physical play decreases with age, some children with impaired coordination may not become involved in social physical play and that children with impaired coordination can become isolated and solitary in the school playground. Various routes to social exclusion for these children are proposed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Investigated the decision to outsource child care among 103 families involved in family-owned businesses who had at least 1 child under 5 yrs of age. A management framework is used to examine the impact of inputs to the decision (i.e., goals, resources) and level of management activity (i.e., planning, implementing) in these families as predictors of the choice to outsource child care. Data are from a subsample of the data from a project by M. Winter et al (1998) undertaken in 1997. Household managers who worked in the family business were less likely to outsource child care than were those who worked outside the family business. More educated household managers purchased more and managers in larger families purchased fewer hours of child care. Female household managers purchased significantly fewer hours of child care than did their male counterparts. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Considers the commercialization of playgrounds and its significance to the commodification of childhood. J. McNeal's (1992) theory of the social group of children as a market is introduced as a framework through which commercial playgrounds may be understood. An introduction to commercial playgrounds and the project from which the article is derived sets the context for an analysis of how parents and children perceive and experience these environments, how they are marketed to them and how they consume them. Data was collected as part of a project in which research was conducted in 10 field sites, 872 families were surveyed, of which 30 Ss (adults and 5-12 yr olds) were interviewed, and, in turn, 7 participated in a family day-visit/postvisit video-based interview. It was found that it is overly simplistic to suggest that these developments are testimony to the new-found consumer power of children. Children play a marginal role in the production of these play environments; in contributing to parents' information field prior to decision-making; and in the visit decision-making process. Some groups of children were found to be more active consumers of these spaces. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A longitudinal exploration of the continuity of children's social participation and social withdrawal across socioeconomic status levels and social settings

The main purpose of this study was to determine the stability across time and social setting of children's social participation and social withdrawal. The authors followed a sample of 98 Canadian children, aged 5 yrs at the beginning of the study, for 2 yrs. Data were collected through home visits, interviews with parents, and direct observation of Ss. Children from lower-SES homes were less involved than those from the higher-SES in group play after school and during outdoor recess. Across the full sample, social withdrawal was not very stable. There was, however, considerable stability across setting and time among extreme groups of withdrawn participants. Social withdrawal was largely unrelated to parents' initiation of peer contacts for their children.

Using the school environment to promote physical activity and healthy eating

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The role of the community environment in shaping dietary and physical activity (PA) behaviors has received increasing attention in recent years. Although schools are a key part of the community environment, interventions that promote PA and healthy eating among students through changes in the school environment have received relatively little attention. After reviewing the role of environmental factors in shaping health behavior, this paper describes the various aspects of the school environment that influence PA and nutrition behaviors. Relevant research is described and new directions are proposed for 5 key environmental influences: recess periods, intramural sports and PA programs, PA facilities, foods and beverages available outside of the school meals program, and psychosocial support for PA and healthy eating. Recess, intramural programs, and access to school PA facilities outside of school hours can provide opportunities for health-enhancing PA. States, school districts, and schools can establish strong policies and implement creative interventions to promote healthy eating through the foods and beverages offered at school. Schools can offer psychosocial support for PA and healthy eating through school policies, role modeling by staff, and the use of cues and incentives.

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T1 - Developing portfolios with learning disabled students
A1 - Boerum, Lisa J.
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2000-00036-003
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Expectations
KW - Junior High School Students
KW - Learning Disabilities
KW - Measurement
KW - Performance
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 211
EP - 238
JF - Reading & Writing Quarterly: Overcoming Learning Difficulties
VL - 16:
IS - 3
N2 - Investigated the ways in which alternative and authentic assessments would result in students of varying learning abilities increasing their self-expectations and performance levels. During the 1995-96 school year, 25 6th-grade students engaged in authentic and alternative learning experiences, reflection, goal setting, and self-assessment. A portfolio design was used that would allow Ss to give evidence of their growth as learners to an outside audience. Four Ss were targeted and their work collected. Presented are a synopsis of findings including the goals they set for the different quarters and reflections or writing products of selected units of instruction. Evidence was collected demonstrating that when given the opportunity to engage in performance-based activities and assessments, students with learning disabilities can begin to clarify their strengths and weaknesses as learners in order to set goals for improvement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2895
T1 - Taste of food, fun, and fitness: A community-based program to teach young girls to feel better about their bodies.
[References]
A1 - Coller, Tanya G.
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2008-09797-007
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Eating Behavior
KW - Health Education
KW - Health Promotion
KW - Human Females
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Body Image
KW - Community Services
KW - Food
KW - Health Attitudes
KW - Physical Fitness
KW - Weight Control
The purpose of this study was to develop, implement, and evaluate an after-school program aimed at preventing unhealthy dieting and excessive weight preoccupation. This study targeted preadolescents (ages 10-12) and took the prevention program outside of the classroom, incorporating the curriculum into the Girl Scout program. This program used a nonacademic approach to teaching concepts similar to those in programs that have previously been targeted at older adolescents within school setting. The primary objectives of the program were to develop healthful attitudes toward eating, physical activity, body image, and weight control in order to prevent unhealthy behaviors. The program in this study consisted of six weekly, 90-minute sessions that focused on three health messages: "Enjoy a variety of foods," "Physical activity is fun," and "Be proud of yourself—everyone is different". Results showed that changes in eating attitudes and behaviors were minimal. The parents completed written evaluation and focus group questions. They reported that they enjoyed the program but found that they had little time to read the parent tip sheets. The minimal impact of the intervention on eating attitudes and behaviors has led to the conclusion that programs of this nature (i.e., short duration, low intensity) may need to take a more focused approach. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The relationship of participation in a low-element challenge course to adolescents' self-reported perceptions of group cohesion

A1 - Glass, Joseph Scott
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Dissertation Abstract

KW - PsycINFO
KW - Age Differences
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Group Cohesion
KW - Human Sex Differences
During recent years there has been an increase in the use of challenge course programs as a method of building teams (Springett, 1987). Although participation in these activities is growing, research in this area remains limited (Johnson, 1992). There is a need for studies to further investigate the use of challenge course programs and examine possible outcomes of their implementation. One of the key factors in the development of a group is the idea of cohesiveness (Griffin & Pennscott, 1991). A setting in which group cohesion is desired is with challenge courses (Davis, Ray, & Sayles, 1995). The use of outdoor activities as a team-building technique has become increasingly popular (Springett, 1987). Generally, participants who have been removed from their normal social context engage in a number of physical activities that often are not directly related to the group's primary purpose, with the aim of attaining new goals, both as individuals and as a group (Martin & Davids, 1995). The label "challenge course" has been used to encompass a wide array of programs used with diverse populations. For the purposes of this study, the term was used to describe a low-element (close to the ground) experiential program designed for groups rather than individuals. These group exercises require participants to share responsibility and to solve problems as a team. Successful solutions to these problems depend upon the extent to which group members cooperate, trust and communicate with one another. In addition, these group exercises impart "lessons," which participants will later apply to problems in their personal lives (Harris, Mealy, Matthews, Lucas, & Moczygemba, 1993). A review of related literature provided no study that investigated whether one-day low-element challenge course programs increased the perception of group cohesion among adolescents ages 11 to 14. This research was designed to measure the perception of group cohesion among adolescents in this age range who participated in a low-element challenge course experience. The variables of gender, race, age, and being labeled "at risk" were included to determine their effect on the outcome of the study. With limited amounts of previous research in this field, this study sought to broaden the knowledge about the impact of challenge course programs, and add credibility to activities which have long claimed to produce favorable results. This study revealed that participating in a low-element challenge course program did increase perceptions of group cohesion among adolescents 11-14 years old. Furthermore the study showed that the variables of gender, race, age and being labeled "at risk" had no significant effect on the results. In addition, this research provided an instrument created specifically for use in measuring perceptions of group cohesion among adolescents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The present research attempted to address how metacommunication of young children relates to the products in a collaborative problem solving, along with the three main purposes: first, to investigate the relationship between metacommunicative talk in a dyad and the proper movement of the robot; second, to compare metacommunicative output by the two roles in the robot game, which are Operator and Witness; and last, to examine the increase of metacommunicative talk over the course of the games. To answer the question above, using a small battery-operated robot, 10 kindergartners and 12 first-second graders were asked to play games, which were a collaborative task that requires two children; Operator and Witness. Each dyad participated in three sessions, playing both roles during one session. After quantitative analysis of the data administered to address the three purposes, qualitative analysis was done to detect the in-depth processes between metacommunication and the collaborative problem solving. The relationships between metacommunicative talk in a dyad and the proper movement of the robot were complicated, indicating the relationships are more task-specific. It was found that there is a fair amount of role-dependent variability. Frequencies of metacommunicative output vary from the subcategories of metacommunication. Usage of the subcategories is related to the role that a child plays in the robot games. Adversely to prediction about the last purpose, the metacommunicative usage decreased as the sessions continue. The plausible accounts were addressed about the findings. Qualitative analysis revealed that the children utilized metacommunication for various reasons. They are to clarify statements, to retell previous statements, to prompt the games, to expatiate insufficient instructions voluntarily or with input from the outside, to be aware of linguistic references, to repeat other's statement, to regulate other person's statement in order to stop partner's talk or to start own talking, and finally to integrate a previous statement to the present communication. In coda, the benefits of using metacommunication were acquisition of a correct concept on the instruction given and advancement of communication skills as the game proceeded. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
more time engaged in solitary activity: (a) alone in isolation from others; (b) alone displaying depressive affect; and (c) alone but in proximity of others. Although they were not able to maintain them, depressed children initiated as many interactions with partners as nondepressed children. Their interactions, whether positive or negative, were significantly shorter in duration compared to those of nondepressed children. Negative behaviors for both groups occurred with significantly greater frequency in the playground than the classroom. Gender differences indicate that boys displayed significantly more aggressive initiations and exchanges than girls, whereas girls exhibited a higher frequency of isolative behaviors with depressive affect than boys. Results support an interpersonal model of depression for children. Depressed children demonstrated difficulty in maintaining their interactions despite their efforts to initiate contact with others. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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T1 - Social competence and social cognition of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
A1 - Rajagopalan, Vaidehi R.
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1999-95010-098
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Hyperkinesis
KW - Social Cognition
KW - Social Skills
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 6095
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 59:
IS - 11-B
N2 - This study was designed to obtain a comprehensive assessment of social competence and social functioning problems of elementary school children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) using multirater rating scales and social cognitive measures. The sample consisted of 83 children, both boys and girls, between the ages of 8 to 12. There were 41 children in the ADHD group and 42 in the comparison group, which consisted of typically developing children. Social competence was measured using the Social Skills Rating Scales (SSRS). The scale was administered to parents, teachers, and children. The social cognitive measures consisted of six stories depicting children in three conditions (intentional, non-intentional, and ambiguous) and in two contexts (classroom and playground). The children listened to the stories and identified the intent of the story characters, generated behavioral responses for both self and the story character, and assigned a punishment level. The findings indicated that teachers and parents rated ADHD children lower than the typically developing children on social skills, and higher on the problem behaviors domains, whereas the ADHD children rated themselves to be comparable to the typically developing children in the self-control and empathy subscales. However, when standard scores were utilized for comparison, both the groups were comparable in social skills, problem behaviors and academic competence. In social cognitive measures, the girls in the ADHD group assigned higher levels of punishment in the intentional-playground context than did those in the comparison group. This suggests that the ADHD girls may be at risk for negative social consequences since they were more punitive than the typically developing girls. Although the relationship between social competence and social cognition was not established for all variables, nevertheless, the findings do show that the ADHD children may not have serious deficits in overall social skills functioning, social knowledge or social competence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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Optimism as a factor that promotes resilience in inner-city middle-school students exposed to high levels of community violence

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Y1 - 1999///
English
Dissertation Abstract
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KW - Adjustment
KW - Optimism
KW - Resilience (Psychological)
KW - Urban Environments
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Research on resilience to urban stress has focused on family factors, social support outside the family, and personality factors as important determinants of adjustment. The current study examined optimism as a personality factor that promotes positive adjustment in inner-city middle-school students exposed to high levels of community violence. In phase one, optimism and comparative optimism were investigated, with particular attention to optimism about controllable and uncontrollable events. Three models were examined, testing a mediating, additive, and moderating relationship among exposure to community violence, optimism, and emotional adjustment. In phase two, two mediating models of the relationship between optimism and adjustment were tested. The first of these was based on Sroufe's (1990) organizational model of self, with self-system functioning as a mediator. Self-system functioning comprises a set of expectations about self, others, and interactions with others. The second model was based on Scheier and Carver's (1982) work in which behavioral self-regulation is a mediator. Behavioral self-regulation involves use of active coping strategies, rather than withdrawal tactics. Participants were 250 (133 boys, 117 girls) 11-16-year-olds recruited from two public middle schools in primarily African-American and Latino/a, low-income communities. In phase one, consistent with the adult literature, adolescents evidenced comparative optimism, believing that they were less likely to experience negative events than was the average person their age. Participants believed they were more likely to experience uncontrollable events (e.g., being shot or killed) than controllable events (e.g., drinking alcohol). Adolescents exposed to higher levels of community violence experienced more emotional distress and were less optimistic, particularly about uncontrollable events, than were those exposed to lower levels. Support was found for an additive model, in which exposure to community violence and optimism both contribute independently to emotional distress. Phase two data indicated that optimism influences both the development of self-system functioning and positive adjustment. Behavioral self-regulation appeared to mediate the relationship between optimism and adjustment for students who were doing well in school, but not for students referred for counseling groups due to referred students' use of behavioral withdrawal as a coping strategy. Longitudinal research is needed to verify the directionality of the current findings. Interventions that target optimistic beliefs by encouraging mastery of challenging situations may provide a means to improve adjustment and self-system functioning in adolescents. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The purpose of this study was to explore and describe the role of play in the development of social competence of at-risk preschoolers. The study was guided by four research questions: What is the role of play? How does play advance the development of social competence in at-risk preschoolers? What are the components of play? How does the classroom influence play? Initially there were 19 preschool children in the study. Their ages ranged from 48 months to 66 months. The group was comprised of eleven girls and eight boys. The girls ranged in age from four years to five years and three months, having a mean age of four years and nine months. The boys ranged in age from four years to four years and eleven months, having a mean age of four years and seven months. Thirteen of the children were African-American, five were white, and one was Latino. Three of the children were classified as having speech and language problems, and seven of the children were enrolled in the program for other unspecified circumstances. By the end of the school year, there were 20 children in the study. All of the children were from low income families, all had been recruited from the county's Head Start waiting list, and all had been enrolled in the Head Start program on a full-time basis. All of the children were considered to be at risk of failure. Observation, interview, documents, and artifacts were used to address the four research questions. The children's social behaviors were observed as they interacted in the course of indoor and outdoor play. Social problem solving skills were assessed in an interview with each child. Hypothetical play situations were presented to the children in photographic representations and discussion. The children were questioned as to their interpretations of each play situation and what ideas they had to resolve the problem. The collected data were examined using domain analysis procedures. Vygotsky's theory of play provided the framework for interpreting the findings. The study's findings indicated that, for at-risk preschoolers, social information processing is fundamental to social competence; aggressive strategies lead to non-compliance and conflict situations; mixed-age collaborative play enhance problem solving strategies and prosocial skills; components of play advance total development, the social context of play influence peer interaction; making choices promotes self control and an acceptance of responsibility for one's actions; and caring and supportive adults in the play environment promote positive peer interaction and enhance social competence. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The purpose of this study was to examine the peer interactions of children with Down syndrome during recess. Twenty-nine children aged 6 to 11 years were observed during recess in two different educational placements, a special education placement (N = 14) and an included placement (N = 15). Two behavior measures were employed in this study. One was used to directly assess peer interactions on the playground (Howes, 1980). The other was used by teachers to assess the social competence of their students (Guralnick, 1990a). Each child was observed two times during their recess for a total of 30 minutes of observation time. Play categories that were coded included entry behavior, response to entry behavior, agonistic behavior, agonistic response, involvement, play behavior, affect and interactions with adults. There were group differences (special education versus included) in the categories of involvement (onlooker behavior), and positive adult interactions. Children with Down syndrome in the general education placement spent less time in onlooker behavior during recess than children in the special education placement. Children in the special education placement had adults managing their behavior at recess in a positive manner approximately three times as often as children in the included placement. There were also gender differences in the categories of unoccupied behavior, neutral affect and negative adult interactions. Girls were engaged in unoccupied behavior nearly three times as often as boys. Boys displayed neutral affect twice as frequently as girls and were observed in negative adult interactions while girls had no observations of negative adult interactions during recess. In spite of differences in observed playground behaviors of children with Down syndrome, teachers rated the social abilities of the children similarly. Overall the results suggest educational context had little effect on the peer interactions of children with Down syndrome. Gender influences and particular child characteristics (etiology specific) may be important contributors to peer interactions for school-aged children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

The purpose of this study was to compare the effectiveness of two approaches to conflict resolution instruction on the knowledge and behavior of elementary school children. One approach, the modified peer mediation program, employed a class meeting procedure for addressing student conflicts. The second approach, the curriculum based program, utilized the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum. Two fourth grade classes and one third grade class were randomly assigned to treatment groups. A remaining third grade class served as the control group and received no treatment. Classroom teachers led instructional sessions in conflict resolution strategies for the course of a semester. An analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) was conducted on
Matson's Evaluation of Social Skills with Youngsters (MESSY), Teacher and Student versions and "How I Solve Problems" test. A repeated measures analysis of variance was used to analyze scores on the Conflict Report Forms, Self Report. A Chi Square analysis was conducted on the number of office referrals. The playground observation provided a naturalistic component to the study and results were described nonstatistically. Initial examination of the results indicated grade level differences. For this reason, results were analyzed separately along grade levels. The results of the MESSY, Teacher Version, indicated teacher perception of growth was significantly greater for the curricular group of third graders and the class meeting group of fourth graders. The results of the MESSY, Student Version, indicated a treatment by gender interaction. The third grade boys in the class meeting group scored significantly better than the girls in the same group, and the third grade girls in the curriculum group scored significantly better than the boys in the same group. None of the other analyses indicated significant differences between the groups. This study represented the first attempt to compare conflict resolution programs for elementary school children. The results suggest that a combination program, which relies primarily on teacher directed lessons for younger children with increased student responsibilities for children over third grade, may provide the type of eclectic approach necessary to benefit all children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2906
T1 - The influence of guided interactive story telling (GISTT) on children's playground behavior-event knowledge, emotions, and actions
A1 - Toscano, Mary Ellen
Y1 - 1999
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1999-95003-263
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Emotional States
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Storytelling
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2846
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 59:
IS - 8-A
N2 - This case study involves a change in the method of interaction between an elementary school principal (participant-observer) and students (informants) who have been involved in playground misbehavior incidents. The site is a suburban school in a primarily white, middle socioeconomic community. The grade levels of the school span nursery to grade three. Prior to the beginning of this study, the school had lost its playing fields and much of its playground structure due to district building and safety initiatives. The purpose of the study is to describe, explain, and evaluate the "Guided Interactive Story Telling" (GISTT) process. This method of interaction was developed to enable young school children, ages 5-10, to recount playground misbehavior events to the school principal. The study evaluated the influence of GISTT on the understandings, emotions, and subsequent actions of its participants. The study compared the effectiveness of GISTT with the more traditional approach formerly used at the school. The latter was an interview-type of interaction based on due process and assertive discipline (DuAD). The results of the study followed the "effect" pattern: z-scores of the cognitive and emotional quality of the scripts were above the critical value; and the time-series graph for repeated misbehaviors showed a decline after GISTT was introduced. The problem-finding character of the interaction was noted to be an essential element in predicting the students' success. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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AD - Toscano, Mary-Ellen: U Lowell, US
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The purpose of this case study was to portray the literate behavior of a Taiwanese young child in naturalistic settings at home and the preschool. A further purpose was to explore the socio-cultural characteristics embedded in the literacy environment the young child experienced. A qualitative case study method was implemented to systematically gather descriptive data in the naturalistic field and to inductively derive common features grounded in one young child's literate behavior and the literacy environment the child experienced. The field work conducted for this study lasted about ten months, during which time the child aged from four years seven months to five years five months. The findings of this study suggest that the participant constructed her emergent literacy knowledge through consistent social and functional engagement in literacy activities at home and the preschool. The literate behavior patterns demonstrated by the participant are illustrated in the aspects of knowledge about print, use of print, story reenactment, and the attitudinal behavior toward literacy. In addition, a varied range of adult attitudes toward literacy learning, literacy activities held at home and school, literacy props, as well as literacy facilitation are identified in this study. Concluding remarks in the perspective of the investigator and the directions for further research are provided. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - Investigated the relations among cooperative interactions of 70 children with or without special needs (aged 3.2-5.6 yrs) in groups of typically developing peers, peers having special needs, and in inclusive groups, as well as the complexity of the activities in which they were engaged in. Complex activities were those involving fine motor skills as well as higher levels of cognitive, social, and language abilities. The associations among child and program level factors and the children's involvement in different cooperative activities also were examined. Findings indicated that children with or without special needs were likely to engage in cooperative play only with other typically developing children during complex activities (e.g., playing with small toys in the sand or talking). Results also indicated that children with or without special needs tended to engage in cooperative play in inclusive groups (composed of children with and without special needs) during less complex or low-demand activities involving predominantly gross motor skills (e.g., sliding or running). Interventions are needed to facilitate involvement of children with special needs in complex activities on the playground. This is an important area for future research and educational practice efforts. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 1056-263X
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2909
T1 - Recreational activities of students with mental retardation in three types of schoolyards. [French]. [References]
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-11887-003
French
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Mainstreaming (Educational)
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Special Education
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Intellectual Development Disorder
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 39
EP - 53
JF - Revue Francophone de la Deficience Intellectuelle
VL - 10:
IS - 1

N2 - Studied the effect of the elementary school playground on the social and solitary activities of students with mental retardation who learn in regular classrooms, special classrooms in a regular school, or a special school. 26 moderately mentally retarded elementary school students (mean age 9 yrs) who attended regular classes (10 Ss), a special class in a regular school (8 Ss), or a special school (8 Ss) in Canada were observed during at least 1 recreational period lasting at least 15 min. One O was present in about 85% of cases, and 2 Os were present in about 15% of cases. Compared with Ss from special classrooms or a special school, Ss from regular classrooms had more opportunities to interact with normal peers during recess (although their school playground offered less play-related materials than playgrounds designed for mentally retarded students), were more involved in group play, and demonstrated less rough play and less solitary play. However, Ss in all 3 environments often were alone and unoccupied during recess. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0847-5733
AD - Dore, Robert: U Quebec a Montreal, Dept des Sciences de l'Education, Montreal, Canada

TY - JOUR
ID - 2910
T1 - Prevention strategies for at-risk students and students with EBD in urban elementary schools
A1 - Kamps, Debra; Kravits, Tammy; Stolze, Julie; Swaggart, Brenda
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-11175-006
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Disorders
KW - Classroom Behavior Modification
KW - Emotional Disturbances
KW - Prevention
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Peer Tutoring
KW - Social Skills Training
KW - Urban Environments
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 178
EP - 188
JF - Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
VL - 7:
IS - 3
N2 - Used a multilevel universal intervention program for at-risk students and those identified as having emotional and behavioral problems in urban schools. The program addressed classroom management, social skills, and peer tutoring. Students at risk or with emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD) were selected based on the Systematic Screening for Behaviors Disorder test. This sample included 21 boys and 3 girls in K-7th grade, with 16 African American and 8 Caucasian students. An experimental-control, posttest design was used to analyze data from a target group and a control group. Direct observations revealed differences in on-task, positive recess interaction and play, aggression and, out-of-seat behaviors. Teacher reports indicated significant differences for appropriately requesting attention, following directions, and reducing disruptive behaviors for the target group. Implications for early prevention and behavioral support systems for students with or at risk for EBD are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 1063-4266
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2911
T1 - Stability and change in paternal involvement among urban African American fathers. [References]
A1 - Coley, Rebekah Levine; Chase-Lansdale,
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-11039-008
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Blacks
KW - Father Child Relations
KW - Involvement
KW - Parental Investment
KW - Urban Environments
KW - Fathers
KW - Mothers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 416
EP - 435
JF - Journal of Family Psychology
JA - J Fam Psychol
VL - 13:
IS - 3
Urban African American fathers' involvement with their children born outside of marriage is assessed through maternal reports. Multivariable composites of paternal involvement indicate that about half of unmarried fathers are highly involved at the time of birth and when children are preschool age, and half are uninvolved. However, nearly 40% of fathers move in or out of active parenting during this time. Multinomial logit analyses indicate that paternal education and employment increase the likelihood that fathers will be highly involved as children age and decrease the odds of a loss of paternal involvement. Strong or harmonious mother-father relations (romantic or not) increase the odds of fathers' being highly involved and mediate the impact of fathers' residential and marital status. Finally, neither new maternal partners nor highly involved grandmothers deter paternal involvement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

Conducted a 7-session, cooperative games program with a 2nd grade class of 24 students who had demonstrated trouble with working together cooperatively. The session goals were to have fun, provide 30 min of activity, and to learn about cooperation and teamwork. The classroom teacher used this intervention as a springboard for a unit on cooperation in the classroom. The program was evaluated following each session by a question and answer period with the children and by evaluatory comments by the classroom teacher. Direct observation of the games and the students by the counselor provided further opportunity for evaluation. Following the intervention, some of the formerly excluded children said that they were now being included in activities during recess and outside of school activities. A shift in attitudes from the first to the last session was observed, with more helping behaviors noticed towards the end. The class had to learn to incorporate everyone to reach individual and group goals. Over the course of the sessions, cooperation and group cohesion when participating in these games increased. The teacher was also able to translate the cooperative game rules and philosophy to reading groups and other in-class activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This article discusses an elementary guidance counselor's plan to help students understand the physical and social consequences of smoking as well as what it means to be addicted. The counselor implemented his plan on November 21, the Great American Smokeout Day, to 4th-grade classes. Every 30 minutes the students would have to go outside for 5 minutes, to represent how often a "two pack a day" smoker needs to smoke. Each student was given a Chinese Finger Trap to keep his or her hands occupied during these periods. Teacher's evaluation sheets were filled out immediately after the experiment and student surveys were conducted 4 mo later. Student surveys consisted of questions about nicotine and addiction as well as if they planned to smoke when they were old enough. All students said they would never smoke. It is concluded that counselors need to give students as much information as possible so that they are better equipped to make good choices.

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N2 - (from the chapter) Investigates children's perceptions of advertising on the World Wide Web (WWW) and examines the potential for displacement of media and of nonmedia-related activities by the WWW. The study assesses children's perceptions of the persuasive intent of favorite Web sites and identifies their preferences for WWW surfing vs other favorite media-related and nonmedia-related after-school activities. Based on previous research, the following questions are addressed: 1. does the WWW have the potential to displace other advertising media, 2. does the WWW have the potential to displace other non-media related activities, and 3. do children ages 9-11 yrs demonstrate the ability to identify the persuasive intent of advertising on the WWW? Fourth graders visited the authors' university to 'surf the Net' and completed pretest and posttest questionnaires and an introductory hands-on Internet session. 39% of Ss said they would prefer to surf the Net than to engage in their favorite after-school activity. Ss were most willing to give up playing with friends or siblings, inside (79%) or outside (89%). 67% of Ss naming TV viewing as a favorite activity would prefer to surf the Net than to watch TV. Only 13% of Ss thought the purpose of their favorite site was to advertise. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2915
T1 - The effect of school size upon educational and environmental factors. [References]
A1 - Al-Soliman, Tarik
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-01295-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - School Environment
KW - School Facilities
KW - Schools
KW - Size
KW - Classrooms
KW - Crowding
KW - Educational Administration
KW - Educational Objectives
KW - School Principals
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 181
EP - 204
JF - Journal of Architectural and Planning Research
VL - 16:
IS - 3
N2 - Investigated the effect of school size (number of students and classrooms, class size, perceived crowdedness) on various educational and environmental factors in Saudi Arabia, based on a 1990 survey of 1,031 boys' schools. The survey included site observations, personal interviews, and a questionnaire for school principals. Factors investigated included school level (elementary, intermediate, secondary), ownership, spatial elements (library, cafeteria, laboratories, lecture hall, art room, playground), availability of educational technology, building attributes (room sizes, climate control, etc.), school maintenance, principals' authority in running schools, and educational goal achievement. Results show that large schools were more satisfying and had higher levels of achievement. However, large schools were associated with problems of maintenance, daily supervision, and less authority available to principals as school administrators. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0738-0895
AD - Al-Soliman, Tarik: King Saud U, Coll of Architecture & Planning, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2916
T1 - Interactions on an elementary school playground: Variations by age, gender, race, group size, and playground area
A1 - Lewis, Tracey E; Phillipsen, Leslie
Y1 - 1998///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-13035-004
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Age Differences
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Group Size
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Racial and Ethnic Differences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 309
EP - 320
JF - Child Study Journal
VL - 28:
IS - 4

N2 - Children in two age groups (88 first- and second graders and 76 fifth- and sixth graders) were observed in a study of elementary school playground interactions. A time-sampling procedure was used to record the gender, race, and group size of all interactive play in seven playground areas during each age group's recess period. Older children played in same-gender, larger groups more than the younger children did. Girls and boys were equally likely to play in same- and mixed-race groupings. While both same- and mixed-gender interaction was more likely to be mixed- rather than same-race, mixed-gender interaction was much more likely to include more than one race than all girls' or all boys' interactions. Mixed-race interactions also included more children than same-race interactions. Other analyses examined variations in playground area by age, gender, race, and group size. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0009-4005
AD - Lewis, Tracey E.: U Memphis, Ctr for Research in Educational Policy, Memphis, TN, US
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2917
T1 - The relative cost of children's physical play. [References]
A1 - Pellegrini, Anthony D.
Y1 - 1998///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-11976-024
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Energy Expenditure
KW - Calories
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1053
EP - 1061
JF - Animal Behaviour
VL - 55:
IS - 4

N2 - Analyzed energetic costs (expressed in terms of caloric expenditure) associated with physical play in 4 field experiments of play in 30 5.3-11.5 yr old primary school children. Exp 1 established the concurrent validity of an observational checklist to estimate caloric expenditure of children's physical play. Exp 2 compared caloric expenditure of the play (defined as all behavior exhibited during play time) for 2 age groups of children
(7.0-7.7 vs 9.1-9.9 yr olds) during playtime outdoors and during indoor sedentary activity. Results show that caloric expenditure of outdoor activity was greater and was significantly correlated with ambient temperature. In Exp 3, children were observed during indoor play to control for the influence of ambient temperature. Outdoor physical play was more energetically costly than indoor physical play. In Exp 4, children's behavior was observed outdoors and caloric expenditure for play, games and other activities was compared. Physical play was more costly than other forms of behavior and games. Estimates of total energetic costs of play ranged from 6 to 15%. Results are discussed in terms of the relatively low caloric costs of play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0003-3472
AD - Pellegrini, Anthony D.: U Minnesota, Dept of Educational Psychology, Minneapolis, MN, US
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2918
T1 - Comparative study of the natural habitat behaviors of children with autism and children with down syndrome: An ecological approach
A1 - Ruble, Lisa Ann
Y1 - 1998//
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1998-95022-324
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Autism
KW - Down's Syndrome
KW - Ecological Psychology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2459
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 59:
IS - 5-B
N2 - Little is known about children with autism in their natural environment, and children with autism who have more limited cognitive and verbal abilities. This study is the first to apply methods from ecological psychology to increase the understanding of autism. A better understanding of behavior that occurs in the natural habitat will aid diagnostic and assessment efforts and the identification of ecologically-relevant treatment variables. The ecological approach described by Scott (1980) was applied to study the in-depth structure of the behavior stream. Participants included 8 boys with autism and 8 boys with Down syndrome between the ages of 6 and 10 of similar adaptive communicaton levels. Narrative records were collected and analyzed based on duration and frequency of behaviors. Each record was analyzed by marking the behavior stream into activity units, which are naturally occurring chunks of behavior from the perspective of the child and occurring along a constant psychological direction. Each activity unit was then coded. Findings based on the structure of the activity units revealed that children with autism exhibited activity units of shorter duration and with less overlap. No differences in features related to the setting or in qualitative aspects of activity units were found. Partners of children with Down syndrome were more likely to be rated as being involved with high duration. Children with autism were more likely to use physical mechanism (e.g., physical contact, physical assistance); children with Down syndrome used more gestures (e.g., pointing, nodding). Both groups of children spent most of their time playing and watching TV. Analysis of the duration of intention of activity units revealed that children spent similar amounts of time participating in all but two types of activities. Children with autism spent more time readying their environment; children with Down syndrome spent more time eating and drinking. Subcategory analysis revealed that children with autism were four times more likely to fail to respond. In summary, findings that children with autism behaved in a more sequential manner, engaged in one activity at a time, shifted frequently from one activity to another, and persisted in a given activity for a relatively short time suggest behavior of more immature children then expected based on mental age. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Ruble, Lisa Ann: Indiana U, US
ER -
The effectiveness of the CARES program in increasing academic and social skills for children at risk in the elementary school

A1 - Steele, Margaret Joan
Y1 - 1998///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1998-95021-141

English

Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Educational Program Evaluation
KW - Mathematics Achievement
KW - Reading Skills
KW - Social Skills
KW - Spelling
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Program Evaluation

Thought processes and strategies of eight, eleven, and fourteen-year-old students while engaged in music composition

A1 - Younker, Betty Anne
Y1 - 1998///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1998-95009-036

English

Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
The purpose of the study was to explore thought processes and strategies of three 8-, three 11-, and three 14-year-old students that occurred while composing with technology. In this descriptive study, the following data were analyzed: (1) students' thoughts, responses, and behaviors that occurred during three composing sessions; (2) students' verbal responses to questions, given after each composing session, about their composing activities; and (3) students' verbal responses to questions, given before and after all composing sessions, about composing in general. The findings from the above three analyses were examined to discern what developmental patterns, if any, emerged across ages. Nine students were involved in seven 1-hour sessions. In two age-specific information sessions, students were introduced to a software program. In the third session, each student met individually to review what was covered during the information sessions and was asked questions about composing in general. In sessions four, five, and six, each student was asked to compose, think aloud while composing, and respond to questions via an unstructured interview technique. Each session ended with the student responding to questions about the composing activities. In the seventh session, the students presented their compositions to each other. Analysis of data for research question 1 revealed nine themes: elements of music, concepts, expressive gestures, composing processes, incorporation of known material, non-composing processes, technological problems, outlier verbal reports, and outside influences. Analysis of data for research question 2 generated five categories: awareness of activities, ability to recall activities, occurrence of mental activities between sessions, ability to recall interaction with musical elements, and range of evaluative comments. For research question 3, data were organized around: changes in content of specific responses, relationships between descriptions and experiences, descriptions of beginning composing activities, movement from third to first person, and perceptions about composing and listening. Developmentally, patterns emerged in the composing behaviors and in the treatment of timbre, beat, melody, and harmony. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
When successful entry behaviors are displayed by preschoolers and are identified by researchers or teachers, those behaviors can possibly be taught to preschoolers who exhibit a need for more control over their entry strategies. Potentially successful entry bid strategies might be hovering near the group while observing their activities, making statements and displaying body language relevant to the group's activities. The design of this research is sociological and ethnographic in terms of the researcher having observed patterns of behaviors as they emerged during play in the natural setting. The basis of this observation, analysis, and evaluation is predicated on related research and literature in the fields of educational psychology, sociology, and educational studies. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

The purpose of this study was to examine children's play and language when a variety of unfamiliar multicultural pretend foods and cooking utensils not typically found in dramatic play centers were introduced. The study was conducted in a laboratory preschool setting with three multiage heterogeneous groups of children over a period of 7 weeks. Three methods of data collection were employed: (a) videotapes of children in the dramatic play center, (b) a notebook of observations made by the teachers when the researcher was not present, and (c) interviews with 18 children. The children who chose to play in the dramatic play center were videotaped daily during indoor play time for 1 week prior to the introduction of new materials. The new multicultural pretend foods and cooking utensils were introduced during the second week of the study. The children were then videotaped daily for 2 more weeks and then once each week for the next 4 weeks. The data collected from the videotapes and teacher notes were used to develop coding categories. Categories of children's play were: (a) time spent playing with unfamiliar materials, (b) conventional use of materials, and (c) unconventional use of materials. Categories of children's language were: (a) labeling, (b) other conversation in dramatic play, (c) questions, and (d) conversation about the materials outside of the dramatic play center. The data were interpreted to discover how children interacted with and talked about the multicultural pretend foods and cooking utensils. It was concluded that children interacted with the unfamiliar multicultural pretend foods and cooking utensils in much the same manner as familiar materials. Labeling items or being able to put words with the foods and cooking utensils appeared to be important to the children. Children used unfamiliar materials unconventionally more often than they used familiar materials unconventionally. Furthermore, children did not see a relationship between the items in the dramatic play center and materials in other parts of the preschool. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A qualitative analysis of metaplay in the preschool years

This study examined young children's metaplay - the process of suspending actual role playing to think or communicate about pretend themes from outside of the play frame. 12 preschool Ss were videotaped during 8 separate half-hour sessions, as they engaged in spontaneous free play with a same-aged peer. Videotapes were transcribed and analyzed using the constant comparative method - a naturalistic data processing procedure. The primary researcher and a 2nd observer unitized all metaplay behaviors, categorized these units, named the resulting categories, and wrote rules for inclusion. The outcome was a typology of metaplay behaviors, comprised of 3 broad categories - initiations, responses, and constructions - and 38 subcategories. Each specific metaplay behavior was described and working hypotheses were formulated regarding its cognitive, metacognitive, and social significance. It is concluded that a rich array of developmentally useful interactions - which increase in frequency and complexity with age - transpire outside of actual role playing. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Explored leisure preferences and open space needs of 12-60 yr old Chinese Americans of Chicago's Chinatown. 203 face-to-face interviews and focus group discussions were used to identify outdoor leisure patterns and preferences, in general, and with respect to new park development being planned for the community. Findings show that although some popular activities were no different from what might be expected for the mainstream Anglo American population, the meaning and significance of these activities had clear and unique ties to Chinese culture. Preferences for the new Chinatown park development mirrored activity preferences, emphasizing facilities that enhance the natural environment for passive activities. Notable differences in activity preferences were found within the sample of respondents according to age, generational status, and other factors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This reprinted article originally appeared in (Social Problems, 1976, Vol 23[4], 478-487). The following abstract of the original article appeared in record 1977-08033-001.) Studied the role of the world of play and games in childhood socialization. Data from observations of school-yards, interviews, questionnaires, and playtime activity analysis provided information about 181 5th graders, half of whom were from suburban and half from city schools. Sex differences were observed in "real" play activities: (a) Boys played outdoors more than girls; (b) Although boys and girls played alone about the same proportion of the time, when they were in social play, boys more often played in larger groups; (c) Boys' play occurred in more heterogeneous groups; (d) Girls more often played in predominantly male games than boys played in girls' games; (e) Boys played competitive games more often than girls; (f) Girls played more than boys and boys "gamed" more than girls. It is suggested that play and games contribute to the preservation of traditional sex-role divisions in society by equipping boys with the social skills needed for occupational careers while equipping girls with the social skills better suited for family careers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Comparison of the quality of preschoolers' play in housekeeping and thematic sociodramatic play centers

Differences in the quality of play in thematic and housekeeping organizational patterns of the sociodramatic play center in preschool classrooms were documented by biweekly videotaping children's play during free choice time in 18 classrooms of an early childhood program in a moderately sized Midwest city. Videotapes for each classroom group were divided into the 4 quarters of the academic year. Of these, 68 were randomly selected and evaluated for play quality. The thematic organization resulted in higher quality sociodramatic play in which the children enacted more roles outside the home, utilized more aspects of their roles, demonstrated higher levels of symbolic prop use, and played longer. Early childhood educators wishing to utilize the thematic organization of the sociodramatic play center will find the practice supported, leading to longer play episodes, increased symbolic prop use, and higher quality make-believe. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
T1 - Using simultaneous prompting within an activity-based format to teach dressing skills to preschoolers with developmental delays
A1 - Sewell, Teena J.
Y1 - 1998///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1998-01993-003
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Activities of Daily Living
KW - Developmental Disabilities
KW - Prompting
KW - Self Care Skills
KW - Skill Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 132
EP - 145
JF - Journal of Early Intervention
VL - 21:
IS - 2
N2 - A multiple probe across skills single-S research design was used to evaluate the effectiveness of a simultaneous prompting procedure with a physical guidance controlling prompt to teach 3 dressing skills each to 2 preschoolers (aged 28 and 25 mo) with disabilities. The format was activity-based in that both probe and instructional trials were embedded within activities that occurred throughout the day when dressing would be a natural activity (e.g., putting on a jacket to go outside to play) in the preschool setting. Both students maintained the skills with 90% accuracy up to 6 wks following acquisition. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 1053-8151
AD - Sewell, Teena J.: Cumberland River Comprehensive Care, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2929
T1 - Applying the BeSafe method to product safety evaluation
A1 - Benedyk, Rachel
Y1 - 1998///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-42652-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Human Factors Engineering
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Risk Management
KW - Safety
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Consumer Behavior
KW - Evaluation
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 5
EP - 13
JF - Applied Ergonomics
VL - 29:
IS - 1
N2 - The BeSafe (Behavioural Safety) Method, has been developed by International Mining Consultants Ltd for assessing and reducing risk in industrial contexts. BeSafe is an ergonomic method of risk analysis and reduction, targeted at prevention of accidents due to human errors and violations, and emphasizing management strategies for action. Using the BeSafe Method, it may be possible to structure safety assessments of the use of
products and target improvement measures. The authors tested the relevant parts of the method on children's play equipment in 24 playgrounds, and questionnaires were also administered to 348 7-11 yr olds and 15 adults. Useful results were obtained, suggesting that BeSafe could be adapted for other consumer products in a similar way. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


TY - JOUR
ID - 2930
T1 - Preliminary results of psychodynamic treatment of child autism. [Italian]
A1 - Zirilli, Maria; Cocconi, Rossella; Torelli, Cristina
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1999-00274-005
Journal: Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown

TY - JOUR
ID - 2931
T1 - Collaboration and flexible care in school-based mental health services to children who are severely emotionally disturbed: An evaluation of program components and outcomes
A1 - Heisler-Scott, Claudette
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1997-95022-330

TY - JOUR
ID - 2932
T1 - Studied the outcome of psychodynamic treatment in young children lacking language and relational play.
A1 - Zirilli, Maria; Cocconi, Rossella; Torelli, Cristina
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1999-00274-005
Italian

TY - JOUR
ID - 2933
T1 - This is an evaluation of the Partnership, a school-based mental health service program for children labelled "Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED)." Two characteristics emerge as priorities in the literature
regarding the needs of emotionally disturbed children. One is the development of models of care that offer services that can be adapted to the needs of each child or family. The other vital component is collaborative interaction among adult caregivers. To date, neither education nor mental health services have shown consistent success in meeting the complex needs of SED children. The Partnership is a school-based mental health service program that strives to incorporate recommendations for flexible care and collaborative relationships. Forty-three children, first through fifth graders, from five SED special day classrooms located in three San Francisco public schools were included in the study. Also included were their adult providers and caregivers. Process and outcome evaluations were undertaken. Outcomes were assessed based on student academic and social functioning ratings which were collected from a variety of sources. Program components were assessed using the Partnership Survey which was developed for the purpose of this evaluation. This was a single measure that captured the unique perceptions of professionals, parents, and caregivers alike. Findings indicated that the different adult collaborator groups (parents/caregivers, teaching staff, outside providers) rated the program very highly. Some exceptions were thought to be related to phases of development in collaborative relationships. The consistently high ratings of the program by parents and caregivers in this study are noteworthy, in that the literature has shown that this group is typically dissatisfied with mental health services to their SED children. A striking finding related to the characteristics of the population of SED students was the large number of stressful or traumatic events in their lives. These included frequent home placement changes coupled with a very high number of school placement changes. Although correlations were not found between the stressful events and the students' school functioning, dramatic increases in school stability were found among Partnership students. Relationships found between collaborators' ratings of the Partnership and the students' social functioning suggest that adult collaborators play a key role in students' success. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
likely to be engaged in playing alone or interacting with adults, whereas the older age group was more likely to interact with peers. These findings reinforce the importance of both the indoor and the outdoor environment for promoting more complementary play behaviors and peer interactions. Finally, additional findings of relationships between the Parten-Smilansky Scale and the Peer Play Scale showed that the combination of the two scales provide a more valid and comprehensive assessment of children's social interactions with peers in naturally occurring contexts. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0419-4209
AD - Shim, Sook-Young: Iowa State U, US
ER - 

TY - JOUR
ID - 2933
T1 - Social-cognitive perspective taking in student mediators
A1 - Lane-Garon, Pamela S.
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1997-95017-133
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Conflict Resolution
KW - Mediation
KW - Role Taking
KW - Social Cognition
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Peers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 0738
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 58:
IS - 3-A
N2 - Social-cognitive perspective taking of elementary school students was examined in the context of a schoolwide conflict resolution program. The study compared perspective taking of children trained as mediators with untrained participants over the course of an academic year. Dependent variables were perspective taking and interpersonal problem-solving strategy choice. Independent variables were mediation training/practice and gender. Dependent variables included cognitive, affective and projective aspects of perspective taking. One hundred twelve students in 4th through 8th grades in a bilingual school community participated. Sixty-two students were selected and trained to mediate the disputes of their peers on the playground. Another 50 students served as a comparison group for purposes of evaluation. The 50 nonmediators were aware of the program and sometimes participated as disputants in mediations on the playground. Training was assisted by the Arizona State Attorney General's Office of Community Relations. The interval between pre and post intervention assessment was six months. Results of repeated measures of analyses of variance showed that perspective taking scores on the cognitive and affective perspective taking scales of the Davis Interpersonal Reactivity Index increased over time for all participants, with the students trained as mediators showing greater increases than the untrained students. Pre-to-post increases in perspective taking indicate that the cognitive and affective perspective taking of mediators may be enhanced by mediation training and playground mediation practice. Further, the finding that perspective taking scores of untrained participants increased substantially suggests that observational learning and participation in mediation as disputants may also have a favorable influence on perspective taking. Females scored slightly higher than males on perspective taking measures, although not significantly so. Boys and girls showed different (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4209
AD - Lane-Garon, Pamela S.: Arizona State U, US
ER - 

TY - JOUR
ID - 2934
Making friends at school: The social interaction patterns of young children with physical disabilities

Richardson, Pamela Kellund

Dissertation Abstract: 1997-95011-133

English

Dissertation Abstract

KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Classroom Behavior
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Physical Disorders
KW - Interpersonal Interaction

NOT IN FILE

This study compared the peer interaction patterns, peer social networks, and interactions patterns with adults of young children with and without physical disabilities. Three pairs of classmates ranging in age from five to eight years participated. Each pair consisted of one child with a physical disability and normal cognition and a typically developing classmate who were matched for demographic variables. Momentary time sampling techniques were used to record children's interactions with peers on the playground during recess. Semi-structured behavioral observations were used to record qualitative aspects of children's interactions with peers and teachers. Teacher interviews provided additional information regarding children's educational programs, social adjustment, and peer relationships. Analysis of quantitative data revealed that children with physical disabilities had cooperative play episodes of shorter duration, spent less time in interactive behaviors of any kind, had more interruptions in cooperative play episodes, and had less intensity of interaction than their peers. Analysis of qualitative data revealed that children with physical disabilities had a strong desire to engage in social interactions, but difficulty initiating and sustaining interactions. Teachers often interrupted the work and play interactions of children with physical disabilities, limiting the amount of peer interaction time available. Children with physical disabilities actively initiated peer interactions, but had more unsuccessful interaction attempts than their peers, and approached adults for social interactions much more frequently than their typically developing peers. Children with physical disabilities demonstrated a strong desire to be helpful and involved in classroom activities, but were marginalized as classroom contributors both as a result of physical limitations and because of poor social initiation skills. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Richardson, Pamela Kellund: U Washington, US

The expression of care in the rough and tumble play of pre-adolescent boys

Reed, Thomas L.

Dissertation Abstract: 1997-95009-052

English

Dissertation Abstract

KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Males
KW - Interpersonal Interaction

NOT IN FILE

This study compared the peer interaction patterns, peer social networks, and interactions patterns with adults of young children with and without physical disabilities. Three pairs of classmates ranging in age from five to eight years participated. Each pair consisted of one child with a physical disability and normal cognition and a typically developing classmate who were matched for demographic variables. Momentary time sampling techniques were used to record children's interactions with peers on the playground during recess. Semi-structured behavioral observations were used to record qualitative aspects of children's interactions with peers and teachers. Teacher interviews provided additional information regarding children's educational programs, social adjustment, and peer relationships. Analysis of quantitative data revealed that children with physical disabilities had cooperative play episodes of shorter duration, spent less time in interactive behaviors of any kind, had more interruptions in cooperative play episodes, and had less intensity of interaction than their peers. Analysis of qualitative data revealed that children with physical disabilities had a strong desire to engage in social interactions, but difficulty initiating and sustaining interactions. Teachers often interrupted the work and play interactions of children with physical disabilities, limiting the amount of peer interaction time available. Children with physical disabilities actively initiated peer interactions, but had more unsuccessful interaction attempts than their peers, and approached adults for social interactions much more frequently than their typically developing peers. Children with physical disabilities demonstrated a strong desire to be helpful and involved in classroom activities, but were marginalized as classroom contributors both as a result of physical limitations and because of poor social initiation skills. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Reed, Thomas L: U Washington, US
Rough and tumble (R&T) play is widely researched in relationship to social affiliation and the cognitive benefits associated with participation in this type of play. One less researched aspect of R&T play is the affective dimension, more specifically, the way in which boys care for one another through R&T play. The first part of this research examines the various ways in which boys participate in R&T play, how the R&T scenario is set up, who plays, what the rules are and how they are enforced. Boys were video taped while engaging in R&T play and during a game called Smear the Queer (Smear). Data gathered from observing the video taped segments of R&T play clearly suggests that R&T play is a way in which boys express care for one another, that Smear is a camouflage for intimacy, and that R&T play is more like a dance among the players than a helter-skelter mix of running, chasing, and tackling. The second part of this study involved interviewing the players while they watched selected video segments of R&T play and expressions of care exhibited during R&T play. Analysis of the interview transcripts established that the boys were able to clearly delineate the difference between R&T play and aggression. Furthermore, the participants were able to validate the game of Smear as a way in which boys are able to express care for one another. Finally, the participants described R&T play as the vehicle in which they are able to experience physical intimacy with one another. It is concluded that R&T play is clearly misunderstood by the uninformed observer. The players are keenly aware that engagement in R&T play is a time that it is acceptable to hug, hold hands, and otherwise experience bodily contact not permitted outside the play arena. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
sibling's health status. Male second-borns who had diabetes performed more outside of home activities than female second-borns with diabetes. The amount of activities a child performed was affected by their own health status but not their sibling's health status. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2937
T1 - Assessing the effects of a peer mediation training program on skill acquisition, maintenance and generalization
A1 - Winston, Markay Larraine
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1997-95001-092
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Generalization (Learning)
KW - Mediation
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Skill Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2863
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 57:
IS - 7-A
N2 - The purpose of the study, conducted in a Midwestern, suburban intermediate school with a diverse student population, was to evaluate the effectiveness of a peer mediation training program on the skill acquisition, maintenance, and generalization of trained students. Co-mediator skill proficiency was assessed for 10 pairs of students in the training group and 7 pairs in the control group. A mixed method, pretest-posttest control group design was employed. Analogue role-play tests, naturalistic observation, self-report data, and parental observations were utilized to evaluate skill acquisition, treatment integrity, social acceptability, and generalization of student skills. Statistically significant results (p <) indicated that trained students demonstrated appropriate skills across mediation steps during analogue assessment and within the natural setting. Further, treatment integrity measures demonstrated proper implementation of mediation skills during actual mediation sessions. Social acceptability data, although inconclusive, revealed that the program was positively perceived. Finally, parental observations showed that active mediators successfully demonstrated learned skills in the home. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0419-4209
AD - Winston, Markay Larraine: U Cincinnati, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2938
T1 - What did you learn outside of school today? Using structured interviews to document home and community activities related to science and technology
A1 - Korpan, Connie A.
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-42231-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Interviews
KW - Learning
KW - Science Education
KW - Technology
N2 - Describes the development of 2 structured interview procedures: The Community and Home Activities Related to Technology and Science for parents of Preschool Children (CHARTS/PS) and for School-Age Children (CHARTS/SA). These interviews can be used to construct profiles of children's exposure to science activities outside of school, such as watching TV, reading, attending exhibits or events at community facilities, participating in experiments or demonstrations at home, and asking questions of parents. The CHARTS/PS interview was conducted with the mothers of 29 kindergarten children, while the CHARTS/SA interview was conducted with 35 5th and 6th graders. Focusing primarily on the CHARTS/PS interview, the article describes how these interviews were developed, what kinds of information this type of research enabled the authors to obtain, and what lessons they have learned in the process. The level of extracurricular participation reported in a wide range of science-related activities was very high. Structured interviews can help teachers gain information about students' exposure to science-related learning activities in their home and community. This information can be used as a platform on which classroom instruction can be built. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - (from the cover) The contributors in this book on teaching and learning mathematics all hold the view that mathematics is a form of intelligent problem solving which plays an important part in children's lives outside the classroom as well as in it. One theme of the chapters is that an important part of teaching mathematics at school is to make explicit for children mathematical ideas which they have already picked up and used in more informal settings. The authors also stress the social construction of children's mathematical knowledge at school through the acquisition of new modes of representation which increases the power of their mathematical understanding. Two major contributions of the book are to seek an integration of social and cognitive aspects of learning and to bring together for the first time in English a comprehensive description of teaching methods based on the idea of social construction which have been developed in Holland, France and Switzerland.


N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-07480-001

TY - JOUR
ID - 2940
T1 - Social skilling through cooperative learning
A1 - Jordan, Don W.
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-07480-001

English

Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal

KW - PsychInfo
KW - Classroom Behavior
KW - Classroom Behavior Modification
KW - Cooperative Learning
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Social Skills
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Longitudinal Studies

RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 3
EP - 21

JF - Educational Research
VL - 39:
IS - 1

N2 - Examined the effects of cooperative learning on the social skills of students and their behavior both in and out of the classroom. The 1st author implemented a 10-wk cooperative learning program in a class of 10-12 yr olds, to develop social and academic skills. Classroom activities provided specific training in, and required Ss to use and monitor the use of, identified social skills. Task-oriented skills included sharing, persuading and managing time. Person-oriented skills covered being positive, valuing others and conflict resolution. Ss worked in pairs and larger groups, with each S responsible for a specific academic or social task. Findings show evidence of social growth even though the study lasted only 10 wks. Social interactions became noticeably more varied and students agreed to work in groups, including members they did not like. These changes carried over into playground activities. The interpersonal relationships of previously isolated Ss improved and there were also improvements in student behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0013-1881

AD - Jordan, Don W.: Woodbridge District High School, Woodbridge, TAS, Australia

ER -
The effects of pre-school experience on reading attainment: A four year cross-sectional study

A1 - Davies, Julie
Y1 - 1997
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-06048-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Educational Background
KW - Preschool Education
KW - Reading Achievement
KW - Longitudinal Studies
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 255
EP - 266
JF - Educational Psychology
VL - 17:
IS - 3

Using a 4-yr cross-sectional study, the reading attainments of a sample of 834 Year 2 children who had one of 3 types of preschool experiences (nursery school attendance, playgroup attendance, or no preschool provision outside the home) were examined. Ss' scores on the Primary Reading Test (PRT) were compared over the 4 yrs, as were the reading Standardised Assessment Task (SAT) scores of the last 2 cohorts. Results are not clear cut. For 3 out of the 4 yrs, the group with no-preschool experience performed significantly less well on the PRT than did at least 1 of the other 2 groups. The SAT levels of Ss who attended nursery school were higher than those of the other 2 groups. It appears that preschool provision had an effect on children's reading attainments and that this effect was still significant in Year 2. The validity of the SAT is considered as a factor in the relative reading attainments of the 3 groups. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Children's relationships with adults and peers: An examination of elementary and junior high school students

A1 - Lynch, Michael
Y1 - 1997
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-04139-005
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Mother Child Relations
KW - Peer Relations
KW - School Adjustment
KW - Teacher Student Interaction
KW - Classmates
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Middle School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 81
EP - 99
JF - Journal of School Psychology
VL - 35:
IS - 1
N2 - Social and affective processes connected to children's relationships inside and outside the school setting are important factors in children's successful adaptation to school. This study examines the relationships of 1,226 low-risk elementary and middle school children across a variety of relationship partners. Descriptive data on the profile of these school-aged children's patterns of relatedness with others are presented. Developmental trends are explored as well. There is a shift in the self-reported quality of children's relationships with adults (mothers and teachers) and peers (best friends and classmates) from elementary school to middle school. In middle school, children report more positive perceptions of their relationships with peers and less positive perceptions of their relationships with adults than do elementary school children. These findings are discussed in terms of the implications that children's interpersonal relationships have for facilitating readiness to learn and active engagement in school. Limitations of the present study and methodological issues connected to the assessment of relationships are discussed as well. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)

SN - 0022-4405
AD - Lynch, Michael: U Rochester, Mt Hope Family Ctr, Rochester, NY, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2943
T1 - The role of recess in children's cognitive performance
A1 - Pellegrini, Anthony D.
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-03594-003

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Recreation
KW - School Learning
KW - Primary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 35
EP - 40
JF - Educational Psychologist
VL - 32:
IS - 1
N2 - Presents a rationale for the importance of recess in primary school curriculum. The authors propose that children's immature cognitions are well adapted for their particular phases of development and that children can get the most out of school when educators take advantage of children's immaturity to foster attention to classroom work. Because young children are not able to focus their attention for extended periods of time as well as older children, their cognitive performance will be hindered if they persist at tasks requiring focused attention for prolonged periods. The authors argue that by giving them frequent breaks during and between highly focused cognitive and academic tasks, their performance on later tasks should be enhanced relative to children who are not given such breaks. Also, performance on repeated tasks requiring focused attention decreases over time and trials, until rest periods are given. Rest periods in the form of recess enhances subsequent performance, although the nature of the recess activity may affect the extent of the subsequent benefits. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0046-1520
AD - Pellegrini, Anthony D.: U Georgia, Inst for Behavioral Research, Athens, GA, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2944
T1 - Evaluation of an individualized, context-based social skills training program for children with learning disabilities
A1 - Wiener, Judith
Y1 - 1997///
An individualized, classroom-based social skills training program, which used a combination of coaching and social problem-solving approaches, was developed and evaluated with a sample of 45 children, 9 to 12 years old, with learning disabilities, in self-contained special education classes. Thirteen children received a 6-week intervention (Intervention 1), 7 received a 12-week intervention (Intervention 2), and 25 were in a no-treatment control group. We found modest gains in social skills and decreases in problem behaviors in the Intervention 1 group compared to the control group as measured by self-report, teacher rating scales, peer nominations, and classroom and playground observations. The peer acceptance of the Intervention 1 children remained stable over the school year, whereas the peer acceptance of the children in the control group deteriorated. Equivalent changes were not observed in the Intervention 2 group, largely due to dynamics specific to that classroom. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
mother's time in market work increased, parent-child shared housework and shared leisure time increased. Household activities shared by the parent and the child were sex-typed. Mothers tended to share more time with daughters in meal preparation and family-care activities, and fathers tended to share more time with their sons in activities involving the home, yard, car, and pet maintenance and in shopping activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0022-2445
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2946
T1 - Popularity and rejection in children's peer groups: A South African perspective
A1 - Bonn,Marta
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-43792-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Classroom Behavior
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Popularity
KW - Social Acceptance
KW - Blacks
KW - Playgrounds
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 14
JF - Early Child Development and Care
N2 - Observed and compared the behavior of 2 groups of Black South African children who had been identified as either popular or rejected by their peers. 631 children (aged 8 yrs to 12 yrs 3 mo) nominated classmates they liked most and least. 29 rejected (RCs) and 29 popular children (PCs) were identified, and were observed in their school playground during recess and in their classroom. Findings indicate that social rejection was related to aggression, disruptiveness, and rule violations; popularity was associated with prosocial behavior among peers. Characteristics of PCs were that they were seldom aggressive, they reminded others of the rules of the group, they provided guidance in difficult circumstances, they were caring and affectionate, and they were the instigators and recipients of positive behaviors. RCs initiated more negative interactions with others, and were also the recipients of more negative and aversive interactions. Additionally, RCs were more frequently observed in interactive activities on the playground, but PCs engaged in these for longer periods. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0300-4430
AD - Bonn, Marta: U South Africa, Inst for Behavioural Sciences, Pretoria, South Africa
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2947
T1 - Playtime--using a systems' perspective
A1 - Rennie,Ewen F.
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1997-02655-004
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Preschool Students
KW - Primary School Students
For children at school, playtime occupies more time than that recommended to be allocated to any formal curriculum area. Educational psychologists (EPs) can have a role in encouraging schools to consider ways of structuring playtime to increase the quality of children's social experiences and preventing troubling behavior. To inform such a role better, this study sets out to gain an impression of the Scottish playground from the perspective of 290 preschool and primary school students through the use of a questionnaire. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

This project explored the effects of a cooperative learning program implemented in integrated kindergarten classrooms. Academic performance, cooperative interactions during lessons, and prosocial behaviors during play activities were examined. Scores on curriculum-based mathematics probes and direct observations of cooperative interactions during the intervention served as the primary dependent measures. Additionally, direct observations during a play period following the cooperative learning lesson and weekly observations in a free play setting outside the classroom served to assess generalization of prosocial behaviors in natural settings. A multiple probe design across classrooms combined with a quasi-experimental group design was employed. Pretest and posttest measures on standardized basic readiness scales and student sociometric nominations/ratings were statistically compared at the conclusion of the study. Social validity measures, procedural integrity, and one-month maintenance data also were collected. Results indicated that the cooperative learning procedures lead to improved academic growth as measured by both the curriculum-based mathematics probes and the mathematics section of the standardized group readiness test. Levels of cooperative behaviors increased substantially for all participants during the instructional period when cooperative learning was in effect. Furthermore, prosocial skills learned and practiced during the intervention generalized to the free play settings in and outside of the classroom environments. An increase in interactive play behaviors also was observed for all participants during these time periods. However, for cooperative behaviors, the generality of effects with respect to maintenance over time was not supported. No statistically significant differences were
noted between experimental and control groups on the sociometric nomination measure, but an improvement was seen for both work and play measures on the rating scales. S (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2949
T1 - Kindergartners who become friends: Classroom influences on interactions and patterns of stability and change
A1 - Winterhoff, Paul Andrew
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1996-95015-180

English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Friendship
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Social Interaction
KW - School Environment

TY - JOUR
ID - 2950
T1 - Childhood depressive symptoms, physical activity and health-related fitness
A1 - Michaud-Tomson, Lois
Y1 - 1996///
Depression is a major public health concern, with a robust continuity from childhood through adulthood. This study had six objectives: first and second, to examine the relationship of being classified as physically inactive by a parent or a teacher to depressive symptoms in 8 to 12 year old children (n = 933); third, to assess the relationship of playing sports outside of school, to depressive symptoms; fourth and fifth, to determine whether meeting Fitnessgram health-related fitness standards for body composition and cardiovascular endurance were related to depressive symptoms, and; sixth, to examine the prevalence of depressive symptoms in this population. Using the "Dimensions of Depression Profile" and applying DSM-IV criteria, symptoms of major depression were identified in .48 to .65% of children, while symptoms of minor depression were noted in 8.4% of girls and 6.3% of boys. Chi squares revealed significant (p <) differences for girls classified as inactive by a teacher and for boys classified as inactive by a parent (p <). Differences were also noted for boys not playing sports outside of school (p <) and for those not meeting body composition standards (p <), as well as for girls not meeting cardiovascular standards (p <). Relative risk of depressive symptoms for inactive classification was 2.8 to 3.4 times higher than for active, 1.3 to 2.4 times higher for children not playing sports, and 1.5 to 4.0 times higher for those not meeting health goals. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
mothers completed home reports of involvement. Analyses revealed no statistically significant relationship between shared mother/child leisure activities and school performance as a function of mothers' level of employment. In general, the mother's level of employment had no impact on the level of involvement in daily activities between mother and child as reported by the mother. However, increased involvement on the part of a mother employed full-time had a modest negative statistical association with the child's adaptive functioning at school. Future studies might collect data from the child as a corroborative reporter on involvement in parent/child activities in the home. It is recommended that the involvement of the father be examined to learn something more of the changing roles of mothers and fathers in the nuclear family. The evolution of more equally shared parenting responsibilities warrants further study of how differing family environments impact children's social and cognitive functioning at school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2952
T1 - The effects of combined self-management strategies on the generalization of social behavior changes in children with social skills deficits
A1 - Kim, Hwangyong
Y1 - 1996///
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Psychology
KW - Cognitive Generalization
KW - Self Management
KW - Social Skills
KW - Behavior Modification
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 3079
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International Section A: Humanities and Social Sciences
VL - 56:
IS - 8-A
N2 - Despite their efficacy in skill acquisition, externally managed behavioral interventions have been criticized widely for poor generalization and maintenance effects. In the past two decades, various self-management strategies have been developed to involve students in their own behavior change process and to increase the generalization and maintenance of behavior changes. Among self-management strategies, self-recording, self-evaluation, and self-graphing are considered useful, especially when they are combined systematically. Because findings of self-management studies to date have been inconsistent, additional self-management research must be conducted to support claims about achieving generalization and maintenance. This study examined the relative effects of a combination of self-management strategies to a combination of externally managed treatments on the generalization and maintenance of playground social behavior changes. A multiple baseline across subjects design was used. All seven subjects in this study were taught specific playground social skills. During the generalization intervention phase, subjects in the external treatment condition spent extra time practicing their newly learned social skills through role-playing. Immediately after each morning recess, the subjects received positive feedback from the investigator for their behavioral performance on the playgrounds. In contrast, subjects in the self-management intervention were asked to monitor their own behaviors by using a golf-counter during morning recess to count the frequency with which they used learned social skills. At the end of recess, they self-evaluated and self-graphed their performance according to pre-established criteria on a self-management observation sheet developed for this study. A partial interval time sampling method was used to collect daily observation data for each subject during morning recess and after-lunch-free time on the playgrounds. The results indicated that neither (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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Old battles, new frontiers: A study of television violence and social work with children

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TY - JOUR
ID - 2953
T1 - Old battles, new frontiers: A study of television violence and social work with children
A1 - Lazar, Bonnie A.
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1996-07019-004

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Social Cognition
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Social Workers
KW - Television Viewing
KW - Violence
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 527
EP - 540

JF - Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal
VL - 13:
IS - 6

N2 - Described the place of TV violence in one type of social exchange, children's interactions with social workers. 21 social workers who worked primarily with children in schools, in community mental health agencies, and in private practice were interviewed, using grounded theory methodology. Social workers were asked to recount a time when they believed that a child between 6-12 yrs old had drawn, played, or talked about themes or characters related to violence witnessed on TV. Results confirm the assumptions that children recreate what they see on TV and share their experience of TV with others. In addition, social workers do observe TV-related themes and characters in offices and on the playground and are aware that children use TV violence specifically and thematically in interaction with others. TV violence appears to be a largely unacknowledged presence in social work practice with children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0738-0151
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2954
T1 - Self-recording during unsupervised academic activity: Effects on time spent out of class
A1 - Stecker, Pamela M.
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1996-06626-001

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Learning Disabilities
KW - Performance
KW - Self Monitoring
KW - Special Education Students
KW - Time Out
KW - Self Report
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 133
EP - 147
JF - Exceptionality
VL - 6:
IS - 3
N2 - Investigated the effects of a self-monitoring technique, including self-recording and graphing of performance, on length of time spent out of class. Two similar multiple baseline studies were used to assess the effectiveness of the interventions with 5 students with mild disabilities (4 with learning disabilities and 1 with serious emotional disturbance), who were participating in an ongoing computer assessment project that required them to spend time outside of the classroom without direct teacher supervision. Results indicate that the self-recording procedures were effective in reducing the total length of time spent outside of the classroom (during the required activities) for all participants. The accuracy of student self-recordings and the social validity of the intervention are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0936-2835
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2955
T1 - The Norwegian perspective on issues of quality in day care
A1 - Borge, Anne I.
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1996-05006-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Day Care
KW - Costs and Cost Analysis
KW - Day Care Centers
KW - Quality of Services
KW - Disorders
KW - Special Needs
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 129
EP - 137
JF - European Journal of Psychology of Education
VL - 11:
IS - 2
N2 - Since 1953, Norwegian national standards regulate ratios of children to staff, training requirements, group sizes, leadership and subsidies. Both national and local subsidies support the management and quality level of day care centers. In Norway a current viewpoint on quality in day care is to stimulate innovation in day care activities by rewarding local initiative and creativity. Outdoor activities and giving the children freedom to learn are highly valued. Preschool teacher education, which is three years at college, shares a common frame of a governmental curricular guideline as well as a nationwide curriculum for day care. A responsive and warm interaction between staff, children and parents is a definite moral value of the preschool teacher profession. Current issues of quality are related to the shortage of highly qualified directors and leaders in public day care as well as the expansion of private centers with questionable quality. Quality control of day care centers is now discussed as a necessary surveillance system of the quality of contexts and interactions in children's daily life. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved) (journal abstract)
SN - 0256-2928
AD - Borge, Anne I. H.: U Oslo, Dept of Special Education, Oslo, Norway
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2956
T1 - Sexual Abuse in Preschools: Context, Aftermath, and Controversy
A1 - Bottoms, Bette L.
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - Electronic Collection: 2004-17636-020
English
Electronic Collection
This is a review of the book, "Behind the Playground Walls: Sexual Abuse in Preschools" (see record 1993-97375-000). The authors of "Behind the Playground Walls" detail their research into the circumstances and clinical aftermath of several preschool sexual abuse cases, including the nation's most prominent case of alleged ritualistic child abuse, the McMartin Daycare case in Manhattan Beach, California. Three groups of children are compared: (a) alleged victims from highly publicized and legally unsubstantiated ritualistic abuse cases in southern California; (b) nonritualistic sexual abuse victims from a less controversial, legally confirmed day-care case in Nevada; and (c) nonabused control children attending day care. The authors are to be commended for their longitudinal design, for testing theory in a field sometimes lacking it, for conducting the research in spite of many pragmatic difficulties, and for producing a book that is readable by laypersons but that includes enough detail about method and analysis to be useful for serious researchers. The book has enough merit to transcend the controversy inherent in its topic. Child abuse researchers and therapists and families of children involved in sexual abuse cases will benefit from the findings of this research. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Creative thinking involves both emotion and personality, including enough confidence and courage to consider new approaches to problems, rather than hiding in the security of familiar and accepted ways of thinking. There is a conflict in education between the need for emotional control for academic excellence and the need for a more free and open minded approach. Students who were extremely successful academically are often found to be creatively inhibited because of the narrow focus and pressure of their school education. The problem for teachers is to enable intellectually gifted pupils, who have the ability for high academic achievement, to keep a playful, creative approach to their work and general outlook. An environment in which the exceptionally able child can prosper all round must be balanced. This implies enough time with other people to make good social relationships and develop interests outside study areas. Topics discussed include: where creativity starts, the creative cost of high academic achievement, and education for creativity (imaginative play). (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Assessed the degree to which performance on continuous performance tests (CPT) and a solid-state actigraph could be used clinically to distinguish between attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and other psychiatric symptoms in 97 patients (aged 6.5-13 yrs) from a child psychiatry outpatient clinic (40 with ADHD symptoms and 57 without ADHD symptoms) and in 18 normal controls. Discriminant function analyses correctly classified 72.4% of Ss in the ADHD vs normal control comparison, and 66.2% in the ADHD vs non-ADHD comparison. Poor performance on objective measures was generally indicative of ADHD relative to normal controls, but "average" performance could not be used to rule out ADHD. Diagnostic classification indices were much lower in the ADHD vs non-ADHD patient discrimination. CPT inattention scores had moderate sensitivity, but low specificity; CPT impulsivity and actigraph scores had low sensitivity but high specificity. Results suggest that examination of CPT performance and objectively assessed activity level are not diagnostic in and of themselves, and should not be used outside the context of a full clinical examination.

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Examined the relationship between gratification of needs, self-esteem, and computer games. 120 children (aged 11-17 yrs) from North London were given a questionnaire concerning computer game use, companionship, and solitude/escape. Results show that 92.5% of Ss played regularly. Playing computer games was equally popular with males and females, but males spent more time on it. Positive correlations between playing and items on the needs scales were obtained. Males who were heavy players scored highly on the preference to friends' need, but interestingly they were also likely to see their friends more often outside school, thus providing no support for the theory that computer games are taking the place of normal social interaction. For females there was evidence of a negative relationship between self-esteem and need gratification through playing computer games. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Examined the effects of different recess timing regimens on elementary school students' classroom and recess behaviors. In Exp 1, recess timing for 34 boys and 28 girls in grades K, 2, and 4 was varied by 30 min. An analysis of pre- and postrecess behavior and of outdoor recess behavior showed that prerecess inattention varied as a function of deprivation duration. Boys in particular were more socially interactive on the playground following a long deprivation compared to a short deprivation. Recess behaviors did not relate significantly to postrecess inattention. However, inattention rates were higher before recess than after. Exp 2 utilized a similar paradigm with a sample of 2nd and 4th graders. In general, results from Exp 1 were replicated. In Exp 3, Ss' recess was manipulated, but the recess period was indoors. Results of the 2 samples replicated each other and the preceding experiments. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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N2 - Studied the prevalence, general trends and nature of bully/victim problems in elementary school students, and determined whether bullies and victims endorsed certain aggression-supporting beliefs to other peers. 379 4th-6th graders (aged 8-22 yrs) in Canada were assessed on the Bully/Victim Questionnaire (D. Olweus, 1989) and Belief Measures (R. G. Slaby & N. G. Guerra, 1988). Results show that 21.3% of the Ss were bullied and 11.6% bullied others. Victims tended to be the youngest Ss and were at risk for being bullied by both age mates and older Ss. Verbal abuse was the most common form of bullying, and the playground was the most common location. There was no significant association between gender and direct or indirect bullying. Bullies tended to be in the older grades and were mainly boys. They were more likely than victims, and students who were neither bullies nor victims, to endorse aggression-supporting beliefs. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - To explore changes in the residential outdoor play landscape, this study surveyed 40 adults on their memories of middle-childhood experiences and interviewed 14 children (aged 6-11 yrs). The physical landscape as well as personal meanings attached to childhood places were studied for both adults and children. Though both groups showed an unquestionable preference for the outdoors, it appeared as though the amount of imaginary, creative, and non-equipment game play was reduced. Probably the largest changes occurred in the extended home yard environments, where fields, woods, and orchards were replaced by formal city parks and busy streets. These landscape changes, as well as personal meanings of place, address important interdisciplinary issues. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - Early identification of antisocial boys: A multi-method approach
A1 - Quinn, Mary Maggie; Mathur, Sarup
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1996-14654-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Antisocial Behavior
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Behavioral Assessment
KW - Peer Relations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 272
EP - 281
JF - Education & Treatment of Children
VL - 18:
IS - 3
N2 - Sought to identify the critical factors that differentiated 56 1st grade boys, at-risk for developing antisocial behavior patterns, from a randomly chosen comparison group. Through the use of a multi-method approach (consisting of teacher nominations, teacher ratings, and direct observation of behavior) 3 areas of significance emerged. Boys nominated as at-risk for developing antisocial behavior patterns were found to have higher teacher ratings of aggression, more negative peer interactions on the playground, and lower levels of academic engaged time than their comparison peers. These findings have implications for designing interventions to prevent the escalation of antisocial behavior patterns as well as to increase the pace and complexity of classroom instructional delivery. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0748-8491
AD - Quinn, Mary Maggie: Arizona State U, Special Education Program, Tempe, AZ, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2966
T1 - Children's voices and the construction of children's spaces: The example of playcare centers in the United Kingdom
A1 - Smith, Fiona
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1996-14082-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Care
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Environmental Planning
KW - Recreation Areas
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 389
EP - 396
JF - Children's Environments
VL - 12:
IS - 3
N2 - Examined playcare provision, defined as providing care for children aged 5-12 yrs in communal settings which explicitly offer creative play opportunities. The role of children in determining the sort of playcare environment they spend time in after school and during school holidays was assessed. Data were obtained from 229 interviews with children. Results suggest that children are increasingly excluded from the independent use of public space which has important implications for the kinds of play opportunities available to them. The paper shows 1 possible way of enabling children to exercise their right to play through the use of playcare centers. The research was designed to provide a public forum for the voices of children, to allow them to
express their own views and opinions about what happens to them outside school hours. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0886-0505
AD - Smith, Fiona: Brunel University Coll, Dept of Geography & Geology, Osterley Campus, Isleworth, England
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2967
T1 - Coping with children's temperament: A guide for professionals
A1 - Carey, William B.
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - Book: 1995-98287-000
English
Book; Authored Book
(Created by PsycINFO) Foreword by Stella Chess and Alexander Thomas Preface Reorienting professionals to the new understanding of temperament differences in children The nature and practical relevance of temperament: What do we know? The nature and practical relevance of temperament: What can we do? The newborn period General parental care: Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers Day care: Preschool child care outside the home Physical health care Developmental variation and behavioral adjustment problems Middle childhood and school performance Adolescence Environmental stressors and crises Conclusion: An opportunity to improve the care of our children Appendixes References Index
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Individual Differences
KW - Personality
KW - Behavior Problems
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - New
JF - (1995)
N2 - (from the jacket) Children's temperaments make a substantial contribution to their environments and their interactions with them. Certain of these largely inborn behavioral style differences, which are not abnormal in themselves, may lead to clinical problems by predisposing children to abrasive, incompatible relationships with caregivers. [The authors] present a . . . summary of the recent clinical research on temperament, in particular from the last 10 yrs, coupled with practical suggestions on how to use this information in a variety of clinical and educational settings. . . . They take the professional-psychologist, physician, nurse, teacher, day care worker, and social worker-through all the stages of a child's life to show how the effects of temperament play out in infancy, the preschool years, middle childhood, and adolescence. [The] book brings theory and practice to life and shows how all those who work with children can improve their care by understanding these important differences. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Carey, William B.: U Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2968
T1 - Behavior with peers and perceptions of self: Correlates of attachment
A1 - Demulder, Elizabeth Kyle
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1995-95023-076
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Attachment Behavior
KW - Mother Child Relations
KW - Peer Relations
N2 - Relations between patterns of attachment with mother and subsequent behaviour with peers and perceptions of self were examined in a sample of 39 five year-old children (22 girls, 17 boys). Attachment classifications and ratings had been determined when the children were 4 1/2 years old, using procedures and coding systems originally developed for infants by Ainsworth (Ainsworth, Blehar, Waters, & Wall, 1978) and modified for 3-4 year-old children by Cassidy and Marvin (1988). When each child was five years old, behaviour with peers was assessed through direct observation on the school playground. A continuous commentary of interactions was made into a hand-held microphone, while a radio microphone concealed on the child picked up the child's speech and speech directed toward him/her. Tapes were transcribed using a coding system based on that used by Hinde, Easton, Meller and Tamplin (1983). Perceptions concerning perceived competence and social acceptance (Harter & Pike, 1984), self-efficacy (Wheeler & Ladd, 1982), perceived popularity with and liking of peers and interpersonal problem-solving ability (Shure & Spivack, 1974) were assessed in a series of interview sessions. Analyses revealed meaningful relations between patterns of attachment and behaviour and perceptions. Insecure-ambivalent children exhibited more negative behaviour toward peers and sought the attention of peers more than did secure and insecure-avoidant children, and they complied to control attempts by peers less than did secure children. Insecure-avoidant children tended to engage in more neutral, less involved behaviour with peers. In addition, insecure-avoidant children generally reported negative self-perceptions while insecure-ambivalent children reported very positive perceptions concerning competence, social acceptance and peer relationships. Analyses indicated different patterns of relations for girls and boys. The results provide support for the predictive validity of the modified attac. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

This study identified differences in play activities engaged in by children varying in sex, age and socioeconomic status. Frequency of parent-child play was correlated with parental acceptance and child's self-concept. Sex, age and socioeconomic differences in parent-child play activities were described. Lastly, differences in play and other social behaviors of children varying in popularity and self-concept were identified.
Four hundred thirty-seven first and fourth graders from two public and two private coeducational schools completed a Home Play Survey, a sociometric instrument, the Child Parental-Acceptance Rejection Questionnaire and the Pasao Self-Concept Scale. Based on the results of the sociometric measure, 32 selected children were observed during recess. Results of the Home Play Survey showed that there were age, sex and socioeconomic differences in play activities at home. These differences could be accounted for by social and lifestyle variations among families and by cognitive and social development of children. Among the fourth graders, more frequent parent-child play was associated with more parental acceptance indicating that parent-child play could be a cause or an indication of positive parent-child relations. Among the first graders, more frequent parent-child play was associated with more parental rejection and higher self-concept. The latter indicates that this interaction can enhance competencies and relationships. The PARQ scores could have a different interpretation for younger children and that moderate parental acceptance is associated with more frequent parent-child play. Different models for predicting self-concept, with parent-child play and parental rejection as predictors were separately presented for Grade One and Grade Four children. Sex-typing was observed in parent-child play activities. There were fewer play activities among the lower class older children than among the middle class and the lower class younger children. The dat (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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AD - Bernardo, Marita Depante: Michigan State U, US
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TY - JOUR
ID - 2970
T1 - Family emotional expressiveness as a mediator of children's social competence
A1 - Boyum, Lisa Ann
Y1 - 1995///<
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1995-95005-191
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Expressed Emotion
KW - Family Relations
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Social Skills
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4112
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering
VL - 55:
IS - 9-B
N2 - The purpose of this study was to explore the connection between emotional expression in the child's family environment and children's social competence with peers at school. Previous research was extended in two ways: by direct observation and quantification of affective dimensions characterizing family expressiveness, and by extending prior laboratory-based work to the naturalistic environment. Fifty families of kindergarten girls and boys, varying by sociometric status, were videotaped in spontaneous dinner-table interactions. The parents completed questionnaires concerning emotional expressiveness of self and spouse, rating the frequency, intensity, and clarity of expressive behaviors. Videotapes were coded for frequency, intensity, clarity, and type of affect exchanged between parent-parent and parent-child dyads. Results indicated that family affective interactions previously observed in structured parent-child play interactions are generalizable to the unstructured home environment. Both parental expressiveness and observed parental affect were found to be meaningful predictors of children's sociometric ratings. Specific observed affect measurement validated the concept of positive expressiveness and clarified questions regarding negative expressiveness. The predictiveness of expressiveness ratings to children's social status and social competence with peers was improved by the addition of intensity and clarity ratings. Differences were found in parental sensitivity to negative expressiveness and in the effects of negative affect on boys and girls. The results of this study have implications for understanding the role of emotion as a mediator linking the child's family and peer systems, and for developing and implementing family-based interventions aimed at remediating children's social competence deficits and related problems. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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The objective of this research was to describe and examine the bullying on the school playground. The subjects were children observed either bullying or being victimized on videotapes of playground interaction gathered in a previous study on peer relations. Data were derived from two sources, questionnaires and observations of bullying interactions. The questionnaire measures collected were: Marsh Self Description Questionnaire (Marsh & Smith, 1982), Social Intentional Problem Solving Inventory (Bream, Hymel, & Rubin, 1986), Teacher's Report Form of the Child Behavior Checklist (Achenbach & Edelbrock, 1986), Teacher Version of the Marsh Self Concept Questionnaire (Marsh, Smith & Barnes, 1986), Revised Class Play (Masten, Morison, & Pellegrini, 1985), and a measure of sociometric status (Coie & Dodge, 1983). A total of 52 hours of video and remote audio recordings of playground behaviour were collected at two schools, in the winter and spring. The results indicated that bullying occurs regularly on the playground, approximately once every seven minutes and is of short duration, 37 seconds. Three percent of the episodes were racist. Bullies used weapons in 4% of the episodes, while only one victim used a weapon to defend himself. The majority of bullying episodes (68%) occurred within 120 feet of the school building. Adults intervened in 4% of the episodes, while peers intervened in 11% of the episodes. Adults, however, were more likely to intervene than peers it they were present. While some peers intervened in bullying, others participated in a variety of capacities that may have contributed to the continuation of these episodes, either by observing, or participating. Peers were involved in some capacity in 85% of the episodes. Bullies and victims were equally likely to be involved in bullying and victimization from the winter to the spring. Contrary to expectations, males and females were equally likely to be involved in bullying. Males were more likely than female (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
In two studies I address the question of how an understanding of the origins of species is achieved. Study One is an investigation of when and how children come to adopt natural-evolutionary explanations for biological origins, as opposed to psychological-creationist explanations. Forty-nine elementary school children (6- to 12-years old) were asked about their natural history knowledge and about the origins of biological entities. A coherent pattern was demonstrated, with systematic age-related shifts from a primitive natural explanation, spontaneous generationism, to an intentional explanation, creationism, and from there, for some, to a more sophisticated natural explanation, evolutionism. The presence of evolutionism was positively related to subjects' natural history knowledge, independently of age. In Study Two, both creationist and evolutionist beliefs were investigated in more detail. Subjects were 175 children and their parents, from fundamentalist and non-fundamentalist elementary schools. In the non-fundamentalist community, a replication of the pattern of results found in Study One, was achieved. For the fundamentalist community, creationist explanations dominated at all ages, and all natural explanations, including knowledge of natural-history, were suppressed. Additional measures across the two communities revealed comparable parent educational levels, and comparable child interests in neutral areas, such as outdoor activities and reading, but divergent interests and knowledge in religious activities, fossils and adaptation. It was not until early adolescence (10- to 12-years) that the children's pattern of responses converged on the pattern found in the adults of their respective communities. It is argued that the divergent developmental pattern across the two communities can be optimally explained with a model of constructive interactionism: Children generate both natural and intentional beliefs about origins, while the communities privilege certai (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
their fathers, and between children and other male parenting figures living in the home. The IFF demonstrated outstanding internal consistency reliability with this sample. The Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills was used as a standardized measure of achievement. The Child Behavior Checklist was used to assess children's School Competence (grades), Total Competence, Internalizing Behavior Problems, Externalizing Behavior Problems, and Total Behavior Problems. In addition, qualitative interviews were conducted with five of the children and their primary caregivers to explore the children's significant relationships with male parenting figures (other than biological fathers) outside of the home. This expanded definition of significant male parenting figures was consistent with an African Psychology perspective. Results of the quantitative analyses showed: (1) School grades correlate significantly with children's closeness to their biological fathers; (2) achievement test scores in math correlate significantly with children's closeness to male parenting figures living in the home (regardless of whether those male parenting figures are biological fathers or other father-figures); and (3) children's aggressive and delinquent behavior problems correlate with less closeness to their biological fathers. The qualitative interviews revealed that a wide variety of men in the extended family and in the community were playing significant father (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Assessed the utility of a peer-pairing procedure for enhancing the sociometric status and positive social interaction of peer-neglected children. Sociometric nominations for 229 1st and 2nd graders (mean age 7.6 yrs) were obtained and used to identify 24 peer-neglected, 24 popular, and 24 average children. Peer-neglected and popular Ss were randomly assigned to peer-pairing or to control conditions. Each neglected S in the pairing condition was paired with a popular S from her or his own classroom, and the pairs participated in 12 15-min play sessions over 4 wks. Behavioral observations of social interaction were conducted for Ss during recess. Sociometric nominations and behavioral observations were reconducted after intervention and 1 mo after treatment. The paired group experienced significant improvement in both sociometric status and positive interaction rate compared with controls, and improvement was maintained at 1-mo follow-up. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Investigated the effects of a self-evaluation procedure on the recess behavior of 3 7-yr-olds with behavior problems, and determined whether the use of 3 age-matched peers in the procedure would facilitate the generalization of behavioral gains. Following the baseline, a peer-mediated self-evaluation procedure was introduced in the morning recess period according to the time-lagged procedures required by a multiple baseline across Ss design. The procedure produced clear improvements in the recess behavior of the target students. These improvements were maintained throughout all experimental conditions as the self-evaluation procedure was systematically faded. In addition, the treatment effects generalized to an afternoon recess period. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Antisocial behavior in school: Strategies and best practices

A1 - Walker, Hill M.

Y1 - 1995///

N1 - Book: 1994-98933-000

English

Book; Authored Book

(Created by PsycINFO) Antisocial behavior patterns in children and youth: Characteristics, causes, and outcomes Issues and procedural recommendations regarding effective interventions for antisocial behavior in school The acting-out behavior cycle of antisocial students in the classroom: A conceptual model Strategies for managing the phases of acting-out behavior Establishing a schoolwide discipline plan Instructing and managing the classroom environment An instructional approach to teaching adaptive behavior patterns Instructing and managing the antisocial student on the playground Social skills: Importance and assessment Social skills: Implementation and generalization Parent involvement in the schooling of antisocial students Case-study applications of best practices with antisocial students School violence, gangs, and safety: Toward proactive strategies Epilogue Appendix A: Empirical foundations in discriminating, predicting, and changing aggressive, antisocial behavior in school and at home Appendix B: The case of Judge Hargreaves: Society is failing its children, forsaking its future Appendix C: Generals in the war on school violence

KW - PsycINFO
KW - Antisocial Behavior
KW - Classroom Behavior Modification
KW - Classroom Discipline
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - High School Students
KW - Junior High School Students
KW - Prevention
KW - Social Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - Belmont, CA, US

JF - (1995)


N2 - (from the cover) Designed to enhance educators' understanding of the nature, origins, and causes of antisocial behavior, this book offers interventions and model programs that can be used in preventing or remediating this growing problem. Inside you'll find: a comprehensive approach to intervention involving teachers, peers, and parents of students with antisocial behavior patterns; methods for early identification of students at risk for antisocial behavior patterns; ways of designing an optimally effective classroom environment; case studies that illustrate the application of intervention procedures; [and] steps you can take to prevent and remediate antisocial behavior patterns. (from the preface) This book is written for the educator-practitioner who must cope with students who either already have or are at high risk for developing antisocial behavior patterns. This book is based upon principles of social learning that govern how diverse forms of behavior are acquired, maintained, and reduced or eliminated. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)


ER -

School recess and playground behavior: Educational and developmental roles

A1 - Pellegrini, Anthony D.

Y1 - 1995///

N1 - Book: 1994-98891-000

English
Children who have no breakfast. [References]

A1 - Box, Val
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2009-18747-002

English

Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycINFO
KW - Classrooms
KW - Eating Behavior
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Human Sex Differences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 10
EP - 13
JF - Health Education
VL - 94:
IS - 4

N2 - The aim of this study is to investigate young children in primary schools not having had any breakfast; and without being provided with a snack for the morning break. To collect the data, researchers went into classrooms, usually between the beginning of morning school and break time, while the children could still remember what they had eaten before school. One of the researchers would address the whole class and explain
that they wanted to collect very special and secret information. They asked the children to take the piece of paper which would be given to them, put their name and class on it, divide it into four, and draw all the things they did before going to school. The findings suggest that out of the entire study sample, 15 out of each 100 children had a snack on the way to school or in the playground before school started, but this often consisted only of sweets. Only eight out of 100 had a drink. We found that more girls (six in 100) went without breakfast than boys. Worryingly, the rate was highest in four-and-five year-olds; among eight-year-olds, the rate was four in 100. It is known that going without breakfast is even more common among older adolescents—but they may be able to compensate more easily during the rest of the day by buying or bringing snacks or food of their own choice. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A peer-mediation training program was conducted in 4 multi-age classrooms in an American, suburban, middle-class elementary school. 92 students in the 1st-6th grades received 30 min of training per day for 6 wks, focusing on negotiation and mediation procedures and skills. Prior to the training program, frequent conflicts involving physical aggression, playground activities, access to or possession of objects, turn taking, put-downs and teasing, and academic work were reported. Ss were able to transfer the procedures and skills and apply them in real conflicts among classmates. Careful observation of hallways, the lunchroom, the playground, and the gymnasium revealed that 4 mo after training, Ss seriously and carefully used these procedures to resolve highly emotional and prolonged conflicts with fellow students. Discipline problems were eliminated as Ss became more autonomous in managing their conflicts constructively. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
T1 - Development of social maturity during infancy and contributing influences of environmental components including motor and mental development: An exploratory study
A1 - Phatak, Pramila
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1995-24693-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cognitive Development
KW - Emotional Maturity
KW - Motor Development
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Longitudinal Studies
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 66
EP - 72
JF - Psychological Studies
VL - 39:
IS - 2-3
N2 - Motor development, mental development, and 15 environmental components were the independent variables and social maturity (SCM) was the dependent variable in a study of 89 infants assessed at 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, and 30 mo of age. Ss' total sleep hours, toys, interactions, and type of activities were repeatedly recorded. Independent variables were studied for their contribution in the variance of social maturity. The components were grouped under development, child's life at home, parental characteristics, family characteristics, and physical environment. The highest contributing component under each group was used to develop a descriptive picture of congenial environment for development of SCM during infancy. A child having educated parents, an elderly mother with commitment for outside work, and a father occupied in work related to learning or skills with managerial freedom was in an environment contributing positively to development of SCM. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0033-2968
AD - Phatak, Pramila: KEM Hosp, Pune, India
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2984
T1 - A longitudinal study of school peer networks and adjustment to middle school
A1 - Pellegrini, A.
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1995-19335-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Middle School Students
KW - Peer Relations
KW - School Adjustment
KW - Social Networks
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Longitudinal Studies
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 403
EP - 412
JF - Educational Psychology
VL - 14:
IS - 4
N2 - Examined longitudinal changes in boys' and girls' school peer networks in Grades 6 and 7 and determined the extent to which network measures in the 1st yr of middle school predicted school adjustment in the 2nd yr. 56 White Ss were observed on the playground for 22 mo, and Ss and their teachers completed measures of Ss'
popularity, physical attractiveness, ability, achievement, and behavior. While certain personality and behavioral measures were stable across the 1st 2 yrs of middle school, networks became more gender integrated across the period. Sixth-grade network measures were predictors of 7th-grade adjustment, and Ss' adjustment could be explained in terms of learning and exhibiting gender-stereotyped behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0144-3410
AD - Pellegrini, A. D.: U Georgia, Dept of Elementary Education, Athens, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2985
T1 - Follow up study of children of 5-8 years using child protection programmes in Australia and New Zealand
A1 - Briggs,Freda
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1995-07514-001
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Educational Programs
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Prevention
KW - Safety
KW - Sexual Abuse
KW - Followup Studies
KW - Kindergarten Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 111
EP - 117
JF - Early Child Development and Care
VL - 100 Jun 1994, pp. 111-117.
N2 - Reinterviewed 126 Australian and 117 New Zealand children 1 yr after exposure to sexual abuse prevention programs. These included Protective Behaviors in Australia, aimed at developing assertiveness skills and empowering the children, and Keeping Ourselves Safe, developed by New Zealand educational and police experts to meet the unique needs of the Maori, European, and Pacific Islander populations. The survey used problem-solving methods to assess whether Ss could suggest safe strategies for dealing with situations such as becoming separated from parents, facing a babysitter who wants to play undressing games, being approached by a strange woman who meets them outside of school, and being touched inappropriately by an adult. There was no marked improvement in the quality of the Australian Ss' responses. However, all the New Zealand Ss showed some gains in safety skills; significant predictors of success were teacher commitment and socioeconomic class. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0300-4430
AD - Briggs, Freda: U South Australia, De Lissa Inst of Early Childhood & Family Studies, Magill, Australia
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 2986
T1 - How well preschool children know their friends
A1 - Field,Tory; Miller,Jennifer; Field,Tiffany
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1995-04999-001
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Friendship
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 101
EP - 109
JF - Early Child Development and Care

N2 - Used a sample of 16 preschoolers (10 boys and 6 girls; aged 27-62 mo) to determine if children accurately report their best friends, know their best friends' physical characteristics, and understand the function of friends. Data were collected through classroom and playground free time sociogram observations, teacher responses, and interviews with the children. Ss' self-report of best friends corresponded with teachers' reports, however Ss were not accurate in reporting with whom they had played that day. Ss were accurate in reporting friends' age, hair color, and height, but often forgot their eye color and last name. Preschoolers cited playing with each other and liking each other most frequently as the reason why they liked their best friend. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0300-4430
AD - Field, Tory: U Miami School of Medicine, Touch Research Inst, FL, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2987
T1 - The effects of a probation intervention on juvenile offenders' self-concepts, loci of control, and perceptions of juvenile justice
A1 - Minor, Kevin I.
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1994-46769-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Internal External Locus of Control
KW - Justice
KW - Juvenile Delinquency
KW - Probation
KW - Self Concept
KW - Family Therapy
KW - Juvenile Justice
KW - Occupational Guidance
KW - Wilderness Experience
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 490
EP - 511
JF - Youth & Society
VL - 25:
IS - 4
N2 - Examined the impact of job preparation, short-term outdoor adventure, and family relationships programming on juvenile probationers' self-concepts, loci of control (LOC), and perceptions of juvenile justice (PJJ). 45 probationers (aged 12-17 yrs), of whom 15 had been placed on intensive probation, participated in the study. Seven Ss from intensive and 15 Ss from moderate probation were put in the experimental-moderate group, and 8 Ss from intensive and 15 Ss from moderate probation were put in the control-moderate group. The experimental intervention proved to be no more effective than the standard probation services offered in reducing Ss' offense activities or in modifying their self-concepts, LOC, and PJJ. Although the PJJ displayed by all groups improved somewhat in the pre- to posttest interval, the PJJ measured at posttesting were moderate and did not significantly differ between groups. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0044-118X
AD - Minor, Kevin I.: Eastern Kentucky U, Dept of Correctional Services, Richmond, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2988
T1 - Do voluntary changes in inspiratoryxpiratory ratio prevent exercise-induced asthma?
A1 - Ceugniet, Francois; Cauchefer, Francoise; Gallego, Jorge
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1994-45735-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Asthma
KW - Respiration
KW - Running
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 181
EP - 188
JF - Biofeedback & Self Regulation
VL - 19:
IS - 2
N2 - 24 asthmatic boys (aged 12-18 yrs), divided into 3 groups corresponding to 3 instructions on breathing pattern, underwent 2 exercise provocation tests, 24 hrs apart (outdoor running for 6 min). The 1st test was identical for all the Ss. In the 2nd test, the 1st group did not receive any instruction concerning breathing pattern. The 2nd group was instructed to adopt equal inspiratory and expiratory times (TI/TE = 1). The 3rd group had to adopt an expiratory time 3 times longer than inspiratory time (TI/TE = 1:3). The 3 groups displayed similar pulmonary function tests (FEV1 and forced vital capacity), cardiac frequency, and running performances. However, FEV1 significantly improved in the 2nd session. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0363-3586
AD - Ceugniet, Francois: Le Balcon de Cerdagne, Font-Romeu, France
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 2989
T1 - Transition to school: Developmental trajectories and school experiences
A1 - Belsky, Jay
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1994-39250-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Underachievement
KW - Childhood Development
KW - School Adjustment
KW - Student Characteristics
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Child Care
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Family Background
KW - Kindergarten Students
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 106
EP - 119
JF - Early Education and Development
VL - 5:
IS - 2
N2 - Argues that since difficulties experienced by children are traceable to problems in underachievement that begin during the first years of early schooling, a thorough understanding of the transition-to-school process is needed. Two principle assumptions in examining this process are suggested. First, multiple risk factors associated with certain child, family, and child care characteristics are expected to predict early school experience both in and out of the classroom, and, thereby, social and academic success and failure in the early school years. Secondly, it is expected that day-to-day experiences in the classroom and on the playground will
exacerbate or mitigate risk, resulting in some children performing better than would otherwise be expected and others functioning worse than anticipated. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 2990
T1 - Relation between ratings and observations of stimulant drug response in hyperactive children
A1 - Nolan, Edith E; Gadow, Kenneth
Y1 - 1994///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1994-33939-001

TY - JOUR
ID - 2991
T1 - The play of peer cultures in a city school yard: "reeling," "writhing," and "a rhythmic kick."
A1 - Beresin, Ann Richman
Y1 - 1993///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1996-70688-001

N2 - Examined the relation between ratings and observations of 34 hyperactive children (aged 5-13 yrs) in public schools in placebo-controlled, double-blind stimulant drug evaluations. The Ss received either 2 or 3 doses of methylphenidate and placebo for 2 wks. Findings indicate that rating scale scores were significantly correlated with classroom, lunchroom, and playground observations of negativistic (e.g., aggression, noncompliance, interference) but not hyperactive (inattention, motor movement) behaviors. However, when the data were analyzed controlling for the variance accounted for by the other dimension (partial correlations), there was evidence supporting the differential validity of hyperactivity and negativistic behavior scales of the IOWA Conners Teacher's Rating Scale and the Abbreviated Teacher Rating Scales across settings and as measures of drug response. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0047-228X

Focuses on the importance of task situation definition in naturalistic settings where adults and children interact together, and the children play a more active role and contribute actively to the flow of discourse. Naturalistic data taken from 1 9-yr-old girl's activities and discourse during an entire day in the home, at school, and in other social settings are presented and analyzed. These data provide evidence for the heterogeneity of speech events and for the use of cultural tools in order to change the authoritative structure of the discourse. An expanded interpretation of the sociocultural approach requires that authority and value should be assumed as essential properties of both intermental and intramental functioning. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Effectiveness of self-modeling as a social skills training and status improvement technique for neglected children

- Mehaffey, Joyce Irene
- 1993//
- Dissertation Abstract: 1994-74368-001

English

Dissertation Abstract

- Interpersonal Interaction
- Popularity
- Self Monitoring (Personality)
- Social Isolation
- Social Skills Training
- Elementary School Students

- NOT IN FILE
- 3445
- Dissertation Abstracts International
Analyzed the relationship between playground skill (measured on the Playground Skills Test) and several socialization variables, including opportunities for practice and parental involvement with playground play. Data were collected for 64 children (aged 7-9 yrs). Descriptive statistics are presented for availability of playground equipment, frequency of playground play outside of school hours, and amount of parental involvement. Playground proficiency was not related to frequency of playground play or to direct parental support (attendance and assistance while child was at a playground). Parental perceptions of a child’s skill and attempts at risk-taking were significantly correlated with playground proficiency. A regression analysis of all socialization variables showed that the only significant predictor of playground proficiency was a child’s risk-taking attempts. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Examined similarities among 45 sibling pairs in Grades 2-5 in their social and academic adaptation to the school setting. Measures included teacher ratings and ranking of academic skills, social behavior, and peer acceptance; peer sociometric ratings; and direct observations on the playground with peers and in the classroom with teachers and peers. Comparisons were made with randomly selected, unrelated S pairs matched on sex, grade, and classroom. Significant correlations were found only among sibling pairs on peer ratings of social preference, teachers' judgments of academic competence, popularity, social behavior and school adjustment, positive behavior with peers on the playground, and teachers' disapproving behavior in the classroom. Results underscore the need for more multiagent and multimethod research on sibling concordant-discordant adjustment regardless of theoretical orientation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Examined relations between aspects of 42 male 5th graders' rough-and-tumble play (RTP) and social competence. Ss were observed on the school playground for 20 wks and were asked to nominate peers whom they liked most and least, rank-order peers in terms of dominance, and solve hypothetical social problems. Teachers completed a temperament questionnaire for each S. Neither relative frequency of RTP nor the vigor dimension of RTP accounted for significant variance in Ss’ popularity beyond other forms of reciprocal social interactions. Further, relative frequency of RTP was negatively, but not significantly, related to popularity. The flexibility dimension of RTP did account for significant variance in social problem solving. Both aspects (i.e., activity and flexibility) of temperament measured correlated significantly with the vigor level of RTP.
easing the toddler through these transitions. [This book] is an invaluable resource for parents, clinicians, researchers, and child-care workers alike. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)  
AD - Lieberman, Alicia F.: U California, Professor of Psychology, San Francisco, CA, US  

TY - JOUR  
ID - 2999  
T1 - Play, dream, fantasy, and enactment in Bornstein's "Obsessional Child," then and now  
A1 - Ostow, Mortimer  
Y1 - 1993///  
N1 - Book: 1993-98417-012  

English  
Book; Edited Book  
KW - PsycInfo  
KW - Obsessions  
KW - Psychoanalysis  
KW - Case Report  
KW - Childhood Play Behavior  
KW - Dreaming  
KW - Emotions  
KW - Imagination  

TY - JOUR  
ID - 3000  
T1 - Patterns of social behavior on the playground in 9- to 11-year-old girls and boys: Relation to teacher perceptions and to peer ratings of aggression, withdrawal, and likability  
A1 - Serbin, Lisa A.  
Y1 - 1993///  
N1 - Book: 1993-98114-005  

English  
Book; Edited Book  
KW - PsycInfo  
KW - Aggressive Behavior  
KW - Childhood Play Behavior  
KW - Social Isolation  
KW - Elementary School Students  
KW - Human Sex Differences  
KW - Peer Evaluation  
KW - Playgrounds  
KW - Teacher Attitudes  

RP - NOT IN FILE  
SP - 162
N2 - (from the chapter) contains an overview of two observational studies: one using a sample of 117 peer-identified aggressive, withdrawn, aggressive/withdrawn, and contrast children aged 9-11 [grades 4-6], the second involving a randomly selected sample of 60 girls and boys the same age, observed over the school year under the same conditions / [present] brief descriptions of the play patterns of each sample, focusing on aggressive and withdrawn behavior / explore and compare the relation between teacher and peer perceptions and aggressive and withdrawn play behavior in the two samples / discuss differences in the significance aggressive playground behavior appears to have for boys and girls (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Serbin, Lisa A.: Concordia U, Ctr for Research in Human Development, Professor, Montreal, PQ, Canada

N2 - (from the introduction) considers bully/victim problems / situations involving bullies and their victims are prominent in playground environments / to assist in dealing with these problems, [the author] provides a wealth of information derived from data collected in two recent large-scale studies that were conducted in Norway and Sweden [with students in primary and junior high school (grades 2-9)] describes what bullying is and is not, how frequently bully/victim problems occur, family background and personality characteristics of bullies and victims, and age and sex differences regarding bully/victim problems / presents data suggesting that parents and teachers are generally aware of bully/victim problems and do relatively little to stop them additional data suggest that most bullying occurs on the school playground and that the size of the class or school has little relation to the relative frequency of bully/victim problems / [discusses] ways that supervision practices during recess promote or discourage bullying behavior / [presents] an intervention program designed to assist bullies and their victims / specific, practical guidelines for helping bullies and victims are also presented (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Olweus, Dan: U Bergen, Dept of Personality Psychology, Professor, Bergen, Norway
N1 - Book: 1993-97375-000

English

Book; Authored Book

(Created by PsycINFO) Part I: Scope of the problem of ritualistic and nonritualistic sexual abuse in preschools

A tale of two communities / Jane McCord

Background literature / Jill Waterman and Sharon Ben-Meir

Study methods and procedures / Robert J. Kelly

Limitations of the study / Robert J. Kelly

Part II: Content and process of disclosures of sexual abuse in preschools

Perspectives on what happened to the children / Jill Waterman

Disclosure patterns in psychotherapy / Jane McCord and Lauren Shapiro Gonzalez

Part III: Effects on children

Overall level of distress / Robert J. Kelly

Cognitive and school-related effects / Robert Lusk

Emotional effects / Robert J. Kelly and Sharon Ben-Meir

Effects on sexuality / Robert J. Kelly

Effects on interpersonal relationships / Mary Kay Oliveri

Comparison of effects of reported ritualistic and nonritualistic sexual abuse / Jill Waterman

Part IV: Effects on others

Impact on parents / Jane McCord

Impact on family relationships / Jill Waterman

Impact on therapists / Mary Kay Oliveri and Jill Waterman

Part V: Understanding the effects:

Coping patterns and mediators Parental reactions and coping patterns / Jane McCord

Mediators of effects on children: What enhances optimal functioning and promotes healing? / Jill Waterman and Robert J. Kelly

Clinical implications / Mary Kay Oliveri, Martha Cockriel and Michele Dugan

Part VI: Final considerations

Uses and abuses of research: Cross-currents of community exploitation / Roland C. Summit

The research perspective / David Finkelhor and Kathleen Kendall-Tackett

Conclusions and recommendations / Jill Waterman, Robert J. Kelly, Mary Kay Oliveri and Jane McCord

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KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Abuse
KW - Sexual Abuse
KW - Coping Behavior
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - New

JF - (1993)

VL - Behind the playground walls: Sexual abuse in preschools. xii, 308 pp. New York, NY, US: Guilford Press; US.

N2 - (from the jacket) Representing over 6 years of research with children reporting nonritualistic and ritualistic sexual abuse in preschool settings, "Behind the Playground Walls" is a clear, comprehensive examination of the effects of reported molestation on young children and their families. Based on data gathered from the children, parents, and therapists in a comparison study, the book covers the effects on children's behavior, fears, PTSD [posttraumatic stress disorder] symptoms, sexuality, achievement, school performance, and self-concept. Moreover, the ways in which the children and their families coped with reports of abuse and the factors associated with positive short- and long-term outcome are detailed. "Behind the Playground Walls" is valuable reading for psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, pediatricians, teachers, and day care center personnel. Written in an accessible style, it also serves as a text for graduate and advanced undergraduate courses on child abuse, child psychopathology and intervention, children and the law, and family problems. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Waterman, Jill: U California, Dept of Psychology, Adjunct Professor, Los Angeles, CA, US

ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3003
T1 - Aggressive fighting in British middle school children
A1 - Boulton, Michael J.
Y1 - 1993///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-47243-001

English

Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Middle School Students
KW - Playgrounds
RP - NOT IN FILE
In Study 1, the time when aggressive fighting involving 86 8- and 11-yr-old children took place was examined by direct playground observations during recess. There was a tendency, significant in the younger group, for more fights in the last quarter of recess. In Study 2, the causes of fights, the sex of the participants, the proportion of fights that were escalated by other children joining in in a nonconciliatory way, and the proportion in which children intervened to stop the fights were investigated. The most common causes of fights were disputes over some aspect of a rule-governed game, teasing, retaliations to accidental hurt/injury, and disputes over space. Most of the fights involved boys only, were not escalated by other children, and did not involve attempts to stop them by other children. In Study 3, many children expressed generally negative attitudes toward fighting. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A1 - Smith, Anne B.
Y1 - 1993///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-35419-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Group Dynamics
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Kindergarten Students
KW - Male Female Relations
KW - Peers
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 29
EP - 42
JF - Educational Psychology
VL - 13:
IS - 1
N2 - Investigated styles of interaction and gender cleavage in children's (N = 64) play groups at the pre-school level. About a third of play groups observed in a part-time and full-time early childhood center were of mixed gender and two-thirds were same gender. Mixed groups were larger than same gender groups and kindergarten (part-time) groups were larger than childcare (full-time) center groups. In the kindergarten, outdoor play was much more common and there was a significant difference in boys preferring to play outdoors, followed by mixed groups, and then girls. In both centers boisterous play was more likely in boys' groups than girls' groups, with mixed groups more similar to boys' groups in the predominance of boisterous play. While there were examples of successful cross-gender co-operative play, there were also examples of the breakdown of reciprocity due to contrasting styles of play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0144-3410
AD - Smith, Anne B.: U Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3006
T1 - Linkages among preschoolers' playground behavior, outcome expectations, and parental disciplinary strategies
A1 - Hart, Craig H.
Y1 - 1992///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2000-05448-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Discipline
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Expectations
KW - Parental Attitudes
KW - Mothers
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 265
EP - 283
JF - Early Education and Development
VL - 3:
IS - 4
N2 - To explore relationships among parent's self-reported disciplinary strategies, preschoolers' outcome expectations, and playground behavior, 136 mothers of preschool-aged children (aged 39-71 mo) participated in
home disciplinary style interviews. Measures of preschoolers' outcome expectations and observations of children's prosocial, antisocial/disruptive, and nonsocial/withdrawn playground behavior in preschool settings were also obtained. Results indicate that power-assertive mothers had preschoolers who engaged in more antisocial/disruptive behavior and who expected successful instrumental outcomes for hostile methods of resolving peer conflict. Preschoolers with such outcome expectations also participated in more antisocial playground behavior. Older preschoolers of inductive mothers engaged in more prosocial behavior and expected prosocial behavior to lead to both instrumental gains and enhanced relations with peers. Preschoolers who were more prosocial envisioned friendly-assertive strategies as leading to instrumental gains and, in the case of less nonsocial behavior, to enhanced relations with peers. Children's outcome expectations were also found to be different for older vs younger preschoolers. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3007
T1 - The existential crisis of the children of Calcutta slums and red light areas
A1 - Deb,Sibnath
Y1 - 1992///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1999-00379-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Abuse
KW - Poverty Areas
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 14
JF - Journal of Behavioural Sciences
VL - 3:
IS - 2
N2 - In order to assess the magnitude and types of child abuse among 6-16 yrs children, four slums and two red light areas of Calcutta were purposively selected. 165 slum and 100 red light area households participated in this study. One third of the house holds were below poverty line and half of the head of the households were illiterate. Only 50.2 % of 6-16 yrs children were found attending school. The majority of the children were involved in non-economic activities both inside and outside the house. Children in the red light areas were very often used to entertain their mother's customers by bringing cigarettes and alcoholic drinks. Significantly higher numbers of children in the slums were involved in economic activities than the children in the red light areas. Slum children had to work for 6-10 hrs a day for a meagre earning of Rs. 4-10 per day. Child abuse in terms of deprivation from the right to an education and involvement in various deviant activities was more common in the slums than in the red light areas where girls were more vulnerable of commercialized vice. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 1028-9097
AD - Deb, Sibnath: Cini-child In Need Inst, Calcutta, India
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3008
T1 - Kindergarten children's social-cognitive status as a predictor of first-grade success
A1 - Pellegrini,Anthony D.
Y1 - 1992///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-31320-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Achievement
Examined the extent to which social-cognitive aspects of children's kindergarten experience predict success in 1st grade. Success was defined in terms of achievement, a personality measure, and behavior with peers. 24 5-yr-olds under adult supervision were observed on their school playground during recess for 2 yrs. 75% of the variance in their 1st-grade achievement was predicted with measures of kindergarten achievement, object play, and peer interaction. Peer interaction was positively related to achievement, whereas adult-directed behaviors were negatively related to achievement. Aspects of 1st-grade children's personality disorders and aggressive behavior were predicted by kindergarten popularity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Investigated the relation between the length of play period and the frequency of reported conflicts by preschool children. 23 children (aged 2.5-5 yrs) participated in the study, which encompassed 64 days of data collection and was conducted in the natural setting of a day care center. The rate of RCs for the class during 30 min of a 60-min play period was compared to the rate during a 30-min period broken into 2 15-min play periods. When the 30-min play periods were scheduled, the mean numbers of RCs were 4.0 and 6.9, respectively. When 2 15-min play periods were scheduled, the mean numbers of RCs decreased to 1.8 and 1.37, respectively. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
ID - 3010
T1 - Consistency of behaviors within a naturalistic setting: An examination of the impact of context and repeated observations on mother-child interactions
A1 - Pett, Marjorie A.
Y1 - 1992
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1993-25246-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Mother Child Relations
KW - Observation Methods
KW - Social Environments
KW - Mothers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 367
EP - 385
JF - Behavioral Assessment
VL - 14:
IS - 3-4
N2 - Examined the impact of context and repeated observations on mother-child interactions with 36 mothers and their preschool children (aged 3-5 yrs). Families were videotaped during both dinner and a structured block play sequence on 2 occasions. A within-Ss repeated measures design examined the impact of context (dinner and blocks) and time (1st and 2nd videotapings) on the observed interactions. Findings indicate that change in context consistently had a stronger impact on the dyad's controlling and supportive behaviors and their reciprocity than did repeated observations. Significant time x context x marital status (divorced vs married) effects were observed for mothers' supportive behaviors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0191-5401
AD - Pett, Marjorie A.: U Utah Coll of Nursing, Salt Lake City, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3011
T1 - Participation in playground activities at middle school
A1 - Boulton, Michael J.
Y1 - 1992
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-25198-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Playgrounds
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 167
EP - 182
JF - Educational Research
VL - 34:
IS - 3
N2 - Examined the participation of 43 8-yr-old and 43 11-yr-old children (39 girls and 47 boys) in playground activities in Study 1. At both ages, the 2 most common categories of behavior engaged in were sociable activities and rule games. The older Ss spent significantly more time in rule games and significantly less time alone than the younger Ss. Girls spent significantly more time in sociable activities and significantly less time alone than boys. Middle school children's feelings at being excluded by other groups were examined by interview in Study 2. It appeared that the older boys were largely responsible for the lack of mixed age and
mixed sex play on the playground. Molar categories of behavior coded in the study are appended. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0013-1881
AD - Boulton, Michael J.: Sheffield City Polytechnic, School of Health & Community Studies, England
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3012
T1 - Playground behaviors of school-age children in relation to nutrition, schooling, and family characteristics.

[References]
A1 - Espinosa, Michael P.
Y1 - 1992///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-09237-001

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Activity Level
KW - Educational Background
KW - Family Background
KW - Nutrition
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Emotions
KW - Food Intake
KW - Longitudinal Studies
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Socioeconomic Status
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1188
EP - 1195

JF - Developmental Psychology
JA - Dev Psychol
VL - 28:
IS - 6

N2 - Food intake measured over the course of a year, duration of schooling, and family SES were related to playground behaviors in a sample of 111 Kenyan school-age children. Better nourished children were more active, happy, and showed more leadership behavior, whereas poorly nourished children appeared more anxious on the school playground. Children who had attended less school were more solitary and inactive than children with more school experience. Aggression on the playground was related only to family background. The relations between food intake and activity level persisted even when family education, SES, and school participation were considered. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0012-1649
AD - Espinosa, Michael P.: U California, Neuropsychiatric Inst, Los Angeles, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3013
T1 - The ecology of parent-child communications about daily experiences in preschool and day care
A1 - Bradbard, Marilyn R.
Y1 - 1992///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-07484-001

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Day Care
KW - Experiences (Events)
KW - Parent Child Communication
N2 - 90 parents whose children attended preschool/day care programs completed a 50-item checklist to assess the frequency, content, and context of parent-child communication about school. Parents and children communicated most frequently on weekdays (particularly when the parent picked the child up from school), at meal times, and when the other parent returned home from work. Topics of conversation focused on the child and his/her friends, outside play, learning activities, and special events. Children, particularly girls, often communicated by describing, asking questions, and performing. Mothers initiated conversations most frequently, particularly with younger children, though fathers and children did so quite often. Conversations were most often triggered by daily routines and parental observations of children at school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0256-8543
AD - Bradbard, Marilyn R.: Auburn U, AL, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3014
T1 - Investigated the relationship between boys’ temperament and rough-and-tumble (R&T) play and determined the group composition of R&T, games, and other forms of reciprocal social interaction. The extent to which the vigor and flexibility components of R&T are related to social affiliation and social problem solving flexibility was explored. 13 sociometrically defined popular boys (aged 107-138 mo) were observed on their school playground during recess for 20 sessions. They nominated peers they liked most and least, ordered peers in terms of dominance, and solved hypothetical social problems. Teachers completed temperament questionnaires. R&T groups were similar to other social groupings in terms of number and dominance symmetry. The flexibility dimension of R&T was related to affiliation and social problem solving. Temperament was minimally associated with measures of behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 1040-0419
AD - Pellegrini, A. D.: U Georgia, Inst for Behavioral Research, Athens, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
"Mom lets me go there": The role of environment and supervision in children's minor injuries

A1 - Peterson, Lizette
Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1993-10246-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Environment
KW - Injuries
KW - Permissive Parenting
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 15
EP - 23
JF - Children's Environments Quarterly
VL - 8:
IS - 3-4
N2 - Examined descriptions of children's injury types within specific environments, with level of supervision considered explicitly. 61 mothers recorded each injury occurrence and reported bi-weekly on their 8-9 yr old children's minor injuries. Children had relatively few injuries in environments usually thought to involve risk (e.g., bathrooms, stairs); instead, children were injured in environments in which they spent the most time (e.g., their own yard, living room, bedroom). Two exceptions were playgrounds and roadways, which constituted the 2 largest injury categories and which also resulted in the highest proportion of potentially serious injuries. Level of supervision was found to vary by location, with vigilant supervision present in the majority of injuries in the kitchen, playing field, car, and bodies of water. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0886-0505
AD - Peterson, Lizette: U Missouri, Columbia, US
ER -

Ways of increasing of mental efficiency of the deaf pupils. [Russian]

A1 - Bekmuratov, N.
Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1992-87225-001
Russian
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cognitive Ability
KW - Deaf
KW - Exercise
KW - Special Education
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Physical Education
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 51
EP - 56
JF - Defektologiya
N2 - Studied the effect of a daily program of physical activity on mental performance. Ss were 50 Russian school-age children (deafness) (1st and 5th graders). Control Ss followed the traditional school day. Experimental Ss participated in a program consisting of the following: 10-22 min of morning gymnastics (8-22 exercises), a 15-20-min morning walk outside before classes, and 5-7 min of gymnastics before each class. The diagnostic part of the study was conducted in October, the experimental regimen was conducted throughout the year, and the results were verified in April-May. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0130-3074
The play preferences of preschool girls and boys: The effects of programme structure and teacher participation

A1 - Swiecicka,Ewa M.
Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1992-33057-001

Examined differences in the play activities of preschool children under conditions of relatively high and low program structure. The Ss were 259 girls and 286 boys (aged 4-5 yrs) from 26 Australian preschools and 72 of their teachers. Results indicate that (1) children in high-structure programs spend more time on what teachers would perceive as "educational" activities; (2) children in high-structure programs are slightly more oriented to adult organized and led activities, while children in low-structure programs are more oriented to self-initiated activities and peer interactions; and (3) children (especially boys) in low-structure programs are more involved in outdoor play, much of a gross-motor kind. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Boredom in the middle school years: Blaming schools versus blaming students

A1 - Larson,Reed W.
Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1992-14618-001

Examined differences in the play activities of preschool children under conditions of relatively high and low program structure. The Ss were 259 girls and 286 boys (aged 4-5 yrs) from 26 Australian preschools and 72 of their teachers. Results indicate that (1) children in high-structure programs spend more time on what teachers would perceive as "educational" activities; (2) children in high-structure programs are slightly more oriented to adult organized and led activities, while children in low-structure programs are more oriented to self-initiated activities and peer interactions; and (3) children (especially boys) in low-structure programs are more involved in outdoor play, much of a gross-motor kind. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - Used time-sampling data to evaluate experiences of boredom of students in Grades 5-9, both as a state (i.e., related to specific school and nonschool activities) and as a trait (i.e., related to individual dispositions) that students bring to school. 392 Ss carried pagers and reported on their activities and emotions at random times over 1 wk when signaled. While boredom was reported frequently during schoolwork, it was also prevalent outside school, and the same persons report boredom across these contexts. High rates of boredom were correlated with high ability and, when ability was controlled, with oppositional behavior, but not with the onset of adolescence. Data suggest that individual dispositions are an important contributor to boredom. Nonetheless, variations in rates of boredom across classroom situations indicate that schools should be structured to reduce student boredom. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0195-6744
AD - Larson, Reed W.: U Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3019
T1 - Partner preferences in middle school children's playful fighting and chasing: A test of some competing functional hypotheses
A1 - Boulton, Michael J.
Y1 - 1991//
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1992-01056-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Affection
KW - Age Differences
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Physical Strength
KW - Preferences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 177
EP - 193
JF - Ethology & Sociobiology
VL - 12:
IS - 3
N2 - Observations of 86 middle school children (younger Ss with a mean age of 8.5 yrs and older Ss with a mean age of 11.5 yrs) participating in rough-and-tumble play (r/t) were related to sociometric data for liking and strength. Partners in r/t liked each other more than chance predicted, and tended to be closely matched for strength. Neither initiators of r/t episodes nor recipients were consistently perceived to be the strongest partner. Ss were also found to like their partners in a wide range of non-r/t activities significantly more than chance would predict. Thus children could simply choose to spend time with peers that they like, rather than r/t representing a special case. This view is supported by the finding that Ss had the same partners in a range of playground activities as they had for r/t. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0162-3095
AD - Boulton, Michael J.: U Sheffield, England
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3020
T1 - The crisis of acute hospitalization: Case of Seth, age 7
A1 - Wojtasik, Susan
Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Book: 1991-98575-015
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Hospitalized Patients
KW - Play Therapy
KW - Spinal Cord Injuries
KW - Case Report
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 295
EP - 309
JF - Webb, Nancy Boyd [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 1991
N2 - (from the chapter) [discusses the case of Seth] a 7-year-old boy admitted to a major metropolitan trauma center as a result of a fall from playground equipment / he suffered a life-threatening injury to his spinal cord / Seth was admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit and spent the first 2 months of his hospitalization in this setting / play interventions were begun on the day of his admission and continued on a daily basis throughout his 9-month hospital stay (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Wojtasik, Susan: Bellevue Hosp Ctr, Child Life Dept, Director, New York, NY, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3021
T1 - The development of cooperative behaviour in children. [Italian]
A1 - Tani,Franca
Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1991-78578-001
Italian Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cooperation
KW - Psychosocial Development
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 45
EP - 53
JF - Eta Evolutiva
N2 - Studied the development of relational and instrumental cooperation among school-age children. Human Ss: 102 male and female Italian school-age children (aged 6-11 yrs). Ss were observed daily (5 min/day for 2 wks) during recess when contact with the teacher was minimal, and Ss could engage in spontaneous activity. Behavioral interactions were coded on a previously prepared observation grid. The results were evaluated according to each S's sex and grade. Statistical tests were used. (English abstract) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0392-0658
AD - Tani, Franca: U degli Studi, Pisa, Italy
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3022
T1 - A comparison of structural and contextual features of middle school children's playful and aggressive fighting
A1 - Boulton,Michael J.
Y1 - 1991///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1991-30089-001
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
RP - NOT IN FILE
Compared features of rough-and-tumble of play (RTP) and aggressive fighting (AF) based on direct playground observations of 2 classes each of 8- and 11-yr-old children. Most bouts of RTP and AF were dyadic, but significantly more bouts of the former involved 3 or more participants. RTP contained more individual action patterns than AF, but the latter was more varied in form. Both wrestling and chasing were seen more in RTP than AF, but restraint in bouts of chasing was not more common in playful than aggressive chasing. Positive and neutral facial expressions were more characteristic of RTP, and negative facial expressions were more characteristic of AF. RTP initiations were more likely to receive an RTP response and less likely to receive an aggressive response than were aggressive initiations. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Conducted 2 studies on the school behavior adjustment status of 2 groups of boys: an antisocial group (n = 39) and an at-risk control group (n = 41). In Study 1, the authors compared the groups on a series of behavioral measures across Grades 5, 6, and 7 that included (1) teacher ratings of social skills, (2) classroom observations, (3) playground observations, and (4) school archival records. Results indicate extremely problematic behavioral profiles for the antisocial Ss and much more favorable profiles for the at-risk controls. The behavior profiles for the groups appeared to be quite consistent and stable across the middle school years. In Study 2, the authors used a series of selected 5th-grade variables, derived from the 4 major clusters of study measures, as predictors in regression analyses of Ss’ status of 7th grade criterion measures of school success or failure. The criterion measures predicted were (1) reading and math achievement, (2) school discipline contacts, (3) attendance, and (4) time spent within a nonregular classroom. There were multiple Rs for reading achievement and time spent in a nonregular classroom. Multiple Rs for math achievement, school discipline contacts, and attendance were moderate to moderately high. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
treated her 2 classes equitably. Findings suggest significant implications for classroom practices, policy-making, and further research. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0036-8326
AD - Contreras, A.: U Los Andes, Nucleo U Rafael Rangel, Trujillo, Venezuela
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3026
T1 - A cross-situational analysis of antisocial behavior exhibited by boys in three settings
A1 - Spira, Deborah A.
Y1 - 1990///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1991-51809-001

English Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Antisocial Behavior
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Classroom Environment
KW - Home Environment
KW - Early Intervention
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1524
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International
VL - 51:
IS - 3-B
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Spira, Deborah A.: U Oregon, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3027
T1 - Separation anxiety in pre-school children
A1 - Brar, S; Brar,
Y1 - 1990///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1991-27470-001

English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childrearing Practices
KW - Separation Anxiety
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 13
EP - 17
JF - Journal of Personality and Clinical Studies
VL - 6:
IS - 1
N2 - Explored the effect of child rearing (CR) practices on separation anxiety (SA) in 40 preschool children. The Seguine Form Board Test (G. Arthur, 1947) and an SA rating check list were used to measure Ss' intelligence and SA. CR attitude of their mothers was measured with the Parental Attitude Research Instrument. Less intelligent Ss had more SA, and their mothers scored high on dimensions of CR attitudes like fostering dependency, encouraging verbalization, marital conflicts, exclusion of outside influences, approval of activity, and acceleration of development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0970-1206
AD - Brar, S.: Punjab Agricultural U, Laboratory Nursery School, Ludhiana, India
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3028
T1 - Elementary school children's playground behavior: Implications for children's social-cognitive development
A1 - Pellegrini, A.
Y1 - 1990///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1991-22673-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Cognitive Development
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Kindergarten Students
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 8
EP - 16
JF - Children's Environments Quarterly
VL - 7:
IS - 2
N2 - 18 boys and 17 girls in kindergarten, 16 boys and 14 girls in 2nd grade, and 14 boys and 15 girls in 4th grade were observed for 8 mo during their recess periods on the school's playground. The observers used scan-sampling techniques and the children were administered measures of socio-cognitive status. Data indicate that behavior varied by location on the playground and by gender. Further, boys and girls self-selected themselves into different environments to engage in preferred forms of play. Only boys' behavior appear strongly related to measures of both adaptation and maladaptation. Results are discussed in terms of boys' propensity for active, outdoor play, and the usefulness of such behavioral data for gauging children's social-cognitive status.
(PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0886-0505
AD - Pellegrini, A. D.: U Georgia, Inst for Behavioral Research, Athens, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3029
T1 - Time on educational activities at home and educational progress in infant school
A1 - Plewis, Ian; Mooney, Ann; Creeser, Rosemary
Y1 - 1990///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1991-19802-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Demographic Characteristics
KW - Homework
KW - Parent Child Relations
KW - Blacks
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Racial and Ethnic Differences
KW - Whites
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 330
EP - 337
JF - British Journal of Educational Psychology
JA - Br J Educ Psychol
N2 - Examined the amount of time 196 6-yr-olds in inner London engage in educational activities at home, and linked these results with earlier research (e.g., B. Tizard et al, 1988) on the association between parental help with reading and children's reading progress. The median child in this sample read aloud at home about 20 min per week, and received about 40 min per week total teaching in reading, writing, and mathematics outside school. Consistent with the results of Tizard et al, Black parents heard their children read more than White parents and girls spent more time with books than boys. The more educational qualifications the mother had, the more time the children spent on all the measured educational activities. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0007-0998
AD - Plewis, Ian: U London Inst of Education, Thomas Coram Research Unit, England
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3030
T1 - A comparison of social interactions using a friendship awareness activity
A1 - Fritz, Marie F.
Y1 - 1990///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1991-13911-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Friendship
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Social Skills Training
KW - Intellectual Development Disorder
KW - Elementary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 352
EP - 359
JF - Education & Training in Mental Retardation
VL - 25:
IS - 4
N2 - Determined the effectiveness of a friendship awareness activity as an unstructured intervention strategy for affecting the frequency and type of social interactions between the students with mental retardation and their nonhandicapped peers. Four 8-20 yr old students with disabilities were investigated using a modified multiple baseline research design. Observational data were collected using a time sampling technique during recess and lunch periods. The friendship awareness activity alone was not enough to produce changes in social interaction between students with and without disabilities. When interactions between disabled and nondisabled peers did occur, they were brief. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 1042-9859
AD - Fritz, Marie F.: Indiana State U, School of Education, Terre Haute, US
ER -
The American Journal of Psychiatry

N2 - Explored the impact of a sniper attack on elementary school children: 19 Ss who were on the playground during the attack, 21 Ss who were in school but not on the playground, 28 Ss absent from school that day, and 32 Ss who were on a 3-wk vacation from the year-round school. A children's grief inventory was used to examine the relation between Ss grief reactions and their posttraumatic stress reaction. 14 mo after the attack, level of exposure to that event remained the primary predictor of ongoing posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the Ss. Guilt feelings and knowing the child who was killed were associated with a greater number of symptoms. Grief reactions occurred independent of degree of exposure to the event. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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N2 - (from the introduction) show the benefits of focusing on the playground setting and also show the benefits of studying [preschool] children longitudinally within the school year their research indicates that popular and unpopular children differ not only in the content of their social behavior but in how they distribute their interaction among different group members across the school year (from the chapter) specifically, the stability of children's behavioral orientations and contact patterns is examined over the course of a school year, and relationships between these measures and children's classroom peer status are explored in terms of both change over time and direction of effect / findings concerning temporal trends and sex differences in the interpersonal context of children's interactions are presented / conclude with a discussion of the implications of these findings for intervention research with low-status children (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Nader, Kathi: U California Neuropsychiatric Inst, Los Angeles, US

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N2 - -

AD - Nader, Kathi: U California Neuropsychiatric Inst, Los Angeles, US

TY - JOUR
ID - 3033
T1 - Preschoolers' behavioral orientations and patterns of peer contact: Predictive of peer status?
A1 - Ladd, Gary W.
Y1 - 1990///
N1 - Book: 1990-97775-003
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsyInfo
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Popularity
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Longitudinal Studies
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 90
EP - 115
JF - Asher, Steven R [Ed]; Coie, John D [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 1990

TY - JOUR
ID - 3034
T1 - Physically abused preschoolers' responses to peers' distress. [References]
A1 - Klimes-Dougan, Bonnie; Kistner, Janet
Response to peers’ distress for which they were (target-caused) or were not (bystander) the cause were coded for 11 abused and nonabused preschoolers between the ages of 35 and 67 months. Each child was observed on a playground for an average of 115 min. Consistent with results of research with toddlers, abused preschoolers exhibited more inappropriate responses (aggression and withdrawal) toward distressed peers (bystander incidents) than did nonabused preschoolers. Also, abused children were more likely to cause distress of peers. These findings suggest that even among abused children who have had opportunities to interact with nonabusive caregivers and peers (i.e., regularly attended day care), differences in responses to peers’ distress are obtained. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
This review researches on pre-school playgroups in the UK. For this review, we located some 60 references providing research findings or statistical information on playgroups in the UK. The research areas covered in this paper include: geographical distribution of playgroups; the family background; concept and practices of parental involvement; and the experiences of children in playgroups. In conclusion, playgroups provide for more children than any other form of pre-school service: most children who use playgroups attend for 2 or 3 half-day sessions a week. Registered playgroups are varied in many respects. A majority involve parents in management, although many do not conform to the model of a "parent run" service. Also, there are large variations in the geographical distribution of playgroups. Provision is highest in the South and in rural and suburban areas. There is however a strong inverse relationship between levels of playgroups and nursery education provision. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Studied the structural features of classroom scripts of elementary and secondary school students. Human subjects: 64 male and female schoolage children and adults (4th- and 6th-grade primary school students and 2nd- and 5th-level secondary school students). Ss were interviewed individually and asked to relate how they would explain what happens in a classroom setting to a child who has never been to school. Transcripts of the conversations were analyzed using the grill technique of G. H. Bower et al (1979). The numbers and types of goals, activities/events inside and outside the classroom, student and teacher roles, and school accessories
identified by the Ss were evaluated according to sex and class level. Scripts for entering a classroom, working in a classroom, and leaving a classroom; and scripts for recess were also determined. Statistical tests were used. (English abstract) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3038
T1 - Foursquare: A glossary and "native" taxonomy of game rules
A1 - Hughes, Linda A.
Y1 - 1989///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1991-09635-001
English Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childrens Recreational Games
KW - Human Females
KW - Taxonomies
KW - Longitudinal Studies
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 103
EP - 136
JF - Play & Culture
IS - 2
N2 - Observed 27 female and 12 male 4th and 5th graders who regularly played the game Foursquare (a ball-bouncing game) at recess over 2 yrs. A subsample of 10 female players was interviewed. Analysis focused on (1) differential use of and appeal to rules at different junctures in the game and (2) the relationship between stated rules and observed action in the game. Four interlocking criteria consistently arose in Ss' discussions of similarities and differences among rules: (1) what kinds of actions rules governed, (2) how rules governed those actions, (3) whether rules were supposed to be changed, and (4) the primary purpose of the actions rules governed. A taxonomy of the Ss' rules is elaborated. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3039
T1 - "Taking care": Maintaining the self and the home in early adolescence
A1 - Duckett, Elena; Raffaelli, Marcela; Richards, Maryse
Y1 - 1989///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1990-19503-001
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Experiences (Events)
KW - Household Management
KW - Psychosocial Development
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 549
EP - 565
JF - Journal of Youth and Adolescence
IS - 6
N2 - Explored 401 5th-9th graders' experiences of the basic daily tasks of personal care (e.g., grooming, eating) and household maintenance (e.g., chores, errands), using the experience sampling method (M. Csikszentmihalyi and R. Larson; see record 1988-03173-001). Quantity of time, companionship, and subjective states in these activities were examined during 1 week. These tasks were particularly subject to sex typing. Girls engaged in grooming more often than boys; time spent grooming increased with age for girls but not for boys. Boys did more outside chores, while girls did more indoor chores. Girls were also more likely to carry out household tasks with family, while boys did more chores alone. Older girls reported a greater sense of motivation and choice than younger girls. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0047-2891
AD - Duckett, Elena: Loyola U, Chicago, IL, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3040
T1 - Environmental education, children, and animals
A1 - Margadant-Van Arcken, Marjan
Y1 - 1989//
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1990-07126-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Environmental Attitudes
KW - Pets
KW - Animals
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 14
EP - 19
JF - Anthrozoos
VL - 3:
IS - 1
N2 - 26 open interviews were conducted with about 250 kindergarten children (aged 6-12 yrs) who were asked about their pet animals, experiences with wild animals, and activities in natural environments. Results are described in light of the way in which children try to form a consistent concept of their world, using a synthetical way of thinking. The development of child-animal relationships is discussed as following a pattern in which the child moves from a somewhat fearful initial contact to a trusting relationship in which a fusion of horizons occurs. Letting children play freely with animals is strongly recommended if environmental education is to transfer awareness and knowledge. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0892-7936
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3041
T1 - Children's attitudes toward play: An investigation of their context specificity and relationship to organized sport experiences
A1 - Greer, Donald L.
Y1 - 1989//
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1990-04234-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Experience Level
KW - Sports
KW - Sports (Attitudes Toward)
RP - NOT IN FILE
N2 - 585 4th and 5th graders completed a questionnaire on attitudes toward play (ATP) in 3 contexts (neighborhood play, recess at school, and organized youth sports). The relationship between the amount of experience in organized sports and ATP was also examined. Results are consistent with the conclusion that treating ATP as a generalized disposition may be a questionable practice with regard to developing an understanding of attitudinal transformations in response to childhood play experiences. Ss reported more professionalized ATP in some social contexts than in others, and many Ss reported that winning was more important in organized sports than in neighborhood play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

N2 - Four observers rated 48 male and 46 female kindergartners’, 2nd graders’, and 4th graders' rough-and-tumble play (RTP) with respect to aggression over an 8-mo period. Ss were observed during playground school recess periods. Ss’ sociometric status, social problem solving, antisocial behavior, and ability to discriminate between RTP and aggression were measured. The incidence of RTP varied according to sex and playground location; RTP accounted for 11% of play behaviors. Boys engaged in significantly more RTP than did girls. Aggression rarely occurred and did not vary by age, sex, or playground location. RTP led to games with rules and was positively correlated, for boys, with social competence. Girls' RTP was positively related to antisocial behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N1 - Book: 1989-98706-002
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cognitive Development
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Child Day Care
KW - Home Environment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 21
EP - 44
JF - Winegar, Lucien T [Ed]
VL - :
IS - 1989
N2 - (from the book) reports and discusses the implications of a study examining . . . home-reared and day-care children (from the chapter) instead of emphasizing the fundamental role of inherent intellectual abilities, a biosocial model of cognitive growth places primary emphasis upon variations in social contexts that orient individual growth and produce phenotypic variability in children's representational activity examined how the quality of primary bonding and the diversity of early social relations outside of the family setting contribute to the child's use of specific representational tactics in common, everyday problem-solving situations / research focused upon problem solving during structured dyadic play at home with mother / Attachment Q-Sort Questionaire / was completed by 93 middle-class, French-speaking mothers within a few weeks of their child's second birthday (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Strayer, Floyd Francis: Lab of Human Ethology, Montreal, PQ, Canada
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3044
T1 - Children's social networks and social supports
A1 - Belle, Deborah
Y1 - 1989/11/1
N1 - Book: 1989-97450-000
English
Book; Edited Book
Subject index
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Social Support
KW - Sibling Relations
N2 - (from the preface) The book attempts to synthesize this new knowledge [current theorizing and research on children's networks and sources of support], to suggest implications from this research for supportive interventions for children, and to raise new questions and provide new tools for further study. The volume takes an inclusive view of childhood, with some chapters focusing on a particular developmental period and others spanning the entire age range from infancy to adolescence. The book also takes an inclusive view of social networks, including under this heading individuals both inside and outside the child's household, institutional connections, and even pets. The book is meant for researchers, clinicians, and those with public-policy concerns about the well-being of children, as well as for students of these topics. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Belle, Deborah: Boston U, Dept of Psychology, Assistant Professor, Boston, MA, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3045
T1 - Children's social problem solving: Comparison of the Open Middle Interview and Children's Assertive Behavior Scale
A1 - Waas, Gregory A.
Y1 - 1989///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1989-38679-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Interviews
KW - Problem Solving
KW - Rating Scales
KW - Social Skills
KW - Test Validity
KW - Assertiveness
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Peer Relations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 219
EP - 230
JF - Behavioral Assessment
VL - 11:
IS - 2
N2 - The Open Middle Interview (OMI) and the Children's Assertive Behavior Scale-Self-Report were compared for their ability to discriminate among 56 4th-grade boys known to differ in social competence, to predict behavior in a naturalistic setting, and to correlate with peer ratings of likability. Although both procedures measure similar constructs, significant differences were found. Each scale differentiated between socially rejected and popular boys. Only the OMI, however, consistently correlated with observed playground behavior. Neither measure was consistently related to peer ratings. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0191-5401
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3046
T1 - Children's naturalistic entry behavior and sociometric status: A developmental perspective. [References]
A1 - Putallaz, Martha
Y1 - 1989///
Putallaz, Martha: Duke U, Durham, NC, US

TY - JOUR
ID - 3047
T1 - The displacement effect: Assessing the relation between television viewing and reading performance
A1 - Neuman, Susan B.
Y1 - 1988///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1989-11416-001

English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Leisure Time
KW - Reading Skills
KW - Television Viewing
KW - Intellectual Development
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 414
EP - 440
JF - Reading Research Quarterly
VL - 23:
IS - 4

N2 - A synthesis of 8 statewide reading assessments and a secondary analysis of the 1984 National Assessment of Educational Progress, which included measures of scholastic achievement, out-of-school activities, and reported TV viewing exposure, were used to analyze 4 theories of how TV viewing displaces other activities in school-age children. Results indicate that differences in reading scores for Ss watching 2-4 hrs/day were small beyond 4 hrs of viewing, the effects were negative and increasingly deleterious. Analysis of outside activities suggested that TV viewing was tied to a different set of needs and gratifications than leisure reading, sports, or spending time with friends. For most Ss, however, time spent on TV viewing was tempered by the increasing
demands of schooling and the onset of social activities. (French, Spanish & German abstracts) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0034-0553
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3048
T1 - The structure of politically relevant behaviours in pre-school peer groups
A1 - Barner-Barry, Carol
Y1 - 1988///
N1 - Book: 1989-97415-011
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Group Cohesion
KW - Political Socialization
KW - Leadership
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 261
EP - 276
JF - Chance, Michael R
VL - A [Ed]; Omark, Donald R [Ed]. :
IS - 1988
N2 - (from the chapter) group cohesion / within any naturally occurring group that remains relatively stable over a significant period of time, certain functions must be performed that can be regarded as "governance functions" / a leader . . . in these functional areas might then be regarded as one who is, in fact, governing the group / this analysis will focus on such behaviours, using terminology and some general conceptual frameworks borrowed from the discipline of Political Science [reported study results of] 38 children attending a 4-week summer playground programme / three-and-a-half to six-and-a-half years / 20 children who were attending nursery school (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Barner-Barry, Carol: U of Maryland, Dept of Political Science, Catonsville, MD, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3049
T1 - Friends' and classmates' interactions on academic tasks. [References]
A1 - Berndt, Thomas J.
Y1 - 1988///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1989-17208-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Classmates
KW - Cooperation
KW - Friendship
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Junior High School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 506
EP - 513
JF - Journal of Educational Psychology
VL - 80:
IS - 4
As they worked on two academic tasks, pairs of friends and pairs of other classmates were observed to determine the effects of existing social relationships on interactions during cooperative learning. A total of 130 third graders and seventh graders were paired either with a close friend or with another classmate who was not a close friend. Each pair of students was videotaped, first, as they discussed topics from social studies texts and, second, as they took turns asking each other questions about the topics. Measures of the content of the students' conversations and of interactional processes (e.g., agreements and disagreements) showed no significant differences between friends' and other classmates' interactions. On a posttask questionnaire, however, the pairs of friends said that they engaged in more academic and nonacademic activities outside the experimental setting than did the pairs of other classmates. The implications of the results for the assignment of students to cooperative learning groups are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The intent of this study was to describe relations between elementary-school children's rough-and-tumble play and their social competence. Elementary-school children (Grades K, 2, and 4) were observed on the school playground during their recess periods. Results suggested that rough-and-tumble play for popular children led to games-with-rules, whereas it led to aggression for rejected children. Furthermore, popular children's rough-and-tumble was positively correlated with measures of social competence. These results are discussed in terms of the possible effects of the sociometric composition of rough-and-tumble play groups. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Investigated the relation between preschoolers' peer behavior and status over a school year by exploring whether early behaviors predicted changes in peer status or vice versa. 28 White preschoolers' playground behaviors and peer status were assessed at 3 times during the school year (fall, winter, and spring). Analysis of the behavioral antecedents of status produced some findings that were consistent with those reported for grade school samples (e.g., J. D. Coie and J. Kupersmidt; see record 1984-11902-001). Higher levels of cooperative play at the outset of the school year predicted gains in peer acceptance by the end of the year. Arguing forecasted increases in peer rejection at both the middle and end of the school year. In contrast, early peer status was not predictive of changes in preschoolers' later social or nonsocial behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

In a study of the development of the differentiation of fantasy from reality, it was hypothesized that preschool children would progress through a stepwise sequence of developing ever clearer boundaries between fantasy and reality. Evidence for this development was based on children's reactions to various kinds of interruptions to their fantasy play that were initiated by an experimenter as she engaged in role playing with each of 39 children. The children were 21/2 to 61/2 years of age. The results indicated that as age increased, children showed higher steps in the sequence, until at 5 and 6 years they could incorporate an interruption into the fantasy scenario without stepping outside the fantasy and without having the interruption upset them. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
A longitudinal assessment of the development of antisocial behavior in boys: Rationale, methodology, and first-year results

ID - 3055
T1 - A longitudinal assessment of the development of antisocial behavior in boys: Rationale, methodology, and first-year results
A1 - Walker, Hill M.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1988-04733-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement Motivation
KW - Antisocial Behavior
KW - At Risk Populations
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Social Skills
KW - Child Discipline
KW - Teacher Student Interaction
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 7
EP - 16
JF - RASE: Remedial & Special Education
VL - 8:
IS - 4
N2 - Conducted a 5-yr longitudinal study of the development of antisocial behaviors in 80 high-risk 5th-grade boys. Analyzed were selection criteria, demographic data, and measures related to academics and social behavior. Results from the 1st yr of the study regarding 35 Ss of Cohort I indicate that Ss in the group more at risk for engaging in antisocial behavior (n = 16) were significantly different from Ss in the control group (n = 19) in their amounts of academic engaged time, frequencies of negative interactions with peers in playground situations, frequency of discipline contacts, and in teacher ratings of their social skills. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0741-9325
AD - Walker, Hill M.: U Oregon Coll of Education, Div of Special Education & Rehabilitation
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3056
T1 - Electively mute children: A therapeutic approach
A1 - Weininger, Otto
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1990-05374-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elective Mutism
KW - Individual Psychotherapy
KW - Play Therapy
KW - Case Report
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 25
EP - 42
JF - Journal of the Melanie Klein Society
VL - 5:
IS - 1
N2 - Focuses on a theoretical position of elective mutism (EM) derived from clinical experience with a 5-yr-old girl and a 6-yr-old girl whose EM was present for 3 yrs. In both cases, individual play psychotherapy was the chosen intervention. Different theories of EM focus on passive-aggressive behavior, fear/anxiety reduction, controlling/withholding aspects, and family dynamics. EM is viewed as a distortion, at a point of crisis, of a basic process of psychic development. Therapeutic approaches must adjust to particularities, since each case
will reveal its own special pattern of interconnection that links the child's experience of self, family, and outside world. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Weininger, Otto: U Toronto, Ontario Inst for Studies in Education, Canada
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3057
T1 - Home use and evaluation by suburban youth: Gender differences
A1 - Schiavo,R.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1989-18531-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Home Environment
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Suburban Environments
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 8
EP - 12
JF - Children's Environments Quarterly
VL - 4:
IS - 4
N2 - Interviewed 59 middle-class public-school suburban children (aged 8-18 yrs) about their use of places inside the house and outside on household property. Ss also photographed all places important to them. Bedrooms were particularly salient in the Ss' daily lives and evaluations. Female Ss evaluated their homes more positively, and the sexes differed in terms of which places were important and how places in the home were used for personal activities and social interactions. It is concluded that these different patterns of home use were related to gender differences in attachment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0886-0505
AD - Schiavo, R. Steven: Wellesley Coll, MA, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3058
T1 - Rural children's time in household activities
A1 - Lawrence,Frances C.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1989-01098-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Household Management
KW - Rural Environments
KW - Demographic Characteristics
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 927
EP - 937
JF - Psychological Reports
JA - Psychol Rep
VL - 61:
IS - 3
N2 - Examined the amount of time spent by 1,045 rural children (aged 6-17 yrs) in household activities and several demographic factors related to their time use, using data from a survey of family use of time in which home interviews were conducted with families from rural areas of 10 states. Findings indicate that Ss averaged 65 min/day in household tasks. Ss spent the most time in shopping and in maintenance of home, yard, car, and pets. Age and sex of the child, education and employment of the mother, state of residence, and season of the
year significantly affected time spent on tasks. Results are interpreted in terms of E. H. Erikson's (1968) stages of development. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0033-2941
AD - Lawrence, Frances C.: Louisiana State U & A&M Coll, School of Home Economics, Baton Rouge, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3059
T1 - Effects of individual and group contingencies on disruptive playground behavior
A1 - Thomas, Jerry R.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1988-21682-001

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Modification
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Cognitive Development
KW - Friendship
KW - Elementary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 66
EP - 76

JF - Journal of Research & Development in Education
VL - 20:
IS - 3

N2 - Studied the effect of behavior modification techniques on 191 2nd- and 5th-grade students' playground behavior and cognitive knowledge of friendship. An event recorder instrument was developed, and misbehavior on the playground was recorded. Ss were identified as being more and less disruptive from the baseline measures, and the knowledge of friendship was determined. Two behavioral treatments were administered with continuous recording of misbehaviors. Baseline measures were continued when treatments were withdrawn. At the conclusion of the study, the knowledge of friendship was measured again. Results indicate that for 5th graders, both treatments were equally effective in reducing disruptive playground behaviors. For 2nd graders, behavior games were not effective when used as the 1st treatment, but individual behavior contracts were very effective. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0022-426X
AD - Thomas, Jerry R.: Louisiana State U, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3060
T1 - Children's, teachers', and parents' perceptions of play
A1 - Rothlein, Liz
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1988-19800-001

English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Parental Attitudes
KW - Teacher Attitudes
KW - Preschool Teachers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 45
EP - 53
Interviewed 103 children (aged 2-6 yrs) and surveyed 73 of their parents and 60 preschool teachers about their perceptions of play. Most parents defined play as something for fun or amusement, while teachers saw it both as fun and as an opportunity for cognitive and social development. The majority of teachers did not view play as an integral part of the curriculum, but instead described a learn-play dichotomy. Parents did not support having their children spend a large amount of time in play during preschool. Children's favorite play activities according to children and their parents and teachers were outdoor play, dramatic play, blocks, and art activities.

Identified 13 rejected and 13 popular 3rd- and 4th-grade boys using sociometric nomination measures. Playground observations and interview assessments of social problem solving were administered during the winter and spring. Rejected Ss both exhibited and received more aversive behavior than popular Ss. Although no status differences in the overall rate of interaction were found, rejected Ss exhibited more onlooker behavior and solitary play than the popular ones. No differences in the frequency of alternative solutions to hypothetical social problems were found between status groups. The solutions of rejected Ss were, however, less effective and more aggressive than those of populars. Chosen solutions of rejected Ss were also more likely to be ineffective and aggressive than those of populars.
Measured 65 teachers’ and 123 children’s facial, verbal, and physical affectionate behaviors in 7 daycare centers during a variety of daily routines. Affectionate behavior occurred much less frequently than other social interaction, and smiling occurred more frequently than verbal or physical affection. Children almost never expressed affection verbally, although their teachers did. Physical affection occurred most frequently during unstructured indoor and outdoor freeplay periods; verbal affection occurred most frequently during structured small group activities. Analyses of behavioral patterns across centers indicated that centers that ranked high on the expression of some types of affectionate behaviors during particular daily routines did not necessarily rank high on all affectionate behaviors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Individualizing social skills training for behavior-disordered children. [References]

A1 - Schneider, Barry H.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-32144-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Disorders
KW - Social Skills Training
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 444
EP - 445

Natural social behaviors in hyperactive children: Dose effects of methylphenidate. [References]

A1 - Whalen, Carol K.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-29071-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Drug Dosages
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - Hyperkinesis
KW - Methylphenidate
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 187
EP - 193

The effects of methylphenidate on the social behaviors of hyperactive children between the ages of 6 and 11 were examined during relatively unstructured activities in outdoor settings. The 12 younger (mean age = 7.8 years) and 12 older (mean age = 9.21 years) children received placebo, a low (0.3 mg/kg), and a moderate (0.6 mg/kg) dose of methylphenidate. During recess, lunch, and exercise sessions, trained observers coded the children's actions as either appropriate social, negative social, or nonsocial behavior. Both age groups showed decrements in negative social behaviors when placebo was compared with the low dose of methylphenidate. Only the younger group showed incremental improvement between the low and moderate doses. There were no significant age or dosage effects on the rates of nonsocial behaviors, which remained low throughout the study. Several implications for the treatment of hyperactive children are discussed, including (a) the finding that disruptive behaviors can be reduced successfully without decreasing overall sociability, (b) the importance of interpersonal heterogeneity and the distinction between group and individual patterns of response, and (c) the
need to study relationships and friendships as well as social actions. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3066
T1 - Grade and gender differences in and the stability and correlates of the structural complexity of children’s playground games
A1 - Borman, Kathryn M.
Y1 - 1987/
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-27818-001

English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Cognitive Development
KW - Longitudinal Studies
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 241
EP - 251

JF - International Journal of Behavioral Development
VL - 10:
IS - 2

N2 - 25 2nd graders’ (12 males, 13 females) and 24 5th graders’ (10 males, 14 females) playground activities during school recess were studied with a 1-yr follow-up. At the 2nd time of assessment, measures were also taken of logical reasoning, interpersonal understanding, and understanding game rules. Both grade and gender differences were found in the complexity of Ss’ activities. Generally, older Ss participated in more complex activities than younger Ss, and boys participated in more complex activities than girls. The complexity of children’s activities increased over the 1-yr period, especially for boys. The correlates of game complexity differed for boys and girls. For boys, game complexity was negatively related to interpersonal understanding and positively related to understanding game rules. For girls, game complexity was positively related to interpersonal understanding. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3067
T1 - Mothers, fathers, and children in an urban park playground: A comparison of dyads and triads.

[References]
A1 - Liddell, Christine
Y1 - 1987/
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-18434-001

English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Father Child Relations
KW - Mother Child Relations
KW - Parent Child Relations
KW - Playgrounds
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 262
EP - 266
Observations were made of mother-child, father-child, and mother-father-child groups in an urban park playground. Results show great similarity between father-child dyads and mother-father-child triads, with mother-child dyads being consistently different. It is suggested that the similarities between triads and father-child dyads may occur because fathers and children rarely spend time alone together. Their dyadic rates of interaction and activity thus resemble those found in the triadic setting they usually experience. Group size and roles and relationships appear to exert a complex interactive effect on family-interaction patterns. The degree to which results might be situation-specific is considered, and implications for our understanding of family-interaction processes are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Examined play-fighting and chasing activity among 7-, 9-, and 11-yr-olds (n = 29, 29, 36, respectively) in their school playground, where it took up some 10% of their time. Judging by characteristics of initiations and terminations, it tended to occur in a friendly, nonaggressive context. Sociometric information supported this interpretation. Observed rough-and-tumble partners liked each other better at all ages than chance predicted. With increasing age, the importance of strength relations in partner choice increased. 11-yr-olds tended to choose partners who were similar in strength to, but weaker than, themselves, while neither factor influenced 7- and 9-yr-olds' choices significantly. Findings suggest that rough-and-tumble activity performs an affiliative function in young children, becoming important for dominance and fighting-skill development in older children, although immediate motivation remains nonaggressive. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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The present investigation evaluated the effects of cognitive-behavioral problem-solving skills training (PSST) and nondirective relationship therapy (RT) for the treatment of antisocial child behavior. Psychiatric inpatient children (N = 56, ages 7-13) were assigned randomly either to PSST, RT, or to a treatment-contact control condition (in which children met individually with a therapist but did not engage in specific activities designed to alter antisocial behavior). Children were hospitalized during the period in which treatment was administered and discharged thereafter. The PSST condition led to significantly greater decreases in externalizing and aggressive behaviors and in overall behavioral problems at home and at school and to increases in prosocial behaviors and in overall adjustment than the RT and control conditions. These effects were evident immediately after treatment and at a 1-year follow-up. The RT and control children did not consistently improve over the treatment and follow-up periods. Comparisons with nonclinical (normative) levels of functioning revealed that a significantly higher proportion of PSST children, compared with those in other conditions, fell within the normative range for prosocial behavior at posttreatment and at follow-up. Even so, the majority of PSST children and almost all RT and control children remained outside the normative range of deviant behavior. The implications of the results for further research for antisocial youth are highlighted. (31 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Membership in peer-identified aggressive, withdrawn, or aggressive and withdrawn groups and in a nondeviant contrast group was predicted based on quantitative observations of playground behavior. Subjects were selected from a pool of 174 fifth and sixth graders who had completed the Pupil Evaluation Inventory. Of 43 selected aggressive, withdrawn, aggressive and withdrawn, and contrast subjects, 65% were correctly classified, based on their behavior on the playground. These results confirm the ability of peers to identify children who show specific patterns of atypical social interaction. (6 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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The effects of total body movement on reading achievement

Van Osdol, Bob M.: U Tulsa

Play in pre-school centres: II. Effects on play of the child's social class and of the educational orientation of the centre

Tizard, Barbara; Philips, Janet; Plewis, Ian

Describes 4 of 38 grid games that were used to determine if total body movement would help improve the reading ability of 26 6-14 yr olds in elementary school who were experiencing reading problems. The Ss had been diagnosed as having learning disabilities on the basis of reading levels that were below grade levels and the Ss' inability to perform at a passing level in a regular classroom. For 16 wks an experimental and a control group were taught with the same instructional materials, content sequences, and time allotments. The experimental group was also given the total body movement exercises for 20 min each day, while the control group was given a placebo treatment that consisted of small group reading with assignments outside the regular classroom. Comparison of pre- and posttreatment scores on the Wide Range Achievement Tests indicate that the experimental group demonstrated a higher reading level than the control group at the end of the testing period. Results suggest that the total body movement treatment did enhance the reading ability of the students beyond the increase evident when traditional classroom methods are used. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

Van Osdol, Bob M.: U Tulsa
Observed the free play of 109 working- and middle-class 3-4 yr olds to examine the effects of social class and the educational orientation of the center on the children's play. Data indicate that both social class and the type of preschool center affected aspects of the Ss' play. There was no support for the belief that the presence of trained teachers improved the quality of the play. Working class Ss were more than twice as likely as middle-class Ss to play outside, particularly with wheeled vehicles, while middle-class Ss more often chose paints and pattern-making. Results also show that the working-class Ss were less often involved in symbolic play than their middle-class counterparts, and more often made only partial use of play materials, both characteristic of the play of younger children. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

Examined the validity of the Children's Assertiveness Inventory (CAI) with 28 male and 8 female 7-13 yr old behavior-disordered children. The CAI was cross-validated with peer ratings, teacher ratings (Conners Teacher Rating Scale and a social behavior assessment checklist), and direct observations of Ss at recess play. Results show that Ss who rated themselves as assertive were rated as aggressive by their peers and less responsible academically and socially by their teachers. There was no relationship between CAI scores and observation categories. Results suggest that further investigation is necessary to validate the CAI. (20 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

Initial analysis of the accepts curriculum: Efficacy of instructional and behavior management procedures for improving the social adjustment of handicapped children
A1 - Walker, Hill M.
Y1 - 1983///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1983-29086-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Behavior Modification
KW - Contingency Management
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Social Skills Training
KW - Disorders
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Social Adjustment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 105
EP - 127
JF - Analysis & Intervention in Developmental Disabilities
VL - 3:
IS - 1

N2 - 26 mentally handicapped 6-12 yr olds participated in a study of a social skills training (SST) procedure. Ss were randomly assigned to 1 of 3 groups: SST plus contingency management procedures (Group 1), SST only (Group 2), and control. Ss in Group 1 were exposed to an SST curriculum that taught critical classroom behaviors facilitative of classroom adjustment and peer-to-peer social skills. For this group, behavior management procedures were applied in the classroom and on the playground to strengthen specific skills taught by the curriculum. Training required 4-7 wks and was conducted using small-group teaching formats. Teacher ratings, a criterion role-play test (CRPT), and behavioral observation data recorded in classroom and playground were used to assess changes in Ss’ behavior. Results favored the 2 experimental groups over the control on all dependent measures. However, significant differences were obtained only on the CRPT and classroom observation data. One of 3 interactive measures derived from playground observation data approached significance. Group 1 was favored on ratings of classroom and peer-to-peer skills as well as playground observations. Results are discussed in terms of study limitations, ways of improving intervention procedures, and needed research in the social skills area vis-a-vis mainstreaming. (47 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0270-4684
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3075
T1 - A Behavioral Strategy for Language Training of A Child With Autistic Behaviors. [References]
A1 - Sulzbacher, Stephen I.
Y1 - 1973///
N1 - Book: 2006-11488-026
English
Book; Edited Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Autism
KW - Behavior Therapy
KW - Social Skills Training
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 327
EP - 351
JF - Stedman, James M [Ed]; Patton, William F [Ed]; Walton, Kay F [Ed]
VL - : 
IS - 1973

N2 - (create) This reprinted article originally appeared in (Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders, 1970, Vol 35, pp. 256-276). The case of Teddy illustrates the strategy of the experimental analysis of behavior in treating
the communication deficits of a child with autistic behaviors. The speech clinician coordinated the efforts of parents, teacher, and psychologist to generate and maintain appropriate behavior of the child in various settings. Consistently applying the same procedures to the child's behavior at school, at home, and in the clinic is of critical importance in maintaining and generalizing newly acquired vocal responses and nonvocal behavior to all areas in the child's environment (Lovaas, 1968). Teddy was born after a full-term pregnancy and his birth history was essentially normal. His acquisition of gross motor skills followed a somewhat delayed pattern, and medical reports, when Teddy was six, listed several "soft" signs of neurological dysfunction. Multidisciplinary evaluations between ages four and five indicated a poor prognosis with diagnoses of mental retardation, infantile autism, organic brain damage, emotional disturbance, and arrested hydrocephalus. later it was discovered that he had a bilateral conductive hearing loss. Teddy was six years, five months old at the beginning of the program. Three overall, long-range goals for Teddy's treatment were formulated: (1) deceleration of certain undesired vocal and nonvocal behaviors; (2) acquisition of the language and social skills required for success in school; and (3) generalization of these skills to Teddy's environment away from the clinic. After five months of language and behavior training, both in the clinic and when extended to the home, the initial behavioral objectives of treatment were achieved. Steps were taken to find an appropriate school placement for Teddy. After the treatments were extended to the school environment the effects of the training procedures were beginning to show in his ability to learn appropriate responses quickly and in the spontaneous generalization of his responses. During the early treatment there had been several unsuccessful attempts to teach Teddy some play skills and appropriate social behavior. Although Teddy would try out his responses on peers in these situations, his repertoire was not sufficient for him to maintain communication. Reports indicate during his first two years of school he still preferred to play alone at recess. During the last year, however, he began to acquire social skills appropriate for his age and routinely played with other children in school and in his neighborhood. Teddy's language repertoire was greatly expanded and he was able to routinely converse in sentences in an essentially normal manner. His general articulation was what one would expect from a child his age. The only reported difficulty was that he occasionally spoke too fast when excited, but this is not uncommon for children his age. The question of which of the procedures in force was related to changes in Teddy's behavior cannot be answered with the data available on Teddy. However, the intent of this study was pragmatic: to demonstrate how procedures, whose effects on behavior have already been rigorously demonstrated (for example, Girardeau and Spradlin, 1970), can be applied clinically without sacrificing scientific rigor. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3076
T1 - Social skills training with children: Proceed with caution
A1 - Berler,Ellen S; Gross,Alan
Y1 - 1982/
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1982-26273-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Learning Disabilities
KW - Role Playing
KW - Social Skills Training
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 41
EP - 53
JF - Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis
JA - J Appl Behav Anal
VL - 15:
IS - 1
N2 - Three learning-disabled (LD) males between the ages of 8 yrs 2 mo and 10 yrs 10 mo, selected on the basis of peer sociometric ratings and teacher referral, received social-skills training. A group training procedure consisting of coaching, modeling, behavior rehearsal, and feedback was used to teach Ss the target behaviors of eye contact and appropriate verbal responses. The following measures were obtained during baseline, posttreatment, and 1-mo follow-up for the experimental Ss and 3 control Ss: (a) performance on role-play scenes not trained during treatment sessions, (b) behavioral observations in a free play setting, and (c)
sociometric ratings. In addition, the trained and untrained role-play scenes were administered by novel experimenters following treatment. Results indicate that socially unskilled, LD children can be taught to respond appropriately to role-play situations. However, improved performance did not generalize to the natural school setting, and treatment did not affect ratings of peer acceptance. (17 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2013 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0021-8855
AD - Berler, Ellen S.: West Virginia U, Morgantown
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3077
T1 - Educational provision, parental expectation and physical disability
A1 - O'Hagan, Frank J.
Y1 - 1984///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1984-27274-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Parental Attitudes
KW - Physical Disorders
KW - Social Support
KW - Special Education
KW - Student Characteristics
KW - Expectations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 31
EP - 38
JF - Child: Care, Health and Development
VL - 10:
IS - 1
N2 - Interviewed parents of 24 5-12 yr old physically disabled children attending primary schools who had been referred to child guidance for various reasons. Data were collected to determine their characteristics and the external and educational support they received. Results show that Ss received medical, social work, and education attention. Most parents regarded their initial contact with professionals as poor or very poor; the majority believed they needed more help from outside agencies. Most parents expressed satisfaction with the response of teachers to the needs of their children. Most parents felt that they had played an important part in the decision to place their child in a regular school, and they were satisfied with that placement. Data show that measured IQ for spina bifida Ss was of questionable value and that there was a lack of interest in measures of social integration and adjustment for these Ss on the part of psychologists. (6 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0305-1862
AD - O'Hagan, Frank J.: U Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3078
T1 - Involved and uninvolved student perceptions in indoor and outdoor school settings
A1 - Shaw, Terry J.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1983-06747-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Involvement
KW - School Environment
KW - Self Perception
K2 - Used a 10-item attitudinal survey to assess 57 involved and 44 uninvolved 6th graders' perceptions of teachers, school, and self in 3 settings: (1) the regular classroom situation 2 wks before an outdoor education experience, (2) immediately following a 2-day outdoor education experience, and (3) 2 wks after the outing in the regular classroom. The activities for the outing were designed to encourage a high degree of physical, mental, and at times, emotional involvement. The outdoor experience was rated as significantly more positive than the regular classroom experience by involved and uninvolved Ss as well as the total population of 213 6th graders. During the outing the uninvolved Ss' perception of teacher trust improved significantly more than the involved Ss' perception. Ss had significantly more positive perception of the regular classroom 2 wks after the outing than 2 wks before. Findings indicate that outdoor education is a highly appropriate mode of instruction for improving uninvolved and involved students' perceptions of school, teachers, and self. (18 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0272-4316
AD - Shaw, Terry J.: Kansas State U, Manhattan
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3079
T1 - Enhancing classroom attentiveness by preselection of back-up reinforcers in a token economy
A1 - Kazdin, Alan E.; Geesey, Sally
Y1 - 1980///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1981-06392-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Discipline
KW - Secondary Reinforcement
KW - Special Education
KW - Token Economy Programs
KW - Intellectual Development Disorder
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 98
EP - 114
JF - Behavior Modification
JA - Behav Modif
VL - 4:
IS - 1
N2 - Examined the effects of 2 methods of selecting and exchanging back-up reinforcers with 2 mentally retarded 6- and 7-yr-old boys participating in a token economy in a special education class. In separate experiments, each S received tokens contingent upon attentive behavior. Methods of selecting and exchanging back-up reinforcers (i.e., free time, a recess, selection of a small toy, playing with a valued toy) consisted of preselecting back-up events that were to be purchased in advance of earning the tokens vs selecting back-up events only after tokens had been earned. The 2 methods were compared in separate simultaneous-treatment designs for each child. In each experiment, preselecting back-up reinforcers led to higher levels of attentive behavior than selecting back-up events after the tokens had been earned. The possible influence of making back-up events less remote in relation to the token-earning behaviors and the prompting function of the preselected procedure are discussed. (19 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0145-4455
AD - Kazdin, Alan E.: Pennsylvania State U, University Park
ER -
The relationship of egocentrism and measures of socialization in a sample of elementary school children

A1 - Karmos, Joseph S.

Y1 - 1978

N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1980-20829-001

English

Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal

KW - PsycInfo

KW - Egocentrism

KW - Socialization

RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 1219

EP - 1224

JF - Educational and Psychological Measurement

VL - 38:

IS - 4

N2 - Studied egocentrism and its relationship to certain socialization variables. The 219 Ss in Grades 1-5 were from 2 rural communities in southern Illinois. It was expected that the study would support Piaget's theory on egocentrism. Data were gathered through (a) Ss' ratings of peers, (b) teachers' ratings of pupil popularity, (c) an egocentrism test derived from the writings of Piaget, and (d) observation of playground behavior. High correlations of ratings and test results to playground behavior were found. (7 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0013-1644

AD - Karmos, Joseph S.: Southern Illinois U

ER -

TY - JOUR

ID - 3081

T1 - The modification and validation of the Behavior Coding System for school settings

A1 - Harris, Alice; Kreil, Dennis; Orpet, Russel

Y1 - 1977

N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1978-32728-001

English

Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal

KW - PsycInfo

KW - Aggressive Behavior

KW - Educational Measurement

KW - Elementary School Students

KW - Human Males

KW - Test Validity

RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 1121

EP - 1126

JF - Educational and Psychological Measurement

VL - 37:

IS - 4

N2 - Reports validation of the noxious codes of the Behavior Coding System for the measurement of aggressive behavior in schools. Ss were 20 5th- and 6th-grade boys identified as either aggressive or prosocial. Six 10-min observations were made of the Ss in both classroom and playground settings. The noxious codes were found to discriminate between aggressive and prosocial Ss and to discriminate between playground and classroom settings for the aggressive Ss. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0013-1644

AD - Harris, Alice: California State U, Long Beach

ER -
Studied 14 achieving and 14 underachieving 3rd graders to discover if there was a relationship between selected preschool play activities and achievement in reading. Underachievers spent significantly more time than achievers outdoors in the winter and associated with the mother and father during outdoor play. No significant differences were found in the kinds of activities participated in or amount of time spent in each. Data suggest that factors other than the preschool play activities investigated account for level of achievement in reading. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Ss were 28-50 yr old White parents of nonstuttering (NS; 14 mother and 13 fathers) and stuttering (ST; 14 mothers and 13 fathers) children-12 male and 2 female 4-13 yr old stutterers. Parents of NSs were matched with the ST group by virtue (a) of having a child of the same sex and age as the stuttering child and (b) the same number of children in the family. All parents completed the Parent Attitude Research Instrument and a measure
of attitudes toward the freedom of children; STs completed the Family Relations Test. Results indicate that the fathers of STs were more rigid and conventional concerning children’s natural expressions than fathers of NSs. Mothers of STs were more accepting of the parent role, exercised more democratic principles within the family, and were more protective of their children with regard to outside influences. Although it was not determined whether parental attitudes of the mother and father directly caused the child to stutter, it is suggested that the stern, intolerant position of the father could create a stressful environment conducive to an impediment of speech development. (16 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0007-098X
AD - Moore, Margaret: U Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3084
T1 - Sex and age differences in aggressive behavior in two- to five-year-old children. [Portuguese]
A1 - Maciel, Vania M.
Y1 - 1985///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-00855-001
Portuguese Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Human Sex Differences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 52
EP - 77
JF - Arquivos Brasileiros de Psicologia
VL - 37:
IS - 2
N2 - Studied age and sex differences in the aggressive behavior of a total of 84 2-5 yr olds from different schools during 63 hrs of observation in a 3-phase investigation. Eight categories of aggressive behavior (5 inspired by the work of M. Manning [1972] and 3 used for the first time in studies with children), were defined and tested. Behavior was observed by direct techniques on the school playground during free play. Aggression as defined by Manning was reassessed in Phase 1, different types of aggression were categorized and tested in Phase 2, and the frequency of these types of aggression and the relationship between incidence, sex, and age were studied in Phase 3. Boys and younger children, independent of sex, had the highest frequencies of aggressive behavior. Most aggression involved 2 children. Ss were classified as initiators, receivers, and intermediaries and into high, middle, and low aggression subgroups. The implications of the findings for preschool education are discussed. (English abstract) (16 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0100-8692
AD - Maciel, Vania M.: Ministerio do Interior, Brasilia, Brazil
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3085
T1 - Social networks of popular, average, and rejected children in school settings
A1 - Ladd, Gary W.
Y1 - 1983///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1984-02522-001
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Behavior
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Social Approval
Evidence from studies conducted in classrooms and analogue settings suggests that popular and unpopular children form their own unique subsystems and that their interactions with peers differ in quality. The present study assessed the behaviors and peer networks of popular, average, and rejected children in a larger and more diverse social setting. Based on sociometric measures administered in each classroom at 2 elementary schools, 48 3rd and 4th graders were selected to represent each sociometric membership group and then observed during mixed-grade recess periods. Analysis of children's behaviors indicated that rejected Ss spend less time in prosocial interactions and more time in agonistic and unoccupied behaviors than did popular or average Ss and paralleled average Ss in time spent watching others play. Analyses of various network measures revealed that a larger proportion of rejected Ss' interactions, as compared to those of popular and average Ss, was conducted in small groups and distributed among younger and/or unpopular companions. Popular and average Ss were also named as friends by a greater proportion of their frequent playground companions; they also tended to have networks that were more cliquish or comprised of mutual friends. (26 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Sociometric nominations were used to select groups of popular, average, rejected, and neglected 3rd- and 5th-grade children (N = 320) in 2 studies. Ss' peer-interactive behaviors were naturalistically observed in their classrooms and on the playground. In contrast to popular Ss, rejected Ss displayed fewer task-appropriate behaviors and more task-inappropriate and aggressive behaviors. Whereas rejected Ss prosocially approached peers as frequently as did popular ones, peer responses to the approaches of rejected Ss were more likely to be negative. Neglected Ss, on the other hand, displayed relatively few task-inappropriate and aggressive behaviors, and socially approached peers infrequently. Their approaches also met with frequent rebuff by peers. Findings are discussed in terms of the behavioral bases of sociometric status. Suggestions for clinical researchers interested in behavioral change with rejected and neglected children are included. (28 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Affecting environmental attitudes through outdoor education

Shepard, Clinton L.

1985///

Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-17017-001

English

Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal

Conservation (Ecological Behavior)
Elementary School Students
Environmental Attitudes
Junior High School Students
Summer Camps (Recreation)

Examined whether participation in outdoor education programs had a measurable impact on the environmental attitudes of 613 9-14 yr olds attending summer camp. Results indicate that conceptually a positive learning experience took place. Findings suggest that (1) there is a relationship between program length and conservation attitude development; (2) an initial acclimatization period for urban campers is desirable before implementing conceptual activities; and, (3) there is greater opportunity to develop positive conservation attitudes in 1st-time campers. (11 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

In a study of 187 children in Grades kindergarten through 3, Ss (1) were observed before and after construction of a new playground; (2) were administered a questionnaire at the beginning and end of the study to assess Ss’ attitudes about the new and old playgrounds, how much they liked recess, and their favorite activities; (3) made drawings of themselves playing in both playgrounds; and (4) were interviewed. Results are
discussed in terms of the new playground's success in meeting the Ss' needs for movement, competence, social interaction, privacy and retreat, and imaginative play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0886-0505
AD - Pinciotti, Patricia: East Stroudsburg U, PA, US
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3089
T1 - The power of nature orientations of girls and boys toward biotic and abiotic play settings on a reconstructed schoolyard
A1 - Moore, Robin C.
Y1 - 1986///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1989-18523-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Attitudes
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Environmental Planning
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Playgrounds
KW - School Environment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 52
EP - 69
JF - Children's Environments Quarterly
VL - 3:
IS - 3
N2 - Describes responses of elementary school children to a redesigned school playground. Behavior mapping, preference and attitude measurements, and perception data indicate that abiotic settings generated more conflict and stress than biotic settings, which engendered more harmonious relationships among children. Data on types of play activities, sex differences in play, and play values are presented. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0886-0505
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3090
T1 - Alone at home: The home without parents as a territory without security
A1 - Sebba, Rachel
Y1 - 1986///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1988-26274-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Self Care
KW - Emotional Responses
KW - Home Environment
KW - Parent Child Relations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 28
EP - 34
JF - Children's Environments Quarterly
VL - 3:
IS - 2
N2 - Analyzed essays by 75 Israeli 7-11 yr olds on their experiences when suddenly left at home without parental supervision. Ss generally described the experience of being left home alone as forced on them and fearful. Younger Ss perceived the environment as an active entity and attributed their fears to outside sources. Older Ss, with a more rational approach to their environment, viewed their fears as inconvenient feelings derived from inside and stimulated by the situation of loneliness. Younger Ss felt more challenged by the circumstances than older Ss. Findings emphasize the importance of the social component of the home environment in determining children's emotional states. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0886-0505
AD - Sebba, Rachel: Technion--Israel Inst of Technology, Faculty of Architecture & Town Planning, Haifa, Israel
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3091
T1 - Preschoolers' play behavior in outdoor environments: Effects of traditional and contemporary playgrounds
A1 - Hart, Craig H.
Y1 - 1986///<
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1988-16565-001

English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Environment
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Motor Performance
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Activity Level
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 668
EP - 678

JF - American Educational Research Journal
VL - 23:
IS - 4
N2 - Studied the effect of traditional playgrounds (TPs) and contemporary playgrounds (CPs) on play behaviors (PBs) of 40 preschool children in 2 age groups (aged 2-3 yrs and 4-5 yrs), videotaped during their 30-min outdoor play period at a nursery school. Each videotaped PB category was coded. Chi-square analyses and a repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA) were done. No significant differences were found between the 2 playgrounds concerning the cognitive play categories. More unoccupied behavior occurred on the CP. Less solitary play occurred on the TP. Findings concerning locomotion, verbal interaction, balance-posture, receipt propulsion, fine motor, and body image categories showed marginally more sitting behavior on the CP. More passive physical activity occurred in the CP setting. The decrease in these behaviors appeared to be supported by an increase in active climbing on the TP. The CP reduced physical play activity slightly. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0002-8312
AD - Hart, Craig H.: Purdue U, West Lafayette, IN, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3092
T1 - Students and their writing: Perceptions, motivations, and behaviors
A1 - Rasinski, Timothy V.
Y1 - 1986///<
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1988-12196-001

English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
N2 - Administered a questionnaire on perceptions, interests, and behaviors regarding writing to 96 3rd- and 4th-grade students who were under 2 different educational regimens-1 program embodied a traditional and mainstream approach, while the other followed a more informal and open approach. Completed questionnaires were summarized by classroom and returned to the teacher for inspection and feedback. The study was initially performed in October and repeated in June of the following year. Ss in the informal program appeared to have an advantage over their counterparts in the traditional classrooms across all measures employed in the study. Results are discussed for the following factors: definition of writing, affective attitude toward writing, purpose for writing, frequency of writing outside school, and duration of writing activity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Rasinski, Timothy V.: U Georgia, US
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3093
T1 - What nursery school teachers ask us about: Psychoanalytic consultations in preschools: Living with Spiderman et al: Mastering aggression and excitement
A1 - Hall, Ruth
Y1 - 1986///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status=Unknown: 1988-04086-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status=Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Emotional Development
KW - Television Viewing
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 89
EP - 99
JF - Emotions & Behavior Monographs
N2 - Discusses the mastering of feelings of aggression and excitement by the preschool child. The problem of TV-influenced aggressive play has persisted for generations. Conflicting forces act outside the child and shape the future adult. The forces inside the child vary with age. With repeated experience, children learn that it is possible to be angry without endangering themselves or loved ones. A young child is very vulnerable to the example of magic people on TV who indulge their urges but fight off danger. Excitement and aggression, not created by TV, are stimulated and given a false measure of reality and adult sanction. If TV is limited, children invent their own monsters and aggressive play, but these feelings are easier to master without outside stimulation. Self-control results in inner safety and self-esteem, which is suggested as the best approach to monsters and superhuman beings in the classroom. (0 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0734-9890
AD - Hall, Ruth: Cleveland Psychoanalytic Inst, Cleveland Ctr for Research in Child Development, OH
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3094
T1 - Some personality and motivational correlates of children's prosocial behavior
A1 - Larrieu, Julie
Y1 - 1986
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-21565-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Assistance (Social Behavior)
KW - Empathy
KW - Personality Correlates
KW - Sharing (Social Behavior)
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 529
EP - 542
JF - The Journal of Genetic Psychology: Research and Theory on Human Development
VL - 147:
IS - 4
N2 - Investigated the prosocial behavior of 76 4th-graders by observing their sharing, caring, and helping actions on the playground and by obtaining sociometric measures (peer nomination) of a variety of prosocial actions. Personal characteristics such as assertiveness, empathy, self-concept, value orientation, and moral-motivational reasoning based on role taking were also assessed. Prosocial responding was moderately coherent for girls, but caring, sharing, and helping were relatively independent domains for boys. Associations between prosocial behavior and personal characteristics were observed. Sex differences in these relationships suggest that females' predominant prosocial responses reflect expressiveness and caring, whereas males' most salient prosocial responses are more active and instrumental. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0022-1325
AD - Larrieu, Julie: U Puget Sound
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3095
T1 - Different cooperative learning procedures and cross-handicap relationships
A1 - Johnson, David W.
Y1 - 1986
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-08802-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Emotional Disturbances
KW - Home Environment
KW - Learning Disabilities
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Cooperation
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - School Environment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 247
EP - 252
JF - Exceptional Children
JA - Except.Child
VL - 53:
IS - 3
N2 - Compared the effects of different levels of cooperation on cross-handicap interaction in 2 studies. In Study 1, 27 handicapped (i.e., with severe learning and behavioral problems) and 45 nonhandicapped 6th graders were randomly assigned to 3 conditions (cooperative controversy, cooperative debate, and individualistic) stratifying
for sex, ability level, and handicap. Ss participated in the study for 55 min/day for 11 instructional days. In Study 2, 15 handicapped (i.e., learning disabled and emotionally disturbed) and 36 nonhandicapped 4th graders were randomly assigned to 2 conditions (intergroup cooperation and intergroup competition) stratifying for sex, ability, and handicap. Ss participated in the study for 55 min/day for 10 instructional days. An activity report scale was given to Ss to determine who they interacted with in structured class activities, unstructured class activities, school activities outside of class, and activities in the home. Results indicate that both cooperative conditions promoted more constructive cross-handicap interaction than the individualistic condition; pure cooperation promoted more frequent cross-handicap interaction than did a mixture of cooperation and competition. The interaction patterns formed within cooperative learning situations generalized into unstructured class and school activities. (6 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Observed the behaviors of 16 children (aged 6 mo to 2 yrs 5 mo at 1st observation) while viewing TV in their own homes for a period of 6-8 mo at a time when Ss were actively involved in the language acquisition process. At the last observation, Ss ranged in age from 1 yr 2 mo to 3 yrs. Findings reveal an overwhelming and consistent occurrence of language-related behaviors among Ss and their parents in the viewing situation. Four main categories of Ss' verbalizations were identified, including designating objects, characters, animals, and other things on the screen; questioning about TV content; repetition of TV dialog; and description of TV content. Four main categories of parental verbal behavior paralleled the kinds of child behavior and included designation, questions, responses to child comments, and description. Within each category of child or parent behavior there were identifiable subtypes, and examples are presented. The categories are compared with those reported for parent-child interactions outside the viewing experience, particularly joint book-reading. A model of TV as a talking picture book is proposed. It is argued that TV has the potential to serve as a facilitator of children's language acquisition. Transcripts of observations of 2 Ss are appended. (36 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
engaged in by the S was recorded using the scan-sampling technique at 30-sec intervals. Results indicate that mode of social interaction did not change for Ss in either condition from Week 1 to Week 2. The experimental Ss, however, imitated significantly more in Week 2 than in Week 1 and more in Week 2 than did the control Ss in Week 1 or Week 2. (13 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Miller, David J.: U Missouri, Columbia

SN - 0022-1325

TY - JOUR
ID - 3099
T1 - The effects of classroom organization on mainstreamed preschool children
A1 - Burstein,Nancy D.
Y1 - 1986///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1986-15822-001

English

Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Classroom Environment
KW - Mainstreaming (Educational)
KW - Autism
KW - Delayed Development
KW - Disorders
KW - Down's Syndrome
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 425
EP - 434
JF - Exceptional Children
JA - Except.Child
VL - 52:
IS - 5

N2 - Investigated the relationship between classroom organization and the experiences of 9 preschool handicapped (HC) children (aged 2.8-6 yrs) and 9 non-HC children (aged 2.1-5.3 yrs) in mainstreamed settings. Six HC Ss were developmentally delayed, 1 had Down's syndrome, 1 was cognitively and hearing impaired, and 1 was autistic. Ss were observed in 3 settings that differed in grouping, supervision, and teacher direction: center time, rug time, and outdoor play. Findings indicate, as predicted, that HC Ss differed from non-HC Ss in their classroom experiences. HC Ss spent less time on-task, interacted more frequently with adults and less frequently with peers than did non-HC Ss. Furthermore, HC and non-HC Ss' experiences were differentially affected by the setting. HC Ss spent less time on-task in rug time than in center time while HC Ss' time on-task was similar in each setting. HC Ss' interaction with peers was similar in all settings while non-HC Ss interacted most frequently with peers in outdoor play. (23 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0014-4029

AD - Burstein, Nancy D.: California State U, Training Project, Northridge

TY - JOUR
ID - 3100
T1 - Evaluation of toy preference and associated movement behaviors of preschool orthopedically handicapped children
A1 - Loovis,E.
Y1 - 1985///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-04541-001

English

Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Motor Skills
KW - Physical Disorders
Conducted a 7-wk study to evaluate toy preference and associated gross and fine motor movements of 15 preschool orthopedically handicapped children (aged 3-6 yrs) in a free-play situation. Observation sessions were scheduled 2 times/wk, each lasting 1 hr. 20 toys were evaluated using a modified version of the procedure developed by H. R. Quilitch et al (1972, 1977). Measurement of movement behavior associated with toy play involved application of a movement glossary developed by the experimenter. A Wilcoxon 2-sample rank test revealed no significant differences for either gender, age, or ambulation in relation to toy preference or nature of movement demonstrated. Analysis revealed that Ss spent considerable time using toys in a manner that did not correspond to their design. The observation that Ss more often sat either in, on, or next to a toy and made fewer attempts to move that toy in a purposeful manner suggests that, in a natural setting, the actual vs expected outcomes of organized, informal toy play may be less than desirable. It was recommended that orthopedically handicapped children might benefit from learning how to play under the direction of a parent, teacher, or similar individual. (16 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
T1 - Imaginativeness in preschoolers and single parent families
A1 - Cornelius, Georgianna M.
Y1 - 1985///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1986-14210-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Creativity
KW - Family Structure
KW - Imagination
KW - Single Parents
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 56
EP - 66
JF - The Journal of Creative Behavior
VL - 19:
IS - 1
N2 - Synthesized selected research results of studies focusing on imaginativeness, creative behaviors, and single parent families. The finding of T. D. Yawkey and M. C. Yawkey (in press) that children in single-parent families display higher imaginative scores, have more imaginative companions and more imaginative talk with these companions, play more imaginative games when alone, and engage in more imaginative outdoor games than those in dual-parent families is discussed along with similar results from other studies that show significant correlates between high degrees of imaginativeness and single-parent families. Suggestions for single parents to use to develop their children's imaginativeness are presented with regard to the following parental roles: present but unengaged, attentive but uninvolved, engaged and responsive, and facilitator/modeler. (18 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0022-0175
AD - Cornelius, Georgianna M.: Pennsylvania State U, University Park
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3103
T1 - Assessment of popularity and sociability in preschool children: The relationship between teachers' ratings and behaviors in a naturalistic setting
A1 - Factor, David C.
Y1 - 1985///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1986-13383-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Measurement
KW - Rating
KW - Sociability
KW - Social Approval
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 271
EP - 282
JF - Child Study Journal
VL - 15:
IS - 4
N2 - Assessed the relationship of 2 approaches (teacher's ratings and observation of behaviors in a naturalistic setting) used to measure children's social behavior that are frequently used to select children for social-skill training. 26 preschool children (aged 31-71 mo) were observed during free-play activity times. Behaviors were coded for the most prominent type of play for each 15-sec time unit. The Ss' playmates were also coded to obtain 2 popularity measures. Ss were observed randomly for 2 min each day on consecutive school days until 12 min of observational data were obtained for each S. The 2 classroom teachers rated each S on a form
measuring the S's social behavior and nominated the 5 most popular and 5 most isolated children in the classroom. Correlations among the behavior categories indicated that group positive behavior was negatively related to solitary, parallel, and teacher-directed behaviors. Furthermore, group positive behavior was positively related to group positive popularity and group negative behavior was positively related to group negative popularity. Group positive popularity was also positively related to group negative popularity. The 6 items on the teacher rating form tended to be correlated more with group negative behaviors than isolate or group positive behaviors. Also there was little relationship between the teacher-nominated Ss and the ranking of those Ss according to their behavior in a naturalistic setting. (22 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0009-4005
AD - Factor, David C.: Thistletown Regional Ctr, Rexdale, Canada
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3104
T1 - Mediation essays vs. time out: Behavior management on elementary school playgrounds
A1 - Marshall, Albert J.
Y1 - 1985///<
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1985-55171-001
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Classroom Behavior Modification
KW - Elementary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2807
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International
VL - 45:
IS - 9-A
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Marshall, Albert J.: U Iowa
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3105
T1 - Dual-career couples and the psychological adjustment of offspring: A review
A1 - Bennett, Bert
Y1 - 1985///<
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1985-25169-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Dual Careers
KW - Emotional Adjustment
KW - Parental Occupation
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 287
EP - 295
JF - School Counselor
VL - 32:
IS - 4
N2 - Defines the dual-career (DC) concept in terms of a relationship in which both the woman and the man work outside the home and are actively involved in developing a professional lifestyle, which demands intense involvement, long hours, and much psychic energy. Views regarding maternal employment prior to the 1960's and during the 1960's and 1970's are presented. The literature on the effects of maternal employment on preschoolers is summarized in terms of attachment, sex roles, IQ, academic achievement, and psychosocial
adjustment. Several issues pertaining to the adjustment of school-aged children of DC couples are addressed; these include time spent with children, role models, academic achievement and IQ, adequacy of substitute care, psychosocial adjustment, child's perceived rejection, and career aspirations. It is acknowledged that some factors are specific to SES levels. The characteristics of DC couples are delineated, and some factors that tend to decrease the negative effects of a DC lifestyle are discussed. (28 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Hypothesized that the effects of cooperative experiences on cross-ethnic and cross-sex relationships would be strongest for structured class activities, next strongest for unstructured class activities in the broader school environment, and least strong for activities in students' homes. In Study 1, 74 6th graders were randomly assigned to 3 conditions (cooperative controversy, cooperative debate, and individualistic) stratifying for sex, ability level, and ethnic membership. Ss participated in the study for 55 min/day for 11 instructional days. In Study 2, 51 4th graders were randomly assigned to 2 conditions (intergroup cooperation and intergroup competition) stratifying for sex, ability, and ethnic membership. Ss participated in the study for 55 min/day for 10 instructional days. An activity report scale was administered to Ss to determine with whom they interacted in structured class activities, unstructured class activities, school activities outside of class, and activities in the home. Results show that in Study 1, both the cooperative controversy and cooperative debate conditions promoted more positive cross-sex and cross-ethnic relationships than did individualistic learning. In Study 2, intergroup cooperation promoted more positive cross-sex and cross-ethnic relationships than intergroup competition. Relationships formed within cooperative learning situations did not generalize into unstructured class, school, and home activities. (18 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Sociometric measures were used in conjunction with observational techniques to study the social integration of learning disabled (LD) elementary school children. 34 LD and 34 non-LD 3rd-5th graders were observed on the school playground for a total of 90 min each. Few substantive differences between the LD and non-LD groups were observed, although LD Ss tended to play alone more often. Sociometric questionnaires administered to Ss' classmates indicated that LD Ss had lower status than the non-LD Ss, and that the non-LD Ss played with about half of the LD Ss for whom they expressed liking. (55 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
T1 - Investigation of factors which produce the mental overload of schoolchildren in the educational process and outside school activities. [Romanian]

A1 - Voicu,C.
Y1 - 1984///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-08682-001

Romanian Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Extracurricular Activities
KW - Fatigue
KW - Junior High School Students
KW - Work Load
KW - Curriculum Development
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 18
EP - 31
JF - Revista de Psihologie
VL - 30:
IS - 1

N2 - Investigated the causes of mental overload in 126 schoolchildren in Grades 5-8. Questionnaires completed by teachers, graphs demonstrating weekly fatigue patterns, and students' class schedules were analyzed. The number of hours devoted to schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and free time was calculated. It was found that the weekly school workload ranged from 48 hrs 54 min for 5th graders to 57 hrs for 8th graders. The excess burden was attributed mainly to extracurricular activities. Several proposals for preventing mental overload of schoolchildren are provided, including reducing the frequency and duration of extracurricular activities and scheduling them right after the end of regular morning classes. Recommendations are made to help teachers prevent mental overload of their students. (English abstract) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0034-8759
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3110
T1 - Prosocial behavior: A study of preschoolers. [Portuguese]
A1 - Banco,Angela U.
Y1 - 1984///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1987-06915-001

Portuguese Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Prosocial Behavior
KW - Psychosocial Development
KW - Classroom Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 43
EP - 61
JF - Psicologia
VL - 10:
IS - 1

N2 - Studied the interactive behavior of 35 preschoolers (most ages 4 yrs 4 mo to 5 yrs 5 mo) in the classroom during free play and lunch recess over a period of 39.22 hrs. Observational data were collected using the categorical running commentary technique. The behavioral events identified with prosocial behavior were categorized and coded. 946 episodes of prosocial behavior were identified. Boys were responsible for a significantly greater number of categories relating to objects, place, privileges, and cooperation. There were no
sex differences with regard to the categories "help" and "empathy." 68% of the episodes occurred during the lunch break, without any inducement. Most events following episodes of prosocial behavior were positive. The acquisition and development of prosocial behavior are discussed. (English abstract) (22 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0101-6016
AD - Banco, Angela U.: U Federal da Paraiba, Joaio Pessoa, Brazil
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3111
T1 - A Playground Movement Confidence Inventory for elementary school children
A1 - Crawford, Michael E.
Y1 - 1984///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1985-51657-001
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Educational Measurement
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Playgrounds
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1090
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International
VL - 45:
IS - 4-A
SN - 0419-4217
AD - Crawford, Michael E.: Indiana U
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3112
T1 - Block construction: Children's developmental landmarks in representation of space
A1 - Reifel, Stuart
Y1 - 1984///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1985-25139-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Development
KW - Perceptual Development
KW - Spatial Perception
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 61
EP - 67
JF - Young Children
VL - 40:
IS - 1
N2 - Discusses the advantages of building with blocks for young children and how they can learn about space and spatial relationships from positioning blocks. Developmental changes in the symbolic representation of space with blocks are reviewed: As children mature, they make use of a wider range of spatial forms to represent spatial configurations. Basic spatial representations (e.g., on, by, in) with blocks are generally mastered before 4 yrs of age, after which further spatial elaborations (e.g., enclosure) begin to emerge. Also emergent at this time are the differentiation of objects within a construction, clarification of indoor and outdoor space, and coordination of landmarks. Suggested activities for increasing children's awareness of spatial concepts are presented, and implications for classroom teachers are noted. To promote spatial representation by children with blocks, teachers should provide a sufficient number of blocks and ample space, help children notice and explore spatial features of their world, and pay attention to the configurations in children's block...
constructions and how they relate to their development of spatial concepts. (17 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0044-0728
AD - Reifel, Stuart: U Texas, Austin
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3113
T1 - Friendship choices in an integrated primary school in Northern Ireland
A1 - Davies, J.
Y1 - 1984///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1985-14144-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Friendship
KW - Protestantism
KW - Roman Catholicism
KW - Social Integration
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 185
EP - 186
JF - British Journal of Social Psychology
VL - 23:
IS - 2
N2 - Examined, via sociometric measures, the friendship choices of 100 Protestant and Roman Catholic 7-11 yr olds. Little religious bias emerged from their choices of friends in class and in the playground. Outside school, however, Protestants tended to play with other Protestants. This finding may reflect demographic factors rather than religious in-group bias. (3 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0144-6665
AD - Davies, J: Queen's U of Belfast, Northern Ireland
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3114
T1 - Teaching cooperative play to behavior-problem preschool children
A1 - Wolfe, Vicky V.
Y1 - 1983///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1987-22800-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior Problems
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Cooperation
KW - Praise
KW - Token Economy Programs
KW - Teaching Methods
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 9
JF - Education & Treatment of Children
VL - 6:
IS - 1
N2 - Examined the effects of a reinforcement program on social behaviors of 3 preschool children (aged 3.5-4 yrs) who displayed inappropriate behaviors during peer interactions. A multiple-baseline design across the 3 Ss and 2 settings (morning and afternoon classrooms) was employed to determine the effects of reinforcement on
each S's rate of cooperative play and on intervals spent in time-out due to aggression. For 15 min each session, Ss were rewarded a token for each minute that they engaged in cooperative play. Tokens were exchanged for outside time. Once cooperative play exceeded an 80% criterion, tokens were faded out but verbal praise continued. The program was effective in increasing cooperative play among these Ss by at least 50% over baseline, and the behavior changes were maintained when tokens were withdrawn. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0748-8491
AD - Wolfe, Vicky V.: West Virginia U, Morgantown
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3115
T1 - School-age child care: In support of development and learning
A1 - Nieting, Peggy L.
Y1 - 1983///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1984-17610-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Child Day Care
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 6
EP - 11
JF - Childhood Education
VL - 60:
IS - 1

N2 - Argues that childcare programs for school-age children promote commitment to care essential for their best physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development. There is a gap between need and availability of adequate care. Single-parent families require institutions outside the home, and the acceptable expression of parent priorities for work increases the need for accommodations. Childcare by the school can focus on social and emotional development and complement, support, and extend the school's educational purposes. Recreation departments, libraries, museums, scouts, boys' and girls' clubs, and 4-H have provided childcare in the past, and they continue to play an important role in supplementing both family and school opportunities for a child's healthy growth and development. A quality childcare program is flexible with appropriate activities to meet developmental needs. The child needs peer group interaction, with appropriate limits set by adults. The child needs opportunities to experience success, a sense of industry, and a sense of competence at physical and intellectual levels. Awareness of needs is basic in planning. (18 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0009-4056
AD - Nieting, Peggy L.: Coastal Academy, Myrtle Beach, SC
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3116
T1 - Changes in the frequency of language use by Down's syndrome children interacting with nonretarded peers
A1 - Knox, Marie
Y1 - 1983///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1984-12559-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Down's Syndrome
KW - Language Development
KW - Peer Relations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 185
EP - 190
JF - Education & Training of the Mentally Retarded
VL - 18:
IS - 3

N2 - Investigated the changes in frequency of language used by 6 Down's syndrome children as they interacted
with nonretarded peers within a normal school playground setting. Two Ss were 3.5-4 yrs of age, 4 Ss were 6-7
yrs old. Each S was observed once a week over a 9-wk period. Recordings were made of the percentage of the
observation period engaged in interaction, frequency of initiation of an interaction, and frequency of responding
to peers' verbal directions. As a group, the Down's syndrome Ss demonstrated a positive relationship between
percentage of time engaged in interaction and the increasing frequency of language use in interaction. However,
a less consistent relationship emerged when scores were examined on an individual basis. Implications are
drawn regarding the benefits that may accrue to a retarded child from interaction with his/her nonretarded peers.
(18 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0013-1237
AD - Knox, Marie: Macquarie U School of Education, Unit for Rehabilitation Studies, North Ryde, Australia
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3117
T1 - The role of siblings during pediatric hospitalization
A1 - Knafl,Kathleen A.
Y1 - 1983///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1984-10370-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Hospitalized Patients
KW - Siblings
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 13
EP - 22
JF - Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing
JA - Issues Compr Pediatr Nurs
VL - 6:
IS - 1
N2 - Interviewed 56 families who had a hospitalized 5-12 yr old and 1 or more children (n = 104) living at
home who were under 18 yrs old. Results show that most siblings maintained regular, direct contact with the
hospitalized child. Almost half the siblings participated actively in accommodating family life to the
hospitalization by assuming additional responsibilities during this time. Parents reported negative responses to
the hospitalization in only 16% of the siblings. Negative responses clustered in those siblings cared for outside
their own home during the hospitalization and in the 4-21 yr age range. It is suggested that visits to the hospital
do not harm and may be beneficial to siblings. (8 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights
reserved)
SN - 0146-0862
AD - Knafl, Kathleen A.: U Illinois, Chicago
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3118
T1 - Development of social competencies: Preschool influences upon perspective taking and listening skill
development
A1 - DeMarsh,Joseph P.
Y1 - 1983///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1983-33556-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Group Discussion
Hypothesized that a highly structured adult-directed preschool program that used discussions, role playing, and social modeling would, in contrast to control-group comparisons, positively increase listening skills and perspective-taking competencies. 36 3-5 yr olds were assigned to experimental and control groups; Ss in the experimental group were placed in the 10-wk university preschool program. Ss were administered measures of affective and perceptual perspective taking and the Pre-Primary Auditory Screening Test pre- and postprogram. Comparison of scores indicated that affective perspective taking and listening skills increased with time. Perceptual perspective taking failed to demonstrate significant gains for either experimental or controls. However, listening skills and affective perspective taking showed significant increases between pre- and posttest measures for the experimental group, while affective perspective taking showed significant increases for controls. It is suggested that either maturation or a common experience outside of the preschool education accounted for intraindividual changes. (22 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
38 Black and 25 White kindergartners were observed during classroom instruction and during recess on school playgrounds in both the fall and spring. As compared with a random model of selecting same-color peers for social interaction, both Blacks and Whites showed same-color preferences in their social behavior. This tendency was greater during recess than during classroom instruction and was greater in spring (after the 1st 7-9 mo of schooling) than in the fall. Although neither Blacks nor Whites behaved differently toward other-color as compared with same-color peers, Whites talked relatively more than Blacks, and Blacks emitted relatively more negative behavior and commands than Whites. It is concluded that Black and White children indicated a preference for same-color peers at the beginning of kindergarten, that this preference increased over the school year, and that differences in behavioral style between Blacks and Whites may play a role in same-color preferences. (17 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
differentiated time-budgets on several dimensions: Time spent outdoors was more important in rural locations, as were outdoor play and walks. No differences were apparent among the other categories; TV viewing was equal across categories. Type of residence and socioeconomic level appeared to have little influence on the manner in which 10-yr-olds budgeted their time. (5 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3122
T1 - Movement therapy and the specific use of polarities with developmentally disabled children
A1 - Thompson, Laurel
Y1 - 1982//
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1984-31892-001
English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Attention Span
KW - Developmental Disabilities
KW - Eye Contact
KW - Treatment
KW - Verbal Communication
KW - Case Report
KW - Motor Performance
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 33
EP - 40
JF - Pratt Institute Creative Arts Therapy Review
N2 - Outlines the use of creative arts therapy with a boy (age 5 yrs 10 mo; IQ 52) who attended a school for the developmentally disabled. Movement therapy was inaugurated to help him reach the level of psychic organization that would allow him to make eye contact and relate his verbalizations to reality. The therapist began by mirroring the self-stimulation of S and introducing structured activities (e.g., play with hoop and balanced eye contact in a "hello-goodbye" game). Increasing mastery of movements initiated by the therapist helped S explore passivity and/or activity. S needed reassurance at this time that his body integration was being maintained; tracing lines of his body reinforced body part connections. When S began to introduce various prohibitions into the sessions, the 3rd and final level of organization of polarities had been reached. A "superhero" sequence of strength was used in the termination process; some regression occurred but outside of sessions S progressed in most activities, especially in his concentration and attention span. It is suggested that for polarities to be balanced, both opposing elements must be developed so that they present an appropriate pull for each other. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0196-8459
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Administered a questionnaire to parents of 54 preschool children attending a laboratory nursery school during the period 1975-1978; parents completed the questionnaire at the time of their children's admission. Results show that 88.8% of the children had one sibling or were only children. Almost all were full-term babies and had been immunized against disease. Most were right-handed and most had habits of nail-biting, thumb sucking, and nose picking. Their most common fears were of darkness and loud sounds. Milk, cereals, and pulses were liked by most children. Mothers selected toys for their children who liked to play indoors and outdoors; most preferred to play with siblings and friends. Interests in music, dance, clothes, and pets were commonly reported. The mother was the primary disciplinary agent. It is suggested that parent education programs are needed to help parents understand the needs of their children. (5 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Examine sex differences in the preferred play activities of 11 boys and 11 girls (aged 4-5 yrs) who attended an urban kindergarten and the influence of teacher participation and location of activities on such differences. Ss were observed during 9 play sessions, and play activity was recorded using a time-sampling method. Sex differences in play generally conformed to previous research. Boys had a high preference for sandpit play and other energetic outdoor activities, while girls preferred quieter, indoor activities. However, there were more similarities between the activities chosen and avoided by each sex than has previously been reported. Also, boys showed a relatively low frequency of aggression and rough play. While girls tended to choose activities in which their teachers were involved, their most-preferred activity was climbing. Although the presence of female teachers seemed to maintain many of the girls' stereotyped choices of activity, this same presence appeared to extend the range of boys' choices beyond activities that were stereotypically male. (12 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
examined. Finally, a sketch of the conditions that need to be considered for specific types of social behavior to be regulated by particular aspects of cognition is presented. (French abstract) (46 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0008-400X
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3127
T1 - Locus of control and task persistence in preschool children
A1 - Galejs, Irma
Y1 - 1982///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1983-06728-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Internal External Locus of Control
KW - Persistence
KW - Preschool Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 227
EP - 231
JF - The Journal of Social Psychology
VL - 117:
IS - 2
N2 - 16 preschool children were identified as having an internal or external locus of control based on the Stephens-Delys Reinforcement Contingency Interview and were observed interacting with peers, teachers, and classroom materials. It was predicted that internal Ss would show greater task persistence by spending more time in physical-motor, cognitive, and social activities, while external Ss would spend more time in non-task-involved behaviors, such as watching others and moving around. Results do not confirm this hypothesis. Findings are discussed in terms of a distinction between experimental and natural settings. (10 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0022-4545
AD - Galejs, Irma: Iowa State U, Ames
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 3128
T1 - Activities and interactions of severely handicapped and nonhandicapped students during recess at two integrated elementary schools
A1 - Baumgart, Diane J.
Y1 - 1982///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1982-74130-001
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Interpersonal Interaction
KW - Disorders
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 3099
EP - 4000
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International
VL - 42:
IS - 7-A
SN - 0419-4217
In Study 1, immediate imitation of peers was observed during free play in 4 groups of preschoolers (N = 67) ranging in age from 23 mo to 5 yrs. Amount of imitation decreased with age. A majority of imitations were followed by positive consequences in the form of maintained or increased social interaction, including counterimitation. Ss whose imitations were successful in this sense imitated more, while those who responded positively to being imitated were imitated more. Generally, there was a positive relationship between dominance and being imitated. There were no sex differences in imitating or being imitated. In Study 2, immediate imitation of both peers and adults was observed in 6 groups of preschoolers (N = 64) ranging in age from 27 mo to 5 yrs. The results for peer imitation replicated those of the 1st study. In addition, most of the Ss' imitations of adults were followed by positive consequences, although the content of peer and adult imitation differed. (10 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The sex-typed play behavior of 48 preschoolers (37-60 mo old) was assessed using (a) a behavioral sampling procedure within the laboratory, (b) the Toy Preference Test, and (c) observation within a classroom. All 3 measures proved to be internally consistent and/or stable over time, although the responses of males showed less consistency than those of females. Correlations for data from all Ss found that both laboratory measures correlated significantly with rates of "masculine" play in the classroom. When within-sex correlations were examined, however, neither laboratory measure consistently predicted Ss' classroom behavior. Results suggest that normal sex-typed play behavior in a naturalistic setting cannot be accurately predicted relative to their same-sex peers by means of the laboratory-based procedures typically employed in the literature. (26 ref)
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1982-24056-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Coping Behavior
KW - Imitation (Learning)
KW - Secondary Reinforcement
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 51
EP - 60
JF - Child Behavior Therapy
VL - 3:
IS - 1
N2 - Evaluated the relative efficacy of the components of a treatment package for aggressive behavior. 25 males (6-9 yrs old) were selected on the basis of observation and teacher and peer ratings of aggressive behavior. Five Ss were assigned to each of 5 groups: waiting list control, attention placebo, contingent reward, modeling, and modeling plus rehearsal. Five-day baseline and posttreatment phases consisted of daily participation in a verbal taunting game. Then, for 10 days, each treatment group participated in a verbal taunting game receiving token reinforcement for coping. The modeling group viewed a 3-min videotape of a coping model before participation, and the modeling plus rehearsal group viewed the videotape and verbally rehearsed coping statements before participation. Generalization measures on the school playground were conducted throughout the study. Results indicate the effectiveness of contingent reward, modeling, and modeling plus rehearsal procedures, and further indicate that the addition of modeling and rehearsal components to the contingent reward procedure may not be necessary. Suggestions for systematic replication are discussed. (11 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0162-1416
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3133
T1 - Cooperative play socialization among preschool children
A1 - Orlick,Terry
Y1 - 1981///<
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1982-09633-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Childrens Recreational Games
KW - Cooperation
KW - Socialization
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 54
EP - 63
JF - Journal of Individual Psychology
VL - 37:
IS - 1
N2 - Studied the effects of cooperative games on the cooperative behavior of 4-yr-olds. Ss were randomly assigned to 1 of 3 groups, each group evenly divided between the sexes: 10 were exposed to a cooperative games (CG) program, 8 to an individual games program, and 10 to free play (FP). Each group engaged in its program for 16 wks. Before and after this treatment, observations were made of the cooperative and noncooperative task behavior, physical contact, and verbal behavior of Ss during outdoor and indoor recess. Cooperative behavior outdoors increased significantly for CG Ss. Unexpectedly, noncooperative behavior increased significantly among FP Ss when playing indoors. There was a general tendency for all Ss to be more cooperative when playing outside. (21 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Social interaction and social organization of Israeli five- to seven-year-olds
Hertz-Lazarowitz, Rachel; Feitelson, Dina; Zahavi, Shoshana; Hartup, Willard

Observed 408 kindergartners and 1st graders in outdoor free play, 40 min each day, for 3 continuous wks. Social interactions and social organization were recorded using a modified version of M. B. Parten's (1932) system of categorization. Findings show that Ss engaged mainly in positive-active behaviors. Solitary play and onlooker behavior accounted for 30% of Ss' social behavior. Parallel play occurred less frequently than reported earlier for younger children, although no age differences were observed between kindergartners and 1st graders. Boys were significantly more active than girls and exhibited negative social interaction more frequently. Social organization was balanced. Ss were observed 57% in dyads, 27% in groups of 3 and 4, and 14% in groups with more than 5 Ss. Kindergartners participated in significantly smaller groups than 1st graders. (29 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Play behaviors of handicapped preschool children in the presence and absence of nonhandicapped peers
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Observed 408 kindergartners and 1st graders in outdoor free play, 40 min each day, for 3 continuous wks. Social interactions and social organization were recorded using a modified version of M. B. Parten's (1932) system of categorization. Findings show that Ss engaged mainly in positive-active behaviors. Solitary play and onlooker behavior accounted for 30% of Ss' social behavior. Parallel play occurred less frequently than reported earlier for younger children, although no age differences were observed between kindergartners and 1st graders. Boys were significantly more active than girls and exhibited negative social interaction more frequently. Social organization was balanced. Ss were observed 57% in dyads, 27% in groups of 3 and 4, and 14% in groups with more than 5 Ss. Kindergartners participated in significantly smaller groups than 1st graders. (29 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
their preschool playground. Play behaviors directed toward self, toys, teachers, and peers were recorded using a time sampling procedure. Repeated measures analyses revealed that handicapped Ss engaged in less peer-directed and more teacher-directed behaviors than the similar CA but developmentally more advanced normal Ss. During the combined group play situation, normal Ss directed more behaviors to their own classmates, while handicapped Ss directed approximately equal amounts of behavior to their own classmates and to their normal peers. These and other results suggest that normal Ss were not negatively affected and the handicapped Ss were positively affected by the integrated play situation. (21 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3136
T1 - Positive socialization via cooperative games. [References]
A1 - Orlick,Terry D.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1981-28893-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Cooperation
KW - Games
KW - Kindergarten Students
KW - Sharing (Social Behavior)
KW - Teaching Methods
KW - Happiness
KW - Socialization
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 426
EP - 429
JF - Developmental Psychology
JA - Dev Psychol
VL - 17:
IS - 4
N2 - Assessed the effects of a cooperatively structured games program on sharing and on happiness when playing games among 71 5-yr-olds. Ss consisted of 4 intact, half-day kindergarten classes from 2 schools. Each school had 1 experimental group and 1 control group, both of which were taught by the same classroom teacher. Experimental groups were exposed to an 18-wk cooperative games program, and control groups were exposed to a traditional games program of equal duration. Pre- and postmeasures on a candy-sharing task revealed that Ss in the cooperative games program increased their sharing significantly more than did those in the traditional games program. Overall happiness when playing games outside of school increased for all groups. (12 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0012-1649
AD - Orlick, Terry D.: U Ottawa, Canada
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3137
T1 - Social relations among 2 1/2 to 3 year old children: Role of imitation and study of interactions. [French]
A1 - Winnykamen,F.
Y1 - 1980///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1983-00897-001
French
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Imitation (Learning)
Data are presented for 5 Ss from a larger investigation that included 20 21/2-3 yr olds from 3 daycare centers. 15-min filmed observations were made during 4 types of activities characteristic of the centers: meals, indoor and outdoor free play, seat work, and directed play. Four categories of behaviors were coded: imitation, coaction, initiation, and response. Ss' behaviors can generally be described as socialized. Imitation, which appeared as a positive social behavior, was used to establish contact. Response behaviors were more numerous than initiation behaviors. (31 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Investigated in 3 studies the active vs reactive dimension of development as a personality variable called engagement style. Ss were 51 male undergraduates, who completed Rotter's Internal-External Locus of Control Scale, and 403 2nd-12th graders. The dimension of development refers to the perception one has of oneself either as doing (agent) or being done to (patient). The dimension is distinguished from similar constructs, such as locus of control and locus of causality. A semi-projective measure of engagement style was developed and was demonstrated to yield high reliability coefficients. In studies using the Test of Engagement Style, the following hypotheses were confirmed. Boys from large families had more extreme scores (i.e., more agent or more patient) than those from small families. Agency scores declined significantly with age from childhood to adolescence. Boys from entrepreneurial family settings had higher agency scores than those from bureaucratic settings, while girls whose mothers work outside the home were more agent than those whose mothers are not so employed. Just as the active-reactive dimension is currently a focal point in developmental theorizing, engagement style is seen as an important analogous personal construct. (50 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
The effects of sex, structure and social interaction on preschoolers' play behaviors in a naturalistic setting

Observe play behavior of 9 male and 9 female preschool children in their natural environment. The study focused on the general demographics of free-play behavior, sex differences in the uses of various play areas, the effect of different play areas on the incidence of make-believe vs exploratory play, and the differential influence of play area on social interaction. Results indicate that both boys and girls used areas that had traditionally been thought of as sex-typed. For example, both sexes appeared with equal frequencies in the household area and the block and truck area. Within these areas, the sexes apportioned their time equally in terms of play activities. Overall, the household area elicited more make-believe play and social interaction than did the other play areas.

Development of search procedures in real-life spatial environments. [References]
Children's abilities to search for missing objects in real-life environments were investigated in 2 studies with a total of 70 2 yr 7 mo-6 yr 2 mo old Ss. Exp I involved searches of 8 locations on a school playground; Exp II involved searches of 8 large cupboards. In each study, Ss performed a free search followed by a logical search. In free search, the S was instructed to search the 8 locations to find a missing item. In logical search, a critical search area within the 8 locations was defined for the Ss on the basis of (a) where the item was last seen and (b) where it was first discovered missing. In free search, more older than younger Ss searched each location at least once and searched all locations sequentially. Detailed comparisons of search patterns under the free and logical conditions revealed that older Ss understood the critical search area. In contrast, younger Ss’ searches under the logical condition depended on one salient association of a location with the missing item. The developmental trends indicated that several memory and logical processes determine search procedures. The development and integration of these processes are discussed. (8 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Administered the Junior Eysenck Personality Inventory to 334 children ages 11-13 yrs. S's familiarity with the area's traditional outdoor games had previously been tested by multiple-choice questions and by asking them to list games from memory. A "home orientation" rating was also obtained from their reported attachment to indoor activities, including reading, hobbies, and TV. No relationships were found between extraversion, rejection of indoor activities, and familiarity with outdoor games. Daily exposure to school playgrounds was the most important factor in S's knowledge of traditional games, rather than personality or out-of-school habits. (19 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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Previous research has indicated that interpersonal touch is more likely for female than for male children, more likely for same-gender dyads, and more likely for Black than for White children. The effects of race and social class on touch have not been observed separately. In the present study, a total of 274 3-5 yr old children were observed at play in Black low-income, Black middle-income, White low-income, and White middle-income preschools. Rates of touch were higher for low-income children in inside play areas and higher for same-gender pairs. In outside play areas, touch was higher for Black same-gender pairs, but there was no race difference in touch for different-gender pairs. In general, rates of touch were higher than those previously reported for older American children and adults, but lower than those for both children and adults from some other cultures. (13 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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discriminate between those acts imitated by the younger and those imitated by the older Ss. Dominant Ss (assessed by the amount of time an S was looked at and by teachers' ratings) were imitated more; in 4 of the 5 groups dominant Ss imitated more than nondominant ones. Among preschoolers, boys imitated more and were imitated more than girls. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3148
T1 - Crowding and aggressive behavior among school children. [French]
A1 - Desportes, Michele; Lemaire, Jean-Marie
Y1 - 1978///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1981-21057-001
French
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Crowding
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 937
EP - 944
JF - Bulletin de Psychologie
VL - 32:
IS - 18
N2 - Tested the hypothesis that crowded conditions increase aggressive behaviors. 10 male and 8 female elementary school students were observed twice weekly for 8 consecutive weeks during noon recreation on a crowded and an uncrowded day on the school playground. The 45-min recreation period was divided into 9 segments of 5 min each, and each S was observed once during each segment. Observed aggressive behaviors were coded into 5 categories: moderate verbal attack, menacing verbal attack, physical teasing, menacing gestures, and physical attack. Conditions of crowding in the home were reported from a parent questionnaire. No interaction effects were obtained between aggressive behaviors and density of crowding on the playground; however, Ss who displayed most aggressive behaviors tended to live in crowded home conditions. (9 ref)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3149
T1 - Behaviorally based masculine- and feminine-activity-preference scales for preschoolers: Correlates with other classroom behaviors and cognitive tests. [References]
A1 - Connor, Jane M.
Y1 - 1977///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2007-17572-027
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Classroom Behavior
KW - Preference Measures
KW - Sex Roles
KW - Test Construction
KW - Femininity
KW - Human Sex Differences
KW - Intelligence
KW - Masculinity
KW - Preschool Students
N2 - 2 sets of scales were developed designed to measure the strength of sex typing in children's play patterns in a naturalistic setting. Over a 12-week observational period, the scales based upon those activities showing a sex difference in play preferences appeared to be more stable than those scales based upon adult ratings of masculine and feminine activities. Masculine and feminine activity preferences, as measured by the more stable scales, were correlated with observational measures of other classroom behavior and performance on 3 cognitive tests. These results suggested that (a) many children have already learned to avoid opposite-sex activities by the time they enter nursery school; (b) sex-role learning during the preschool period appears to involve increasing attention to same-sex activities; and (c) the development of visual-spatial ability in boys is related to involvement in masculine activities. The advantages of a behaviorally based definition of masculine and feminine activity preference are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
T1 - Some empirical studies concerning social integration in the "Orientierungsstufe." [German]
A1 - Charlton, Michael; Marx, Rita; Rudolph, Horst; Sievers, Beate
Y1 - 1977///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status: Unknown: 1980-02018-001

German Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status: Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Parental Occupation
KW - Social Class
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Student Attitudes
KW - Peer Relations
KW - Socioeconomic Class Attitudes
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 47
EP - 68

JF - Zeitschrift fur Empirische Padagogik
VL - 1:
IS - 4

N2 - In the 1st 2 classes of a pilot program for an integrated "Orientierungsstufe" (orientation classes for later choice of schools, Grades 5 and 6) in a Hamburg school, samples were taken for an "Ideal-Real" comparison of the extent of social integration in these classes. The following methods were used for verification: (a) a sociometric rating system: changes in sociometrical status during the 2-yr coeducational period (126 Ss); (b) behavioral observation: association frequency during recess (181 Ss); and (c) an attitude questionnaire: stereotype expectancies concerning members of the different social classes and their influence on the choice of friends (156 Ss). Certain classrooms showed class preferences when choosing a playmate. The expectancies regarding a doctor's son vs a dock worker's son differed significantly; these expectancies, however, were highly differentiated. On the whole, the extent of actual social integration in the school tested could be regarded as satisfactory. (34 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3152
T1 - Altruism in children: The significance of nonverbal behavior
A1 - Ginsburg, Harvey J.
Y1 - 1977///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1979-30770-001

English Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
KW - Altruism
KW - Cues
KW - Gestures
KW - Judgment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 82
EP - 86

JF - Journal of Communication
VL - 27:
IS - 4

N2 - Observed 108 boys in Grades 3-6 for 12 wks during their recess hour on the school playground and videotaped incidents of fighting between 2 boys. Of 281 fights, 46 ended as a result of aid given by a 3rd boy. Analysis of the videotapes suggested that such acts of altruism had a high probability of occurrence when the aggressor failed to heed gestures communicating submission by the child under attack. In a 2nd study, 30 boys
and girls in Grades 4 and 5 were asked to predict whether a videotaped segment of a fight would be terminated by the intervention of a 3rd child or of its own accord. Although Ss had difficulty verbalizing the reasons for their judgments, the children could predict an act of altruism on the basis of nonverbal cues that took place between participants in a fight. Implications of the miscommunication of nonverbal cues between aggressor and the child under attack are discussed in terms of the "bystander effect." (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3153
T1 - The outdoor behavior of Chicano children in Colorado
A1 - Auslander, Nathan
Y1 - 1977///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1979-07494-001
Journal: Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
English
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Poverty Areas
KW - Recreation Areas
KW - Rural Environments
KW - Sex Linked Developmental Differences
KW - Urban Environments
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Mexican Americans
KW - Social Behavior
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 214
EP - 216
JF - Man-Environment Systems
VL - 7:
IS - 4
N2 - Describes a study of Chicano children 3-12 yrs old, of both sexes, living in 3 poverty areas in Colorado, 1 rural and 2 urban. Observations were made in early and late afternoon, 7 days/wk, in each of the 4 seasons. Results are summarized briefly as they show differences according to site, sex, and ages of the Ss. A troublesome finding in the urban areas is that the girls do not get a fair share of outdoor activity. They are more closely supervised and learn a more passive role than boys. At all sites different children use different spaces, and for different activities. The implications of the study for the design of schools for children are outlined. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3154
T1 - Children's playgrounds: Survey of accidents
Y1 - 1977///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1978-28452-001
Journal: Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
English
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Accidents
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Preferences
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 8
The British Research Institute for Consumer Affairs conducted research on children's preferences, use, and accidents on different types of conventional play equipment. Methods included inspections of all playgrounds in 4 parliamentary constituencies, and surveys of parents, 7-12 yr old children, and hospital accident and emergency department reports in 3 additional communities. Preferences and use patterns ranged from high on flat swings and big combination slides to low for climbing frames, and various rocking horses and boats. All measures indicated that accidents were most pronounced on swings (23-51% of all accidents), then roundabouts (10-32%), slides (10-23%), and climbing frames (1-28%). The most common causes of injuries were (a) the surfaces on which the child fell, and (b) moving equipment. The Design Council of Great Britain estimates that at least 20,000 playground accidents a year need hospital treatment; the Research Institute for Consumer Affairs estimates that all accidents treated either by a doctor or a hospital approximate 150,000/yr. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Tested the hypothesis that a child's displays of human submission involving diminished body stature have a higher probability of terminating attack by an aggressor than other behaviors exhibited by the child during an agonistic encounter. Groups of 28-34 8-12 yr old male elementary school students were observed in 24 40-min sessions over a 6-wk period. A videotape unit was activated whenever the initiation of agonistic interaction was observed. Results indicate that behaviors involving a diminution of body stature (kneeling, bowing, shoe tying) were found to precede the cessation of agonistic activity between the students significantly more frequently than other forms of behavior exhibited by the student under attack (e.g., threat displays, face-to-face interaction). It is suggested that to the extent that the aggressive encounters of children during play activity represent at least one form of human agonistic activity, a constellation of behaviors exist which serve an appeasement function.

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Previous research has demonstrated that the connotations of the color white are positive and the connotations of the color black are negative. The present study investigated the relationship between children's response to these colors and their interracial behavior. 20 Black and White male and female 4-5 yr olds were observed in a free play situation on a school playground. Color preference and color attitudes were measured in 3 different ways. A correlation was found between playground behavior (i.e., positive or negative play with peers) and response to the colors black and white as measured in a situation in which Ss guessed the locus of origin of positive and negative self-evaluative statements broadcast simultaneously from black and white boxes. The correlation was substantially higher for females than for males. The high correlation for females is discussed in terms of a difference between the sexes in rate of perceptual and linguistic development.

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N2 - Attempted to answer the question, "Can a preschool classroom be designed in which children function at a high level of involvement without being directed and restricted by adults?" The 2-fold approach to this question involved studying 5 private nursery school classrooms and measuring the degree of involvement exhibited by the children in those rooms during free play. The classrooms were rated for quality through the use of a modified form of an instrument designed by Prescott, Jones, and Kritchevsky for studying playgrounds. The rooms with the higher ratings for space quality had fewer uninvolved children. The findings indicate a relationship between the quality of a play area, as defined and measured by the instrument, and young children's involvement there during free play. It is concluded that the instrument used is potentially useful for designing and evaluating classrooms. (19 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record © 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0017-2839
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3160
T1 - Free-play fantasy behavior in preschool children: Relations among gender, age, season, and location
A1 - Sanders, Karen M.
Y1 - 1976///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1977-20907-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Age Differences
KW - Childhood Play Development
KW - Environment
KW - Seasonal Variations
KW - Sex Linked Developmental Differences
KW - Imagination
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1182
EP - 1185
JF - Child Development
JA - Child Dev
VL - 47:
IS - 4
N2 - Time-sampled observations were made of the free-play fantasy behavior of 4 groups of 10 3-5 yr olds in a preschool setting. Males displayed more, and more active, fantasy play than females; older Ss engaged in more make-believe than younger ones. Increases in fantasy play over the year depended on age, sex, and the nature of the activity. Males and older Ss performed more make-believe play outdoors than females and younger Ss. Whereas interactive fantasy play was shown more often by males and older Ss, cooperative role taking was more common among females. The greater role-taking fantasy play of females as compared with males was not simply a function of the females greater use of a "homemaking" play area. The opportunity for outdoor play may be related to the greater overall fantasy play of males. (PsycINFO Database Record © 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0009-3920
AD - Sanders, Karen M.: U California, Davis
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3162
T1 - Levels of aggression in a traditional and a pluralistic school
A1 - Johnston, Kathleen D.
Y1 - 1976///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1977-04397-001
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Aggressive Behavior
Tested the hypothesis that less aggression would be observed on the playground of a pluralistic school than on the playground of a traditional school. This hypothesis is based on the notion that the pluralistic school environment would be less frustrating to the student, and therefore students would be less likely to aggress during recess. Two undergraduates, naive to the purpose of the study, observed and tabulated 1st-3rd graders' aggressive verbalizations and behaviors during morning recesses at a pluralistic and a traditional school. The majority of pupils at each school were lower class. The traditional school was 30% Chicano, 5% Black, and 63% White, while the pluralistic school was 31% Chicano, 27% Black, and 38% White. Results indicate that significantly less physical and verbal aggression occurred on the playground at the pluralistic school. It is suggested that the implications of these results may be particularly valuable to the education of lower class and minority children.
Data on peer relations were obtained when 35 males and 27 females were 21/2 yrs old and again when they were 71/2 yrs old. Ss who at age 21/2 were friendly, involved with their peers, and able to cope with aggressive peers were likely, at age 71/2, to spend many hours outside school with peers, to be socially at ease, and to be the ones who decided with whom they would play and what they would play. In other words, sociability at 21/2 was positively related to sociability at 71/2. Social behavior at 71/2 had very different meanings for males than for females. The highly social males, when with peers, tended to have extensive peer relations; that is, they usually played with groups of males. The highly social females, when with peers, tended to have intensive peer relations; that is, they usually played with only 1 other female. (28 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
N2 - Observed 2 classes of 20 children each, one group aged 5 and another aged 6-8, in accordance with beliefs that (a) spontaneous language and action reflect the thoughts of children more realistically than answers to the interview questions, that have traditionally, been used by most child development researchers; and (b) specially trained, outside researchers and evaluators are unnecessary for the valid documentation of social and moral development within schools, since observation, record keeping, and reflection upon child development constitute half of teaching. 307 children-to-teacher comments collected over 14 school days shed light on (a) children's concepts of school rules; (b) the effects on children of time schedules and of activity type and procedures; and (c) behavioral differences between ages and individuals. Explanations are suggested for findings. The relationship of the study to J. Piaget's views on environmental and social interaction effects on child development is discussed. Limitations of the study and its implications for further research are detailed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Observed 3-5 yr old children's free-play activities over a 2-yr period. Boys played outdoors consistently more than did girls, and girls spent more time indoors at craft tables and in the kitchen. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Compared 72 children who attended 8 preschool playgrounds for disadvantaged children in Belfast with 72 who attended the same playgrounds exactly twelve months later and with a control group of 72 nonattenders. Retests 6 mo after initial testing on the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test and the Columbia Mental Maturity Scale, when the mean ages of the 3 groups were 50, 49, and 49 mo respectively, revealed significant differences between attenders and nonattenders on both measures. Between-playgroup and between-cohort differences were not significant. These effects, which occurred in the context of a traditional nursery curriculum, are attributed to the variety of activities in which the children were encouraged to engage and the warmth, interest, and participation of the playgroup leaders. (17 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Reported relations between data from a simple and reliable activity recorder, O data of vigorous play in outdoor and indoor settings, and teachers' ratings of 58 21/2-yr-old children. The recorder consists of 3 small manual wristwatches placed in a small packet so that each watch records movement in 1 of 3 dimensions (horizontal, vertical, or lateral). Any movement across 1 dimension results in a movement of the sweep-hand of the appropriate watch. Data from the recorder were highly related to other objective data for both sexes outdoors, but only males showed generality of play across situations. Recorder data showed males more active than females and were related to nearly all teachers' ratings for both sexes. (15 ref) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Determined whether preference scaling techniques could be used to aid engineering system design. Children's play equipment was selected as the design area. Paired comparison and rank-order methods were used to determine whether 48 3rd-4th graders had preferences for different types of play equipment; whether these preferences were reliable over time; and whether actual use of play equipment was predictable from the preference scales developed. Photographic stimuli were used for the scaling and were presented to Ss. The frequency of use of play equipment was also determined using time-lapse photography. Results indicate that (a) Ss did have stable and reliable preferences for play equipment and (b) these preferences were correlated with actual usage of the equipment. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Investigated the play preferences of 68 junior, senior nursery, and kindergarten school children in Delhi. Ages ranged from 4 yrs, 2 mo to 5 yrs, 3 mo. Ss were drawn from all socioeconomic status categories. Each child was observed 45 min daily for 5 days continuously by the classroom teacher during play situations. Ranks based on total preference scores were used to indicate the preference of the group for different play equipments. Slide, sound pit, nesting frames, and crayon drawing were found to be the preferred play activities. No relationship was seen in the play preference between boys and girls in kindergarten for outdoor games. The trend for indoor games at the junior nursery level was similar. Girls showed contrasting play preferences across educational levels. Results are interpreted in terms of maturational factors. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

Used a single-S research design to examine the effects of peer modeling on arithmetic-task attention in 3 males 9, 10, and 11 yr. old. Models were chosen on the basis of playground observations and introduced for brief periods in the classroom near the target Ss. Time spent looking at assignments increased for 2 Ss, and produced adverse effects in the 3rd. Differential uses of modeling techniques in the classroom are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0428-7355
ER - 
TY - JOUR
ID - 3175
T1 - Relationships of space utilization by children with selected aspects of behavior
A1 - Mulhauser, Frederick A.
Y1 - 1972///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status: 1973-24602-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status: Unknown
KW - Motor Development
KW - Motor Processes
KW - Perceptual Development
KW - Playgrounds
KW - Recreation
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 47
EP - 54
JF - Research Quarterly
JA - Res Q
VL - 43:
IS - 1
N2 - Filmed 54 kindergartners while at play on the school playground. Space utilization was assessed by 10-min film segments taken on each of 6 randomly selected days covering a 7-wk period. Ss were also given the Bender Visual-Motor Gestalt Test, 3 performance subtests of the Wechsler Preschool Primary Scale of Intelligence, a body image test, a body-size concept test, and a self-drawing task (to measure space utilization in graphic production). Results lend support to the concept that young children can be differentiated by the amount of space each uses while engaged in self-initiated nonstructured locomotor movement. Also, relationships were found between space utilization by children and selected aspects of behavior. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - Mulhauser, Frederick A.: Wayne State U
ER - 
TY - JOUR
ID - 3176
T1 - The activity-interaction group: A process for short-term counseling with elementary school children
A1 - Komechak, Marilyn G.
Y1 - 1971///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status: 1973-07869-001
English
Journal; Peer-Reviewed Status: Unknown
KW - Educational Counseling
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Group Counseling
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 13
EP - 20
JF - Elementary School Guidance & Counseling
VL - 6:
IS - 1
N2 - Presents a model for counseling groups of elementary school children which synthesizes theory and practice derived from T-group theory, developmental psychology, perceptual psychology, client-centered counseling, behaviorism, and the humanistic-existential orientation. The rationale for the use of this model in an educational setting is discussed. Group structure and guidelines for counselor behavior are described.
Descriptions and interpretations of 4 sessions with 1 female and 2 male 5-6 yr. olds are presented. It is concluded that the activity-interaction model allows for the arrangement of conditions required for learning and functioning both within and outside of the school. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

SN - 0013-5976
AD - Komechak, Marilyn G.: Child Study Center, Ft. Worth, Tex
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3177
T1 - Improved classroom performance by reinforcement outside of the classroom
A1 - McIntire,Roger; Davis,Gayle; Pumroy,Donald
Y1 - 1970///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1970-19514-001
English
Journal: Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Classrooms
KW - Elementary School Students
KW - Reinforcement
KW - School Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 747
EP - 748
JF - Proceedings of the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association
VL - 5:
IS - Pt. 2
N2 - Each day, percentage scores on classroom and homework papers determined assignment of 26 5th and 27 6th grade students into 3 groups. Children who were above 90% or had 10% improvement were given access to all activities in a project room. Children with less than 10% improvement were given limited access to the activities. Children who decreased more than 10% were restricted to teaching machines. When spelling scores were no longer included in percentage scores, spelling scores decreased. When spelling was again counted but math was not, spelling scores increased and math scores decreased. Individual performances are presented for these reversals. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
AD - McIntire, Roger: U. Maryland
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3178
T1 - The effect of problem-solving training on the creative art work of sixth grade students
A1 - Slapo,Daniel
Y1 - 1969///
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1971-31736-001
English
Journal: Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Cognitive Processes
KW - Creativity
KW - Drawing
KW - Elementary School Students
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 42
EP - 62
JF - Graduate Research in Urban Education & Related Disciplines
VL - 4:
IS - 2
N2 - Studied how to help children incorporate more original ideas into their art production. Ss were 30 6th graders. The instructional material was a series of problem-solving tasks presented in detective stories with cartoon illustrations in booklet form. There were 16 lessons with an average of 35 pages each. An opaque projector was used in order for the trainer to read to the entire class at 1 time and was followed up by oral discussions of the problems. The test was a framed 6” * 9 1/2” paper on which the S drew a picture appropriate to children playing in a school yard. Ss’ drawings were evaluated by 4 art teachers as to whether they were stimulus-free or stimulus-bound, and on originality. Results indicate that the experimental group of 15 did significantly better on these variables than did the 15 controls. Findings suggest that schoolchildren are trained to give responses similar to teachers’ directions. Training by projecting the lessons on a screen to the entire class encouraged oral discussion and produced enthusiasm and involvement. Further study is needed to see if this creative expression remains with these Ss or if continuous training is necessary. The study indicates that creative expression can be stifled or developed in accord with atmosphere and curriculum variables. (34 ref.) (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

AD - Slapo, Daniel: City Coll., City U. New York, School of Education

TY - JOUR
ID - 3179
T1 - Perception of prejudice in Mexican-American preschool children
A1 - Werner,Norma E; Evans,Idella
Y1 - 1968//
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 1969-09543-001
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Color Perception
KW - Prejudice
KW - Visual Discrimination
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1039
EP - 1046
JF - Perceptual and Motor Skills
VL - 27:
IS - 3, Pt. 2
N2 - Conducted structured doll-play interviews with 40 Mexican-American 4- and 5-yr-olds, to explore where and when skin color discrimination and the evaluation of color differences occur. The study attempted to determine whether discrimination and evaluation occur simultaneously and whether they were functions of the S’s age and sex, or exposure to group participation outside the home. The Ss tended to group the dolls by sex and size before grouping them by skin color. Evaluation on the basis of skin color occurred at the same time the discrimination was made, “good” dolls being white and “bad” dolls dark. After exposure to school the doll with which the child identified was white, with a tendency for boys to perceive the white adult male doll as larger than the dark one of the same size. Major dimensions of good and bad parents and good and bad children were inferred from the S’s descriptions of their behavior. Results have been related to comparable studies with regard to Negro and Oriental children and the similarities and differences discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0031-5125
AD - Werner, Norma E.: San Jose State Coll
ER -
N1 - Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown: 1969-04526-001
NonEnglish
Journal: Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Games
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Teaching Methods
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 26
EP - 29
JF - Doshkol'Noe Vospitanie
VL - 41:
IS - 9

N2 - Reports on observations made in the course of a study of the possibilities of teaching the principles of social behavior in older preschool children by means of collective games (both didactic and outdoor) where rules are observed. Desired outcomes are not immediate and require a long time to develop under the guidance of the teacher, since in the beginning the decisive influence on the behavior of children is not so much the rules as the behavior of play-partners, their attitude toward the rules, and the ability to influence playmates.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3181
T1 - SOCIAL BEHAVIOR OF FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN DURING OUTDOOR PLAY IN DAY CARE CENTERS
A1 - HUGGINS, JOYCE M.
Y1 - 1966///
N1 - Dissertation Abstract: 1967-03278-001
English
Dissertation Abstract
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Recreation
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Teachers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 993
EP - 994
JF - Dissertation Abstracts International
VL - 27:
IS - 4-A
SN - 0419-4217
AD - HUGGINS, JOYCE M.: ARIZONA STATE U
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3182
T1 - The case for a transitional first grade
A1 - Oberlin, Diana S.
Y1 - 1965///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-17088-008
English
Journal: Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Academic Underachievement
KW - Educational Programs
KW - School Based Intervention
KW - School Readiness
The following report is a summary of what the Mountainside system has been attempting by way of early identification of a child's developmental level and needs, readiness for learning, and the ways learning can be fostered. In the spring of 1963, on reviewing the number of underachievers in the upper grades who were recognized as early as 1955-1957, but for whom no recommendation was made, and in recognizing the large number of immature and/or anxious children in the kindergarten and considering the competitive situation which such children encounter at the first grade level, it was decided by the administration to form a special first grade, which for want of a better term was named the Transitional First Grade. The major purpose of this transitional first grade was to allow children who needed extra growing and learning time to have the opportunity for a more individualized program, extra and special materials, a specialist teacher who has worked with nursery and kindergarten level children, plus the socialization opportunities of playground, music, special programs with the other children in more formal first grades. Twenty children were found to be eligible for the transitional first grade. The twenty sets of parents were then separately interviewed by the psychologist and the principal of the school the child attended. Of the twenty sets of parents interviewed, four elected to send the child to a private school first grade, and one family was so emotionally disturbed by the whole situation that its child was placed in a formal first grade. The transitional class was thus started in September 1963 with fifteen pupils. Advantages and disadvantages of the transitional first grade are discussed. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
of behavior, and the complexity of social participation. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0009-3920
ER - 
TY - JOUR
ID - 3184
T1 - Recording a child's behavior during routines
A1 - Cohen,Dorothy H.
Y1 - 1958///
N1 - Book: 2008-18848-003
English
Book; Authored Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Behavior
KW - Daily Activities
KW - Early Childhood Development
KW - Observation Methods
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 9
EP - 25
JF - Cohen, Dorothy H; Stern, Virginia
VL - : 
IS - 1958
N2 - (from the chapter) Since we need a starting point, let us start with observing a child at tasks and behavior that make up so much a part of a young child's life--the routines. At school we generally think of these as clean-up, toileting, snack-time, lunch, rest, etc. These are the "uncreative" but necessary aspects of the program that are repeated day after day, the activities around which many a program revolves. Let us look at a child about to become involved in a routine--for example, getting dressed for outdoors. Although this seems to be a simple and obvious activity, let us look at a child with the following questions in mind: What is the stimulus for the activity? What is the setting? What seem to be the child's reactions? It sounds as though each of these questions requires an answer, as in a questionnaire. On the contrary, the questions are only reminders of things to be aware of as you are observing. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
ER - 
TY - JOUR
ID - 3185
T1 - Situational differences in leader behavior. [References]
A1 - Hare,A.
Y1 - 1957///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2005-14242-002
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Leadership Style
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Playgrounds
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 132
EP - 135
JF - The Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology
VL - 55:
IS - 1
Two types of leaders have been contrasted in the child study literature since the early 1930’s, one group-oriented, the other, self-oriented. In the present research, systematic observations of boys of each type are made on the school playground, where these patterns have been observed in the past, and in the more intimate, less competitive situation of the back yard. Six group-oriented leaders and six self-oriented leaders were selected from the third grades of four New England public schools on the basis of a teacher’s rating and ratings by two previous observers of the boys. During the winter and spring of 1954 these twelve nine-year-old boys were observed on the playground during a free play period and in the neighborhood, using the set of categories for interaction process analysis developed by Bales. The clinical judgments of teachers and social scientists are not entirely validated since boys of both leader types show the same amount of aggression on the school playground, although the self-oriented leader is more aggressive in the neighborhood. Other expected differences appear since the self-oriented leader gives fewer suggestions and shows more tension in both situations. The major finding of this research is that there are more differences between situations than between the two leader styles. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3186
T1 - A simultaneous observation-and-recording method with specimen records of activity patterns in young children. [References]
A1 - Washburn,Ruth W.
Y1 - 1936//
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-15702-012
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Activity Level
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Observation Methods
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 74
EP - 82
JF - Psychological Monographs
VL - 47:
IS - 2
N2 - For a number of years one of the primary concerns of those interested in the children who make up what is known as the Nursery Group at the Clinic of Child Development has been objectification of the records of observations of the spontaneous behavior of these young children during free play periods. The important question of method in the study of the social behavior of young children has recently been summarized and evaluated elsewhere. In this study, the 15 subjects were drawn from a group of normal, healthy children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. Three of the 15 children were in daily attendance in the Nursery during the academic year. Seventy-five observations were made, 5 observations of the activity patterns of each child. At least 2 of the 5 observations were outdoors. Each observation was 5 min. in length. The records obtained by the use of the device not only enable one to account relatively accurately for each second of time during which a child is under observation, but they also have a cinematographic quality. It is increasingly evident that this recording device can be used in making observations of many categories of behavior. It tends to increase the observer’s objectivity and to decrease the tendency to interpret observations. The results show that if several observers, each one interested in a different behavior category, could make their observations of a child's behavior during the same 5-min. period, and then "pool" their observations, a relatively complete picture might result. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
SN - 0096-9753
AD - Washburn, Ruth W.: Yale University, New Haven, CT, US
T1 - The child's day in the preschool
Y1 - 1934///
N1 - Book: 2008-18814-004
English
Book; Authored Book
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Nursery Schools
KW - Preschool Education
KW - Age Differences
KW - Recreation Areas
KW - School Nurses
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 25
EP - 26
JF - Iowa Child Welfare Research Station
VL - :
IS - 1934

N2 - (create) This chapter discusses the preschool schedule of activities. Similarities and differences between the age groups (age 2-5) are discussed. Specific topics include daily inspection by the school nurse, and outdoor play. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3188
T1 - Playground behavior differentiating artistic from non-artistic children. [References]
A1 - Dow, Mildred
Y1 - 1933///
N1 - Peer Reviewed Journal: 2011-15504-009
English
Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal
KW - PsycInfo
KW - Artistic Ability
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Childhood Play Behavior
KW - Personality
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 82
EP - 94
JF - Psychological Monographs
VL - 45:
IS - 1

N2 - The question as to whether differences in personality distinguish individuals of one profession from those of another has received considerable attention in both popular and psychological thought. In the present study the following questions were considered: (a) is there a difference in the reaction patterns of an artistically superior group of children as compared to an artistically inferior group of children; (b) is there a difference in the amount of progressive activity of this artistically superior group as compared to the amount of progressive activity of this artistically inferior group. The subjects used for this comparison were children selected from the Preschool of the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station and the Iowa University Elementary School. We find that the Z group, both boys and girls, excel the X group in progressive activity on equipped playgrounds. The boys of the Z group are considerably more active than the girl, but the Z girl is considerably more active than the X boys. In general we conclude that probably the primary difference between artistic and inartistic groups is revealed in the greater interest of the artistic group and the correspondingly greater response to play materials. According to the above results because of their greater inactivity, girls may devote more time to play with materials of which art materials are a part. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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ER - 
Two boys between six and seven years of age were observed for a total of 500 minutes in periods of approximately five minutes' duration. The observations were made in the playroom and on the playground of a child placing institution during regular play periods. The material on each child was analyzed and classified into 42 categories in such a manner as to have mutually exclusive groupings of 50 minutes each for intercorrelations. The instances of occurrence of certain types of behavior, such as facial movements, contact with others, walking, etc., were counted. Examination of data indicates that large samples of observed behavior show a higher reliability than small samples. However, even in 50-minute groupings, when conditions of observation are carefully controlled and short periodic observations are made, the mean reliability is well above .80, while 100-minute groupings are slightly below .90 and 150-min-minute groupings are about .92.
psychology of early childhood and the psychology of school-age is no less marked than that between first education and school pedagogics. The problems of the first period are, primarily, of a genetic order concerned with the gradual unfolding of the mental powers from their very earliest beginning, whilst in school-psychology, the all-important point of interest is the existent psychic condition at fixed stages of childhood. And this difference makes itself felt even in the methods of scientific research; in early childhood by far the most important point is the continuous observation of as many sides as possible of the individual child, whilst at school-age we have to combine a wide observation of the child with experimental testing of separate powers and with statistic results of examination of great numbers. We will now attempt to give a short resume of the work done in child-psychology up to the present time, and, in so doing, follow first the main-trend development and then two remarkable off-shoots, viz. psychoanalysis and the Montessori movement. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)

TY - JOUR
ID - 3191
T1 - Pre-adolescence
A1 - Hall,G.
Y1 - 1907///
N1 - Book: 2009-04889-001
English
Book; Authored Book
KW - PsychInfo
KW - Childhood Development
KW - Developmental Age Groups
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 6
JF - Hall, G
VL - Stanley.
IS - 1907, reprinted 1912
N2 - (from the chapter) The years from about eight to twelve constitute a unique period of human life. The acute stage of teething is passing, the brain has acquired nearly its adult size and weight, health is almost at its best, activity is greater and more varied than it ever was before or ever will be again, and there is peculiar endurance, vitality, and resistance to fatigue. The child develops a life of its own outside the home circle, and its natural interests are never so independent of adult influence. Perception is very acute, and there is great immunity to exposure, danger, accident, as well as to temptation. Reason, true morality, religion, sympathy, love, and esthetic enjoyment are but very slightly developed. Everything, in short, suggests that this period may represent in the individual what was once for a very protracted and relatively stationary period an age of maturity in the remote ancestors of our race, when the young of our species, who were perhaps pygmyoid, shifted for themselves independently of further parental aid. Rousseau would leave prepubescent years to nature and to these primal hereditary impulsions and allow the fundamental traits of savagery their fling till twelve. Biological psychology finds many and cogent reasons to confirm this view if only a proper environment could be provided. The child revels in savagery, and if its tribal, predatory, hunting, fishing, fighting, roving, idle, playing proclivities could be indulged in the country and under conditions that now, alas! seem hopelessly ideal, they could conceivably be so organized and directed as to be far more truly humanistic and liberal than all that the best modern school can provide. We should transplant the human sapling, I concede reluctantly, as early as eight, but not before, to the schoolhouse. Even if it be prematurely, he must be subjected to special disciplines and be apprenticed to the higher qualities of adulthood; for he is not only a product of nature, but a candidate for a highly developed humanity. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
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ER -
Reviews the article "Der Studenplan" by H. Schiller (1897). The reviewer discusses the topic of fatigue and how it relates to conditions in the school room. The concept of designing opening and closing hours of school as well as the distribution of pauses for recreation based on fatigue is all discussed. In the article by Schiller, it is proposed that the first hour be devoted to the most difficult subject, followed by subjects of more general interest. The second hour should be followed by a somewhat longer recess, after which the child is prepared for another difficult subject. It is suggested that the last hour be devoted to subjects such as writing, singing, and gymnastic drill. Lastly, it is suggested that when only two hours a week are devoted to a subject, it gives much better results if the exercises come on consecutive days, or even on consecutive hours. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2012 APA, all rights reserved)
Vitamin D is an essential component of bone and mineral metabolism; its deficiency causes growth retardation and skeletal deformities in children and osteomalacia and osteoporosis in adults. Hypovitaminosis D (vitamin D insufficiency or deficiency) is observed not only in adults but also in infants, children, and adolescents. Previous studies suggest that sufficient serum vitamin D levels should be maintained in order to enhance normal calcification of the growth plate and bone mineralization. Moreover, emerging evidence supports an association between 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D) levels and immune function, respiratory disease, obesity, metabolic syndrome, insulin resistance, infection, allergy, cancers, and cardiovascular diseases in pediatric and adolescent populations. The risk factors for vitamin D deficiency in the pediatric population are season (winter), insufficient time spent outdoors, ethnicity, older age, more advanced stage of puberty, obesity, low milk consumption, low socioeconomic status, and female gender. It is recommended that all infants, children, and adolescents have a minimum daily intake of 400 IU (10 mcg) of vitamin D. Since the vitamin D status of the newborn is highly related to maternal vitamin D levels, optimal vitamin D levels in the mother during pregnancy should be maintained. In conclusion, given the important role of vitamin D in childhood health, more time spent in outdoor activity (for sunlight exposure) and vitamin D supplementation may be necessary for optimal health in infants, children, and adolescents. 2013 by The Korean Pediatric Society

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3195
T1 - Is the epidemiology of alkhurma hemorrhagic fever changing?: A three-year overview in Saudi Arabia
A1 - Memish,Z.A.
A1 - Fagbo,S.F.
A1 - Ali,A.O.
A1 - AlHakeem,R.
Background: The epidemiology of Alkhurma hemorrhagic fever disease is yet to be fully understood since the virus was isolated in 1994 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Setting: Preventive Medicine department, Ministry of Health, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Design: Retrospective analysis of all laboratory confirmed cases of Alkhurma hemorrhagic fever disease collected through active and passive surveillance from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 to December, 31, 2011. Results: Alkhurma hemorrhagic fever (AHFV) disease increased from 59 cases in 2009 to 93 cases in 2011. Cases are being discovered outside of the region where it was initially diagnosed in Saudi Arabia. About a third of cases had no direct contact with animals or its products. Almost all cases had gastrointestinal symptoms. Case fatality rate was less than 1%. Conclusions: Findings in this study showed the mode of transmission of AHFV virus may not be limited to direct contact with animals or its products. Gastro-intestinal symptoms were not previously documented. Observed low case fatality rate contradicted earlier reports. Close monitoring of the epidemiology of AHFV is recommended to aid appropriate diagnosis. Housewives are advised to wear gloves when handling animals and animal products as a preventive measure. 2014 Memish et al
Methylphenidate treatment for child with narcolepsy-cataplexy syndrome: a case report

A1 - Dogru, H.
A1 - Gencoglan, S.
A1 - Ozatalay, E.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 75004804

Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - psychopharmacology
KW - narcolepsy
KW - Adolescent
KW - Case Report
KW - cataplexy
KW - Sleep
KW - muscle tone
KW - daytime somnolence
KW - patient
KW - Hospital
KW - Male
KW - lifespan
KW - adulthood
KW - neuropsychological test
KW - nerve cell
KW - hypothalamus
KW - drop attack
KW - adolescence
KW - electromyogram
KW - somnolence
KW - Weight Gain
KW - nuclear magnetic resonance imaging
KW - Electroencephalography
KW - Blood
KW - Academic Achievement
KW - Physical Examination
KW - hallucination
KW - Wakefulness
KW - teacher
KW - parasomnia
KW - diseases
KW - allele
KW - Cerebrospinal Fluid
KW - clinical examination
KW - medical history
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Facial Expression
Narcolepsy-cataplexy syndrome is characterized by excessive, severe sleepiness during the day, sudden loss of muscle tone with emotional lability (cataplexy), sleep paralysis, hypnagogic or hypnopompic hallucinations and weight gain. Although none of the major symptoms is exclusive to narcolepsy, cataplexy is the most specific symptom and is rarely present outside of narcolepsy. For the first time as a clinical picture shaped by a sudden loss of muscle tone in 1877 was reported by Westphal. The onset of narcolepsy with cataplexy is usually during teenage and young adulthood (10-15 ages) and persists throughout the lifetime. We purposed to report a case with narcolepsy diagnosed. A 11-year-old male was brought to our hospital due to drop attacks, which had occurred two-three times in a week since three months, when he was playing. It was learned that the patient had sudden loss of muscle tone with emotional changes such as smiling, while he was playing, and after these attacks he had continued to play again. He was sleeping all day long. His teachers recognised the decreased academic performance. Routine blood biochemistry and hematological investigations were normal. Brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Electroencephalography (EEG), and electromyogram (EMG) were normal. He was subjected to Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) resulting in the mean sleep latency of 1 minute with presence of excessive daytime sleepiness and demonstrated the presence of sleep-onset REM periods (SOREMP). Neuropsychological studies have shown that the disease is caused by the early loss of neurons in the hypothalamus that produce hypocretin, a wakefulness-associated neurotransmitter present in cerebrospinal fluid. The cause of neural loss could be autoimmune since most patients have the HLA DQB1 allele that predisposes individuals to the disorder. Treatment is with stimulant drugs (modafinil or the other stimulants; methylphenidate etc..) to suppress daytime sleepiness, antidepressants for cataplexy, and hydroxybutyrate for both symptoms. A clinical examination and exhaustive medical history are essential for diagnosis and treatment. Narcolepsy is not rare, but it is an underrecognized and underdiagnosed condition at younger age. If left undiagnosed and untreated, early onset narcolepsy can interfere with psychological, social, and cognitive functioning and development and undermine academic and social activities.
Introduction: Recent evidence, about the various effects of vitamin D (vit D) on innate and adaptive immunity has led to search for its role in asthma and allergic diseases. The defects in the innate immune system, such as the capacity to increase the production of broad spectrum antimicrobial peptides like cathelicidin may predispose to infectious complications. The aim of this study was to determine the role of vit D and cathelicidin in the development of acute asthma attacks among 7-17 years old allergic asthmatic-children.

Material and Methods: The study included 35 patients with acute asthma exacerbation triggered by an infection, 32 children with controlled asthma and 21 healthy children, all matched by sampling season and for asthma subgroups, matched by mono-mite sensitisation and previous severity and medication score of asthma. In all groups, a comprehensive questionnaire, serum 25- OH vit D, vitamin D-binding protein (VDBP) and cathelicidin levels, markers of allergy, viral serology and spirometric indices were employed. Factors that influence serum vit D levels and the development of asthma attacks were evaluated with multivariate linear and logistic analysis. Results: The mean serum vit D level was 14.09 ± 5.75 in the attack group, 28.47 ± 13.88 in the stable asthma group and 12.95 ± 7.15 in healthy controls. The differences between attack and stable asthma groups were highly significant (P < 0.001). On the contrary, mean cathelicidin level was significantly higher in acute asthma group than controlled asthmatics (P = 0.002). Cathelicidin levels showed a negative correlation with vit D levels (P = 0.002, -0.380 spearman c.c). Furthermore, there was a positive correlation between the spirometric indices and the level of vit D among asthmatics (P < 0.05). Multivariate analysis of risk factors that
may influence vit D levels revealed that younger age (P = 0.046), high BMI (P = 0.025), longer duration of sun exposure (P < 0.001), and high amount of dietary vit D (P < 0.001) independently increased serum vit D levels. Furthermore, multivariate analysis of risk factors that may result in acute asthma vs controlled asthmatics showed that the increase in serum levels of vitamin D significantly reduced the risk of asthma attacks (P = 0.030, adjusted odds ratio 0.862) independent of age, sex, allergic markers, use of inhaled steroids, BMI, time spent outside (as a marker of activity level), serum levels of cathelicidin and VDBP

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3198
T1 - The European survey on adverse systemic reactions due to allergen immunotherapy: The ‘EASSI’ pilot survey
A1 - Calderon,M.A.
A1 - Rodriguez Del,Rio P.
A1 - Vidal,C.
A1 - Pfaar,O.
A1 - Just,J.
A1 - Worm,M.
A1 - Linneberg,A.
A1 - Passalacqua,G.
A1 - Demoly,P.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71368103

English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - allergy
KW - Immunotherapy
KW - clinical immunology
KW - Asthma
KW - Human
KW - adverse drug reaction
KW - patient
KW - physician
KW - questionnaire
KW - Italy
KW - Dermatophagoides
KW - France
KW - Epidemiology
KW - drug surveillance program
KW - Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
KW - Safety
KW - Child
KW - Pollen
KW - community
KW - Europe
KW - error
KW - Adult
KW - book
KW - Haplorhini
KW - respiratory tract allergy
KW - Ethics
KW - dander
Background: At present, there is no European report on clinically relevant systemic reactions due to the regular use of subcutaneous or sublingual allergen immunotherapy (SCIT and SLIT, respectively) outside clinical trials. Using an electronic survey and a 'harmonised terminology' according to MedDRA we aimed to prospectively collect systemic adverse reactions due to (allergen immunotherapy) AIT from real life clinical settings.

Methods: Under the framework of the EAACI, a team of European specialists in AIT, pharmacovigilance, epidemiology and drugs regulation, set up a survey to be conducted, first as a pilot, in four countries (France, Italy, Germany and Spain). A designated 'country coordinator' is responsible for following specific country ethics requirements and to select at least 30 doctors per country. Patients have been recruited the same day they received their first dose of either SCIT or SLIT. The survey started on 01/09/12 and is planned to be finished on 31/01/14. Patient inclusion criteria are: adults and children, with IgE mediated pollen and/or house dust mite, Alternaria, and/or animal dander respiratory allergies who will initiate AIT. The Survey Monkey online survey instrument is used by participant doctors to submit information directly into a central base via a blinded coded programme which allows to follow any adverse reaction due to AIT without compromising patients' and doctors' anonymity. A list of symptoms and their definition was selected from the MedDRA dictionary in order to report all adverse reactions in this survey.

Results: Three questionnaires have been generated: the Doctor Questionnaire, the Patient Questionnaire and the Reaction questionnaire; as well as a handbook and a mistake report form. A list of 30 terms for single symptoms has been selected to report adverse reactions. As of Jan 15th 2013, a total of 144 doctors have been recruited, 1233 patients included and 15 adverse reactions due to AIT have been reported. Conclusion: This is the first report in Europe collecting systemic adverse reactions due to AIT in a prospective real life setting. This survey will bring interesting data to the scientific community and could provide the platform for a future pan-European registry on AIT safety.
N1 - 71351075
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Air Pollution
KW - Health
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - India
KW - allergic asthma
KW - immunology
KW - questionnaire
KW - student
KW - Spirometry
KW - respiratory tract disease
KW - Pollution
KW - obstruction
KW - maximum permissible dose
KW - adolescence
KW - air pollutant
KW - Monitoring
KW - Traffic
KW - sampler
KW - Particulate Matter
KW - wheezing
KW - logistic regression analysis
KW - coughing
KW - school
KW - long term exposure
KW - Human Activities
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - AB97

N2 - RATIONALE: Air pollutants may cause respiratory problems in children during adolescence. The study was aimed at assessing the respiratory health of children exposed to pollution in different areas of Delhi.

METHODS: Schools were selected from commercial-Chandni Chowk (CC), industrial-Mayapuri (MP) and residential-Sarojini Nagar (SN) areas. Indoor and outdoor levels of SO$_2$, NO$_x$ and Particulate matter (PM) were estimated using samplers in classrooms and at monitoring stations. Questionnaire was designed based on internationally valid questionnaires for respiratory illness. Students completed the questionnaire and performed spirometry test. RESULTS: Indoor and outdoor PM concentration was highest in CC (815±354.45 & 337±85 mg/m$^2$) and lower in MP (694.6±322.9 & 274±78mg/m$^2$) and SN (534.3±94.22 & 197±48 mg/m$^2$). These were too high & above the permissible limits of 100mg/m$^2$. However, levels of SO$_2$ & NO$_x$ were below the limit. Students (1814) aged between 12-16 years participated in the survey. Questionnaire data showed that "wheeze, cough and cold" were most prevalent in CC (29.6%) panel of students followed by MP (15.9%). Spirometry tests demonstrated that 19% of CC & 14% of MP subjects suffered mild obstruction whereas 16% of CC & 32% of MP subjects had severe obstruction. Conditional logistic regression analysis of the association between chronic exposure to PM and respiratory symptoms showed a significant positive relationship in these areas. CONCLUSIONS: Commercial and industrial zones with high traffic movement and human activities contribute more PM which affects the pulmonary health. The study indicates that high pollution levels may lead to respiratory illness in children

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Educational activities to support compliance in inherited metabolic disorders (IMD) patients with protein/aminoacids restricted diet

A1 - Lavorgna, S.
A1 - Vinuesa, M.V.
A1 - Blasi, S.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71346087
English

Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - patient
KW - Human
KW - diet restriction
KW - Metabolism
KW - metabolic disorder
KW - Food
KW - workshop
KW - Diet
KW - dietary compliance
KW - prescription
KW - Eating
KW - metabolic regulation
KW - Self Care
KW - protein intake
KW - Patient Compliance
KW - Child
KW - acid
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S311
EP - S312

In diets that require the calculation of protein/amino acids from natural food it is a constant demanding task to turn the dietary prescription into a "meal". Difficulties in dietary compliance are frequent and can be solved with educational strategies involving the child and family, to anticipate everyday situations and problems. Participatory multithematic workshops were designed based on the real needs. The aim of the study was to achieve nutritional treatment compliance through the implementation of educational workshops for IMD patients and their families. Seventeen patients (6m-14y) and 26 relatives attended 3 workshops planned according their needs, including educational and culinary activities. The topics discussed were qualitative (understanding IMD and diet, allowed/prohibited foods, use of medical/low-protein foods, handling special situations, self-care, eating outside the home) and quantitative (weigh-measure food, calculations, food records, exchanges). Recipes were designed to encourage participation and consumption of foods allowed, expanding to a variety of menus. Educational workshops encourage dietary compliance in a practical way, improve conventional instruction, and provide the opportunity to share ideas and experiences in the diet management. The continuation of these activities is important to measure and evaluate the impact of changes on adherence and hopefully improve the longterm metabolic control.
Use of miglustat in four children with infantile-onset Niemann-Pick disease type C

A1 - Hasanotlu, A.
A1 - Kucukcongar, A.
A1 - Tumer, L.
A1 - Ezgu, F.S.
A1 - Kasapkara, C.S.

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N1 - 71345951

English

Journal: Conference Abstract

KW - EMBASE
KW - Niemann Pick disease
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - Metabolism
KW - Therapy
KW - patient
KW - Female
KW - Speech
KW - girl
KW - Walking
KW - saccadic eye movement
KW - motor retardation
KW - gaze paralysis
KW - eye movement disorder
KW - disability
KW - Male
KW - miglustat
KW - chitotriosidase
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S277

JF - Journal of Inherited Metabolic Disease

VL - Conference: 12th International Congress of Inborn Errors of Metabolism, ICIEM 2013 Barcelona Spain.

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N2 - Miglustat is the only therapy options in NPC patients. Here discussed the effect of miglustat therapy in four children with NPC disease and initial symptoms of visceromegaly. Case 1 A 10 days old female infant was diagnosed NPC. Due to her vertical gaze palsy, motor retardation, the miglustat therapy was started at the age of 3 years. She can walk with support outside, start to speak at the first year of the therapy. Case 2 A 10 months old female was diagnosed NPC. Neurological development was completely normal until the age of five years. The abnormal saccadic eye movement was noted and she was started on miglustat therapy. Case 3 A 3 years old male patient was diagnosed NPC. Because of his walking, speech disabilities, abnormal eye movements, miglustat therapy was started at 4 years old. His walking condition was stable, his speech was improved. Case 4 A 2 months old girl patient was diagnosed NPC. The miglustat therapy was started at the age of one year because of her neurodevelopmental delay. But we had to stop the treatment at the three months of the therapy, because of the intractable diarrhea. The level of chitotriosidase activity was decreased in all patients

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3204
T1 - Improvement in social deficits in autism spectrum disorders using a theatre-based, peer-mediated intervention
A1 - Corbett, B.A.
A1 - Swain, D.M.
A1 - Coke, C.
A1 - Simon, D.
A1 - Newsom, C.
A1 - Houchins-Juarez, N.
A1 - Jensen, A.
A1 - Wang, L.
A1 - Song, Y.
Y1 - 2014///
N1 - 2014135009
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Arousal
KW - article
KW - autism/th [Therapy]
KW - Child
KW - child parent relation
KW - clinical article
KW - Cognitive Therapy
KW - comparative study
KW - disease association
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - neuropsychological test
KW - Peer Group
KW - Perception
KW - preschool child
KW - pretest posttest design
KW - priority journal
KW - school child
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Social Cognition
KW - Social Interaction
KW - summer camp model
KW - hydrocortisone/ec [Endogenous Compound]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4
EP - 16
JF - Autism Research
VL - 7
IS - 1
CY - United States
N2 - Social Emotional NeuroScience Endocrinology Theatre is a novel intervention program aimed at improving reciprocal social interaction in youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) using behavioral strategies and theatrical techniques in a peer-mediated model. Previous research using a 3-month model showed improvement in face perception, social interaction, and reductions in stress. The current study assessed a 2-week summer camp model. Typically developing peers were trained and paired with ASD youth (8-17 years). Social perception and interaction skills were measured before and after treatment using neuropsychological and parental measures. Behavioral coding by reliable, independent raters was conducted within the treatment context (theatre) and outside the setting (playground). Salivary cortisol levels to assess physiological arousal were measured across contexts (home, theatre, and playground). A pretest-posttest design for within-group
comparisons was used, and prespecified pairwise comparisons were achieved using a nonparametric Wilcoxon signed-rank test. Significant differences were observed in face processing, social awareness, and social cognition (P<0.05). Duration of interaction with familiar peers increased significantly over the course of treatment (P<0.05), while engagement with novel peers outside the treatment setting remained stable. Cortisol levels rose on the first day of camp compared with home values yet declined by the end of treatment and further reduced during posttreatment play with peers. Results corroborate previous findings that the peer-mediated theatre program contributes to improvement in core social deficits in ASD using a short-term, summer camp treatment model. Future studies will explore treatment length and peer familiarity to optimize and generalize gains. Autism Res 2014;7: 4-16. 2013 International Society for Autism Research, Wiley Periodicals, Inc

TY - JOUR
ID - 3206
T1 - Non-overweight and overweight children's physical activity during school recess
A1 - Ridgers,N.D.
A1 - Saint-Maurice,P.F.
A1 - Welk,G.J.
A1 - Siahpush,M.
A1 - Huberty,J.L.
Y1 - 2014///
N1 - 2014111180
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - accelerometer
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - cross-sectional study
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Obesity
KW - Physical Activity
KW - priority journal
KW - school
KW - school child
KW - school recess
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 129
EP - 136
JF - Health Education Journal
VL - 73
IS - 2
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - Objective: Little research has investigated children's physical activity levels during school recess and the contribution of recess to school day physical activity levels by weight status. The aims of this study were to examine non-overweight and overweight children's physical activity levels during school recess, and examine the contribution of recess to school day physical activity. Design: Cross-sectional. Setting: Four elementary schools located in Nebraska, United States of America (USA). Methods: Two hundred and seventeen children (99 boys, 118 girls; 47.9% overweight) wore a uni-axial accelerometer for five consecutive school days during
autumn 2009. The proportion of time spent engaged in sedentary (SED), light (LPA), moderate (MPA) and vigorous (VPA) intensity physical activity during recess was determined using age-specific accelerometer thresholds. Results: Overweight children engaged in more %MPA and less %VPA than non-overweight children, respectively. No differences were found between overweight and healthy weight children's moderateto-vigorous physical activity (MVPA). Recess contributed 16.9% and 16.3% towards non-overweight and overweight children's school day %MVPA, respectively. Conclusion: Examining %MVPA as an outcome variable may mask differences in recess physical activity levels between non-overweight and overweight children. Future research is needed to establish why healthy weight and overweight children engage in differing levels of %MPA and %VPA during recess. 2013 The Author(s)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3207
T1 - Children with generalized joint hypermobility and musculoskeletal complaints: State of the art on diagnostics, clinical characteristics and treatment
A1 - Engelbert,R.
A1 - Scheper,M.
A1 - Rameckers,E.
A1 - Verbunt,J.
A1 - Remvig,L.
A1 - Juul-Kristensen,B.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71334936
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - joint laxity
KW - musculoskeletal disease
KW - Diagnosis
KW - rheumatology
KW - rheumatic disease
KW - rheumatic disease
KW - Child
KW - fitness
KW - environmental factor
KW - narrative
KW - disability
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Muscle Strength
KW - proprioception
KW - sport
KW - data base
KW - synthesis
KW - osteogenesis imperfecta
KW - systematic review (topic)
KW - longitudinal study
KW - MEDLINE
KW - systematic review
KW - Motor Development
KW - bicycle
KW - Young Adult
Background For children the prevalence of generalized joint hypermobility (GJH) varies from 7-36%, primarily depending on the tests and criteria used for diagnosing GJH. Children experience a great variety of impairments as a result of increased laxity of connective tissues. This not only affects physical fitness, motor development, and proprioception, but also include problems with organsystems (skin, vessel and internal organs) and psychological distress. As a result, children experience functional disability, which often presents difficulties in normal daily life. Objectives To provide a state of the art on diagnostics, clinical characteristics and treatment of GJH and JHS in children and young adults. Methods A narrative review was performed regarding diagnostics and clinical characteristics. A systematic review with a critical appraisal and best evidence synthesis was performed regarding interventions. Searches of databases Medline and Central were performed. The search terms used were joint hypermobility in GJH, JHS, as well as collagen diseases with joint hypermobility, child, treatment and rehabilitation. Results Transition literature was explored by ICF domains body function and structure, activity, participation and environmental factors. Knowledge on function and activity in GJH and JHS showed joint hypermobility (based on the Beighton scale with different cut-off points) associated with joint pain, reduced muscle strength and proprioception while children with GJH did not experience functional limitations in daily activities. Children with GJH did not spend fewer weekly hours of physical activity than healthy reference groups. In children with JHS and exercise-induced pain reduced aerobic fitness was found. Knowledge on participation showed a significantly decreased participation in housework, riding a bicycle, taking part in sport or outdoor games, and a higher frequency for non-sporting games. The initial search on interventions identified 1318 studies, eventually leading to three studies (JHS: n=2, Osteogenesis Imperfecta: n=1) available for critical appraisal. These studies showed significant benefits of enhancing physical fitness in terms of relieving musculoskeletal complaints and reducing disability.

Conclusions Based on the narrative and a systematic reviews, function and activity in GJH and JHS were negatively influenced, especially in JHS. Regarding participation, personal and environmental factors was significantly decreased for participation in housework, taking part in sport or outdoor games, as well as a higher frequency for non-sporting games. Based on the sparsely available knowledge of intervention studies, future longitudinal studies should focus on the effect of physical activity and fitness interventions, as well as muscle strength and stabilization training in general, in particular in relation to the hypermobile joints in particular. In JHS and chronic pain, the effectiveness of a multidisciplinary approach should be investigated.
N2 - Introduction: Recently, there has been an increased interest in integrating mobile computing devices, such as the iPad, into medical education. Five months ago, the Stanford Anesthesia residency program provided mobile computing devices (iPad 3, Apple, Cupertino, CA) to 63 of our residents for the duration of their residency. A cross-sectional survey study was conducted in order to understand how these residents are using mobile computing devices for anesthesia education. Specifically, we sought to understand how often the residents were using the mobile computing devices, in what ways they were using the devices, and how this has impacted their anesthesia residency training. Methods: iPad Information: We provided our residents with 64 GB wifi iPad 3 units, which were preloaded with Anesthesiology Journals (Anesthesia & Analgesia, Anesthesiology, NEJM Journal), Crisis (an application to teach crisis management principles in the context of ACLS), iLarynx (a fiberoptic intubation simulator), ePocrates (a drug reference guide), ComunicatOR (an operating room translation application), StanMed (a critical care medicine application) and Ether Mobile (a paging application). Textbooks installed on the iPads included: Miller's Anesthesia, Seventh Edition, Obstetric Anesthesia Handbook, Fifth Edition, Datta, Smith's Anesthesia for Infants and Children, Eighth Edition, Handbook of Neuroanesthesia, Fourth Edition, Handbook of Ambulatory Anesthesia, Second Edition, Essentials of Pain Medicine, 3rd Edition, Complications of Regional Anesthesia, Second Edition, Clinical Anesthesia Procedures of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Eighth Edition, Case Studies of Near Misses in Clinical Anesthesia, Brock-Utne, Anesthesia Student Survival Guide, and Anesthesia Intensive Care and Pain in Neonates and Children. Survey Design: After testing for reproducibility and clarity, we deployed our survey to our 63 anesthesia residents. The survey asked the residents questions about how they used the iPad for studying and residency tasks. The survey included 9 open-ended questions, and 17 multiple-choice questions. We organized the questionnaire into three general domains: * General Information: We collected demographic information from the students such as gender, age, and previous experience with mobile technology. * iPad Usage: We collected information about when the residents were using the iPads, and the impact on their desktop computer use. * iPad Applications: We collected information about individual applications that we preloaded onto the iPad. Data Analysis: After we received our results, we analyzed them using a mixed-method. The open-ended collected data was entered into NVivo 10 and the questions were analyzed using qualitative methods. Results: 90.2% of Stanford Anesthesia Residents agree or strongly agree that an iPad would enhance their ability to learn anesthesia. 85.7% of residents surveyed also agreed or strongly agreed that iPads were under-utilized in anesthesia education. After receiving the iPad, 64.3% of our residents said that they were using their personal desktop computer less. When asked what frequency the residents used their iPad, 46.4% used them daily, 39.3% used them every other day, and the remaining 14.3% used them once a week. The two main activities that the residents used the iPads for most frequently are e-mail and reading medical books or papers. The places that the residents are using the iPad most often are at home, followed by inside the OR, and then inside coffee places. The main reason stated for using it at home was because the iPad was too bulky to carry with them at all times. We also asked the residents how useful the iPad provided by Stanford was for specific activities. 85.7% of residents said that the iPads were useful or very useful for accessing medical papers and 95% said that the iPads were useful or very useful for studying. 71.4% thought the iPads were useful or very useful for clinical issues. Out of the individual applications that we provided to the residents, the applications rated most useful were the books and journals. One of our residents stated: "[the iPad] has revolutionized access to texts and primary literature for studying and preparing every day." Conclusions: We found that a majority of our residents reported that the iPad is underutilized in medical education. Our survey has shown us that when given iPads, the majority of our residents use their iPads almost daily, and that the iPads have been reported to be useful for studying and accessing medical books and journals. The residents have also reported that they are reading more, chiefly because the iPad is an excellent resource for studying at home and outside of the operating room clinical environment. However, the residents did voice concerns that they would lose the iPad because of its small size and inability to securely store the device in the clinical environment. Some residents also reported that the iPads were too bulky to carry around in the operating room. Future work in exploring the use of mobile computing devices may focus on implementation of the iPad Mini as a more portable option for in anesthesia education.
T1 - Where the needs of mothers with rheumatoid arthritis meet arthritis-related health care
A1 - Prodinger,B.
A1 - Shaw,L.
A1 - Laliberte-Rudman,D.
A1 - Stamm,T.
Y1 - 2013//
N1 - 71330011
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - mother
KW - rheumatoid arthritis
KW - Arthritis
KW - Health Care
KW - rheumatology
KW - rheumatic disease
KW - Female
KW - Health
KW - patient
KW - Interview
KW - information processing
KW - recipient
KW - pension
KW - Child
KW - Employment
KW - Reading
KW - invalidity
KW - outpatient
KW - medical record
KW - friend
KW - parttime employment
KW - parameters
KW - Austria
KW - diseases
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - Annals of the Rheumatic Disease
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Background People with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) are provided comprehensive health care most commonly in institutionalized settings. Critique has been raised that such settings are organized primarily to treat illness and disease-related symptoms of people rather than maintaining and promoting people's health and full participation in their daily lives. Inadequacy in addressing particularly women's health issues has also been described. Objectives The aim of this study was to understand how Austrian mothers with RA manage their everyday lives and how their needs are attended in arthritis-related health care in Austria. Methods An institutional ethnographic study was conducted. Seven Austrian mothers with RA, aged between 28 and 41, and varying working and living conditions (being on maternity leave, part-time employment, social assistance and invalidity pension recipient) were recruited. Data collection included interviews and participation observations. Women's health care records were included into analysis as they are exemplary for the interaction between the patient and health care over time. Institutional ethnographic analysis comprised first inductive reading of the data to understand what the women are actually doing in their daily lives; an analysis of the hospital records to understand the organization of and relations within arthritis-related health care in an outpatient rheumatology department; and consequently an analysis of how women's daily lives are met within these relations was explored. Results The ethnographic account of this study reveals how participants try to satisfy and meet the needs of their families, put effort into maintaining paid employment and continuing (outdoor-) activities with
family and friends, engage in informal caregiving for their children and significant others, while also integrate their disease-related symptoms. Given the multiple demands due to family and work, the women highlighted that challenges in daily life are not necessarily due to disease-related symptoms or limitations in performing a particular task, but in the coordination of multiple tasks simultaneously as they unfold throughout the entire day. The analysis of the documents revealed that arthritis-related health care is ruled by relations based on biomedical concepts that focus predominantly on disease parameters and measurable, objectifiable dimensions of people's functioning. The complexity of participants' daily life remains likely unattended in specialized arthritis-related health care as its multidimensionality cannot be easily reduced into distinct measurable concepts and outcomes. Conclusions This study underscores the importance of interdisciplinary treatment in specialized arthritis-related health care based on a comprehensive understanding of and attendance to how the disease might affect people's health and participation in daily life

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T1  - Development of the united kingdom evaluation of daily activities questionnaire in rheumatoid arthritis: Psychometric testing
A1  - Hammond,A.
A1  - Tyson,S.
A1  - Tennant,A.
A1  - Nordenskiold,U.
A1  - Greenhill,Y.
Y1  - 2013///
N1  - 71329922
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW  - EMBASE
KW  - questionnaire
KW  - rheumatoid arthritis
KW  - rheumatology
KW  - rheumatic disease
KW  - United Kingdom
KW  - Human
KW  - validity
KW  - test retest reliability
KW  - Pain
KW  - internal consistency
KW  - reliability
KW  - Fatigue
KW  - Cronbach alpha coefficient
KW  - rating scale
KW  - bath
KW  - hand pain
KW  - Hospital
KW  - Female
KW  - clinical practice
KW  - patient
KW  - laundry
KW  - Child
KW  - Cooking
RP  - NOT IN FILE
JF  - Annals of the Rheumatic Disease
Background The Evaluation of Daily Activity Questionnaire (EDAQ) is a patient reported measure of activity limitations in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (1,2) which we have revised and updated for use in the UK. This version includes 138 items in 14 "domains" (Eating/Drinking; Personal Care; Dressing; Bathing; Cooking; Moving Indoors; House Cleaning; Laundry; Moving and Transfers; Moving Outdoors; Gardening/Household Maintenance; Caring; and Leisure/Social Activities). Each domain is split into two sections: one (A) scores whether activities can be performed without aids, alternate methods or help; and another (B) which scores whether the activities can be performed with aids or alternate methods. All items are scored on a 0-3 scale (no difficulty to unable to do). Objectives To test the validity, reliability and minimal detectable difference of the EDAQ in people with RA in the UK. Methods Participants from 14 Rheumatology clinics completed postal questionnaires of demographic questions, the EDAQ (UK version), HAQ, SF36v2, RAQOL, pain, hand pain and fatigue numeric rating scales (NRS) and a current condition severity scale. Three weeks later, the EDAQ was mailed again to evaluate test-retest reliability: using kappa co-efficients for individual items; and non-parametric correlations for domain scores. Non-parametric correlations assessed the validity of the 14 domains of the EDAQ against the other measures. Cronbach's alpha evaluated internal consistency. Results 383 people participated: 286 women; age =60.38 (SD 11.18) years; RA duration =13.2 years (SD 10.72). 118 (31%) were employed; 65 had children <18y at home. Average pain score =4.99 (SD 2.59) and fatigue =5.61 (SD 2.53). All domains of the EDAQ correlated significantly (p<0.0005) with; An exception was the "Caring" domain; most (59%) felt this domain inapplicable to them and validity was lower although still significant (rs=0.22 to 0.35). Internal consistency was high in all domains (Cronbach's alpha=0.89-0.97 for Section A and 0.88-0.98 for Section B). 309 (81%) completed Test 2 and test-retest reliability was moderate for most (n=108) items (0.41-0.60); substantial for 28 (0.61-0.80) and fair (0.21-0.40) for two. Reliability of total scores was excellent for 11 domains (rs=0.81 -0.88) and moderate-substantial for three (rs=0.54-0.73. Minimal detectable differences was 1.60 to 4.61. Conclusions The UK version of the EDAQ is a unidimensional, valid, reliable, sensitive measure of daily activity in people with RA. It can therefore be used in both clinical practice and research. (Table Presented)

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T1 - Simplifying prognostic testing in cystic fibrosis: How does heart rate recovery after sub-maximal aerobic exercise correlate with maximal exercise testing results?
A1 - Cohen,S.
A1 - Orenstein,D.
Y1 - 2013///
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KW - EMBASE
KW - cystic fibrosis
KW - Aerobic Exercise
KW - Heart Rate
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - resting heart rate
KW - Exercise
KW - Adult
KW - Mortality
KW - Population
Background: Cystic fibrosis (CF) is the most common profoundly lifeshortening genetic disease among Caucasians. Poor exercise capacity, as represented by low maximal oxygen consumption (VO$_2$max), has been shown to be a powerful independent predictor of mortality in pediatric and adult CF patients. However, the testing required to measure VO$_2$max is uncomfortable and resource-intensive. Submaximal exercise tests that can be performed outside an exercise physiology lab have been developed to address these concerns. A 3-minute step test at a cadence of 30 steps per minute has been verified as a feasible submaximal field exercise test for use in children and adults with CF. Also, heart rate recovery after submaximal exercise correlates closely to all-cause mortality in adult non-CF populations.

Hypothesis: In children 8 and older with CF, a shorter time to return to resting heart rate (HR) and a greater percent change from maximum HR one minute following a submaximal exercise test will positively correlate with greater percent predicted VO$_2$max as measured by a maximal exercise test. Methods: Twenty-two children 8 years of age and older (range 8-19, 59% male) with CF were recruited from the CF center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Each subject performed a 3-minute stepping exercise on a 15 cm step at a cadence of 30 complete steps per minute (STEP). HR and SpO$_2$ were measured at rest, during, and after STEP. Subjects then performed a maximal oxygen consumption test. Data from routine pulmonary function tests were also collected. Percent of maximal HR at one minute post-STEP and time in minutes to reach resting HR were compared with VO$_2$max by calculating Pearson's Correlation Coefficients. Results: All subjects were able to complete STEP, with no adverse events. Average percent predicted FEV$_1$ was 86% (range 36%-111%) and average percent predicted VO$_2$max was 110% (range 83%-137%). Maximum HR on STEP was on average significantly lower than maximum HR from the maximal test (139 vs. 190, p<0.01). Fifty percent of subjects returned to their resting HR less than one minute after completing STEP. Altogether, neither shorter time to resting HR after STEP nor change in percent of maximal HR at one minute post-STEP correlated significantly with percent predicted VO$_2$max. However, lower peak HR during STEP correlated significantly with percent predicted VO$_2$max (R = 0.5, p<0.02). Also, in children with mild CF (FEV$_1$ > 80%), shorter time to resting HR correlated significantly with percent predicted VO$_2$max (R = 0.5, p<0.05). Conclusions: All subjects completed STEP without any adverse events. Average percent predicted VO$_2$max was 86% (range 36%-111%) and average percent predicted VO$_2$max was 110% (range 83%-137%). Maximum HR on STEP was on average significantly lower than maximum HR from the maximal test (139 vs. 190, p<0.01). Fifty percent of subjects returned to their resting HR less than one minute after completing STEP. Altogether, neither shorter time to resting HR after STEP nor change in percent of maximal HR at one minute post-STEP correlated significantly with percent predicted VO$_2$max. However, lower peak HR during STEP correlated significantly with percent predicted VO$_2$max (R = 0.5, p<0.02). Also, in children with mild CF (FEV$_1$ > 80%), shorter time to resting HR correlated significantly with percent predicted VO$_2$max (R = 0.5, p<0.05). Conclusions: All subjects completed STEP without any adverse events. STEP is a submaximal test in this patient population. As fifty percent of subjects returned to resting heart rate within one minute of completing STEP, change in percent of maximal heart rate at one minute post-STEP is not a useful measure of heart rate recovery after STEP in children with CF. Lower peak heart rate during STEP correlated with percent predicted VO$_2$max, as did shorter time to resting heart rate in children with mild lung disease. HR during and after STEP may reflect maximal exercise tolerance in children with CF.
T1 - Anaesthesia techniques in IR: A practical approach
A1 - Batistaki.C.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71323116
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Society
KW - Europe
KW - Anesthesia
KW - Human
KW - procedures
KW - Female
KW - patient
KW - general anesthesia
KW - Monitoring
KW - airway
KW - operating room
KW - immobility
KW - nuclear magnetic resonance imaging
KW - medical history
KW - analgesia
KW - Imaging
KW - anesthesit
KW - interventional radiology
KW - Blood Pressure
KW - Risk
KW - pharmacokinetics
KW - Deep Sedation
KW - ascites
KW - respiration control
KW - Diagnosis
KW - recovery room
KW - Safety
KW - endotracheal intubation
KW - pulse oximetry
KW - Pain
KW - electrocardiogram
KW - capnometry
KW - gold standard
KW - varicosis
KW - Resuscitation
KW - metabolite
KW - sedation
KW - radiology
KW - acid aspiration
KW - stimulation
KW - inhalational drug administration
KW - patient comfort
KW - Morbidity
KW - diet restriction
KW - thermography
KW - brain artery aneurysm
KW - hypotension
KW - Wakefulness
KW - central venous pressure
KW - brain protection
Continuous development of interventional radiology (IR) techniques has led to an increased demand of high-quality anaesthetic services to support patients undergoing diagnostic or therapeutic procedures. In most cases, IR techniques are accompanied by minor stimulation and pain, requiring light or deep sedation. However, in some instances, general anaesthesia with endotracheal intubation or laryngeal musk is required. Such cases include procedures necessitating complete immobility to obtain improved images, special operations (neuroradiological, interventions near vital organs or vessels, lengthy or painful procedures, procedures in children), or involve uncooperative patients. In addition, general anaesthesia is preferred in patients who require adequate airway control or have a risk of aspiration of gastric contents (i.e. severe ascites, risk of oesophageal varices rupture, increased intra-abdominal pressure of any cause). The choice of the anaesthetic technique and the drugs used are selected on the basis of the type, duration and demands of the procedure to be performed, age and the medical history of the patient, medications administered and the facilities of each IR suite. One of the biggest problems for anaesthesiologists during IR procedures is the administration of anaesthesia in places outside the operating theatre, with a large distance with the operating rooms and the post-anæsthesia care unit, without the ability to obtain immediate help when required. This makes decision-making in IR anaesthesia rather difficult, especially in highly demanding procedures or in critically ill patients or patients with airway difficulties. Early communication and planning of the procedure with the radiologists is essential to obtain safe and high-quality anaesthesia. The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) has provided guidelines on administration of anaesthesia outside the operating theatre, which should be strictly followed. Radiology rooms where patients are under sedation or anaesthesia should have all the necessary equipment and drugs for patient's resuscitation. The same applies to adequate monitoring, which should include pulse oximetry, capnography and non-invasive blood pressure, in addition to continuous electrocardiogram and a neurostimulator in cases where neuromuscular blocking agents are administered. All monitoring equipment and intravenous lines should be adequately distanced to be easily reached and observed by the anaesthesiologist. It is of great importance that all patients that are going to receive general anaesthesia are adequately assessed pre-operatively and an informed consent is obtained. A full medical history (including possible contrast media allergies, pregnancy, implants, comorbidities) is essential, in addition to physical examination and airway evaluation. Patients with difficult airways, whether anticipated or not, can be problematic in a setting outside the operating theatre; if a difficulty is suspected, endotracheal intubation should be performed in the operating suite because of the greater availability of help and equipment. However, equipment for difficult airway control should be available also in the radiology department to manage the unanticipated difficult airway. Fasting should follow the guidelines for all general anaesthesia procedures. The anaesthetic technique varies according to the procedure and patients’ requirements and co-morbidities. Inhalational (sevoflurane, desflurane) and intravenous agents (propofol, midazolam, etomidate) may be used, selected according to their pharmacokinetic properties on an individualised basis. Drugs of short duration, with no active metabolites and no residual post-operative action, are the best option for the IR patient. Opioids with this profile include small doses of fentanyl, sufentanil or alfentanil, but mainly remifentanil, a strong opioid with rapid initiation and termination of action. In cases where a neuromuscular blocking agent is required to facilitate immobility, intermediate acting drugs may be used (rocuronium, cisatracurium, mivacurium). Succinylcholine is the gold standard for rapid sequence induction, but its side effects and contraindications may not allow its use. Rocuronium is a great alternative in this setting; it can be rapidly reversed because of the presence of a specific reversal agent sugammadex. Post-operative care
should be performed in a post-anaesthesia care unit, as in all cases of general anaesthesia. Patients should be observed for signs of haemodynamic or respiratory instability, with control of blood pressure, heart rate and post-operative pain. Paediatric patients require special consideration, with early preoperative evaluation and involvement of specialised anaesthesia personnel familiar with paediatric anaesthesia and peri-operative management. Special considerations CT-guided procedures: CT-guided procedures under general anaesthesia require attention with intravenous lines and breathing circuit to prevent their dislodged by movement of the patient during the scan. Tumour ablation may require advanced analgesia because most of these procedures are painful, especially when they involve bony metastases. Magnetic Resonance Imaging: The most important issues in MRI diagnostic studies are the necessity of monitoring and ventilation equipment appropriate for use in an MRI suite; the need for keeping the patient immobile in to obtain the best quality of MRI scan; the problem of patient distance and inaccessibility, especially during prolonged scanning; the extended length of most MRI procedures; the heating of monitoring wires that can cause thermal injury underneath the ECG electrodes and pulse oximetry probe; the effect of the magnet on ferrous materials (stents, cardioverters-defibrillators, pacemakers, implanted pumps and neurostimulators, all of which should be identified from patient history). The anaesthesia provider should be present in the MRI suite or watch the patient from the control room, if mirroring of the monitors and direct observation of the anaesthesia machine is adequate. Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS): The procedure is usually performed under general anaesthesia to achieve immobility and safety because patients have severe liver failure, requiring total control of airway (with rapid sequence induction in cases of ascites) and advanced monitoring (cardiovascular and respiratory). Anaesthetic drugs used should be carefully selected in the course of pharmacokinetic changes that accompany severe liver disease. Interventional radiology/neuroradiology procedures: Angiography/embolisation, ureteral stents, trauma interventional procedures, thermography or radiofrequency ablation of tumours are more painful than simple imaging, requiring deeper levels of analgesia to achieve patient comfort. Interventional neuroradiologic procedures (such as endovascular embolisation of AVMs, coil embolisation of cerebral aneurysms, angioplasty, thromboplasty) are being performed under various CNS pathological states and most of the times general anaesthesia is required to achieve the optimal imaging. These procedures are highly-demanding and may require deliberate hypotension, hypocapnia, control of endocranial pressure or rapid transition between deep sedation and awake states. Monitoring in this case may be advanced, with intra-arterial and/or central venous pressure measurement, or may include neurophysiological parameters. These procedures follow the principles of neurosurgery as for brain protection and optimisation. In conclusion, the minimally-invasive nature of interventional radiology procedures puts the necessity of development of anaesthetic techniques, towards optimisation of anaesthesia, analgesia and immobility, in addition to minimal or no residual action of anaesthetic drugs after surgery and provision of safety throughout the procedure.
Recess plays an integral role in the social and emotional development of children given the time provided to engage in interactions with others and practice important social skills. Students with ASD, however, typically fail to achieve even minimal benefit from recess due to social and communication impairments as well as a tendency to withdraw. Implementation of evidence-based interventions such as peer-mediated social skills groups, are necessary to ensure recess is an advantageous learning environment for students with ASD. A multiple-baseline design across participants was used to determine if a functional relationship exists between a social skills instructional program combined with peer networks with school staff as implementers and increases in level of communicative acts for participants with ASD at recess. Results indicate all participants demonstrated an immediate increase in the number of communicative acts with the introduction of the intervention. Implications for practice are discussed. 2013 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.
Background: Nowadays, adolescent population begins sexual activity earlier, a behavior with negative psychological and social consequences. Aim: To determine the association between family factors and early sexual activity in adolescents of low and middle socioeconomic level. Material and Methods: A sample of 3,210 adolescents, who confidentially requested care in a sexual and reproductive health university center, between 2000 and 2007, was analyzed. Adolescents who started sexual activity before 15 years of age, and those who started sexual activity after 15 years of age, were compared. Data was collected from structured interviews conducted at the adolescent's first visit. Logistic regression was used to identify family factors associated with early sexual initiating in both, men and women. Results: Family factors associated with early sexual activity start were not being raised by both parents, a poor parent-child relationship, a poor family communication, mothers with a history of adolescent motherhood, mothers employed outside the home and family dysfunction. Among women, the variables associated with a higher risk of early sexual debut were not married parents and history of adolescent fatherhood record among parents. Among men, these variables were permissions without restriction during the week and punishment when family rules were broken. Conclusions: Family factors must be considered in the design of strategies to prevent early sexual activity.

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Objective: To assess the physical activity of children attending grades 1-3 of the primary schools in the region of southern-central Poland (the Malopolska Region). Methods: The study was conducted in selected primary schools in the years 2009-2012. These included 1,140 students aged 7-9 years, coming from rural areas (658), small towns (284), and one large city (198) - the regional capital: Krakow. The parents of the children completed questionnaires, which included questions pertaining to their children's performance of physical activities at school and outside of school. Results: Among the 1,140 children studied were 560 (49.1%) boys and 580 (50.9%) girls. Both boys and girls living in Krakow spent the least time (less than one hour a day) in front of a TV or computer screen as compared with the other children. Children living in rural areas would spend 2-3 hours a day on those activities. The largest percentage of children who attended PE classes regularly was from Krakow (100% of the boys and 97.6% of the girls). The case was similar with extracurricular activities that required a lot of exercise - 84.7% of the boys and 85.7% of the girls attended those. Children living in smaller towns were significantly less likely to undertake additional physical activity (P < 0.05). Parents of boys were less likely to decide to excuse their children from participation in PE classes than parents of girls (P < 0.05).

Conclusions: The place of residence and the gender of the child both have an effect on his or her participation in exercises and recreational activities.
AIM: To investigate the visual acuity, refraction and influence factors of preschool children in some nurseries in Nanjing. METHODS: Children from 4 to 6 years old in Nanjing attended the visual acuity examination, and filled in factors questionnaire. The results were analyzed. RESULTS: Visual acuity at P<sub>5</sub> was 0.4 of 4 years, 0.5 of 5 years, and 0.6 of 6 years. Refraction, gestational age, birth weight, closely using eyes, daily watching television time, daily outdoor activity time, picky eaters situation, chewing situation, parents diopter, home lighting status were associated with vision disorders. Factors score at P<sub>5</sub> is 5. CONCLUSION: The visual acuity less than P<sub>5</sub> at each ages was abnormal vision. Child whose factors score of less than 5 had high risk of abnormal vision, and need to pay close attention to visual conditions.

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YT - JOUR
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T1 - Shoulder MR arthrography: Tips for the general pediatric radiologist
A1 - Dahmoush,H.
A1 - Jaramillo,D.
A1 - Cahill,A.M.
A1 - Chauvin,N.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71311767

English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - nuclear magnetic resonance
KW - radiologist
KW - Human
KW - Society
KW - radiology
KW - Shoulder
KW - pathology
KW - injury
KW - Diagnosis
KW - intraarticular drug administration
KW - ligament
KW - arthrography
KW - patient
KW - planning
KW - Morbidity
KW - tendon
KW - Pain
KW - bone injury
N2 - Purpose or Case Report: Shoulder dislocations are relatively common in adolescents, with 40% of all cases occurring in patients less than 22 years of age. Structural damage ensues can lead to significant pain and morbidity and predispose children to re-injury. When the static stabilizers of the shoulder are disrupted, patients will often experience recurrent dislocation. With surgical correction, young athletes are afforded the best opportunity to achieve long-term stability and return to play. MR arthrography (MRA) of the shoulder offers detailed joint anatomy; enabling depiction of ligament, tendon, bone and cartilage injury and is used to assist the orthopedic surgeons in surgical planning. This exhibit will serve to provide the general pediatric radiologist with a practical approach to shoulder MR arthrography from intraarticular injection to image interpretation. Methods & Materials: Proper intraarticular injection technique will be demonstrated including the authors' experience using a posterior shoulder injection approach used because most abnormalities are found in the anterior labrum. Optimal MR patient positioning, sequence selection and imaging parameters will be described. The normal glenohumeral joint anatomy will be depicted as well as tips to depict normal variants (coracoid physis, sublabral recess, Buford complex and the bare spot) and image artifacts that should not be mistaken for pathology. Common pathologies involving the glenohumeral ligaments and anteroinferior glenoid will be explored including hints to differentiate between cartilaginous Bankart injuries, Bony Bankart injuries, Perthes lesions and Anterior Labroligamentous Periosteal Sleeve Avulsions (ALPSA). In addition, strategies for accurate diagnosis of superior labral anteroposterior (SLAP) tears will be highlighted. Results: A good knowledge of the MR appearance of normal shoulder anatomy and anatomic variants is crucial in order to accurately evaluate for pathology. With proper intraarticular injection, MR acquisition and diagnostic experience; MRA is effective method for the detection of labroligamentous abnormalities, bone injuries and musculotendinous pathology. Conclusions: When performed correctly, shoulder MRA is an important diagnostic modality that can aid with preoperative planning in the pediatric population

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T1 - An assessment of knowledge gaps in paediatric liver transplant recipients and their care-givers
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A1 - Liwanag, M.J.
A1 - Tan, P.S.Y.
A1 - Quak, S.H.
A1 - Aw, M.M.
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - liver graft
KW - graft recipient
KW - caregiver
KW - Human
KW - Asian
KW - liver
KW - Adolescent
KW - parent
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - Transplantation
KW - Child
KW - questionnaire
KW - custody
KW - Education
KW - patient
KW - liver function
KW - Safety
KW - graft dysfunction
KW - mother
KW - Female
KW - bile duct atresia
KW - lifestyle modification
KW - managed care
KW - medical care
KW - Adult
KW - exposure
KW - diseases
KW - pet animal
KW - physician
KW - sport
KW - liver disease
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S664
EP - S665
JF - Hepatology International
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Introduction: Education of transplant recipients and their care-givers is an important aspect of post-transplant care. As biliary atresia is the main indication for liver transplant in children, education is given to their parents. Often, physicians may neglect to "educate" these children as they grow older. This may have implications for adolescents and transition to adult service, where the shift in medical care is from parent-led to self-managed care. Aim: To assess the knowledge of the transplant recipients or their care-givers regarding various aspects of care, in order to identify knowledge gaps. Method: A questionnaire was administered over a period of 24 months (2009-2011). The questionnaire was completed by a caregiver proxy for children <12 years, and self-administered by adolescents > 12 years. These questions focused mainly on understanding of liver graft, post-transplant medications and lifestyle modifications. Results: These patients were aged 1-25 (mean...
9.69) years and between 0.03-13 (mean 4.67) years post-transplant. All adolescent questionnaires (n = 9) were self-administered while parent proxy for children<12 years (n = 20) were mostly mothers (60%, n = 12). Results showed that parents were significantly more knowledgeable than the adolescents in terms of liver function, p = .001; graft dysfunction, p = .037; and dietary/environmental safety practices, p = .000. There was no statistically significant difference between parent-proxy and adolescent knowledge of; and attitude towards taking medications, adherence, sports and outdoor safety, pet-keeping and illness exposure post-transplant. Conclusion: Although adolescent patients did not receive active education regarding medications, they were aware of their medications, indications and dose timings. They may have learnt it from their parents or picked it up after being on the medications for some time. However, they had poor knowledge of liver function and implications of liver disease. This may imply that adolescents who are non-compliant may have a lack of insight to the implications of graft dysfunction.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3220
T1 - Does parental perception of neighborhood safety predicts PA in children from different SES
A1 - Pizarro,A.N.
A1 - Ribeiro,J.
A1 - Teixeira,J.
A1 - Santos,M.P.
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - Society
KW - Safety
KW - parent
KW - Education
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Environment
KW - girl
KW - Regression Analysis
KW - Portugal
KW - Adolescent
KW - childhood
KW - gender
KW - Crime
KW - Female
KW - questionnaire
KW - model
KW - Health
KW - accelerometer
KW - community
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S192
EP - S193

JF - European Journal of Epidemiology
JA - Eur J Epidemiol
N2 - Background Achieving daily recommendations of 60 min of moderate- to-vigorous physical activity (PA) during childhood has well documented benefits. Despite this knowledge many children do not engage in sufficient PA and children from disadvantage families are known to have even lower levels of PA. Time spent outdoor is highly correlated to higher levels of PA, however safety concerns within disadvantage communities may be limiting children's outdoor play. Therefore the aim of this study is to examine the association between parents' safety perceptions of the neighbourhood environment and children's physical activity according to socio economic status (SES). Methods Participants were 298 adolescents (164 girls) with mean age of 11.59 (+0.80) years old from Porto, Portugal. PA was obtained with Actigraph accelerometer model GT1M. Parent's safety perceptions of the neighbourhood environment were obtained by a self-report questionnaire with 11 items on road safety, crime and stranger danger; SES was obtained based on parent's educational level and was collapsed into two categories: B9 years of education (low) and >10 years of education (high). Results Adjusted (gender, age) binary logistics regression analysis showed that parental overall safety perception is associated with achieving PA recommendations only in children from low SES. In low SES families children from parents perceiving more "Safety for outdoor playing during the day" have higher odds (OR = 3.50 CI: 1.55-7.91) of achieving PA recommendations than children whose parents recognize less safety. Conclusions Parent's perceptions of safety in the neighbourhood appear to be an important correlate of PA in low SES families. Therefore interventions to promote neighbourhood safety within these families may be of particular relevance from a health perspective, since they may rely more on the neighbourhood to get their daily PA, than children from high SES
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T1 - Parents' perceptions of residential neighborhood, children's sedentary behaviors, and outdoor play in school children
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A1 - Freitas,F.
A1 - Gama,A.
A1 - Mourao,I.
A1 - Nogueira,H.
A1 - Rosado,V.
A1 - Santana,A.
Y1 - 2012///<
N1 - 71303172
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Human
KW - Society
KW - school child
KW - Child
KW - parent
KW - boy
KW - Male
KW - Environment
KW - computer
KW - girl
KW - Television
KW - Female
KW - Obesity
Background Despite trends indicating a recent stabilization in the upward obesity trend in children in some countries such as Portugal, the present values remains a huge public health problem. Although the causes of this epidemic are multifactorial, environmental factors such as unsafe neighborhoods are one factor that has been thought to increase obesity risk in younger children by limiting their outdoor play and increasing sedentary indoor activities such as television, computer use and play electronic games. Recent studies have pointed to associations between parental perceptions of neighborhood and their children's health. Objectives The main purpose of this study is to analyze the association between sedentary behaviors, children's outdoor play and parents' perceptions of some characteristics of the built environment. Method A cross-sectional study was done in a sample of 1,466 children, aged 6.0-10.0 years living in Oporto. Private and public schools were randomly selected. Parents filled out a questionnaire about family and child behaviours such as TV viewing, PC use, electronic games and outdoor play during weekdays and at the weekend. They also filled out the "Environmental Module" standard questionnaire of the International Physical Activity Prevalence Study (IPS, 2002). Environmental characteristics were combined into two neighborhood dimensions- factor 1-neighborhood built environment, factor 2-neighborhood social environment and safety. A Multivariate Logistic Regression analysis adjusted for age, parental education and the cluster of schools was used. Results A negative parental perception of the residential environment was positively associated with the following behaviors: more time watching Television, among boys (> 2 h/day, OR = 1.66, CI 1.18-2.33, p<0.05); more time spent using the computer, in boys and girls respectively: (> 1 h/day, OR = 2.17, CI 1.31-3.6, p<0.05; OR = 1.13, CI 0.84-1.9, p<0.05); more time spent playing electronic games, in boys and girls: (> 1 h/day, OR = 2.97, CI 1.56-5.6, p<0.01; OR = 1.66, CI 1.12-2.45, p<0.01); less time playing outdoors, in boys and girls: (activity outside<1 h/day, OR = 1.69, CI 1.22-2.33, p<0.01; OR = 1.31, CI = 1.01-1.7, p<0.05). Conclusion When parents have a negative perception of their residential environment the children tend to spend more time inside house watching television, using the computer and playing electron games and less time playing outside. Our results point out for a need to improve the urban design and promoting mixed land uses-as well as the social environment, especially, safety
Background Sedentary behaviors such as television viewing is one of the major factors contributing to childhood obesity. Objectives This study aims to analyze the association between sedentary behaviors such as television viewing, passive play inside house, outdoor play and children obesity. Methods A cross-sectional study was done in a sample of 11,554 children, aged 6.0-10.0 y. Private and public kindergartens and schools were randomly selected. Sampling was based on a sex and age-specific proportionate stratified random design with the district are the primary sampling unit. Weight and height were measured, and parents filled out a questionnaire about family and child characteristics: TV viewing, passive play inside house and outdoor play. Overweight and obesity, using cut-off points as defined by the IOTF, were used. Data was analyzed using the Chi-square test and multivariate logistic regression analysis adjusted for age, sex and the cluster of schools. Results We found 21.1 % of overweight and 9.0 % of obese children. The prevalence of obesity increased by time of TV viewing:<2 h, 26.9 %, 2-4 h, 30.2 %, and +4 h 34.2 %, p<0.001; decreased by time spent with...
passive play inside house: <2 h, 32.6 %, 2-4 h, 30.3 %, and +4 h 27.7 %, p<0.001 and decreased by active play outdoor: <1 h/day 37.4 %, 2-4 h/day 30.1 %, >3 h/day 26.4, p<0.001. The odds ratio (OR) for childhood obesity increased by television viewing (reference <2 h; 2-4 h: 1.18; [4 h: 1.39), decreased by time spent in passive play inside house (reference<2 h; 2-4 h: 0.72;[4 h: 0.58). Conclusions We conclude that TV viewing is positive associated with childhood obesity and either passive play inside house or active play outdoor are both effective ways to decrease childhood obesity.
Compelling evidence suggests that a sedentary lifestyle is being encouraged, at least in part, by environmental factors that affect individuals' physical activity choices. Encouraging physical activity early in life is crucial to positively influence current and future health. Active travel to school is one possible routine to assist children increasing daily physical activity. However, previous studies demonstrated that children may be spending less time unsupervised outside the home. Thus, children's independent mobility has been declining, which may in part explain the reported declines in active commuting to school.

Objectives
This cross-sectional study investigated whether independent mobility was related to active travel to school.

Methods
Six hundred and twenty-five 10-14 years old boys (n = 292) and girls (n = 333) from 10 schools in a large Portuguese city were included. The independent variable in logistic regression analysis was mode of travel home to school measured by a self-reported questionnaire, asking "How do you usually travel to school". Options were walk, bicycle, car, bus or train; those travelling by car/motorcycle and bus/train were merged into a single "passive transport" group and those travelling by bicycle or walking were merged into an "active transport" group. Dependent variable was independent mobility assessed using the stem "How often are you allowed to go to the following places on your own or with friends (without an adult)"; from the eleven questions, which were part of the self-completed questionnaire, one dimension (scale) was derived using categorical principal components analysis (Cronbach alpha = 0.901). Minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) were objectively measured using accelerometers. The analysis was adjusted for gender, age, and MVPA. Results
Independent mobility was significantly associated with active transport to school: i.e., children with high independent mobility were 1.44 times more likely to walk or cycle (95% CI 1.12-1.86). Conclusions
Independent mobility appears to be an important independent correlate of active transport to school. Conversely, low level of independent mobility can negatively influence physical activity, which may lead to decreased levels of social, emotional, and cognitive development.
Background: Physical activity, both as formal sports and free play, has an important role in the cognitive, physical and relational development of the child and also contributes to the maintenance of good health and ideal bodyweight. For these reasons, it is suggested that children should participate in physical activity (including that at school, sports training and active recreation) for at least one hour per day. The Italian child surveillance system, OKkio alla SALUTE, has collected data relating to the physical activity of children aged 8-9 years, and the contribution made by the school.

Objectives: To investigate the association between the physical activity of children and their family background, and to assess the contribution of the schools.

Methods: The survey has been conducted on a representative sample of children from the 3rd year of primary school using a standardized procedure. The children were classified as "active" if in the day before the survey they had participated in physical activity at school, or sports or played outside. The study uses multiple logistic regression to investigate the effects of environmental, familial and scholastic variables on the risk of being classified "active". The analysis uses appropriate methods to take account of complex sampling scheme used to collect the data (stratified cluster sample design and representativeness at local or regional level).

Results: In the 2010 survey, 42,549 children participated with only 3% who refused. The percentage of children not classified as active was 18.4% (95% CI: 17.5-19.3%). The regression analysis revealed a statistically significant association with the educational level and the citizenship of the parents. The odds ratio (OR) associated with high school education was 0.88 (95% CI: 0.80-0.97), while for a university degree the OR was 0.84 (95% CI: 0.73-0.96). For children of foreign parents the OR was 1.22 (95% CI: 1.05-1.41). The presence of initiatives to improve physical activity in the schools was protective, OR = 0.74 (95% CI: 0.61-0.90), as was the inclusion of two hours per week of physical education in the children's timetable, OR = 0.83 (95% CI: 0.72-0.95).

Conclusion: The data collected in 2010 has revealed that about 1 out of 5 of Italian children aged 8-9 is not physically active, especially in the South of the country. The schools can make an important contribution to promote a healthy lifestyle, including adequate physical activity, in Italian schoolchildren.
A1 - Sanchez-Montanez, A.
A1 - Delgado, I.
A1 - Salazar, J.P.
A1 - Corral, J.F.
A1 - Vazquez, E.
A1 - Enriquez, G.
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - procedures
KW - sedation
KW - Pediatrics
KW - Population
KW - Society
KW - neuroradiology
KW - comfort
KW - Human
KW - patient
KW - nuclear magnetic resonance
KW - Child
KW - nuclear magnetic resonance imaging
KW - image quality
KW - Lung
KW - Anxiety
KW - parental consent
KW - anesthesist
KW - patient comfort
KW - clinical practice
KW - audiovisual equipment
KW - university hospital
KW - Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging
KW - ionizing radiation
KW - brain
KW - Personnel
RP - NOT IN FILE

JF - Neuroradiology
IS - var.pagings

N2 - PURPOSE -To reduce movements of children improving image quality -To reduce scan times allowing a greater number of explorations -To avoid or minimize number of sedations reducing costs -To allow performing MR in non-candidates patients for sedation -To improve patient comfort by reducing the claustrophobic feeling -Availability for visual and auditory functional MRI

METHODS We have been studying the benefits of our developed audio-visual rearprojection (AVRP) system that works in 1.5 and 3 T Magnetic Resonance for two years in our institution at The Vall d'Hebron University Hospital. The system consists of: -DVD-DVD player, Movies, Projector (outside the room) -Display and Cranial coil-mirrors (inside the room) -Audio-system (both outside and inside the room)

RESULTS In our clinical practice, the group of patients considered 'uncooperative' represents about 50%. These patients require sedation depending on the anesthesiologist's availability, patient's respiratory status, and parental consent, among other factors. AVRP system has been demonstrated as a very useful tool in the 1.5 and 3 T MRI to improve image quality, as patients remain still over the duration of the scan, with less need to repeat sequences, reducing scanning times. It also minimizes claustrophobic feelings of anxiety and discomfort, avoiding to practice sedation for MRI in these cases. Furthermore, it has been observed a significant reduction in the number of sedation in children age limit. Similarly, patients with medical contraindications for sedation such as patients with lung problems who had to be studied with CT, now take
advantage of MRI thus, preventing the undesirable intrinsic effect of ionizing radiation. Additionally AVR system opens the door to functional MR evaluation of primary auditory and visual areas. Finally, AVR system has a very low cost of implementation, an ease of use and involves a not inconsiderable cost reductions enabling the potential realization of a larger number of studies in a lesser time, requiring less personnel and equipment for sedation. CONCLUSIONS The AVR system has proven very useful for the practice of MRI in pediatric population. It has demonstrated significant benefit to children as young as 3 years of age in completing an interpretable brain MR exam without sedation/anesthesia.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3226
T1 - Outdoors environments are important for health enhancing physical activity in deprived environments
A1 - Eyre,E.
A1 - Duncan,M.
A1 - Birch,S.
A1 - Cox,V.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71300514
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Environment
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Obesity
KW - Health
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - weight
KW - Safety
KW - Sunlight
KW - thematic analysis
KW - Interview
KW - information processing
KW - seasonal variation
KW - Weather
KW - United Kingdom
KW - ward
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 169
JF - Obesity Facts
JA - Obes Facts
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Introduction: Physical activity (PA) is important for weight management but PA may be restricted by environmental influences (obesogenic environments). The study aims to assess the importance of outdoors environments in deprived areas on PA engagement. Methods: 46 children (8.6 + 0.55 years; BMI: 17.7 + 4.4 kg/m^2, BF% 21 + 9) from the two most deprived wards of Coventry, UK wore a combined HR and GPS monitor (Garmin 406) for 4 days from which time spent in moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) was determined. Children took part in focus group interviews exploring environmental facilitators and barriers to PA which were analysed using thematic analysis. Results: Children spent more time in MVPA in outdoor (greenspace, street) than indoor environments (outside = 49 + 35% vs. inside 27 + 25%, P = 0.00) for both weekdays and weekends (P=0.01). Children reported that they were more active and preferred PA in outdoors environments. Children spent more significantly more time in MVPA outdoors on weekdays during
increased hours of sunlight (spring/summer) compared to reduced hours of sunlight (autumn/winter) (69 + 30mins vs 44 + 60mins, P=0.01). Children reported that weather, parental constraints and safety were barriers to PA. There was no difference in time in MVPA outside or inside between weight status groups (P<0.05).

Conclusion: Outdoor environments are important for health enhancing PA but interactions with outdoor environments is limited by seasonality, parental constraints and safety in deprived environments. Interaction with outdoor environments was not influenced by weight status

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Increasing physical activity in primary schools in an english county
A1 - Huber,J.W.
A1 - Sixsmith,J.A.
A1 - Browne,J.
A1 - Doe,E.
A1 - Ryder,R.
Y1 - 2013
N1 - 71300472
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - primary school
KW - Obesity
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - school
KW - questionnaire
KW - Internet
KW - Walking
KW - Swimming
KW - Football
KW - boy
KW - Male
KW - parent
KW - procedures
KW - teacher
KW - epidemic
KW - school child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 157
JF - Obesity Facts
JA - Obes Facts
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Introduction: Lack of physical activity in primary school children is considered to be a major driver of the obesity epidemic. In an English county with slightly above average obesity levels, an intervention to increase physical activity in and outside school in 7 to 10 year olds placed facilitators in schools to help five schools to achieve this aim. Methods: A pre and after design (baseline and post intervention) collects questionnaire data from children. Schools were selected to represent a range of areas in the county with a range of deprivation levels as measured by the index of multiple deprivation. Questionnaires ask about the type and intensity of activities children engage in and their attitudes towards physical activity. Children completed the internet survey in class at school. In addition qualitative data will be collected from children, teachers and facilitators. An opt-out consent procedure was used with parents and children. Results: At baseline 419 children have taken part in
the study. Mean age was 8 years (SD 0.95); 51% of the children were boys. The most popular physical activities were football, cycling, swimming and walking. Attitudes towards physical activity were generally positive. Conclusion: The baseline data indicate that the pupils are active and have a positive attitude to physical activity. It will be interesting to see whether the facilitators' tailored interventions will improve on these baseline data.

Background: The prevalence of overweight among children is rising rapidly and childhood overweight increasingly occurs at a younger age. The 'BBOFT+' intervention aims at implementing healthy lifestyle habits through focusing on effective child rearing from birth: sleeping, breastfeeding, (outdoor) activity, breakfast, soft drinks and TV time. This study aims to evaluate the effects on the prevention of overweight of the BBOFT+ intervention, compared to care-as-usual (CAU), as applied to children of 0-3 years and their parents. Method: In a cluster-randomized control trial, 68 Youth Health Care teams participated. Parents of more than 2500 children...
filled out questionnaires at the age of 2 weeks, 6, 15 and 36 months. Parent-reported child's weight and length are used. Results: The first univariate analyses show no difference in nightly sleep duration between the BOFT+ and the CAU group at the age of 6 months. However, at the age of 15 months, children of the CAU group slept at night on average 6.6 minutes shorter than children in the BBOFT+ group (p < 0.05). At age 15 months, no difference in BMI SDS, parental control, reinforcement or warmth was found between the BBOFT+ and the CAU group. Conclusion: The BBOFT+ intervention seem to have an effect on sleep at the age of 15 months. Further analyses will be conducted for the topics outdoor exercise, activity and play, breakfast, soft drinks and TV time. Furthermore the differences in BMI between BBOFT+ and CAU will be evaluated. These will be presented during the congress

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3229
T1 - Review analysis of the association between the prevalence of activated brown adipose tissue and outdoor temperature
A1 - Huang,Y.-C.
A1 - Hsu,C.-C.
A1 - Wang,P.-W.
A1 - Chang,Y.-H.
A1 - Chen,T.-B.
A1 - Lee,B.-F.
A1 - Chiu,N.-T.
Y1 - 2012
N1 - 2012279141
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Body Weight
KW - brown adipose tissue
KW - Child
KW - cold exposure
KW - computer assisted emission tomography
KW - diet restriction
KW - environmental temperature
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - review
KW - school child
KW - stimulus response
KW - systematic review
KW - systematic review (topic)
KW - Taiwan
KW - temperature measurement
KW - thermogenesis
KW - tropic climate
KW - fluorodeoxyglucose f 18
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - The Scientific World Journal
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - Brown adipose tissue (BAT) is important for regulating body weight. Environmental temperature influences BAT activation. Activated BAT is identifiable using F 18-fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography/computed tomography (F 18-FDG PET/CT). F 18-FDG PET/CT scans done between June 2005 and May 2009 in our institution in tropical southern Taiwan and BAT studies from PubMed (2002-2011) were reviewed, and the average outdoor temperatures during the study periods were obtained. A simple linear regression was used to analyze the association between the prevalence of activated BAT (P) and the average outdoor temperature (T). The review analysis for 9 BAT studies (n = 16, 765) showed a significant negative correlation (r = -0.741, P = 0.022) between the prevalence of activated BAT and the average outdoor temperature. The equation of the regression line is P (°C) = 6.99 - 0.20 T (°C). The prevalence of activated BAT decreased by 1 for each 5°C increase in average outdoor temperature. In a neutral ambient temperature, the prevalence of activated BAT is low and especially rare in the tropics. There is a significant linear negative correlation between the prevalence of activated BAT and the average outdoor temperature.

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T1 - Playgrounds in Novi Sad (Serbia) and their influences on children’s health and development
A1 - Krkljes,M.
A1 - Jevtic,M.
Y1 - 2012
N1 - 2012343289
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Child Development
KW - child health
KW - child safety
KW - equipment
KW - Government
KW - health hazard
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - play
KW - Recreation
KW - Serbia
KW - urban area
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 864
EP - 874
JF - HealthMED
VL - 6
IS - 3
CY - Bosnia and Herzegovina

N2 - Playgrounds are spaces in urban environments where children spend most of their free time. Continuous and various games in the open, with numerous physical and emotional reactions, have great significance for their health. The importance of playgrounds is based on possibilities for children to realize different needs for their proper psychophysical development. The aim of this research was to explore what kinds of playgrounds are adequate for children according to their development levels. Focusing on playgrounds in the urban area of
Novi Sad (Serbia), the paper analyzes different playgrounds and sport fields. The analyzed examples are differently positioned, shaped and various in used elements, as well as in the overall quality of surroundings. Play opportunities and problems within playgrounds were identified and documented in order to determine possible strategies and recommendations to improve their quality and provide children with healthy and secure environments. Upon analyzing playgrounds in Novi Sad, conclusions were made that the unified need of children for play does exist in diversified places and that all spaces have certain influence on children's development and health. There is an obvious lack of adequate playgrounds, which would fully satisfy modern children's needs.
N2 - Objectives: Vitamin D status was investigated in 200 children (100 males and 100 females) visiting the Pediatrics Clinic at Jordan University Hospital. Methods: Subjects were categorized into two age groups: 1-3 years (toddlers) and 3-6 years (preschool children). Data were collected on children's lifestyle factors, dietary intake, height, weight and BMI. Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D \( <3 \) (25 (OH) D\( <3 \)) concentration was determined. Results: 16.5% of the children had vitamin D deficiency (serum 25 (OH) D\( <3 \) < 15 ng/mL), while 15.5% had vitamin D insufficiency (serum 25 (OH) D\( <3 \) from 15 to 20 ng/mL). Serum 25 (OH) D\( <3 \) levels for the toddlers (26.25 + 1.16) were significantly higher (P<0.05) than those of the preschool children (21.49 + 1.16). Serum 25 (OH) D\( <3 \) was significantly higher (P<0.05) for exclusively formula-fed children (27.42 + 0.86) or children with mixed feeding (26.69 + 0.92) than for those who were exclusively breast-fed (17.02 + 0.90). Also, serum 25 (OH) D\( <3 \) levels were positively correlated with the duration of formula feeding \( (r = 0.4849, P<0.0001) \), duration of outdoor physical activity \( (r = 0.3940, P<0.0001) \), monthly frequency of outdoor physical activity \( (r = 0.61087, P<0.0001) \), and vitamin D \( (r = 0.4678, p<0.0001) \) and calcium \( (r =0.4951, p<0.0001) \) intakes. However, serum 25 (OH) D\( <3 \) levels were negatively correlated with duration of breast feeding \( (r = -0.3554, P<0.0001) \) and BMI \( (r = -0.4235; P<0.0001) \). Conclusions: It is concluded that hypovitaminosis D is common in preschool children and that lifestyle conditions influence vitamin D status. 2011 DAR Publishers/University of Jordan. All Rights Reserved

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A1 - Joshi,P.
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English

Journal: Conference Abstract

KW - EMBASE
KW - Society
KW - Internal Medicine
KW - Inflammation
KW - Human
KW - patient
KW - Diagnosis
KW - erythrophagocytosis
KW - Hospital
KW - histiocytosis
KW - hypertransaminasemia
KW - Hepatitis
KW - fever
KW - sepsis
KW - cytopenia
KW - Infection
KW - hypertriglyceridemia
KW - Therapy
KW - natural killer cell
KW - Epstein Barr virus
KW - community acquired pneumonia
KW - leukopenia
KW - survival
KW - Kidney Failure
KW - Adult
KW - Survival Rate
KW - autoimmune disease
KW - immune deficiency
KW - Transplantation
KW - pathophysiology
KW - immune response
KW - fluid resuscitation
KW - Child
KW - autosomal recessive inheritance
KW - lymph node
KW - erythroid precursor cell
KW - hemophagocytic syndrome
KW - spleen
KW - bone marrow
KW - bone marrow biopsy
KW - thorax radiography
KW - faintness
KW - blood cell
KW - smear
KW - Flow Cytometry
KW - splenomegaly
KW - myalgia
KW - clinical feature
KW - neutropenia
KW - cell activity
KW - central nervous system disease
KW - Female
KW - T lymphocyte
KW - health care quality
KW - pancytopenia
KW - virus infection
KW - Cell Transplantation
KW - cytokine storm
KW - diseases
KW - outpatient
KW - follow up
KW - laboratory
KW - hematopoietic cell
KW - central nervous system
KW - adult respiratory distress syndrome
KW - dexamethasone
KW - etoposide
KW - antihypertensive agent
KW - autoantibody
KW - antibiotic agent
KW - interleukin 2
KW - Receptor
KW - cyclosporin
KW - immunoglobulin
KW - DNA
KW - lactate dehydrogenase
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LEARNING OBJECTIVE 1: Recognize clinical features of hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)

LEARNING OBJECTIVE 2: Treat HLH

CASE: A 53 year-old woman presented to an outside hospital with complaints of 1 week of fevers, myalgias, URI symptoms, and 1 episode of "fainting." She was hypotensive, but responded to fluid resuscitation. Marked hematologic derangements were seen, including leukopenia of 1.3 with 15% bands, transaminitis AST 397/ALT 239, ferritinemia 65,000 and LDH 2,000. A chest radiograph showed a possible infiltrate, leading to the diagnosis of presumed severe sepsis secondary to community-acquired pneumonia, but pancytopenia and transaminitis worsened despite broadspectrum antibiotics, prompting the transfer to our hospital. Additional labs at our hospital showed neutropenia of 0.5, hypertriglyceridemia 379, and a positive DIC panel. Flow cytometry and a peripheral smear did not indicate malignancy. All infectious and rheumatologic studies were negative except for a positive EBV DNA PCR. A bone marrow biopsy showed hemophagocytosis with numerous nucleated erythroid precursors engulfed by histiocytes, indicative of HLH.

DISCUSSION: There are two types of HLH which present similarly. Primary HLH is due to an autosomal recessive trait and is predominantly seen in children. Secondary HLH is seen more often in adults, and is caused by the body's reaction to another condition such as infections (EBV is the most commonly associated infection), autoimmune disease, malignancies, immune deficiencies or suppression, and post-transplantation. The central pathophysiology of HLH is an excessive immune response. A cytokine storm leads multi-organ dysfunction via infiltration of activated T-lymphocytes, natural killer (NK) cells and histiocytes. Autoantibodies may also contribute to the cytopenia. The key diagnostic finding is hemophagocytosis of blood cells in the bone marrow, spleen and lymph nodes. HLH can typically be diagnosed if at least five of the following criteria are fulfilled: fever, splenomegaly, cytopenia, hypertriglyceridemia or hypofibrinogemia, hemophagocytosis, hepatitis, low or absent NK cell activity, marked ferritinemia and elevated IL-2 receptor. Though HLH is a rare condition, incidence may be higher given the need for complex diagnostic workup and is commonly misdiagnosed as severe sepsis (as in this patient's case), FUO, hepatitis, renal failure, ARDS, and various CNS diseases to name a few. Prompt diagnosis is crucial, since without treatment, median survival is 1 to 2 months. To address this, the first international treatment protocol, HLH-94, was developed and studies have shown a significant improvement in survival rates. The HLH-2004 protocol (Grade 1B) is the current standard of care: immediate immunochemotherapy with dexamethasone and etoposide, aggressive supportive therapy and for selected patients, hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT). Whether cyclosporine should be administered upfront as proposed by HLH-94 or later is controversial. This patient was treated with dexamethasone and intravenous immunoglobulin since the latter is an appropriate adjunct for most viral infections. The patient improved following 2 days of therapy and supportive care, and etoposide was never started. EBV-associated HLH can range from spontaneously resolving inflammation to persisting illness requiring HCT, and the patient's presentation is closer to the former. During her outpatient follow-up visit, her laboratory values normalized except for a slight down-trending ferritinemia.

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Introduction: Obesity among school going children is one of the major global health challenge. Childhood obesity is the result of a long lasting imbalance between energy intake and energy expenditure. A major contributing factor is physical inactivity which is also closely linked to bone health, cardiovascular disease, overall body fitness and psychological well being. The objectives of this study were to identify the pattern of physical activity and its difference among adolescent girls and boys. Aim: Level of physical activity is poor amongst adolescents in Pakistan. Method: A cross-sectional, questionnaire based survey was conducted in five inner city secondary schools serving predominantly middle and lower socioeconomic class in Karachi and Quetta. In all, 314 adolescents (13 to 17 years) completely responded to the questionnaire. All the data was collected and managed by trained medical graduates. Chi-square test was used to calculate the differences of physical activity pattern among girls and boys. Results: Questionnaire was administered to 159 boys (50.6%) and 155 girls (49.4%). Large majority (83.7%) of adolescents were using vehicle to and from school and over half (55.1%) of respondents spent three hours or more on watching television, playing computer games or doing other sitting activities. Only 35.7% of adolescents were involved in vigorous activities; more boys compared to girls (52.2% vs. 18.7%; p<0.001). Similarly, boys were found to be more physically active for at least thirty minutes per day as compared to girls (45.3% vs. 27.7%; p=0.001). More than half of the study participants (55.7%) were taught about physical education and 61.2% of them had accessibility of play ground other than school. Conclusion: Substantially large proportion of adolescents particularly girls were physically inactive in this study. There is a need for those with responsibility for adolescent's health, including parents, schools, and
community health providers, to consider and address the need for effective interventions to encourage increased physical activity level among adolescents

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KW - clinical practice
KW - courage
KW - Therapy
KW - Self Evaluation
KW - planning
KW - speech language pathologist
KW - physiotherapist
KW - Population
KW - occupation
KW - Speech Therapy
KW - Diagnosis
KW - wolf
KW - cerebrovascular accident
KW - spinal cord injury
KW - outpatient
KW - hospital patient
KW - United States
KW - Child
KW - disability
KW - fox
KW - community based rehabilitation
KW - Parkinson disease
KW - Adult
KW - movement therapy
KW - chlorpromazine
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Intensive therapy, such as constraint-induced movement therapy and BIG and LOUD, have been shown to improve outcomes better than standard care rehabilitation for a wide range of client groups, including adults and children with stroke (Wolf, et al., 2006; Duncan, 2011; Szaflarski, 2008; Lo, 2010), Parkinsons Disease (Fox, 2006), and individuals with spinal cord injury (Dobkin, 2006). In September of 2012 Courage Center started an intensive therapy intervention for all therapy and fitness programs to help therapists change their practice and incorporate higher intensity interventions to improve outcomes. The evaluation plan includes two patient and staff surveys of patient effort (1 month prior, and 2 months into the project). At baseline, clients reported 40% of sessions outside targeted effort range, and staff reported 29% of sessions outside the targeted range of effort. Two months into the project, clients reported 36% of sessions outside targeted effort range, and staff reported 20% of sessions outside the targeted range of effort. A survey of staff about implementation of intensive intervention revealed that 95% of staff said the implementation had gone well. The most common strategies implemented included "use it or lose it" and increased repetition. The most common strategies they were planning to implement next were "use it and improve it" and transference. Staff report that patients are making faster improvements than expected, and early results from outcome measures are promising. Design: This was a quasi-experimental prospective cohort design, examining comparisons of staff and patient reports of effort during sessions collected prior to and after implementation of the intensive intervention project. Setting: Courage Center is a community-based rehabilitation and resource center for persons with disabilities located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Center has both inpatient and outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy, as well as an extensive fitness programs, and serves a population with a wide spectrum of rehabilitation needs. Participants: All staff in therapy and fitness began implementing intensive strategies beginning in November 2012. This included 28 occupational, 49 physical therapists, 15 speech language pathologists, as well as 25 fitness staff. Clients prior to this date received standard care treatment and are the historical comparisons for this project. Interventions: Intensive therapy and behavioral techniques that encourage greater patient engagement and effort in rehabilitation were used. These techniques were modeled after and Kleim's (2008) review, and involve specific 10 strategies to increase intensity, regardless of the intervention. Representatives from all departments, all professions and all sites made up an Intensive Intervention Implementation Team. They developed training materials, a self-assessment, and reminder materials that could be used during sessions to remind staff to incorporate more intensity into the session. Reminders to implement the new strategies were incorporated into all staff and department meetings, as well as into diagnostic specific clinical practice groups that met monthly. The members of the Intensive Intervention Implementation Team and the clinical practice groups were asked to practice intensive interventions, and became local leaders in the process. All staff were asked to complete the self-assessment, and to select 2 strategies to implement across all clients for the following month. All other activities in the facility, including Journal Club and the quality committee focused on this project. Main Outcome Measure(s): Outcomes for this project were patient and staff ratings of session intensity, measured at two points (1 month prior and 2 months into the project) as well as a staff survey about the implementation process and practice change. Results: As of February 2012, all staff had been charged with implementing intensive interventions for 2 months. At baseline, clients reported 40% of sessions outside targeted effort range, and staff reported 29% of sessions outside the targeted range of effort. Two months into the project, clients reported 36% of sessions outside targeted effort range, and staff reported 20% of sessions outside the targeted range of effort. A survey about implementation of intensive intervention revealed that 95% of staff said the implementation had gone well. The most common strategies implemented included "use it or lose it" and increased repetition. The most common strategies they were planning to implement next were "use it and improve it" and transference. Staff were responding to by 49% of the staff. Conclusions: The findings from this study provide additional support for the importance of increased patient effort early in the rehabilitation, and speak to the value of incorporating intensive intervention techniques in post-acute rehabilitation settings.
Objective: This study is to develop the Chinese-version of the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE-C) and examine its psychometric properties for Chinese speaking children with and without neuromuscular disorders. Design: The CAPE was translated and culturally adapted into a Chinese version (CAPE-C). All the parents assisted their children to complete the CAPE-C. The content and response process validity were established by an expert panel and the cognitive interviews for six participants. The internal consistency, item discrimination, omega coefficient reliability, and known group validity were evaluated through a cross-sectional design. The test-retest reliability was examined by a repeated-measures design. Setting: All the questionnaires were completed by mail. Participants: A total of 201 parents of 157 unaffected children, and 44 children with cerebral palsy and Duchenne muscular dystrophy aged 6-15 years were included. Interventions: No intervention in this project. Main Outcome Measure(s): The content validity, response process
validity, internal consistency, item discrimination, omega coefficient reliability, test-retest reliability, and known group validity were evaluated. Results: For the CAPE-C overall and five domain items, the internal consistency was 0.55 to 0.87, and the test-retest reliability was 0.82-0.97. Six items with insufficient discrimination were found in both overall and domain scores. The omega coefficient was 0.831, excluding skill-based domain items. The unaffected children significantly participated more in overall and domain activities than affected children (except for skill-based activities). Apart from self-improvement activities, the participation intensity of CAPE-C activities was significantly higher in younger (6-10 years) children than older (11-15 years) ones. Girls significantly took more skill-based activities than boys. Conclusions: Consequently, to enhance children's participation outcome generalization across cultures, this newly developed and standardized CAPE-C provides an evidence-based tool to measure outside-class activity participation for children with and without neuromuscular disorders of Chinese speaking background. Future studies with larger sample size and different diagnosis samples are recommended to further support different types of construct validity of the CAPE-C

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KW - Feeding Behavior
KW - Female
KW - Child
KW - weight
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BACKGROUND: Obesity has been shown to spread through social networks. However, further data are needed on social network structure and function in weight loss behaviors, particularly in race/ethnic minority populations. The aim of this analysis was to examine social network structure, its influence on eating habits and relationship to weight loss among adults enrolled in a behavior change weight loss study.

METHODS: The Small Changes and Lasting Effects (SCALE) trial is an ongoing 1 year weight loss intervention among non-Hispanic black and Hispanic adults, BMI>25 kg/m², living primarily in Harlem and the South Bronx, New York. Participants made small changes in their eating behaviors and set individual physical activity goals. Social network members were defined as people important in the participant's life; for example family, friends, coworkers. Data on participants' social network structure were collected at study close-out using the convoy model of social support. The convoy model consists of 3 concentric circles (Fig. 1); the closest network members were listed in the inner circle (circle 1), members not as close in the middle circle, and least close in the outer circle. Participants identified the network members who influenced their eating habits and if they helped or hindered their eating goals in SCALE. Weight loss was calculated as the difference between weight measured at study enrollment and close-out. Data were analyzed using chi-square and ANOVA tests as appropriate.

RESULTS: There were 45 index participants included in the analysis (mean age 51 years, 38 % female, 40 % non-Hispanic black, 60 % Hispanic) and 469 social network members. The average network size was 10.4 members, with the largest percent of network members in circle 1 (60 %) followed by circle 2 (25 %) and circle 3 (15 %). The majority of network members were women (62 % circle 1, 77 % circle 2 and 74 % circle 3). 77 % of participants indicated that at least one social network member influenced their eating habits, these members were primarily in circle 1 (74 %). Among the social network members who influenced eating habits, 80 % helped participants with their SCALE eating goals, 8 % made it more difficult, and 11 % had no impact (p<0.0001). Network members who helped participants with their eating goals were primarily in circle 1 (74 %). Children and friends were identified as being more helpful than partners/spouses (25 %, 25 % and 8 % respectively). Network members identified as helpful lived primarily outside the home (70 %). There was a trend towards greater weight loss among participants who reported having social network members that helped them with their eating goals compared to those without help (-3.4 lbs vs. + 3.8 lbs, p=0.06). CONCLUSIONS: In SCALE, the majority of participants indicated that social network members influenced their eating habits. There was a trend towards greater weight loss among participants who had social network help in their eating behavior goals compared to those without help. These data provide information on the structure of social networks among overweight/obese adults residing in an urban setting and provide evidence that social networks can be helpful in weight loss efforts.
Although Mycobacterium tuberculosis is the causative agent of pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB), environmental factors may influence disease progression. Ecologic studies conducted in countries outside the USA with high levels of air pollution and PTB have suggested a link between active disease and ambient air pollution. The present investigation is the first to examine the ambient air pollution-PTB association in a country, where air pollution levels are comparatively lower. We used Poisson regression models to examine the association of outdoor air pollutants, PM10 and PM2.5 with rates of PTB in North Carolina residents during 1993-2007. Results suggest a potential association between long-term exposure to particulate matter (PM) and PTB disease. In view of the high levels of air pollution and high rates of PTB worldwide, a potential association between ambient air pollution and tuberculosis warrants further study.
The accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) in Japan resulted in the release of a large number of fission products that were transported worldwide. We study the effects of two of the most dangerous radionuclides emitted, $^{137}$Cs (half-life: 30.2 years) and $^{134}$Cs (half-life: 2.06 years), which were transported across the world constituting the global fallout (together with iodine isotopes and noble gasses) after nuclear releases. The main purpose is to provide preliminary cancer risk estimates after the Fukushima NPP accident, in terms of excess lifetime incident and death risks, prior to epidemiology, and compare them with those occurred after the Chernobyl accident. Moreover, cancer risks are presented for the local population in the form of high-resolution risk maps for 3 population classes and for both sexes. The atmospheric transport model LMDZORINCA was used to simulate the global dispersion of radiocaesium after the accident. Air and ground activity concentrations have been incorporated with monitoring data as input to the LNT-model (Linear Non-Threshold) frequently used in risk assessments of all solid cancers. Cancer risks were estimated to be small for the global population in regions outside Japan. Women are more sensitive to radiation than men, although the largest risks were recorded for infants; the risk is not depended on the sex at the age-of-exposure. Radiation risks from Fukushima were more enhanced near the plant, while the evacuation measures were crucial for its reduction. According to our estimations, 730-1700 excess cancer incidents are expected of which around 65% may be fatal, which are very close to what has been already published (see references therein). Finally, we applied the same calculations using the DDREF (Dose and Dose Rate Effectiveness Factor), which is recommended by the ICRP, UNSCEAR and EPA as an alternative reduction factor instead of using a threshold value (which is still unknown). Excess lifetime cancer incidents were estimated to be between 360 and 850, whereas 220-520 of them will be fatal. Nevertheless, these numbers are expected to be even smaller, as the response of the Japanese official authorities to the accident was rapid. The projected cancer incidents are much lower than the casualties occurred from the earthquake itself (>20,000) and also smaller than the accident of Chernobyl. 2013 Elsevier Ltd
Two-story apartment complexes in Florida commonly have a large exterior staircase made from CCAtreated wood. Children living in these residences have frequent contact with steps and handrails while walking, sitting and playing on the staircases outside their homes. Soil arsenic concentrations under two-story staircases at 6 large apartment complexes, where over 1,500 people reside, ranged from 6 to over 160 ppm, representing a source of arsenic exposure to children playing under and around these structures. Currently, we are measuring arsenic concentrations in the surface residue of these staircases and on objects stored under them, including grills, toys and children's bikes. These results will be used to identify variables that may lead to increased exposure to arsenic by children living in these types of apartment complexes and provide evidence in support of mitigation strategies.
Background and Aims: Braddock and Clairton, Pennsylvania, in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh, are home to the Edgar Thomson Steel Works and Clairton Coke Works, which are two active steel mills. These towns exceed average annual (>15 μg/m³) and daily (>35 μg/m³) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter (PM2.5). Within the past few decades, asthma rates have been increasing in the Pittsburgh region. Methods: A subset of 14 homes from an asthmatic cohort was selected for a 1 week sampling session of indoor air during the summer 2011, which was repeated for an additional week in the winter of 2012. Personal Exposure Monitors (PEMs) were used to sample particulate matter (PM2.5) and passive Ogawa badges were used to sample NO2. Teflon filters were pre- and post-weighed to calculate PM2.5 concentration, NO2 badges were analysed by UV-VIS spectrophotometry, and EC and trace metal analysis were performed. Results: Within the 21 homes for summer sampling, a mean PM2.5 concentration of 25.8 μg/m³ (SD = 22.7 μg/m³) and a mean NO2 concentration of 13.9ppb (SD = 7.2ppb) were detected. Homes with an asthmatic child had a mean concentration of 30.4 μg/m³ for PM2.5 and 13.9ppb for NO2, whereas the other 7 homes with no asthmatic child had a mean concentration of 16.6 μg/m³ for PM2.5 and 9.7ppb for NO2. For elemental carbon, a mean of 2.8 absorbance units (SD = 1.2 abs) was found. A seasonal comparison will be made.
Temperature, number of cigarettes smoked, and time spent cooking appear to have strong correlations to PM. Conclusions: This pilot data was used to detect PM, EC, and NO2 concentrations in homes that have an asthmatic child and are located in communities near an active steel mill. Indoor results will be compared to an outdoor stationary monitoring campaign throughout Pittsburgh SN - 1044-3983
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KW - biomass
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KW - Air Pollution
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KW - Cooking
KW - solid
KW - Society
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Human
KW - exposure
KW - cataract
KW - Child
KW - cerebrovascular accident
KW - Asia
KW - pneumonia
KW - Female
KW - diseases
KW - heart disease
KW - Pollution
KW - passive smoking
KW - Africa South of the Sahara
KW - gas
KW - meta analysis
KW - systematic review (topic)
KW - Death
KW - lung cancer
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - ischemic heart disease
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KW - Monitoring
KW - Indian
KW - Male
KW - model
KW - fuel
Background The Global Burden of Diseases Study 2010 updates the first international Comparative Risk Assessment as part of the Global Burden of Disease Project, which estimated that the annual burden attributable to household air pollution (HAP) from use of solid fuels in 2000 was 1.6 million premature deaths and 54 million lost years of healthy life (DALYs), largely due to child pneumonia and COPD in women in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Objectives We quantify for 1990, 2005, and 2010 the revised burden attributable to HAP based on additional epidemiologic studies and new approaches for estimating exposure and exposure-response functions. Methods We estimated world-wide household exposure to fine particulate air pollution, PM2.5, by combining 500+ nationally representative household energy surveys with a model of household PM2.5 levels based on data from Indian monitoring studies. We derived risk functions for ischemic heart disease, stroke, COPD, lung cancer, cataracts, and child pneumonia using recent systematic reviews and meta-analyses and for some endpoints drawing on Generalized Exposure Response relationships derived along with evidence from the literature on active and passive smoking and outdoor air pollution. Since household sources contribute substantially to outdoor pollution, we also include a portion of the outdoor air pollution burden in the HAP estimates for Asia. Conclusions Preliminary estimates suggest the burden attributable to HAP is considerably higher than the previous estimate because evidence supports 1) impacts on men as well as women, 2) inclusion of additional diseases (heart disease, cataract, and stroke); 3) a portion of outdoor air pollution impacts are now included under HAP; and 4) a lower counterfactual level is applied, equivalent to cooking with gas fuels.
The Koppers Superfund site, in Gainesville, Florida, operated as a wood treatment facility for nearly 100 years before closing in 2009. At that time, soil testing in residential yards around the site found elevated levels of dioxin, directly impacting hundreds of residents. Sampling of indoor dust from 200 homes using the CALUX assay detected high levels of dioxin-like chemicals in homes up to .5 mile from the site. To address the concern and confusion generated by these findings, Suwannee River Area Health Education Center developed the Gainesville Area Health Education Project and received a $25,000 USEPA Environmental Justice small grant to implement the project. Community outreach activities over the year will culminate in the Eco-Health Festival, to be held in the center of the impacted neighborhood on Earth Day, 2012. Local experts from the University of Florida and other organizations will speak on over 30 topics identified by residents as areas where they desire more information related to the soil contamination, such as impacts on water quality, gardening, raising chickens, keeping children safe and reducing overall chemical exposures in the home. A Superfund Art Show will highlight related work from adults and children in the neighborhood. Local musicians will perform social justice and environment-related music. A mini-film festival will highlight environmental justice struggles experienced by other communities around the world. The overall goal of the festival is to strengthen the resiliency of this low income neighborhood through building community ties and empowering residents with accessible scientific information related to the contamination of their homes and yards. The results from this project will be used to develop future family-friendly environmental education forums in similarly impacted communities around the country, with an emphasis on providing parents with easy-to-understand information on ways to protect infants and children from exposure to hazardous chemicals in and around the home.
Background/Aims: Children's facilities are an important indoor environment for children and exposure area with potential harmful health effects for children who spend most of their daily life. This study was performed to investigate concentration of aldehydes in indoor air at children's facilities. Methods: The samples of indoor air were collected at various children's facilities (40 day-care houses, 42 child-care centers, 44 kindergartens, and 42 indoor playgrounds) in summer (July-September, 2007), winter (January-February, 2008), and spring (March-April, 2008) periods, and analyzed by HPLC. Indoor air measurement after that assessed the lifetime cancer and non-cancer risk of aldehydes exposure of young children. We estimated the lifetime excess cancer risks of formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, and the hazard quotients of non-carcinogens (benzaldehyde and formaldehyde). Formaldehyde evaluated both cancer and non-cancer risk. Results: The indoor and outdoor (I/O) ratio of aldehydes exceeds 1.0. It appeared the interior materials have indoor source. Also, the relationship between childcare facilities and formaldehyde level was statistically significant. Aldehydes of health assessment result, formaldehyde average excess cancer risks of young children were $1 \times 10^{-4} - 1 \times 10^{-5}$ level in all facilities. And hazard quotients of 4 non-carcinogens did not exceed 1.0 for all subjects in all facilities. Conclusion: To better understand results, investigators need to account for the variability of contaminants both within and between children's facilities.
Background/Aims: Lead exposure is associated with impairment of nerve system. In particular, children are at the greatest risk due to their proximity to the floor and nature for placing hands in their mouths. Further
Research is necessary for better understanding of lead exposure in children. However, little is known about blood lead levels of younger children in Korea. The objective of this study was to characterize lead levels in blood of children; and to investigate the environmental factors associated with blood lead levels. Methods: We took blood samples from 68 children (5-9 years) who resided in an industrial complex (n = 19) and residential areas (n = 49) in Seoul, and did not have any disease and clinical symptoms related to lead poisoning. Frozen samples were moved to the laboratory and kept in freezer before analysis. Graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry was used for analysis followed by pretreatment with 0.1% Triton X-100 and standard solution. Statistical analyses (SPSS, version 12.0) were performed to compare lead concentrations between an industrial complex and residential areas. The multiple logistic regression was performed to investigate the influence of environmental factors (house types, distance between house and vehicle road, types of drinking water, smoking of housemate, time spent outdoor, and ground types in the playground) on blood lead levels. Results: Mean age of subjects was 74.6 months. Blood lead levels ranged from 0.3 to 2.2 mug/dL, and mean was 1.1 ± 0.4 mug/dL. Environmental variables and sex were not significantly associated with blood lead levels in this study. However, lead levels for residential areas (mean: 1.2 mug/dL [range: 0.5-2.2]) were significantly higher than those for an industrial complex (mean: 0.8 mug/dL [0.3-1.4]) (P < 0.01). Conclusion: This result may suggest that exposure to lead may often occur through lead-contained materials (eg, toys, food, and house dust originated from lead-based paint), as well as polluted soil and air.
Background/Aims: Children's exposures to environmental contaminants are expected to be different and, in many cases, much higher than adults. Differences in the behavior of children, particularly the way in which children interact with their environment, may also have a profound effect on the magnitude of exposures to contaminants. Especially, children's facilities are an important indoor environment for children and exposure area with potential harmful health effects for children who spend most of their daily life. Therefore, the present study was performed to assess the levels and characteristics of several pollutants in indoor environments, and to predict the child-specific health risk of indoor pollutants at children's facilities. Methods: The levels of 25 indoor pollutants (8 volatile organic compound [VOC], 3 aldehydes, 5 metal, 2 pesticides, 4 retardants, 3 phthalates) were assessed in indoor samples (dust, respiratory particulates, vapor, surface) at various children's facilities (40 day-care houses, 42 child-care centers, 44 kindergartens, and 42 indoor playgrounds) in summer (July–September, 2007), winter (January and February, 2008), and spring (March–April, 2008) periods. We analyzed using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry for VOCs, pesticides, inductively coupled plasma for metals, and phthalates, and high-resolution gas chromatography/high-resolution mass spectrometry for polybrominated diphenyl ethers. Results: The levels of VOCs, aldehydes, polybrominated diphenyl ethers, and pesticides showed the seasonal variations, but the levels of phthalates and metals in summer period were similar to those in winter periods. The excess cancer risks of 9 carcinogens for children were 10^-3-10^-5 level in all facilities and excess cancer risks of dichlorvos and formaldehyde were more than 10^-4 level, respectively. The 14% in the subject facilities were exceed to 1.0 of hazard index for 16 noncarcinogens. The exposure of dichlorvos could be done through various routes such as inhalation, hand-to-mouth, and skin contact, and major route of formaldehyde was inhalation for child in indoor environment. Conclusion: The dichlorvos and formaldehyde were selected as the major concern pollutants and need the risk reduction management plan at children's facilities.
Background/Aims: Although it is increasingly recognized that environmental concentrations do not necessarily equate to individual exposure, concentrations at place of residence are often used to approximate exposure. However, individual exposure can vary, depending on circumstances such as the amount of time spent indoors and outdoors (Jarup 2004). Furthermore, environmental pollutants and exposures vary spatially and temporally with, for example, different levels during day and night (Briggs 2005). A better approximation of exposure can be obtained through time-activity modeling, using a mixture of individual level data and statistical (aggregated) data from time-activity surveys. Methods: A model has been programmed in a geographical information system (ESRI ArcGIS) using network analysis tools. The model can use geocoded data for start and end locations of each trip (X/Y), start and end times of each trip, trip mode, travel speed, route, and destination type. Using these data, the model is able to reproduce the time-activity sequence. However, in many cases much, if not all, of these data will not be known and so the model can probabilistically impute, on the basis of available statistical information, any of these data. These statistical data comprise generalized distributions for the study population (eg, national surveys). Results: Using data collected as part of a study to analyze the effect of traffic-related air pollution on the journey to school (Walker et al, 2009), model results have been validated. Results using 31 time-activity diaries, including actual routes taken by school children (captured using global positioning system technology), showed the model to be a reasonable predictor of routes. Conclusion: This
research demonstrates the difference obtained in exposure values from fixed home location in comparison with modeled spatio-temporal data. These results allow some quantification of exposure misclassification that may be introduced into small-scale spatial epidemiological analysis.

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T1 - A case-control study: Exposure assessment of volatile organic compounds and formaldehyde for asthma in children
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KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - exposure
KW - Asthma
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Child
KW - Society
KW - case control study
KW - control group
KW - student
KW - gas chromatography
KW - parent
KW - sampling
KW - spectrophotometer
KW - questionnaire
KW - Behavior
KW - sampler
KW - informed consent
KW - Traffic
KW - Content Analysis
KW - patient
KW - primary school
KW - Prevention
KW - volatile organic compound
KW - formaldehyde
KW - benzene
KW - toluene
KW - methylecyclohexane
KW - ortho xylene
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N2 - Background/Aims: On the basis of results of a questionnaire distributed to the parents of students in an elementary school located in Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, an asthma case group and a control group were selected.
Methods: Through written messages sent to the parents of students, informed consent was obtained; 33 and 40
students were enrolled in the case and control groups, respectively. To determine the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and formaldehyde levels of exposure, we performed personal, indoor, and outdoor measurements using a passive sampler for 3 days. In addition, the behavior patterns for the 3 days in the case and control groups were determined through daily time-activity pattern-diaries. The VOCs were analyzed by gas chromatography with flame ionization detection, and formaldehyde was analyzed by a UV spectrophotometer. Results: In comparing the results of the levels of VOCs and formaldehyde exposure between the case and control groups, it was shown that toluene and o-xylene were higher in personal sampling, and the benzene concentration was higher in the case group in indoor measurements. In outdoor measurements, benzene and methycyclohexane were higher in the patient group (P < 0.05), the asthma ORs were 1.1 and 32.9, respectively. Based on the activity content analysis by time, it was shown that the students spent 88.0%, 7.2%, and 4.9% of their time indoors, outdoors, and in traffic, respectively. Conclusion: In conclusion, it was shown that the childhood asthma case group was exposed to higher VOCs than the control group, and it was found by measurement methods that VOCs in personal sampling were higher than the values obtained in indoor and outdoor measurements, and the formaldehyde value was the highest in indoor measurements. Therefore, management of VOCs and formaldehyde is required for the prevention of childhood asthma, and personal measurement should be considered for proper evaluation.

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T1 - Passive air sampling: Advantages, limitations, and challenges
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English
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KW - EMBASE
KW - air sampling
KW - Society
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KW - sampler
KW - exposure
KW - air pollutant
KW - Human
KW - adsorption
KW - Health
KW - Monitoring
KW - sampling
KW - species
KW - Child
KW - Air Pollution
KW - diffusion
KW - velocity
KW - pollutant
KW - Temperature
KW - community
KW - pregnant woman
KW - reproducibility
KW - Female
KW - volatile organic compound
KW - polybrominated diphenyl ether
KW - polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
KW - organic compound
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Background/Aims: Accurate measurement of air pollutants in outdoor, indoor, and or personal air is critical for assessing exposure to air pollution and potential health effects. Passive sampler is becoming more and more an effective alternative for conventional active sampler in exposure and health effects studies, given its simplicity and low cost. Also, many passive samplers are capable of providing comparable performance to active samplers in terms of sensitivity and reproducibility.

Methods: A variety types of passive samplers with different adsorption media, trapping principles, geometric designs, and the techniques used for the release of the trapped analytes and their final determination techniques have been developed to measure different air pollutants, including single pollutant, such as O3 and SO2, and a group of chemicals, such as Volatile organic compounds, carbonyls, semi-volatile organic compounds (such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and polybrominated diphenyl ethers). Those samplers have been widely used in exposure and epidemiological studies and found very desirable in many situations, such as monitoring of small children, senior people, and pregnant women, as well as synchronic monitoring air pollutants at multiple locations and microenvironments in community exposure studies. However, limitations still exist for passive samplers. Results: Many samplers are subject to effects of temperature, sampling duration, wind speed, and air concentrations. Also, a long sampling time is often required in order to get enough mass for detection. Further, it is a challenge to measure non-volatile species by passive sampler due to the low diffusion of particle to the adsorption medium. Thus, there is a need to develop a sensitive, reliable, inexpensive, and friendly use passive sampler for the species primarily distributed in particle phase. Conclusion: Last, a suitable and simple validation system needs to be developed for the evaluation of passive samplers performances for semivolatile organic compounds and particles.
Background/Aims: Multimedia and multipathway aggregate exposure assessment for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) was conducted for 180 individuals in different age groups. Methods: PAHs were analyzed in several types of samples for inhalation exposure (personal air, indoor air [at house, school, office, and kitchen], outdoor air) and oral exposure (indoor floor dust, dust adhering to hand, soil, and food/beverage) routes. The 180 persons were divided into 5 groups: toddler (0-6 years), children and teenagers (7-18), and 3 adult groups including housekeeper (19-60), office worker (19-60) and the elder (>60). The concentrations of PAHs were expressed as sum of toxicity equivalent quotients (TEQs) for the 15 individual PAH concentrations in the samples. Results: The median concentrations (~15 PAHs) ranged from 0.073 to 11 ng-TEQ/m3 for personal air samples, 0.073 to 2.2 ng-TEQ/m3 for indoor air samples, 0.073 to 4.1 ng-TEQ/m3 for outdoor air samples, 0.0029 to 41 ng-TEQ/g for dust and soil samples, and 0.32 to 2.6 ng-TEQ/g for food/beverage samples. Average daily dose in toddler group was 27.5 ng-TEQ/kg/d (median), which was 2.8-4.1 times higher than those in the other age groups (6.7-9.7 ng-TEQ/kg/d). Lifetime average daily dose for all the subjects was 16.9 ng-TEQ/kg/d. Conclusion: Food intake for all age groups was found as a major exposure route in all age groups (96.0%-99.5%). Except for food ingestion, dust ingestion by mouthing activities, such as hand-to-mouth activity, was the most important exposure route in toddler group (76.8%). In other age groups, inhalation of gaseous and particulate PAHs is the most important exposure route (92.9%-97.1%).
Background/Aims: Manganese (Mn) is a naturally occurring element, and presence of Mn in water, food, and air low level are ubiquitous. Excessive exposure to Mn, in spite of its essentiality, in earlier life can affect neurodevelopment and could possibly be associated with development of neurodegenerative disorders in later life. The goal of this study was to examine the association between low levels of Mn in blood and symptoms of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) among Korean school age children. Methods: Subjects were recruited from a nationwide school age children's cohort, Children's Health and Environmental Research (CHEER) on the first graders of 22 elementary schools from 10 Korean cities in the year from 2005 to 2007. We have selected 1045 children (543 males and 497 females) between 6 and 8 years old (mean 6.9 ± 0.6 years) from 6 elementary schools in 3 metropolitan areas of Korea. We measured the blood Mn level and conducted DuPaul scale questionnaire for screening ADHD. Questionnaire on the general characteristics, developmental history, disease history, current behavioral features, computer using skill, environmental exposures including environmental tobacco smoking, and food frequency was done on the parents of the children. Results: The mean blood Mn level was 14.9 mug/L (SD: 4.0 mug/L). The mean scores of sum of DuPaul scales were 8.87 ± 7.4. Mean DuPaul score of group categorized by children's blood Mn levels of <12.0, 12.0 -18.0,18.0 -24.0, and 24.0 mug/L was 9.17, 8.84, 7.70, and 10.56, respectively (P < 0.05). After adjusting for potential confounders: age, area of residence, gender, birth order, maternal age at delivery, education level, familiarity with computer, environmental tobacco smoke, calories of total intake, and frequency of outdoor activities; DuPaul scale level was significantly related with the blood Mn level group. Conclusion: This study suggests that blood Mn level was significantly associated with ADHD scale improvement. Relatively narrow range of blood Mn levels in
children without prominent environmental sources of Mn might have been a factor for this less strong relationship. Further study in a population with higher level of exposure may provide a different relationship.
Background/Aims: The capital city of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, has experienced a recent period of urbanization and population growth, which has resulted in increased pressure on the environment and public health, and on the city to provide necessary infrastructure. Survey data indicated that air pollution in Ulaanbaatar is higher in the winter months. High levels of emissions from the increased burning of fossil fuels over the winter, contribute to the outdoor and indoor air pollution. Objective: The aim of the study was to determine the prevalence of asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory symptoms in children, and to identify factors that may affect the indoor air quality in different types of dwellings. Methods: A cross-sectional study was designed to determine the prevalence of respiratory diseases in children, and describe some of the environmental factors to which those children are exposed (for example, type of residence, type of heating used, levels of indoor smoking). A modified questionnaire of the American Thoracic Society 3 was used with questions including age, gender of the child, education of parents, family income, health status of parents and siblings, parental and maternal smoking, ventilation, and type of heating and cooking. Results: The study recorded high levels of diagnosed bronchitis (19%) and reported respiratory symptoms (77.8%). Results indicated that more than 50% of households burnt fossil fuels on a daily basis and almost 60% reported regular smoking indoors. There were 59.2% of households with at least one smoker; of these, 86% smoked every day. Almost one-third of households had smoking visitors at home. Despite major differences in the use of fossil fuels, respiratory symptoms were similar across all dwelling types. The high prevalence of respiratory symptoms and bronchitis in this study suggests that indoor air pollutants are probably having a detrimental effect on the respiratory health of children in Ulaanbaatar. Wood and coal were the main source of cooking and heating fuels in Mongolian dwellings, electricity was used for cooking in 38% of gers and houses. Conclusion: The rates of diagnosed bronchitis and reported respiratory symptoms reported in this study indicate that these are major health problems in Ulaanbaatar. Questionnaire results indicated that more than 50% of households burnt fossil fuels on a daily basis, almost 60% of dwellings had regular cigarette smoking and almost all dwellings had no active ventilation in winter time. All of these factors can contribute to the production of air pollutants such as SO2, CO, PM<sub>10</sub>, and nitrous oxides. The major health effects of these common indoor air pollutants, expected from the burning of fossil fuels and cigarette smoke, are respiratory effects. The high prevalence of bronchitis and respiratory symptoms in this study suggests that indoor air pollutants may be having a detrimental effect on the respiratory health of children in Ulaanbaatar. The level of bronchitis and respiratory symptoms in apartments indicates that factors other than the burning of fossil fuels within the dwelling, such as smoking and outdoor air pollution, need to be considered.
Objective: The aim of this study was to identify promoting and inhibiting correlates associated with the physical activity (PA) of children and adolescents (aged 3-18). The intention was to demonstrate the complexity of correlates of PA and to determine possible influencing factors. Design: A systematic review of reviews.

Methods: Systematic database research was carried out in Medline, Cochrane Library, EMBASE, PsycInfo, Springer Link and Thieme Connect. Inclusion criteria were that the study: (a) was classified as a systematic review with or without meta-analysis; (b) was published between 2000 and 2009; (c) dealt with children and adolescents aged 3-18; (d) had as its dependent variable any measure of overall PA; and (e) reviewed associations between quantitatively measured variables and PA. The internal validity of the systematic reviews thus identified was evaluated using a validated quality instrument. Results: Nine systematic reviews without meta-analysis and one systematic review with meta-analysis were selected. Altogether 16 correlates were identified which were consistently associated with PA of children and/or adolescents: sex, age, ethnicity, parental education, family income, socioeconomic status, perceived competence, self-efficacy, goal orientation/motivation, perceived barriers, participation in community sports, parental support, support from significant others, access to sport/recreational facilities and time outdoors. Conclusions: Although the findings of the reviews covered are to some extent heterogeneous, it is possible to identify consistent correlates of PA in children and adolescents. The results show that PA is a complex and multi-dimensional behaviour determined by numerous biological, psychological, sociocultural and environmental factors. The Author(s) 2013
T1 - PI3K pathway activation provides a novel therapeutic target for pediatric ependymoma and is an independent marker of progression-free survival

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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - brain tumor/di [Diagnosis]
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KW - cell proliferation
KW - Child
KW - disease marker
KW - drug targeting
KW - Enzyme Activation
KW - ependymoma/di [Diagnosis]
KW - ependymoma/et [Etiology]
KW - gene
KW - Gene Expression
KW - gene mutation
KW - Human
KW - human cell
KW - human tissue
KW - Immunohistochemistry
KW - in vitro study
KW - major clinical study
KW - pik3ca gene
KW - preschool child
KW - priority journal
KW - progression free survival
KW - protein expression
KW - spinal cord tumor/di [Diagnosis]
KW - spinal cord tumor/et [Etiology]
KW - tumor localization
KW - cyclin D1/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - Ki 67 antigen/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - phosphatidylinositol 3 kinase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5 trisphosphate 3 phosphatase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - phosphoprotein/ec [Endogenous Compound]
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Abstract
Purpose: Currently, there are few effective adjuvant therapies for pediatric ependymoma outside confocal radiation, and prognosis remains poor. The phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K) pathway is one of the most commonly activated pathways in cancer. PI3Ks transduce signals from growth factors and cytokines, resulting in the phosphorylation and activation of AKT, which in turn induces changes in cell growth, proliferation, and apoptosis. Experimental Design: PI3K pathway status was analyzed in ependymoma using gene expression data and immunohistochemical analysis of phosphorylated AKT (P-AKT). The effect of the PI3K pathway on cell proliferation was investigated by immunohistochemical analysis of cyclin D1 and Ki67, plus in vitro functional analysis. To identify a potential mechanism of PI3K pathway activation, PTEN protein expression and the mutation status of PI3K catalytic subunit α isoform gene (PIK3CA) was investigated.
Results: Genes in the pathway displayed significantly higher expression in supratentorial than in posterior fossa and spinal ependymomas. P-AKT protein expression, indicating pathway activation, was seen in 72% of tumors (n=169) and P-AKT expression was found to be an independent marker of a poorer progression-free survival. A significant association between PI3K pathway activation and cell proliferation was identified, suggesting that pathway activation was influencing this process. PTEN protein loss was not associated with P-AKT staining and no mutations were identified in PIK3CA. Conclusions: Our results suggest that the PI3K pathway could act as a biomarker, not only identifying patients with a worse prognosis but also those that could be treated with therapies targeted against the pathway, a strategy potentially effective in a high percentage of ependymoma patients. 2013 American Association for Cancer Research

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T1 - Effectiveness of a fall-prevention training program for persons with lower extremity amputations: Initial results
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KW - leg amputation
KW - Child
KW - Adult
KW - Training
KW - Prevention
KW - Amputation
KW - patient
KW - treadmill
KW - Environment
KW - Rehabilitation
KW - Walking
KW - prosthesis
KW - limb prosthesis
KW - Fear
KW - War
Introduction: The global war on terrorism has resulted in many warfighters sustaining lower extremity injuries including amputations. The key factors that limit the ability of patients with amputations to achieve maximum functional capabilities are falls and fear of falling. This research program was designed to rehabilitate lower extremity amputees to increase trust in their prosthesis and reduce falls by using a novel training method.

Patients/materials and methods: Four service members with unilateral traumatic transtibial amputations were recruited at the Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD). A perturbation testing protocol was developed utilizing a Computer Assisted Rehabilitation Environment (CAREN). This immersive virtual environment contains a motion platform and instrumented dual belt treadmill. The testing protocol delivered a perturbation simulating a trip in the natural environment and was used as a pre-test and post-test assessment of the rehabilitative program. Select biomechanical data using motion analysis methods were collected and calculated to determine effectiveness of the subjects' ability to recover from these disturbances. The fall prevention training program utilized a microprocessor-controlled Active-Step treadmill (Simbex, Lebanon, NH) designed to deliver task specific training perturbations. Three types of perturbations were used during six, 30 min training sessions: static and static walk, during which the belt moved while the patient was standing still and to which the patient responded with one or multiple forward steps, respectively; and eTRIP perturbations, during which the perturbation was delivered at a random time while the subject was walking and required the subject to recover with multiple forward steps.

Results: These preliminary data report on four male subjects, 24.3±2.1 years of age, who had been walking without an assistive device for 7.1±1.7 months. After participating in the fall prevention program, all subjects successfully avoided falling during the post-training perturbation test. The mean maximum trunk flexion angle from pre to post-test improved (38±7degree vs. 25±7degree on prosthetic limb perturbation; 32±13degree vs. 20±3 degree on non-prosthetic limb perturbation) and trunk velocities at time of recovery step also improved. Questionnaire responses indicated improved reaction times, increased confidence and heightened awareness of their ability to recover from a stumble or trip in the community. Discussion and conclusions: This novel rehabilitation method uses an innovative treadmill training method aimed at increasing the ability of the subjects with amputations to rely on their prostheses during challenging perturbations and thus improving their functional capabilities. This type of training has been shown to reduce falls in older adults [1]. The preliminary results indicate that this rehabilitation method will also be effective for those with amputations by increasing their ability to recover from a major perturbation as well as their functional performance. Funding: DoD Grant No. DM090896; The Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Wounded Ill and Injured. Views in the article are those of the authors and not of the DoN, DoD, or the US Government.
Purpose: Participation in youth athletics provides an opportunity for developing self-esteem and leadership qualities and socializing with peers and promotes general health and fitness. Despite these important benefits, there is little data describing why youngsters withdraw from sports. The purpose of this study was to assess the reasons youth discontinue sport participation. Methods and Study Design: A questionnaire was administered to National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 student-athletes at a single institution. The survey included information on overall sport participation during childhood and asked subjects to cite specific reasons as to why they ended participation in a given sport. Subjects were also asked to rate their feelings of burnout during different stages of participation. Results: Two hundred ninety-six subjects (162 women, 134 men, average age 19 years) representing 22 sports completed the survey. The 3 most common reasons for discontinuing a sport were: subjects felt they were better at another sport (35%), loss of interest/burnout (26%), and too busy with
other activities (19%). Between 14 to 17 years, discontinuation due to an injury or a poor relationship with a coach markedly increased. Only 1% cited too much pressure from a parent or coach for ending sport participation. Subjects rating their level of burnout from moderate to high more than doubled between 12 to 18 years (26.8%) versus 6 to 11 years (10.4%). Reported levels of burnout were higher among adolescent girls (37%) versus boys (24.5%). Conclusions: This study demonstrates that for successful athletes who participated in multiple sports as children, choosing to focus on another sport or preserving time for interests outside of sports accounted for the vast majority (54%) of reasons for sport discontinuation. Feelings of burnout affected more than one-fourth of athletes beyond 12 years of age.

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T1 - Traumatic injuries of primary teeth: Analysis of types and causes
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KW - Child
KW - deciduous tooth
KW - dentin
KW - disease classification
KW - disease severity
KW - enamel
KW - Female
KW - fracture
KW - Human
KW - incisor
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - pathogenesis
KW - preschool child
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - risk factor
KW - sex difference
KW - sport
KW - tooth crown
KW - tooth injury/di [Diagnosis]
KW - tooth injury/et [Etiology]
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VL - 44
IS - 1
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N2 - Introduction: The purpose of this study was to identify some risk factors related to the occurrence of dental trauma to the deciduous teeth and to identify particular type of dental injuries in children referred to Department
of Paediatric Dentistry, School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb. Methods: The study was carried out in the sample of 97 children, aged 1 to 5 years, with injured 166 primary teeth. The sample of 97 patients included 63 boys and 34 girls. The epidemiological model "agent-host-environment" has been applied in the study. Data have been entered into a data base program (Microsoft Access) designed for this project. Results: The analysis has shown that the highest frequency of injuries occurred in children between 2 and 4 years of age. The frequency ratio between boys and girls was 1.8:1. The most frequently affected teeth were maxillary central incisors (in 79 %). Lateral luxation as the most common type of injury was observed in 34.9 % of cases. Most of the injuries occurred at home (62.8%) or on the playground (15.1%). Crashes against hard objects (49.5%) and falls (36.1%) were the main causes of trauma. Conclusion: Predominant types of traumatic injuries to the primary teeth are luxations and subluxations (66.2%). The most of injuries to the primary teeth occurred during children's play and were consequences of falls. Since the most common place of incident occurrence is the home (62.8%). The parents and caregivers should be informed about possibilities for prevention of traumatic injuries in young children.

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T1 - Population-based analysis of High Hospital Utilization (HHU) among children and adolescents with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)
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KW - Human
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KW - hospital patient
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KW - Insurance
KW - Medicaid
KW - Hospitalization
KW - data base
KW - Diagnosis
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KW - emergency care
KW - outpatient
KW - Health Care
KW - health care cost
KW - health service
KW - managed care
KW - disease severity
KW - Hospital
Background Sickle cell disease (SCD) is characterized by marked heterogeneity in clinical manifestations, severity and utilization of health care services. This heterogeneity is particularly evident with regards to utilization of inpatient services, which account for a large percentage of total health care costs and significant absence from school and work. Previous studies of utilization, based on analysis of administrative datasets, have been limited by inaccuracies in ICD-coding, inability to differentiate among SCD genotypes, and/or inability to capture individuals never hospitalized. Single center studies have been limited by potential disease severity referral bias, inability to capture service utilization at outside facilities, and relatively small numbers. Objectives We sought to identify children and adolescents with SCD with high hospital utilization (HHU) and to determine the relationship of HHU with age, SCD genotype, and insurance coverage. We also sought to examine trends over a three year period (2010-2012) and explore the relationship of any trends in hospital utilization over time. Methods The clinical database of the SCD Program at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) was used to identify all patients with SCD, ages > 5 years, who received comprehensive outpatient, acute care, and inpatient services at three CHOA facilities in metro Atlanta during 2010-2012. SCD genotype was confirmed for each patient by review of hematologic and clinical data, including results of diagnostic hemoglobin electrophoresis. All outpatient clinic, emergency department, and inpatient utilization was captured as well as insurance (payer) status at each encounter. HHU was defined as ≥3 admissions during a calendar year. Data were analyzed for significance by Chi-square. The extent to which the data were population-based was determined from the Georgia Hospital Association database with includes DRG-level data for all inpatient hospitalizations in Georgia. Results Hospitalizations at CHOA accounted for 96.1% of all SCD admissions for children within the 28-county greater metro Atlanta area. During 2010-2012, 1348 individual children and adolescents > 5yr of age with SCD received comprehensive care at CHOA (1076 in 2010, 1112 in 2011, 1159 in 2012): 928 (68.8%) had SS/S betadegreethal, 334 (24.8%) SC, 86 (6.4%) S beta+thal. Of 1159 active patients in 2012, 441 (38.1%) were 5-9 yr of age, 419 (36.2%) 10-14 yr, 299 (25.8%) > 15 yr; 474 (40.9%) had traditional medicaid (MC), 205 (17.7%) managed-care medicaid (MMC), 374 (32.3%) private payer (PP), and 105 (9.1%) multiple payers (MP). HHU (> 3 admissions/yr) decreased from 119 of 1076 (11.1%) in 2010 to 96 of 1112 (8.6%) in 2011 and 95 of 1159 (8.2%) in 2012 (p <.01). The Table shows percentage HHU for each year by age, genotype, and payer. Conclusions For children and adolescents with SCD, HHU decreased during the three year period. HHU was significantly associated with older age and with MC and MP insurance coverage during all three years. HHU was significantly associated with the SS/S betadegreethal genotype in 2010, but not in 2011-12. The extent to which the decline of HHU among patients with SS/S betadegreethal genotype was related to increasing use of hydroxyurea is being investigated. (Table Presented)

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Purpose: Many epidemiological studies have revealed a consistent inverse association between High-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (HDL-C) level and the risk of coronary heart disease in adults. Frequent Japanese style diet, which is characterized by adequate total calories, increased intake of fish and plant foods, and decreased intake of animal fat, has been shown to cause an elevation of HDL-C level. The present study was designed to examine the relationship between serum HDL-C level and dietary patterns and habits and physical activity in a sample of healthy Japanese junior high school students. Methods: Between April 2006 and March 2009, we conducted a cross-sectional study of 1064 Japanese junior high school students (570 boys and 494 girls, aged 12.1 to 15.0 years) who had annual school health examinations and received care programs for prevention of lifestyle-related diseases. The students underwent measurements of resting blood pressure, waist circumference, and weight and provided overnight fasting venous blood samples. Each participant was then asked to complete a simple self-administered questionnaire addressing lifestyle factors, such as dietary patterns and habits and physical activity, as well as the co-existence of cardiometabolic risk factors. Results: Students in the lowest quartile of HDL-C (< 55 mg/dL for boys and < 56 mg/dL for girls) showed increased prevalence of abdominal obesity, hypertriglyceridemia, and increased fasting plasma glucose compared with the highest quartile (> 74 mg/dL for boys and > 75 mg/dL for girls). In both genders, the ratios of students who were often commuting to and from school by car were significantly higher and who were liking exercise and doing sports outside of school were lower in the lowest quartile of the students compared with those who showed HDL-C level more than these values. The ratio of students who were watching television during meals was significantly higher in boys with lower HDL-C level than those without. There was no significant difference in other dietary patterns or habits between students with and without low HDL-C level in both genders. Conclusions: Serum lower HDL-C level was strongly associated with reduced daily physical activity among junior high school students. This study may provide insights into the role of HDL-C in the school screening system for the development of more effective educational programs on prevention of lifestyle-related diseases in the Japanese population of school children.
In a matter of decades, the prevalence of myopia has reached exceptionally high levels in urban East Asia, with some locations reporting levels as high as 70% or more in school leavers, with the prevalence of high myopia escalating to around 20%. While there is an assumption that myopic refraction is associated with a genetic propensity among East Asian populations, rises in myopia prevalence have also been reported in Western countries including the USA. This widespread rapid increase in myopia between generations indicates that there is a strong environmental component in the development of refractive error. While it is intuitive to link this rise in prevalence with excessive levels of near work inducing high and sustained accommodative effort and/or the rise in the use of electronic media including computers, after years of scientific investigation there is little evidence to support these contentions. More recently studies, including longitudinal population-based studies, have shown that time spent outdoors in childhood is a factor that may prevent the development of myopia and a plausible biological mechanism for this effect has been suggested. However, this factor alone does not explain all the variance in refractive error in a population. Despite the lack of strong association with near work, there has been a long established association between number of years of education and/or high levels of educational attainment and the development of myopia. Systematic investigation of global education measures provided by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Program in Secondary Assessment (PISA) and the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) predominantly demonstrate on a country-to-country basis, the known link between education performance and myopia, yet there are notable exceptions and variations. Closer examination of the available data, however, implicates the combination of high educational outcomes and high education load, the latter largely associated with attendance at out-of-school educational tutorials or cram schools. The mechanism of this effect is only speculative but may involve limitations on the time available for school aged children to spend outdoors during sunlight hours. These investigations suggest that policy initiatives in relation to education and childhood activities may be needed to reverse the trend to towards high rates of myopia and associated health costs, as well as limiting the potential for greater levels of visual impairment through ocular pathology associated with high myopia.
Purpose: To conduct a systematic review of the clinico-epidemiological patterns of paediatric ocular trauma reported worldwide. Method: The literature search included nine databases (PubMed, Medline, Embase, Google Scholar, Cochrane Library, Scopus, Science Direct, Web of Science, Web of Knowledge) including articles with key words related with eye injuries in children and synonyms. No limitations of language were made. Results: Paediatric ocular trauma has incidence rates of 0.746 to 9.9 per 10,000 worldwide. Global similarities are found in the higher involvement of boys and poor or absent adult supervision in the domestic environment. Eye injuries occur in developing countries in road accidents and working places due to inexistence or poor compliance to safety legislation and exposure to activities incommensurate with their abilities. Seasonal trends for eye injuries exist, as they are associated with outdoors recreational activities and exposure to hazards such as game weapons or unprotected contact sports. Likewise, festive events include serious eye hazards such as fireworks. Sports account for 10% of severe eye injuries in children. Children are particularly vulnerable to
severe ocular trauma in warfare scenarios and terrorist attacks, representing up to near 40% of all casualties. Conclusion: Adoption of specific measures for eye protection has dramatically reduced the incidence of ocular trauma. Globally, a great need for education concerning eye injury prevention continues to exist. Parental level of education and access to specialized medical assistance are associated with better outcomes. Ocular trauma prevention and optimum management also relies on investment in research/data collection and surveillance resources

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T1 - Active surveillance of sudden cardiac death in young athletes by periodic internet searches
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English
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KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - aorta rupture
KW - aorta stenosis
KW - article
KW - automated external defibrillator
KW - Autopsy
KW - Child
KW - congestive cardiomyopathy
KW - coronary artery anomaly
KW - coronary artery disease
KW - death certificate
KW - disease surveillance
KW - Female
KW - heart arrest
KW - heart arrhythmia
KW - heart disease
KW - heart infarction
KW - Human
KW - hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
KW - Internet
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - mitral valve prolapse
KW - myocarditis
KW - Physical Activity
KW - prospective study
KW - Resuscitation
KW - school child
KW - sport injury
KW - sudden cardiac death
RP - NOT IN FILE
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The authors hypothesized that prospective, systematic Internet searches could identify occurrences of sudden cardiac death (SCD) in athletes and would be useful for establishing a system of active surveillance. Weekly advanced Google searches of the Internet were conducted for cases of SCD in young athletes during a 12-month period (2007-2008). Athletes ages 11-30 years who collapsed during a game, practice, or within an hour of exercise were included in the study. Individuals with known histories of cardiac issues and events occurring outside the United States were excluded. Verification of SCD was by autopsy reports and death certificates from county coroner offices and vital record agencies. Initially, 71 events were identified. Verification for the cause of death by coroner reports was possible in 45 cases, 43 (96 %) of which were confirmed to be SCDs. A total of 69 individuals 11-30 years of age (mean 17 + 5 years) died suddenly of cardiovascular causes while participating in 15 different organized sports and a variety of nonorganized physical activities. The most common cause of death was hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (30 %), followed by coronary artery anomalies (9 %), and myocarditis (9 %). The incidence of athlete SCD, the types of sports involved, and the cardiac causes of death in our study were comparable with those of previous reports. Readily available Internet searches have the potential to be a powerful tool for identifying occurrences of athlete SCD. An active surveillance system using Google searches followed by coroner report verification can provide important epidemiologic and clinical information.
Background Identification of hospitalized carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)-positive patient is important in preventing nosocomial transmission. The objective of this study was to illustrate the implementation of proactive infection control measures in preventing nosocomial transmission of CRE in a healthcare region of over 3200 beds in Hong Kong between October 1, 2010 and December 31, 2011. Methods The program included active surveillance culture in patients with history of medical tourism with hospitalization and surgical operation outside Hong Kong within 12 months before admission, and "added test" as an opportunistic CRE screening in all fecal specimens submitted to the laboratory. Outbreak investigation and contact tracing were conducted for CRE-positive patients. Serial quantitative culture was performed on CRE-positive patients and the duration of fecal carriage of CRE was analyzed. Results During the study period, a total of 6533 patients were screened for CRE, of which 76 patients were positive (10 from active surveillance culture, 65 from "added test", and 1 secondary case from contact tracing of 223 patients with no nosocomial outbreak), resulting in an overall rate of CRE fecal carriage of 1.2%. The median time of fecal carriage of CRE was 43 days (range, 13-119 days). Beta-lactam-beta-lactamase-inhibitors, cephalosporins, and fluoroquinolones were associated significantly with high fecal bacterial load when used 90 days before CRE detection, while use of cephalosporins, carbapenems, and fluoroquinolones after CRE detection are significantly associated with longer duration of carriage. The duration of fecal carriage of CRE also correlates significantly with the initial fecal bacterial load (Pearson correlation: 0.53; P=0.02). Conclusion Proactive infection control measures by enhanced surveillance program identify CRE-positive patients and data obtained are useful for the planning of and resource allocation for CRE control.
Current national and international publications describe a suboptimal vitamin D intake or an inadequate vitamin D status in all age groups. The aim of this statement issued by the Nutrition Committee of the German Society of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (DGKJ) in cooperation with the working group of paediatric endocrinology (APE) is to summarize the available literature and evidence for reference values of vitamin D intake and vitamin D supply as well as for the current consumption. On this basis, recommendations for infants, children, and adolescents living in Germany were developed. Reasonable measures for achieving an improved vitamin D status are: protected sunlight exposure, intensive physical activity (at least 1 h daily) outside, and increase of vitamin D intake via supplements. Special attention is given to risk groups (children nourished on a vegetarian diet, migrants, persons with limited sunlight exposure, and chronically ill persons) for which regular control of serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels has to be considered. A systematic supervision of vitamin D supply in childhood and adolescence and a cost-benefit analysis of recommended or conducted measures should be performed.

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T1 - Risk factors and preventative strategies for adolescent sexual violence-a cross-national urban perspective
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OBJECTIVES: 1. Compare and discuss the nature of and risk factors for the various forms of adolescent sexual violence in culturally diverse/multinational urban settings. 2. Explore known preventative strategies and discuss novel approaches to identification and intervention.

METHODS: Sexual violence affects individuals of all ages, cultures, gender, orientation and abilities. Some groups may be disproportionately affected. 30% of under 18s in London, England, are non-white but in the years 2008-2011, 50% of 13-17 year olds attending the London Havens Sexual Assault Referral Centres came from census groups other than White British, White Irish or White Other. Ten percent had learning difficulties compared with a population average of 2.5%. Based on
evidence submitted to the current CSEGG (Child Sexual Exploitation In Gangs* and Groups*) Inquiry in England, at least 16,500 children under 18 years were identified as being at risk of child sexual exploitation during one year and 2,409 children were confirmed as victims of sexual exploitation in gangs and groups during the 14-month period from August 2010 to October 2011. There was a higher rate of victimisation amongst black and minority ethnic (BME) children and young people than has been previously identified. (*where gangs mainly comprise men and boys aged 13 - 25 years old, who take part in many forms of criminal activity, such as knife crime or robbery, who can engage in violence against other gangs, and who have identifiable markers such as territory, a name, sometimes clothing etc. While children can be sexually exploited by a gang, this is not the reason why a gang is formed. Groups involves people who come together in person or online for the purpose of setting up, co-ordinating and/or taking part in the sexual exploitation of children in either an organised or opportunistic way.) In terms of intimate partner violence in adolescent relationships, a recent National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) study in the UK echoed findings in the USA in that high numbers of adolescents experience physical, emotional and sexual violence in their intimate partner relationships (a quarter of girls and 18 per cent of boys reported some form of physical partner violence, three-quarters of girls and half of boys reported some form of emotional partner violence. One in three girls and 16 per cent of boys reported some form of sexual partner violence). The incidence, frequency and level of negative impacts rates for all forms of violence were greater for girls. The majority of young people either told a friend about the violence or told no one. Most respondents in this study were white. We propose an interactive session to: *compare and contrast risk factors for adolescent sexual assault among urban youth in major cities of different countries with attention given to particular characteristics and vulnerabilities associated with adolescents who are trafficked, homeless, unaccompanied minors run-aways and/or in the care of the state *share experiences of preventative strategies among workshop attenders- including government/public health preventative policies and measures, school-based educational measures or those targeted at preventing revictimisation *identify and discuss obstacles to interventions: particularly those related to culture, social marginalisation and legal frameworks *examine and discuss efficacy of interventions CONCLUSIONS:Large numbers of adolescents are victims of sexual violence and exploitation in intimate partnerships and by gangs and groups. There are high rates of under-identification. Better understanding of the settings, susceptible groups, risk factors and behavioural identifiers that might increase the likelihood that an adolescent is a victim of sexual violence is needed. In many countries existing health, judicial and social care structures have started but struggle to address these emerging problems. Effective strategies are needed for education and early identification of at-risk adolescents and treatment of those already affected by sexual violence

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T1 - Environmental and occupational respiratory diseases-1057. Correlation between air pollution and respiratory health of school children in Delhi
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KW - Health
KW - Air Pollution
KW - respiratory tract disease
KW - school child
KW - Human
KW - Wechsler Intelligence Scale
Background: Urban air pollution (indoor and outdoor) poses a major health hazard for city dwellers. Exposure to ambient air pollution may result in respiratory health disorders. The aim of this study was to correlate air pollutant levels to the respiratory health of school children in Delhi. Methods: The questionnaire was designed based on the internationally valid questionnaires for respiratory illness. The respiratory health survey was approved by the Directorate of Education-Delhi and schools were selected based on land usage pattern i.e. commercial (Chandni Chowk), industrial (Mayapuri) and residential (Sarojini Nagar) areas. Approximately 1800 students (600 / zone) of age 10-14 years participated in the survey which included spirometry tests also. Indoor and outdoor levels of SO$_2$, NO$_2$ and PM were also measured in the school premises. Results: The questionnaire data showed that the students having respiratory disorder symptoms was maximum in Chandni Chowk (66%) followed by Mayapuri (59%) and Sarojini Nagar (46%). Spirometry test results demonstrated that a significant population of subjects in Chandni Chowk (19%) had mild to severe pulmonary obstruction. However the percentage of subjects with such conditions was comparatively less in Maypuri (17%) and Sarojini Nagar (14%) area. Indoor and outdoor PM concentration at schools located in Chandni Chowk, a commercial zone, was observed to be 815±354.45 & 337+85 mug/m$^3$ & 337+85 mug/m$^3$ respectively, which is ten times above the permissible limits. The PM10 concentration was lower in Mayapuri (694.6±322.9 mug/m$^3$ & 274+78 mug/m$^3$) and Mayapuri (694.6±322.9 mug/m$^3$ & 274+78 mug/m$^3$), an industrial zone, and was least in Sarojini Nagar (534.3+94.22 mug/m$^3$ & 197+48 mug/m$^3$ & 197+48 mug/m$^3$) which is a residential zone. However, levels of SO$_2$ and NO$_2$ were under the permissible limits in all three areas. Conclusions: There is a correlation between pollutant levels and symptoms of respiratory illness in children. Commercial zones like Chandni Chowk with high traffic movement and human activities contribute more PM which affects the pulmonary health of children.

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T1  - A living donor liver transplantation for uncorrectable intra-and extrahepatic biloma after transcatheter arterial chemoembolization
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Introduction: We experienced a living liver transplantation of an unusual indication of uncorrectable intra- and extrahepatic biloma after transcatheter arterial chemoembolization (TACE) which could be a relative
contraindication so that we are reporting it. Case report: A 45 year old patient was a carrier of HBsAg for more than 25 years. He was diagnosed to be hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in 2004. He then underwent TACE 6 times and had a complication of biliary stricture in Nov. 2007. At that time the problem was solved with an interventional procedure. In Apr. 2008, he underwent another TACE for HCC, and after that a long segment of biliary stricture was developed. With recurrent cholangitis, there developed two huge biloma, one in the liver and one outside the liver. Percutaneous transhepatic biliary drainage (PTBD) for the intrahepatic biloma and percutaneous drainage (PCD) for the extrahepatic biloma with long standing antibiotics administration were done, but with all effort there was no improvement. The Child- Turcotte-Pugh score was 6 and Klebsiella pneumoniae (sensitive with only imipenem and meropenem) was detected in culture for the drain discharge. The CT shows two large biloma, one in the liver and one outside the liver. The only well looking portion was the posterior section of the liver. There was massive adhesion due to recurrent infection and inflammation and about 300cc of ascites was in the abdominal cavity. Despite the effort not to spill the pus from cavity, it was inevitable. The extrahepatic biloma was found to be abdominal wall abscess which was covered with thick peritoneum. The total recipient operative time was 12 hours and 25 minutes and required transfusion was 8 units of packed RBC and 4 units of FFP. The biopsy showed HCC of 3.0 x 1.5 x 1.2 cm in the caudate lobe. Hepatolithiasis with chronic and active cholangitis and multiple abscess formation was also seen. He is now visiting outpatient clinic without a problem. Usually active and uncontrolled infection outside of the hepatobiliary system is thought to be an absolute contraindication to liver transplantation and chronic and refractory infection is thought to be a relative contraindication. But in this case, we concluded the infection is localized and controlled under drain and antibiotic administration. So with this conclusion and the situation with no other options we can think of, we decided to do a living donor liver transplantation with the risk of infection and turned out with a good result

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T1 - The effectiveness of a fundamental motor skill intervention in pre-schoolers with motor problems depends on gender but not environmental context
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A1 - Descamps,S.
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English
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KW - article
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - Curriculum
KW - environmental factor
KW - environmental impact
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Locomotion
KW - Male
KW - Motor Development
KW - motor dysfunction
KW - Motor Performance
KW - Physical Activity
This study evaluated the effect of a 10-week fundamental motor skill programme in pre-schoolers with motor problems. Alongside the general effect of the intervention, we also explored possible gender differences and the role of the environmental context (living community, socio-economic status, and recreational space inside/outside the house). The intervention group (n=47; 20 and 27) received twenty 60-min motor skill sessions (2 per week) in addition to the regular physical education curriculum for pre-schoolers; the control group (n=46; 21 and 25) did not receive additional practice. General motor competence, and locomotor and object control subscales, were assessed before and after the intervention using the Test of Gross Motor Development 2nd edition (TGMD-2). Data regarding environmental factors were gathered through a questionnaire. A Group x Gender x Time ANOVA revealed that the intervention group benefited significantly from the intervention and scored better than the control group at the post-test for general motor competence and both sub-categories (locomotor and object control skill). Moreover, the intervention programme was found to be effective in helping 49% of the intervention group to achieve an average motor skill level, according to the TGMD-2 norms, while a further decline in motor competence was observed in the control group. Interestingly, the effect appeared to be gender-specific, since object control skill improved only in girls of the intervention group. Considering the environmental context, none of the above-mentioned factors was found to have an influence on the effectiveness of the intervention. The present study highlights the need for an early motor skill programme with a gender-specific approach in order to help low skilled boys and girls master a diverse set of motor skills. 2013 Elsevier Ltd
Objectives: This study was performed to evaluate the epidemiological status of cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL) in the most important endemic foci of Qom Province, central Iran. The city of Qom is the largest center for Shi'a scholarship in the world and is a significant pilgrimage destination. Methods: During 2006-2011, all suspected CL patients with skin lesion(s) referred to regional health centers of Ghomrood and Ghanavat regions, and all actively detected cases, were examined clinically and parasitologically for CL. Patient information was recorded and patients were categorized based on the number and size of the lesions. Odds ratios (OR) of different risk factors were calculated. Results: A total of 849 (59.2% male, 40.8% female) confirmed cases of CL were enrolled; the average incidence rate of the disease was 14.9 per 100,000 people. During the study period 2006-2011, the trend in CL incidence showed no sudden variations in the areas studied, except for an outbreak of CL in 2009. Leishmania major was identified as the causative agent based on internal transcribed
spacer 1 (ITS1) ribosomal DNA PCR analysis. During the study period, the age distribution of CL cases was relatively stable, with the majority (50%) of patients aged 1-25 years. Most cases (n = 468; 55.1%) had a single lesion and 82 (9.6%) patients had four or more lesions (range 1-29). The risk of developing multiple lesions was significantly increased in patients with seasonal jobs (summer workers) (p = 0.023; OR 1.516) and significantly decreased in patients who were affected in winter (p = 0.010; OR 0.398). The risk of developing large-sized lesions (>1 cm) was significantly increased in patients in the age groups >25 years (p = 0.001-0.015; OR 2.5-3.5) and decreased in patients with seasonal jobs (summer workers) (p = 0.005; OR 0.570). Conclusions: The present data show the importance of CL as a health problem in suburban areas of Qom Province. In order to identify other epidemiological aspects of leishmaniasis in this area, studies on vectors and reservoirs are recommended. Since leishmaniasis caused by L. major is typically zoonotic, control measures should focus on rodents as the main reservoirs and Phlebotomus papatasi as the main vector. Awareness should be raised in the high-risk populations comprising people with diabetes, young adults (<25 years old), and those who work outdoors during the summer. 2013 International Society for Infectious Diseases

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KW - EMBASE
KW - vitamin D deficiency
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - endocrinology
KW - risk factor
KW - Risk
KW - supplementation
KW - Health
KW - Chronic Disease
KW - Infant
KW - Diet
KW - skin
KW - Clothing
KW - Absorption
KW - sun exposure
KW - bone mineralization
KW - Lifestyle
KW - Prevalence
KW - Female
KW - Hospitalization
KW - Sunlight
KW - patient
KW - pathology
KW - season
KW - malabsorption
KW - egg yolk
KW - nut
During the past two decades, low vitamin D status has re-emerged as a major paediatric health issue both in developed and in developing countries. First of all, the concern is related to increased prevalence in paediatric age, due mainly to modification in lifestyle, cultural attitudes (less time spent outdoors, use of veils or covering clothes, sunscreen), air pollution and incorrect diet. In addition, recent studies suggest vitamin D, besides the well-known role in bone mineralization, is linked to several extraskeletal effects. Most of the vitamin D requirements are provided by sun exposure. However, sunlight is not risk-free, and vitamin D absorption varies a lot according to different seasons, degree of latitude, time of day, area of skin exposure and skin pigmentation. Natural content of vitamin D in paediatric diet is mostly found in non staple food such as fatty fish, nuts and egg yolk; alternative sources are fortified foods, which however are not very common in Europe. A major risk for infants is maternal vitamin D deficiency, in particular in dark skinned or veiled pregnant women and in infants breastfed for a long period. In older children risks of deficiency include long term hospitalizations due to chronic illnesses or patients with skin pathologies. A debated topic is if lower levels of 25(OH)D found in obese children have negative consequences for bone health. Children suffering from various severe intestinal diseases may present vitamin D deficiency due to malabsorption. Interference with the activation of vitamin D may be caused by severe chronic hepatic or renal diseases, or by the chronic use of several drugs. The supplementation of vitamin D is a subject of active debate among authors. While supplementation is univocally accepted for all children with chronic diseases or other vitamin D-deficiency risk factors, supplementation is still under discussion for healthy children.
Background: As Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) programmes improve survival in early life the number of adolescents in need of ART will continue to increase. Programmes will need to scale up services which address the particular needs of adolescents. Here we assess the experience of such scale up in a large urban adolescent cohort. Methods: Between 2004 and 2010 9,360 adults and 1,776 adolescents commenced antiretroviral therapy (ART) at Mpilo OI ART clinic, Bulawayo. A package of specific activities for adolescents was implemented, to provide comprehensive care including active defaulter tracing, a comprehensive, dedicated counselling programme and psycho-social activities operating both inside and outside the clinic, such as a youth club. Adolescents were engaged in decisions regarding their care. In this retrospective cohort analysis adolescents were defined as those > 10 and <19 years old at ART initiation date. Cox's proportional hazards model was used to calculate hazards and the log rank test to assess significance. Results: Between 2004 and 2010 a six-fold increase in adolescent ART initiations occurred (Figure 1). 12 month adolescent loss to follow increased in the first 3 years of the programme, peaking at 7%, subsequently falling to below 5% by the end of the study period. There was no significant difference between adult and adolescent (Figer presented) hazard of death. (HR=0.92, p=0.3793) Loss to follow up was significantly higher in adults than adolescents. (HR=1.92, p<0.0005) (Figure 2). Conclusion: These results contrast other research, which generally show adolescent outcomes to be worse than those in adults. Outcomes in expanding programmes have also been shown to suffer elsewhere. As more HIV positive children survive into adolescence, ART programmes must scale up comprehensive services for this group; we show that good results are feasible with dedicated clinical and psychosocial resources in resource poor settings.

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Background: Knowledge and practice about air pollution are essential subjects in special groups such as cardio-pulmonary patients. For children with air pollution-related diseases, knowledge and attitude of parents play a determining role in this respect. Since providing a coherent curriculum needs evidence-based information, this survey was conducted to assess the knowledge and practice of asthmatic children's parents about daily air quality since asthmatic children are among the most vulnerable at-risk groups when it comes to air pollution.

Materials and Methods: All parents of asthmatic children referred to the Pediatric Clinic of Masih Daneshvari Hospital during one year period (250 people) completed knowledge and practice questionnaire on air pollution. Knowledge questions consisted of familiarity with pollution standard index (PSI), ways to find out about it, respiratory effects of air pollution and etc. Practice questions consisted of reducing outdoor presence and activity of children and actions taken to reduce air pollution in polluted days. Results: In general, 3.2% of parents were familiar with PSI, 12.5% were aware of ways to find out about daily air quality, 65.2% were aware of air pollution effects on asthmatic children and 4.4% were aware of ineffectiveness of surgical masks in prevention of air pollution health effects. The obtained practice score ranged from 4 to 16, and the participants' mean score was equal to 11.79. Conclusion: This study revealed that parents of asthmatic children were aware of air pollution hazards for their children and wanted to...
prevent them but they did not know how. Therefore, asthmatic children in Tehran are still exposed to risks of air pollution. 2013 NRITLD, National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Iran

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T1 - Drug-food-and food-drug-interactions relevant for patients under PPI and aromatase inhibitor treatments: A shared responsibility for personalized nutritional and pharmacotherapy
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KW - patient
KW - Human
KW - Responsibility
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - clinical pharmacy
KW - Therapy
KW - Food
KW - Female
KW - drug bioavailability
KW - risk factor
KW - bacterial overgrowth
KW - Absorption
KW - breast cancer
KW - medication therapy management
KW - malabsorption
KW - Male
KW - Prevention
KW - acidity
KW - stomach acid secretion
KW - stimulation
KW - broccoli
KW - grape
KW - Glycyrrhiza
KW - degeneration
KW - cabbage
KW - dissociation
KW - peristalsis
KW - community
KW - Pregnancy
KW - rice
KW - mother
Background and objectives: Food-food and food-drug interactions are emerging topics in literature and risk factors for ADE in practice. Substrates may modify absorption or interact with the 57 metabolizing CYP450 isoenzymes. The aim of this work is to describe relevant interactions outside the current interaction tables on absorption (PPI) and on CYP19A1 (aromatase inhibitors). Settings and method: 188 references from a systematic online literature research were evaluated. Nutritional and/or medication reconciliation options rely on a multidisciplinary focus group approach. Main outcome measures: Around 130 ingredients have been retrieved and listed. Results: PPIs change gastric pH permanently to >4.0, thus suppress gastric acid secretion and impair pepsin activation for cleavage of peptide bonds. This loss of acidity brings with it bacterial overgrowth, community or hospital acquired pneumonia (increased risk ratio of 1.89 in PPI patients), increase of asthma among children from mothers treated with PPI in pregnancy, mucosal degeneration/transmucosal leak/hyperpermeability, thus increase of drug availability (e.g. nifedipine, digoxin, penicillin's, erythromycin, or...
alendronate), and malabsorption, thus reduction of drug bioavailability (e.g., carboxylic or vinylogous carboxylic acids as a result of altered dissociation). Prevention options comprise allergenic food avoidance, buffering, pepsin replacement, peristalsis stimulation, and melatonin. Intervention may focus on nutrition and medication reconciliation. Inhibition of aromatase has been described for tea and soy, whole grains from buckwheat, millet, or brown and purple rice, cruciferous vegetables (cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower), grapefruit, grape seed oil, and mushrooms. Induction of aromatase can be associated with ethanol. Liquorice (glycyrrhizin) reduces serum testosterone in men and women and supports regular ovulation by induction of aromatase. Conclusions: Concise interaction tables do not explain extra-hepatic interactions. Inappropriate long-term PPI treatment is a documented risk factor for bacterial overgrowth, mucosal degeneration, hyperpermeability, and altered bioavailability. Care should be given to ingredients having pKa<4.5. Breast cancer develops mainly post-menopausally, when estradiol levels have decreased by 90% due to ovarian exhaustion. Therefore, endogenous production in the mammary gland catalyzed by aromatase is determinant for tumor genesis rather than estrogen uptake. However, a practical benefit arising from adjuvant nutritional treatment of breast cancer patients remains to be elucidated.

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KW - Therapy
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KW - Human
KW - Gestational Age
KW - Child
KW - pathology
KW - adverse drug reaction
KW - weight
KW - drug dosage form
KW - patient
KW - therapy effect
KW - pediatrician
KW - Female
KW - ward
KW - retrolental fibroplasia
KW - Low Birth Weight
KW - Male
KW - digestive system
KW - gender
KW - Blood
KW - medical record
Background and objectives: Paediatricians are often forced to extrapolate drug doses from older children and adults, to manipulate with drug's formulations or to change indicated route of administration resulting in off-label drug use. In general, off-label drug use may result in benefit, no therapeutic effect, or adverse reaction. The aim of this survey was to determine the extent and pattern of off-label used medicinal products in newborns and to highlight the therapeutic areas with the highest need. Settings and method: The research was performed over 3 month period in April-June 2012, and involved all newborns admitted to Neonatal Pathology Unit of Children's University Hospital in Bratislava who received a pharmacotherapy. From the medical records at the ward, data about patients' gender, gestational age, weight and diagnose were collected. Dose, frequency, intended route of administration and dosage form were recorded for each prescribed drug. In line with other studies, intravenous replacement solutions, blood products and dietary supplements were excluded. Each recorded medicine was reviewed for off-label use status, based on the information in the approved Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC). A medicinal product was regarded as off-label if it was used outside the age range specified in SPC. Main outcome measures: Proportion of off-label administered medicinal products, identification of the most frequently off-label used drugs in newborns. Results and conclusion: In total, 389 medicinal products containing 67 different active substances were administered to 88 hospitalised neonates (48 male, 40 female). The median gestational age was 34.9 + 4.8 weeks and 46 % were preterm newborns. Retinopathy of prematurity (n = 17) and low birth weight (n = 11) were the most common reasons for hospitalisation. According to the ATC classification the most prescribed medicinal products were drugs for the alimentary tract and metabolism (30 %), drugs for blood disorders (22.3 %), ophthalmologicals (10.5 %) and anti-infectives for systemic use (7.9 %). Of all drug prescriptions, 20.5 % were used in off-label manner. Fifty percent of the newborns received at least one off-label drug. The most frequently off-label prescribed drugs were clotrimazole, ofloxacin, diclofenac and tramadol. Our results indicate that off-label prescribing is common in neonatological field in Slovak Republic, and we believe that our data will stimulate national regulatory authorities to monitor safety concerns associated with off-label drug use in newborns as well as identify research priorities in this field.
Aims: Muscle satellite cells (SCs) are responsible for the regenerative events following muscle fibre injury. This study aimed to improve our understanding of SC behaviour in two models of muscle disorder with different pathological mechanisms and onset of disease. Methods and results: Pax7<sup>+</sup>SC content was assessed in types I and II fibres of patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD; n = 9; age 13 ± 2 years), polymyositis/dermatomyositis (PM/DM; n = 9; age 52 ± 12 years) and in controls (n = 5; age 26 ± 5 years). Pax7<sup>+</sup>SCs number in type I and II fibres was higher (P < 0.05) in DMD and in PM/DM compared to controls. Type I fibres were associated with a higher number of Pax7<sup>+</sup>SCs compared to type II fibres only in DMD: Pax7<sup>+</sup>SCs number in type I fibres was about threefold higher in DMD compared to PM/DM (P < 0.05). In DMD, Pax7<sup>+</sup>SCs content in small regenerating fibres (0.09 ± 0.09 SCs/fibre) was similar to that in fibres from healthy skeletal muscle. The proportion of activated SCs (Ki-67<sup>+</sup>SCs) was fivefold lower in DMD (0.4 ± 0.4%) compared to PM/DM (2.8 ± 2%). Pax7<sup>+</sup>SCs located outside the basal lamina were observed in DMD muscles only. Conclusion: The capacity to generate new SCs is increased even in severely impaired muscles and a fibre type-specific enhancement of SC occurs in type I muscle fibres in DMD. 2013 John Wiley & Sons Ltd

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T1 - The Incubation Period of Buruli Ulcer (Mycobacterium ulcerans Infection)
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - Buruli Ulcer/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Buruli ulcer/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Buruli ulcer/su [Surgery]
KW - Child
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - incubation time
KW - Infant
KW - limb injury
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - mosquito
KW - Newborn
KW - Polymerase Chain Reaction
KW - preschool child
KW - retrospective study
KW - review
KW - school child
KW - structured questionnaire
KW - telephone interview
KW - clarithromycin/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - moxifloxacin/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - rifampicin/dt [Drug Therapy]
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N2 - Introduction: Buruli Ulcer (BU) is caused by the environmental microbe Mycobacterium ulcerans. Despite unclear transmission, contact with a BU endemic region is the key known risk factor. In Victoria, Australia, where endemic areas have been carefully mapped, we aimed to estimate the Incubation Period (IP) of BU by interviewing patients who reported defined periods of contact with an endemic area prior to BU diagnosis. Method: A retrospective review was undertaken of 408 notifications of BU in Victoria from 2002 to 2012. Telephone interviews using a structured questionnaire and review of notification records were performed. Patients with a single visit exposure to a defined endemic area were included and the period from exposure to disease onset determined (IP). Results: We identified 111 of 408 notified patients (27%) who had a residential
address outside a known endemic area, of whom 23 (6%) reported a single visit exposure within the previous 24 months. The median age of included patients was 30 years (range: 6 to 73) and 65% were male. 61% had visited the Bellarine Peninsula, currently the most active endemic area. The median time from symptom onset to diagnosis was 71 days (range: 34-204 days). The midpoint of the reported IP range was utilized to calculate a point estimate of the IP for each case. Subsequently, the mean IP for the cohort was calculated at 135 days (IQR: 109-160; CI 95%: 113.9-156), corresponding to 4.5 months or 19.2 weeks. The shortest IP recorded was 32 days and longest 264 days (Figure 1 & 2). IP did not vary for variables investigated. Conclusions: The estimated mean IP of BU in Victoria is 135 days (IQR: 109-160 days), 4.5 months. The shortest recorded was IP 34 days and longest 264 days. A greater understanding of BU IP will aid clinical risk assessment and future research. 2013 Trubiano et al
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T1 - High seroprevalence of human herpes virus 8 (HHV-8) antibodies among vertically HIV-infected pediatric patients living in Germany
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A1 - Notheis,G.
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English
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KW - EMBASE
KW - seroprevalence
KW - Human herpesvirus 8
KW - patient
KW - Human
KW - Germany
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus infection
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus
KW - Child
KW - Western Europe
KW - Infection
KW - gender
KW - Adolescent
KW - Female
KW - ethnicity
KW - United States
KW - Kaposi sarcoma
KW - Prevalence
KW - virus load
KW - highly active antiretroviral therapy
KW - cell count
Background: Human herpes virus 8 (HHV-8), a gamma herpes virus, is the etiological agent for Kaposi sarcoma (KS). HIV-infected adults with advanced immunodeficiency are at risk. Prevalence data of HHV-8 infection in HIV-infected children living in non-endemic areas are limited. Serologic studies indicate low seroprevalence rates of 3-4% for healthy children living in United States and Germany [1]. Purpose of the study: The aim of the study was to determine the seroprevalence of HHV-8 antibodies among vertically HIV-infected pediatric patients in Germany and to evaluate their association with age, gender, ethnicity, and other demographic factors. Methods: In 2012, a multi-center cross-sectional study was conducted in four University Hospitals in Germany. Stored frozen serum specimens obtained from vertically HIV-infected children and adolescents were tested for antibodies against lytic and latent HHV-8 antigens. Data on patients’ demographic characteristics and medical history were recorded. Results: A total of 214 HIV-infected children and adolescents (105 males, 109 females) were included. The median age was 10.2 years (range 1 months-22.6 years). A high proportion of these children (62%) was born in Western Europe, whereas 65% (139/214) of their mothers were born in countries outside Western Europe. The majority (91%) of the children had been treated with highly active antiretroviral therapy and 55.2% (116/210) had a HIV-viral load<50 copies/mL. The median CD4 cell count was 1000/L (range 3-4400). The overall seroprevalence of HHV-8 antibodies was 23.8% (51/214). Seroprevalence rates did not show significant differences between age or gender. In the group of young children aged 1 month to 35 months, 19.4% (46/231) had HHV-8 antibodies, compared to 25% (25/100) in children aged 36 months to 11 years, and 24.1% (20/83) children 12 years and older. In the study group, seroprevalence rates were significantly lower in children who were born in Western Europe (p<0.01) compared to those born in Africa, Asia, or Eastern Europe. Clinical symptoms of HHV-8 infection were reported to be uncommon; only one child had a history of KS at 2 years of age. Conclusions: Vertically HIV-infected pediatric patients living in Germany showed a high HHV-8 seroprevalence of 23.8%. These rates were higher as expected in the normal pediatric population. The findings suggest that HHV-8 infection occurred already in the first years of life.
The use of self-modeling to promote social interactions among young children

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Video self-modeling (VSM) has been used to teach social skills to children with autism older than 4 years of age. Attempts to use VSM with younger children with disabilities have produced less than favorable results; however, it is unclear whether VSM could be used to promote social initiations by typically developing children. Thirty minutes of staged filming, in which the four typically developing participants were prompted to interact with a peer with autism on the playground and inside during center time, was edited into 2.5- to 3-min clips. Each clip took less than 2 hr to edit. Data were collected on frequency of solitary play, initiations, parallel play, and engaged play and were then analyzed in a multiple-baseline-across-participants single-case design. Visual analysis led to the conclusion that VSM did not affect the typically developing children's behavior. Limitations of the study and cautions for using VSM with very young children are discussed. Hammill Institute on Disabilities 2012

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Examine family demographic and environmental effects on sleep in children aged 2-5 years with and without autism spectrum disorder

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T1 - Examining family demographic and environmental effects on sleep in children aged 2-5 years with and without autism spectrum disorder
Introduction: Parents of children < 6 years frequently report that their child has sleep problems. Poor sleep is often related to bedtime associations and routines, behavioural issues surrounding sleep, or night time fears. Sleep hygiene factors, including the sleep environment, screen time, and meals prior to bed, may also impact on sleep and socio-cultural factors and parent knowledge about child sleep may also affect family sleep practices. This study investigated relationships between family demographics and environmental factors in relation to reported sleep difficulties in children aged 2-5 years. Method: Questionnaire packages were given to 204 families attending a childcare centre and 38 families (56%) of children aged 2-5 years on a university participant registry responded to an email. The primary caregivers (n = 96) of 101 children, mean age 47.5 months (SD = 12.9 months) returned completed packages which consisted of a demographic questionnaire, an environment...
and sleep questionnaire and the Children's Sleep Habits Questionnaire (CSHQ). There were 63 boys and 34 girls; 28 of the children had ASD and 2 children had a global developmental delay. Results: On parent report 55.4% of the children had a sleep problem (79% of the children with ASD); the average CSHQ total score was significantly higher in these children than in children without a reported sleep problem (p < .001). CSHQ scores did not differ for children with and without ASD. Results showed that higher CSHQ scores were related to family income, and primary caregiver employment and education. CSHQ score was not related to timing of meals prior to bed, or to meal type or drinks consumed, or outside play. CSHQ score was related to the child feeling too hot or cold during sleep, use of electric or gas heaters, time spent watching television and time spent on computers or tablets. Discussion: These results indicate the importance of considering the impact of family and environmental factors on sleep problems in toddlers and pre-school children, regardless of whether the child has a developmental disability. In particular the temperature associated with the child's sleep environment and screen time appear to be important factors. It was surprising that even at this young age screen time is impacting on children's sleep.

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KW - Society
KW - oncology
KW - Germany
KW - Human
KW - survivor
KW - sibling
KW - neoplasm
KW - patient
KW - parent
KW - courage
KW - cancer therapy
KW - Child
KW - Fear
KW - disabled person
KW - pediatric nurse
KW - helplessness
KW - non profit organization
KW - community
KW - Government
KW - rowing
KW - Therapy
KW - childhood cancer
KW - rock climbing
KW - Responsibility
KW - Ireland
KW - climbing
KW - wheelchair
KW - France
KW - Hungary
KW - Italy
KW - Canada
Purpose/Objective: The Waldpiratencamp is a camp for kids, teenagers and young adults with and after
cancer and their siblings. The camp of the Deutsche Kinderkrebsstiftung (German Childhood Cancer
Foundation) was established in August 2003 in Heidelberg, Germany. Main goal is to support the young
survivors in their return to everyday life. They should relax after the strenuous cancer therapy and gain strength
and new courage in a cautious way. Materials and Methods: The Waldpiratencamp offers 8-day camps for
survivors and siblings as well as weekends for different kind of groups, e.g. bereaved parents. The program is
always best suited for the needs of the participants. The staff of professional educators and pediatric nurses
offers various activities in nature like hiking, rock climbing and canoing. Collective experiences in outdoor
activities should facilitate the exchange of experiences within the survivors / siblings community. Results:
Patients suffer from helplessness and passiveness during their therapy. The camp wants to retrieve the patients
from this distressed situation. Every child gets individual support to rediscover his still existing abilities and his
power for life. Fears are recognized as 'normal' and self-doubt experienced as surmountable. Group activities
consolidate self-esteem and self-confidence. The participants take individual responsibility and consideration for
handicapped survivors at the climbing wall and on the high rope course (latter is also suitable for wheelchair
users). Conclusions: There are camps for kids with and after cancer in France, Ireland, Hungary, Italy, Canada
and in the United States. The Waldpiratencamp is the only camp of this kind in Germany. In 2008 the
Waldpiratencamp was awarded with a price for aftercare for young cancer patients. In 2009 it was elected from
the Federal Government of Germany as one of 365 outstanding places in Germany.
Background. At any age, physical activity (PA) is critical to maintaining health. Different PA guidelines have been formulated to improve the health of children and adolescents. We undertook this study to analyze the difference in physical activity levels in school children during the day and week and to determine whether two recommendations of physical activity (frequency and duration vs. accumulated duration) in school children identify difference in physical fitness and fatness.

Methods. Seventy-one school children participated. A tri-axis accelerometer (ActiGraph) was used for 7 consecutive days. Minutes spent on moderate or vigorous physical activity (MVPA) were estimated. Two criteria were used to define whether a child is active: >60 min of MVPA/day and 300 min of MVPA/week. Nutritional status was assessed using the body mass index (BMI) and physical fitness with the FITNESSGRAM protocol. Results. It was shown that 12.5% of school children were active according to 60 min MVPF/day criterion and 55.5% with 300 min MVPF/week criteria. School children were more active during school recess and afternoons on weekdays and afternoons and nights on weekends. Boys were more active than girls. The time spent on vigorous and moderate activities was positively correlated with aerobic fitness (r =0.23, p =0.057 and r =0.32, p =0.007, respectively). There was a positive correlation between the time spent on sedentary activities and body fat (r =0.343, p =0.003) and negative with light and moderate activities (r =-0.249, p =0.003; r =-0.249, p =0.013, respectively). School children classified as active according to 300 min of MVPA/week criteria showed better aerobic capacity. Conclusion: The proportion of active school children differs according to the physical activity criterion. It was shown that physical activity varied according to gender and time of day. The time spent on high intensity activities appears to have an influence on aerobic fitness of school children.
OBJECTIVES: 1. Compare and discuss the nature of and risk factors for the various forms of adolescent sexual violence in culturally diverse/multinational urban settings. 2. Explore known preventative strategies and discuss novel approaches to identification and intervention.

METHODS: Sexual violence affects individuals of all ages, cultures, gender, orientation and abilities. Some groups may be disproportionately affected. 30% of under 18s in London, England, are non-white but in the years 2008-2011, 50% of 13-17 year olds attending the London Havens Sexual Assault Referral Centres came from census groups other than White British, White Irish or White Other. Ten percent had learning difficulties compared with a population average of 2.5%. Based on evidence submitted to the current CSEGG (Child Sexual Exploitation In Gangs* and Groups*) Inquiry in England, at least 16,500 children under 18 years were identified as being at risk of child sexual exploitation during one year and 2,409 children were confirmed as victims of sexual exploitation in gangs and groups during the 14-month period from August 2010 to October 2011. There was a higher rate of victimisation amongst black and minority ethnic (BME) children and young people than has been previously identified. (* where gangs mainly comprise men and boys aged 13-25 years old, who take part in many forms of criminal activity, such as knife crime or robbery, who can engage in violence against other gangs, and who have identifiable markers such as territory, a name, sometimes clothing etc. While children can be sexually exploited by a gang, this is not the reason why a gang is formed. Groups involves people who come together in person or online for the purpose of setting up, co-ordinating and/or taking part in the sexual exploitation of children in either an organised or opportunistic way.) In terms of intimate partner violence in adolescent relationships, a recent National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) study in the UK echoed findings in the USA in that high numbers of adolescents experience physical, emotional and sexual violence in their intimate partner relationships (a quarter of girls and 18 per cent of boys reported some form of physical partner violence, three-quarters of girls and half of boys reported some form of emotional partner violence. One in three girls and 16 per cent of boys reported some form of sexual partner violence). The incidence, frequency and level of negative impacts rates for all forms of violence were greater for girls. The majority of young people either told a friend about the violence or told no one. Most respondents in this study were white. We propose an interactive session to: * compare and contrast risk factors for adolescent sexual assault among urban youth in major cities of different countries with attention given to particular characteristics and vulnerabilities associated with adolescents who are trafficked, homeless, unaccompanied minors run-aways and/or in the care of the state
*share experiences of preventative strategies among workshop attenders- including government/public health preventative policies and measures, school-based educational measures or those targeted at preventing revictimisation *identify and discuss obstacles to interventions: particularly those related to culture, social marginalisation and legal frameworks *examine and discuss efficacy of interventions CONCLUSIONS:Large numbers of adolescents are victims of sexual violence and exploitation in settings outside the family: in intimate partnerships and by gangs and groups. There are high rates of under-identification. Better understanding of the settings, susceptible groups, risk factors and behavioural identifiers that might increase the likelihood that an adolescent is a victim of sexual violence is needed. In many countries existing health, judicial and social care structures have started but struggle to address these emerging problems. Effective strategies are needed for education and early identification of at-risk adolescents and treatment of those already affected by sexual violence

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KW - toxocariasis
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KW - Society
KW - microbiology
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - dog
KW - Toxocara
KW - rural area
KW - coughing
KW - Soil
KW - central nervous system
KW - Toxocara canis
KW - nematode
KW - ingestion
KW - visceral larva migrans syndrome
KW - Infection
KW - Anemia
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Larva Migrans
KW - Western blotting
KW - zygote
KW - eosinophil count
KW - liver
KW - cat
KW - Toxocara cati
KW - erythrocyte count
The larval forms of nematodes belonging to the genus *Toxocara* causing infection in humans are: *Toxocara canis* (specific to dogs), *Toxocara cati* (specific to cats). They lead to syndromes called Larva migrans visceralis (LMV) or Larva migrans ocularis (LMO), due to ingestion of viable, embryonated eggs transmitted by soil. The LMV syndrome appears in children under 5 years and the most affected organs are the liver, lungs and Central Nervous System (CNS). The LMO is present in children aged between 5-10 years, and is characterised by unilateral ocular impairment. We review the cases of children suspected of *Toxocara* infection. Each case came from rural area and they all were less than 8 years old. Two cases were associated with decreasing of the sight and three with cough and expectoration. One child was detected accidentally, without having any symptoms. No CNS implication was evidenced. The clinical findings were not specific, laboratory results showed increased white blood cell counts with hypereosinophilia and lower red blood cell counts. In one case severe anaemia was detected. The increased IgE titers were guiding us to the diagnosis of toxocariasis, which was confirmed by specific IgG anti- *Toxocara* ELISA and by Western Blot. Using the ELISA test, titers over 1,1 UI/ml were considered as positive results. Appropriate treatment was based on Albendazol, with good compliance. The normalised eosinophil counts and disappearing of symptoms showed improving of their status. In conclusion, toxocariasis has to be considered in children from rural area with coughing and expectoration or visual acuity problems. This disease can be prevented by strictly respecting personal hygiene measures, by avoiding contamination of soil and playgrounds designated for children, by washing fruits and vegetables before use, by thorough hand wash before meals, by avoiding children's geophagy, applying regulate anthelminthic treatment of pets, especially for dogs under 6 month.
Background and objectives: Chest pain is a complaint for which children are frequently evaluated. Cardiac causes are rarely found despite expenditure of considerable time and resources. We describe validation throughout New England of a clinical guideline for cost-effective evaluation of pediatric patients first seen by a cardiologist for chest pain using a unique methodology termed the Standardized Clinical Assessment and Management Plans (SCAMPs). Methods: A total of 1016 ambulatory patients, ages 7 to 21 years initially seen for chest pain at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) or the New England Congenital Cardiology Association (NECCA) practices, were evaluated by using a SCAMPs chest pain guideline. Findings were analyzed for diagnostic elements, patterns of care, and compliance with the guideline. Results from the NECCA practices were compared with those of Boston Children's Hospital, a regional core academic center. Results: Two patients had chest pain due to a cardiac etiology, 1 with pericarditis and 1 with an anomalous coronary artery origin. Testing performed outside of guideline recommendations demonstrated only incidental findings. Patients returning for persistent symptoms did not have cardiac disease. The pattern of care for the NECCA practices and BCH differed minimally. Conclusions: By using SCAMPs methodology, we have demonstrated that chest pain in children is rarely caused by heart disease and can be evaluated in the ambulatory setting efficiently and effectively using minimal resources. The methodology can be implemented regionally across a wide range of clinical practice settings and its approach can overcome a number of barriers that often limit clinical practice guideline implementation.
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Leg
KW - Cerebral Palsy
KW - Rehabilitation
KW - Child
KW - Arm
KW - physical medicine
KW - caregiver
KW - Pain
KW - pain assessment
KW - health survey
KW - Health
KW - wellbeing
KW - Education
KW - health care need
KW - anticipatory guidance
KW - patient
KW - disease course
KW - Autism
KW - physiotherapy
KW - university hospital
KW - outpatient
KW - community hospital
KW - developmental disorder
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S193
EP - S194
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N2 - of caregivers of children with developmental disabilities. Design: 200 caregivers were surveyed using the SF36 health survey and demographic questions from the National Survey of Children with Special Healthcare Needs. The SF36 Health Survey employs 36 questions to assess a subject's functional health and wellbeing in 8 health domains. The SF-36 bodily pain scale was used to assess the magnitude and interference of bodily pain. How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks? (1-none, 2-very mild, 3-mild, 4-moderate, 5-severe, 6-very severe) During the past 4 weeks how much did pain interfere with your normal work (Including both work outside the home and housework)? (1- not at all, 2-a little bit, 3-moderately, 4-quite a bit, 5-extremely) Setting: Two specialty care centers - one in a community hospital and a second in an outpatient university hospital setting Participants: 200 caregivers of children with predominantly autism or cerebral palsy participated. Interventions: n/a. Main Outcome Measures: SF-36 bodily pain scale. Results or Clinical Course: How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks? (1-none, 2-very mild, 3-mild, 4-moderate, 5-severe, 6-very severe) Average score caregivers of children with CP affecting arms and legs = 3.0; legs only 2.3. During the past 4 weeks how much did pain interfere with your normal work (Including both work outside the home and housework)? (1-not at all, 2-a little bit, 3-moderately, 4-quite a bit, 5-extremely) Average score caregivers of children with CP affecting arms and legs = 2.3; legs only 1.7. Conclusions: Our results indicate that caregivers of patients with CP affecting both arms and legs have more bodily pain when compared to CP affecting legs-only. We propose that this is likely due to the necessity of active repetitive lifting of these children, over many years versus having the option of providing support through less strenuous means, as is the case with CP affecting only the legs. We propose that anticipatory guidance through physical therapy and education in proper lifting technique from an early age for caregivers would improve their pain. Further studies should validate our findings.
T1 - Fecal impaction or infection? Baclofen pump infection without fever: A case report
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KW - EMBASE
KW - Infection
KW - fever
KW - pump
KW - Human
KW - Case Report
KW - physical medicine
KW - Rehabilitation
KW - feces impaction
KW - patient
KW - Therapy
KW - spasticity
KW - implantation
KW - Rett syndrome
KW - physician
KW - Female
KW - rib
KW - book
KW - Streptococcus agalactiae
KW - stomach tube
KW - aspiration
KW - egg
KW - intrathecal drug administration
KW - catheter
KW - needle
KW - computer assisted tomography
KW - diseases
KW - abdominal swelling
KW - Liquid
KW - pediatrician
KW - Hospital
KW - disease course
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - tertiary health care
KW - urine
KW - reimplantation
KW - abscess
KW - dystonia
KW - liquorrhea
KW - Pain
KW - Child
KW - abdominal radiography
KW - baclofen
Case Description: An 18-year-old female with a history of Rett Syndrome and secondary spasticity with baclofen pump placement in January 2007. She presented to her pediatrician with 1.5 months of abdominal swelling without fever, change in tone, or recent illness. An abdominal x-ray was ordered and showed a moderate stool burden. The patient received multiple clean-outs and manual disimpaction without any improvement. She was seen by numerous subspecialists in the subsequent weeks without any additional symptoms. At her scheduled baclofen pump refill, the patient had an unchanged exam aside from a small egg sized mass under her right ribs. During the refill, the physician was unable to access the pump even with the longest needle. An abdominal CT scan was obtained, which showed a 6.5 x 8.0 x 10.0 cm abscess surrounding the baclofen pump. Setting: Tertiary care pediatric hospital Results or Clinical Course: Upon admission to the hospital, surgical exploration of the site revealed a large purulent fluid collection, requiring removal of the baclofen pump. Post-operatively, baclofen and diazepam were administered via her gastrostomy tube to prevent acute withdrawal. Labs eventually revealed group B streptococcus in her aspirate, urine, and vaginal swab cultures. She was treated with ampicillin and gradually improved to her baseline. The patient was discharged home on oral baclofen and has been scheduled for pump reimplantation this month. Discussion: Intrathecal baclofen (ITB) therapy has been a common treatment for spasticity and dystonia for many years. We are continuing to understand the complications of ITB including cerebrospinal fluid leakage, catheter malfunction, and infection. The incidence of infection has decreased significantly over the last 10 years as implantation techniques have improved. Despite the relatively low incidence of infection, particularly outside of the initial implantation time window, it must be considered as part of any differential when patients present with abdominal distention or pain. This case is especially unusual because the child did not demonstrate any additional infectious symptoms such as change in activity, fever, or increased tone. Conclusions: Caution must be taken when evaluating patients with ITB therapy and abdominal distention, as infection must always be on the differential.
Energy drinks (EDs) are beverages marketed to improve energy, weight loss, attention, athletic performance, and concentration. Caffeine is the main active ingredient in EDs; many of them contain 70-80 mg of caffeine for a 33 cl serving. Heavy caffeine consumption, such as drinking EDs, has been associated with serious consequences such as seizures, mania, stroke, and sudden death. Adolescent's and child's caffeine consumption should not exceed 100 mg/day and 2.5 mg/kg/day, respectively. The daily caffeine's intake should take account of all sources of this substance (coffee, tea, soft and energy drinks). Objective: (1) To investigate the extent of energy drink consumption in adolescents; (2) to understand the reasons why teens' consumption is widespread; (3) to estimate the amount of daily caffeine taken from coffee and beverages containing caffeine (including EDs). Methods: A self-report questionnaire related to EDs' consumption has been developed and then proposed to 1232 students aged 12-19 years old (mean age 14.8 ±3.8). The data have been collected and then analyzed. Results: According to our surveys, EDs are consumed by 378/1232 (30.7%) of subjects; among them 27/378 (7.1%) drink these beverages 1 time/day at least, 122/378 (32.3%) 1-2 times/week and 179/378 (47.3%) 1-2 times/month. Most of them, 341/378 (90.2%) admit to consume EDs for the flavor, 147/378 (38.9%) find them refreshing, 68/378 (18%) and 39/378 (10.3%) declare to achieve an improvement in sports performance and intellectual activity, respectively. 270/378 (71.4%) of participants declare to consume these beverages when outside, 106/378 (28%) at meals, 74/378 (19.6%) in front of TV/PC, only 39/378 (10.3%) at school and 38/378 (10%) during or after physical exercise. We have also evaluated the amount (in mg) of caffeine (from coffee and caffeinated beverages) taken daily. Among consumers of caffeine (891/1232 - 72.3%), 495/891 (55.5%) consume less than the daily maximum level allowed, 265/891 (29.7%) consume between 100 and 200 mg/day of caffeine and 131/891 (14.7%) exceed the maximum dose, consuming daily more than 200 mg and up to 300 mg/day. Conclusions: Our data show that, among a pediatric population consuming caffeine, 396/891 of subjects (44.4%) exceeded the maximum recommended dose. Pediatricians should be aware of the possible effects of EDs and screen for their consumption to educate children and their families to decrease or eliminate the inappropriate use of these beverages.
Information about heavy metal intake of children in Nigeria related to playground soils and classroom dusts compared to economically advanced countries is lacking. Playground soil and classroom dust samples were therefore collected from 8 public primary schools - 6 urban and 2 semi-rural - located within Ibadan North-West Local Government Area of Oyo State in Nigeria. Blood and spot urine samples were also collected from the pupils of the selected schools (n = 253). The samples were analysed for Pb, Cu, Zn, Fe and Mn by flame atomic absorption spectrophotometry. Higher Pb levels were detected in blood of the children (mean blood Pb level of 57.40±28.56µg/dl) as well as in dust and soil samples from the 6 schools located in urban areas while
lower levels were obtained in the other 2 schools located in semi-rural area (mean blood Pb of 17.43+8.54μg/dl). Mean metal concentrations in the samples were as follows: classroom dusts - Pb 54.71+36.91, Cu 26.71+29.67, Zn 413.07+324.33, Fe 7828.30+2852.83, Mn 96.46+10.88 mg/kg; playground soils - Pb 45.76+36.23, Cu 18.29+16.69, Zn 368.97+425.73, Fe 7633.40+4191.23, Mn 92.70+7.87 mg/kg; blood - Pb 36.23+29.43μg/dl, Cu 0.67+0.21, Zn 3.50+1.42, Fe 272.09+115.87, Mn 0.07+0.05μg/ml and urine - Pb 0.42+0.36, Cu 0.07+0.05, Zn 0.37+0.38, Fe 0.32+0.33, Mn 0.01+0.02μg/ml. No correlation was observed between blood and dust metals of these children. A positive correlation (r = 0.168, p = 0.008) was however observed between blood Pb and playground soil. These suggest that heavy metal accumulation in these children might be from their schools' playgrounds and other sources.
Objective: The foundation stage/phase was introduced into the primary schools of England and Wales in September 2008. Government guidelines recommend a whole school approach (ages 3 - 11) to an ethos of learning which includes using the outdoors as a learning environment alongside traditional classroom-based education. Students are encouraged to learn by direct, hands-on experience through play and pupil-led investigations and consequently they have access to a much larger variety of potentially toxic agents and plants.

Methods: Enquiries to NPIS between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2011 relating to exposures of children (ages 3 - 11) to potentially toxic materials in schools were analysed with regard to type of material involved and severity of symptoms. Results: A total of 574 enquiries were received during the study period, 37.5% involving girls and 61.5% involving boys. Children aged five were the subject of the highest number (17.6%) of enquiries. The most common agents involved in exposures to pupils were plants (leaves, flowers, seeds and nuts), low toxicity miscellaneous products, chemicals, ice packs (food), cleaning products and pharmaceuticals. Although the majority of exposures resulted in minimal symptoms only, 12.7% of enquiries from schools required referral to hospital for treatment and a further 24% of enquiries were from hospital where the child had already been admitted. Some of the more serious cases involved exposure to agents such as isopropyl methyl sodium hydroxide, unused EpiPens (epinephrine auto-injector) and rat bait. Conclusion:

Schools are encouraged to provide a new learning experience for pupils but should ensure that a comprehensive risk assessment is carried out on all materials, including plants, to which children might become exposed. Do NPIS centre staff have a role to play in providing expert poisoning-prevention education to schools

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Objective: Lead is an established environmental toxin and the most common metal responsible for poisoning. Through the combination of environmental regulation and whole population screening, the incidence of lead poisoning has been greatly reduced in many countries worldwide. Similar approaches are now being adopted in West African countries like Ghana, which banned the sale of leaded gasoline in 2003. However such regulations are far from institutionalized and many adults and children remain at risk.

Methods: This research was undertaken as a first step to identify common environmental sources of lead in Accra, Ghana, with the goal of developing testing and risk reduction strategies. Samples of soil, pottery, paint, and other objects from thoroughfares, playgrounds, markets, and gas stations were collected. Samples were taken from areas easily accessed by passersby, including children, in a convenience sample of neighborhoods suspected of being at greatest risk of lead exposure. Coordinates for each sample were determined using a handheld Global Position Satellite device and were marked on a standard map. Each sample was tested in an identical manner using Lab Inspector Lead Test Kits from Abotex, which uses a sulfur-based solution to produce a semiquantitative color change in the presence of lead.

Results: Out of a total of 332 samples, there were 75 positive results: 33 soil, 10 eating utensils, 14 building tiles that had fallen onto the road, 5 cans that had previously contained foodstuffs, 2 bowls with chipped paint, 5 pieces of metal jewelry, 2 paint chips scraped from walls, 2 pieces of solder/wire, one discarded battery, and one sample of liquid herbal medicine. Thirteen of the positive soil samples were taken from the sites of gasoline retailers. The majority of the positive samples were collected in less-developed residential neighborhoods and lower socioeconomic areas. Conclusion: The data presented above indicates that lead is likely present in the environment in Accra, Ghana, and exposure to the population is a concern. We advocate consideration of lead exposure in both individual and population-based environmental health risk assessments, and hope to begin widespread testing in areas where risks of exposure seem highest.
Background: Clustered symptoms, such as headache, vomiting, and vague neurologic symptoms in carbon monoxide (CO) exposure, suggest a common toxin. Carboxyhemoglobin levels are often unavailable, and clinical suspicion often guides management. In this series, we report three sisters transferred from a rural hospital for CO toxicity. Their history betrayed the true exposure. Case report: 3 sisters ages 3, 5 and 5, were transferred from a rural hospital for CO toxicity. The mother reported 1 week of headaches in her children. The children described acute nausea and intractable vomiting on arrival to an aunt's home that afternoon, unchanged
by prochlorperazine. Relatives sharing space with the children denied similar symptoms. Outside workup revealed moderate leukocytosis and normal metabolic panels in all three patients. The elder children suffered brief seizures prior to transfer; additional medication exposures were denied. Accompanying blood samples were sent for carboxyhemoglobin content. On arrival, the patients were tachycardic but otherwise vitally normal. Both elder children were incontinent of urine. All were markedly mydriatic and variably agitated. All had gait instability; one child actively hallucinated. All remained altered until admission, nearly 10 hours past presumed exposure. Parents were pressed separately regarding additional history. The mother's fiance confided that she was "on the highest dose" of bupropion XL; she admitted to finding this out of place. One of the 5-year olds endorsed finding the pills and feeding them to herself and her sisters. The children were admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit with child protective services and poison center input. Carboxyhemoglobin levels were normal, and the three were discharged the next day. 9 days later, bupropion and hydroxybupropion levels returned markedly elevated (Table). Case discussion: This cluster of pediatric bupropion overdoses was complicated by seizure activity and missed diagnosis. The initial diagnosis of CO toxicity led to transfer to a hyperbaric center, but serial inquiries by staff in light of an incongruous clinical setting led to the diagnosis. Early discordance between symptomatic patients and asymptomatic relatives was highly suggestive of an exposure other than CO, and subsequent history gathering made the diagnosis. Conclusion: History matters in the workup of potential exposures. This case demonstrates both the importance of accurate historytaking and the effect of premature closure in clinically significant bupropion toxicity. (Table Presented)
Background: Crotalid bite fatalities are rare in the US: about 10 deaths per 7000 bites annually. No pediatric deaths have been reported since the advent of crotaline Fab. We report the death of a 23 month old girl due to crotalid envenomation. Case Report: A 23 month old girl screamed at a playground. Her parents found her near a small rattlesnake with blood on her left ankle. Within one minute she vomited, became unresponsive, and had generalized convulsions. EMS transported her to a pediatric hospital within two hours, receiving O2 and IV NS en route. Initial VS were: BP, 106/85 mmHg; HR, 184/min; RR, 46/min; SpO2, 100% on NRB; and GCS, 11 (E4 V3 M4). The patient had blood in her nares and mouth. Respirations were labored with coarse breath sounds and stridor. Capillary refill was sluggish. Skin was cool and pale with petechiae. Her medial left ankle had four puncture wounds. She was intubated within 20 minutes. Fresh blood was noted in the ETT. Laboratory studies revealed: WBC 33 k/mcL; Hct 22%; Plt 10 k/mcL; hemolysis on peripheral smear; INR 19; PTT > 300 s; fibrinogen < 70mcg/ml; D-dimer > 22 mcg/ml; FDP 320 mcg/ml; ABG: 7.09/31/116/-19. IV crotaline Fab was begun 3 hours post bite. The patient received 6 vials as well as 4 units PRBC, 5 units plasma, 2 units platelets, and 10 units cryoprecipitate. In PICU at 3.5 hours post bite she received factor VII per hematology consultation. She became hypotensive and acidic (pH 6.9), requiring resuscitation with multiple vasopressors. Poison control was consulted 4.5 hours post bite and advocated repeat doses of crotaline Fab. Prior to a second dose the patient became pulseless. She was pronounced dead less than five hours post bite. Postmortem findings included: four fang marks anterior to the medial left malleolus; cutaneous and serous petechiae; and acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis and gastritis. The cause of death was listed as hemorrhagic
diathesis due to snake bites. Discussion: Pediatric death from snake envenomation is extremely rare in the US. We found no case reported in the literature since the advent of crotaline Fab. In this case the snake was not formally identified, but the history, examination and laboratory findings were most consistent with crotalid envenomation. The rapidity of systemic symptoms and clinical deterioration suggested envenomation directly into a blood vessel. The possibility of an anaphylactoid reaction could not be ruled out. Extended transportation time may have contributed to mortality, but it is unclear whether earlier treatment would have prevented death given the extreme presentation. Conclusion: Children who quickly develop systemic effects may succumb to crotalid envenomation despite comprehensive management including crotaline Fab.

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T1 - A humanistic approach to paediatric radiation therapy - One family's journey
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English
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KW - anaplastic ependymoma tumor/rt [Radiotherapy]
KW - anaplastic ependymoma tumor/su [Surgery]
KW - article
KW - brain tumor/rt [Radiotherapy]
KW - brain tumor/su [Surgery]
KW - cancer patient
KW - cancer radiotherapy
KW - cancer size
KW - cancer surgery
KW - Case Report
KW - Child
KW - childhood cancer/rt [Radiotherapy]
KW - childhood cancer/su [Surgery]
KW - clinical decision making
KW - clinical effectiveness
KW - Comprehension
KW - Counseling
KW - ependymoma
KW - Fatigue
KW - Female
KW - hormone substitution
KW - Human
KW - hypopituitarism
KW - Interpersonal Communication
KW - medical specialist
KW - medication compliance
KW - multimodality cancer therapy
KW - neurologist
KW - neurosurgeon
KW - nuclear magnetic resonance imaging
KW - occipital lobe
KW - patient care
KW - pediatric surgery
KW - Peer Group
Purpose: To present a patient view of a treatment journey, highlighting the strengths and the weaknesses from that experience and recognising a potential for Advanced Practice on behalf of Radiation Therapists. The patient was aged 7 when diagnosed in December 2007 with an anaplastic ependymoma tumour in the occipital lobe and had surgery to effect maximal tumour resection. The pathology of the tumour upon removal indicated that it was a Grade III anaplastic ependymoma some 3cm across. In early 2008 the patient embarked on radiation therapy receiving 59.4Gy over 33 treatments. This case was an inaugural patient for a novel intervention which aimed at reducing anxiety and helping the patient to cope with paediatric radiotherapy. The intervention was outstandingly successful and the diversionary activities within the treatment regime undoubtedly added to the effectiveness of the treatment. The patient maintained near normal daily activities missing only the first couple of hours of school each day during the treatment period. The paper will cover this from that patient's perspective and then report on the post treatment impact of that treatment. It will present the patient's view and outcomes in the evolution of the patient management process and improved healthcare.

Results: The paper identifies the important role of communication and understanding amongst all members of the team, including the patient. It comments on the need to recognise the full range of options available and the best practice guidelines which could be adopted. Above it touches on the impact the adoption of all of these has on the patient treatment journey. It opens up the question of the appropriate mechanisms of involvement for the patient in this journey and the associated decision making surrounding this involvement, and this paper specifically comments on this. It identifies other professionals’ world-wide who are working on elements of this approach. Conclusion: The paper will highlight some significant areas of patient need following the weeks of treatment as the longer term impact and effects of treatment emerged. It focuses on recognition of the patient's place and how best to use multidisciplinary care as a two-way communication tool. It asks the profession to translate what appears to be a practice based outside of core resources into one which is central to effective support for the patient journey. It is a report on the patient feedback, on what is a successful and highly desirable programme and offers further comment on the longer term issues surrounding post treatment events and experience. 2013 The College of Radiographers
Background and objectives: The prevalence of metabolic syndrome is increasing worldwide, and has followed the global trend to obesity. It is essential to identify and control all the factors that make up metabolic syndrome both in adolescents and in children for the prevention of cardiovascular disease in adulthood. The aim of the study was to assess the nutritional status of children and adolescents who are overweight and/or obese and their predisposition to metabolic syndrome. Methods: We evaluated 100 patients, age 5 to 18 years, of both genders, in routine clinical care and that were diagnosed with overweight (BMI p 85-95) or obese (BMI p 95) second WHO/2007. We carried out anthropometric measurements, biochemical tests and questionnaires with the mothers. Results: The study showed that 87% had family history of disease related to nutritional status like hypercholesterolemia, diabetes mellitus and overweight/obesity; 42% started the overweight/obesity under the age of 5 years; 72% don't make any treatment for weight control; 32% eat their meals everyday in front of TV/computer, of these, 45% for more than 4 hours daily; 69% do not do any kind of physical activity outside of school; 57% of the population has no control food intake, consuming them anytime even without being hungry, and 38% eats until feeling sick; 11% have a habit of vomiting inducing after meals showing signs of eating disorders; 39% have high daily consumption of sweets; 74% have cholesterol levels increased considering that this is a population of minors and that many factors are present characteristic of the metabolic syndrome. Conclusions: To improve the health and nutritional status of children and adolescents is necessary to develop
strategies and activities that promote nutrition education, good eating habits and encourage regular physical activity. These actions contribute to the reduction of risk factors for metabolic syndrome.

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T1 - Vitamin d status among families in Denmark: Baseline data from the vitmaD study
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A1 - Molgaard,C.
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Nutrition
KW - Denmark
KW - serum
KW - Prevalence
KW - leisure
KW - Chronic Disease
KW - model
KW - Physical Activity
KW - questionnaire
KW - Lifestyle
KW - blood sampling
KW - Adult
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - cross-sectional study
KW - Health
KW - gender
KW - Bone
KW - vitamin D
KW - vitamin
KW - 25 hydroxyvitamin D
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N2 - Background and objectives: The beneficial effect of vitamin D in bone health is acknowledged and the vitamin has also been associated with several chronic diseases. It is therefore relevant to determine the prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency in different groups, and vitamin D statuses within families have not been studied previously. The objective of the present study was to evaluate serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D) concentrations among families in Denmark (56 degreeN) after seasonal UVB peak and to ascertain determining factors. Methods: Cross-sectional study with 755 children and adults (4-60 y) recruited as families in the VitmaD study. Blood samples were collected in September-October 2010, and vitamin D status was measured as serum 25(OH)D concentration by LC-MS/MS. Vitamin D intake and life style factors were assessed in self-administered questionnaires. Determinants of vitamin D status were identified in a linear mixed model with
family as a random variable. Results: Mean (+SD) serum 25(OH)D concentration was 75 ± 20 nmol/l (range 9-162 nmol/l) and only 10 % had 25(OH) D <50 nmol/l. Determinants of serum 25(OH)D were age (p=0.036), BMI class (p=0.001), multi vitamin use (p=0.033), sun behaviour (p=0.005), outdoor stay (p=0.033), sun vacation (p=0.001), and physical activity (p=0.040). Gender (p=0.692) and vitamin D intake (p=0.238) were not associated to serum 25(OH)D. Conclusions: The prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency among families in Denmark was low after seasonal UVB peak. Sun vacation was the strongest determinant for vitamin D status at this time of the year.

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T1 - The importance of having interest in cooking and vegetables and fruit intake for chewing consciousness in primary schoolchildren
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A1 - Hamaguchi,I.
A1 - Asano,Y.
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A1 - Wakimoto,K.
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English
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KW - Cooking
KW - mastication
KW - Consciousness
KW - vegetable
KW - Human
KW - school child
KW - Fruit
KW - Nutrition
KW - habit
KW - Learning
KW - questionnaire
KW - Child
KW - Motivation
KW - multiple regression
KW - chi square test
KW - contingency table
KW - statistical analysis
KW - Health
KW - Japan
KW - Eating
KW - primary school
KW - Female
KW - meal
KW - Self Concept
KW - sport
Background and objectives: The chewing ability is one of important factors for good health and thus for developing and educating dietary good habits. Recently, the decrease in chewing abilities of children is discussed. We examined their chewing consciousness and its relation to daily and dietary habits through questionnaire survey. Methods: Questionnaire survey about daily and dietary habits was done in 592 children (294 males and 298 females, 11-12 years old) from four primary schools at the Kansai area in Japan. When high score was allotted in their better habits, there were significantly positive correlations between gCC: chewing consciousness and gHIC: having interest in cooking h or gFVFI: frequency of vegetables and fruit intake h. According to each category score, they were divided into high and low score groups. Statistical analysis in contingency tables was done by chi-square test. And then the multiple regression analysis, as CC or gLMLA: learning motivation and learning attitude h with a dependent variable, was done. Results: In the higher score group of HIC, scores of FVFI, CC, and LMLA were significantly higher than those in the lower score group of HIC. In the higher score of FVFI, scores of HIC, g playing sports and studying well h, and also CC were significantly higher than those in its lower score group of FVFI. The multiple regression analysis, as CC with a dependent variable, indicated that CC was affected by HIC and FVFI with 27% coefficient of determination. Also, LMLA was affected by FVFI, g self-efficacy h, g refrain from between meals and eating outside h, and CC with 23% coefficient of determination. Conclusions: The present analytical results indicated that the chewing consciousness was affected by having interest in cooking and frequency of vegetables and fruit intake, and the learning motivation and learning attitude was affected by FVFI and CC.
Background and objectives: The International Network for Food and Obesity/NCD Research, Monitoring and Action Support (INFORMAS) is setting benchmarks for creating healthy food environments. This paper describes the framework for assessing the extent of children's exposure to food marketing and the nature of these promotions. A standardised framework is needed to allow comparisons between countries, between companies and between different time periods.

Methods: A review of studies measuring the nature and extent of food marketing was undertaken to identify approaches to monitoring across media platforms. This was supplemented with detailed methods used by the authors in national and international monitoring studies since 2007 to describe food marketing across multiple media, including television, print, internet and outdoor advertising.

Results: Food marketing studies indicate children in both high and low/middle income countries are exposed to large volumes of unhealthy food promotions on different media. Active monitoring using a standard assessment tools is currently underway in a range of countries, including China, Mongolia, Malaysia, Philippines and these 2012/3 data will be released. A step-wise approach to monitoring food marketing is proposed, suitable for differing levels of engagement and resources. This framework includes monitoring activities that assess the frequency of food promotions across different media and time points, and measures of persuasive appeal of promotions.

Conclusions: Globally, children are exposed to high volumes of unhealthy food promotions. The monitoring framework proposed here will assist in the implementation of the World Health Organization's set of recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children, which recognise the need for reducing the impact of unhealthy food marketing to children.
Background and objectives: The health properties of the New Nordic Diet (NND) are increasingly being investigated in response to awareness of sustainability and public interest in eating local and traditional foods. The purpose of the present study was to investigate the association of NND adherence with risk of excessive gestational weight gain (EGWG) in the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study (MoBa). Methods: A diet score was constructed from relevant items of the food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) completed by pregnant women in the MoBa study in week 22 of pregnancy. The score comprises ten subscales summarizing meal pattern, intake of fruits, root vegetables, kale, potatoes, oatmeal porridge, whole grain bread versus white bread, foods from the wilderness (fish, game and berries), milk versus juice, and water versus soft drinks. Each subscale was dichotomized by the median and assigned a value of "0" or "1". Adding the subscales yielded a score from 0 to 10 with increasing score indicating higher adherence to the NND. EGWG was defined as gestational weight gain in excess of the range considered optimal and recommended by the Institute of Medicine (2009) according to pre pregnancy BMI. For analysis participants were grouped into "low", "medium" and "high" NND-adherence, and the relative risk of EGWG across groups was analyzed with multi-nominal logistic regression. Results: 56771 pregnant women were included in the study. Moving from low to high NND-adherence was associated with reduced odds of experiencing EGWG in the crude model (OR: 0.837; 95%CI:
0.795, 0.882) and after adjusting for energy intake, pre pregnancy BMI, length of gestation and physical activity level (OR: 0.875; 95%CI: 0.825, 0.928). Conclusions: Higher adherence to this a priori defined New Nordic Diet was associated with reduced risk of experiencing EGWG

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3306
T1 - Recommendations for Vitamin D supplementation in infants and young children
A1 - De, Ronne N.
A1 - De, Schepper J.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 2013590309
French
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - autoimmune disease/et [Etiology]
KW - Breast Feeding
KW - calcium metabolism
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - disease association
KW - health care personnel
KW - high risk population
KW - Human
KW - Infant
KW - Lifestyle
KW - Nutrition
KW - pathophysiology
KW - phosphate metabolism
KW - pregnant woman
KW - prematurity
KW - preschool child
KW - review
KW - skin color
KW - sun exposure
KW - vitamin D deficiency/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Vitamin D Deficiency/et [Etiology]
KW - vitamin D deficiency/pc [Prevention]
KW - vitamin D deficiency/th [Therapy]
KW - vitamin intake
KW - vitamin supplementation
KW - Calcium
KW - phosphorus
KW - vitamin D/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - vitamin D/po [Oral Drug Administration]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 12
EP - 21
JF - Journal de Pharmacie de Belgique
IS - 3
CY - Belgium
N2 - Vitamin D deficiency occurs rather commonly among healthy pregnant women, newborns and young children, especially in certain risk groups. Since vitamin D plays a role in calcium and phosphor metabolism
essential for bone health and in the physiopathology of some autoimmune diseases it seems important to provide recommendations for prevention of vitamin D deficiency. Risk factors include maternal vitamin D deficiency, low intake of fortified food, eg. breastfeeding, low compliance of supplementation, dark skin, inadequate sun exposure, premature birth, overweight, living at high latitude. The aim of this paper is to summarize available data of vitamin D sources, known situations in which deficiency is common and published guidelines on vitamin D supplementation, and translate this information in recommendations for prevention of vitamin D deficiency in healthy paediatric population in Flanders. Infants should receive an oral supplementation of 400 IU/day of vitamin D from birth and this should be continued till the age of 6 years. In cases of dark skin the dose should be 600 IU/day. An healthy life style with outdoor activities and associated sun exposure and intake of fortified nutrition should be advised. The implementation should be promoted by all healthcare professionals working with young children.
voluntary organizations for their therapeutic support. These services work outside of the National Health Service, and have major limitations on what they can offer. Gynecological cancers have a direct impact on the lives of thousands of Irish women and their families. Annually this number is increasing. It has been well documented internationally that cancer patients who receive the appropriate emotional support are less likely to attend the hospital, feel psychologically stronger, higher compliance rate to treatment and thus increasing survival (Carlson, Bultz, 2002, 2003, 2004). A. Mitchell (2011) highlights the importance of a psychosocial intervention in directly improving anxiety, depression and quality of life in women with gynaecological cancer. We describe the establishment of a comprehensive psycho oncology service in the southern part of the country but unique to Ireland. It specifically meets the needs of gynaecological oncology patients, their families and significant others. We discuss the sourcing of therapists from a broad therapeutic background (systemic psychotherapists, psychologists, psychotherapist, psycho-sexual therapist, child psychologist, art therapists and play therapists). We explain the geographic challenges in meeting the patients' needs group. We outline a specific training module facilitated by clinicians from an interdisciplinary background addressing clinical, practical and emotional needs of this patient group. We examine the need for protocols and the logistics for those embarking on a similar journey.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3309
T1 - The radiation footprint on the pediatric trauma patient
A1 - Farzal,Z.
A1 - Wilson,S.
A1 - Brown,E.
A1 - Burkhalter,L.
A1 - Fischer,A.C.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71167349
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - patient
KW - surgeon
KW - college
KW - childhood injury
KW - Radiation
KW - injury
KW - Risk
KW - Imaging
KW - radiation exposure
KW - Child
KW - Diagnostic Imaging
KW - neoplasm
KW - dosimetry
KW - neck
KW - gender
KW - radiation dose
KW - injury scale
KW - pediatric hospital
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S78
JF - Journal of the American College of Surgeons
INTRODUCTION: The overuse of medical imaging has recently started an initiative to diminish radiation exposure particularly in children, given the risk of developing cancer. Our goal was to identify the current amount of radiation used for a pediatric trauma evaluation and correlate the levels of radiation with trauma activation status in order to identify the subset of patients most at risk.

METHODS: We retrospectively evaluated pediatric trauma patients (N=1050) at a Level I independent children's hospital for all levels of trauma activation (Stats, Alerts, Consults) from June 2010 to January 2011. 215 patients had full dosimetry data available and were analyzed for demographics, mechanism of injury, injury severity score (ISS), imaging modalities, and radiation dosages in milliSieverts (mSv).

RESULTS: The demographics include: gender (143M, 72F); age 5.5 yrs [<1-16]; average ISS of Consults, 7.7 [1,16]; Alerts, 8.8 [1,17]; and Stats, 17 [3,38]. Per Stat, the number of CTs ranged from 0-10 with 2-3 CTs in 35% and 4-10 CTs in 40% for one admission. The studies most often repeated were head CTs (45%), face/sinus CTs (13.8%), and neck CTs (10%). The average non-accidental trauma (NAT) Consult patient had four times as many CTs as the average trauma Consult patient.

CONCLUSIONS: The identified factors associated with the most radiation include suspected NATs, Stat activations, and outside imaging. This study is the first to correlate the amount of radiation exposure with trauma activation status. (Table Presented)
spent providing health care to 0-14 year old Australian children. Despite the cost, there has been very little research into how best to systematically and consistently manage chronic child health conditions outside tertiary settings. Addressing the need to develop evidence-based interventions in real-life health care settings requires new research platforms that can engage and support paediatricians to participate in large-scale multi-site research. The Australian Paediatric Research Network is one such platform. Aims/Objectives: Formed in 2007, the APRN aims to improve the quality and quantity of research into common child health conditions managed in secondary care settings. Two core problems drive our Network: (1) the substantial cost of secondary care, in the face of a weak evidence base as to its effectiveness; and (2) an under-utilised capacity of Australian paediatricians to participate in research that could improve this evidence base. Methods: With our 400-strong membership, we have conducted a suite of activities that inform practice, training and further research. This includes our annual multi-topic surveys, the first ever national audit of practice outside hospital settings (n = 8,500 children), and establishing our members’ research priorities. The coming 18 months will see a repeat of the last two activities, five years on, and a forum of multi-disciplinary experts to shape the APRN’s future research. Findings and Conclusions: The bulk of care for children with chronic health conditions takes place outside of hospitals but there is very little research into its effectiveness. The APRN provides an exciting vehicle for such research and is engaging paediatricians in the very research which will change their practice.
N2 - PURPOSE: At Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric Transplant Center, we aim to provide quality care and support throughout the transplant experience, not only while in the hospital but also out-patient. For the past 6 years, we have offered solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients and their families an opportunity to connect with other SOT recipients, their families, and staff outside of the hospital at our annual Family Celebration Day. Patients, families, and staff are encouraged to share experiences while socializing and participating in activities.

METHOD: Upon arrival, attendees sign in, obtain a name tag (identifying what organ he/she received), and review the activity and food schedule. Activities such as bumper boats, miniature golf, a driving range, arcade games, a batting cage and more are offered at the facility. Child Life Specialists provide an opportunity for SOT recipients and their siblings perform a "check-up" at Transplant Clinic on stuffed animals given to them upon arrival. Kids of all ages participate in medical play with their stuffed animal and even perform surgeries (similar to what they have been through). Besides medical play and art, organized games occur including transplant bingo and a scavenger hunt to encourage socialization and educate patients about transplant.

RESULTS: Feedback is collected each year which has always been overwhelmingly positive. Families report they appreciate the opportunity to meet and connect with other SOT recipients. They often share experiences and stories, and stay connected after the event. Families also report they look forward to socializing with staff outside of the hospital, seeing their doctors and nurses in "normal" clothes. Several attendees have started fundraising efforts to help support this free event so it can continue for years to come.

CONCLUSION: The Pediatric Transplant Center at Boston Children's Hospital's Annual Family Celebration Day is an event that recipients, their families, and staff look forward to year after year. It provides an opportunity for participation in normalizing activities and socialization with peers and families that have similar experiences.

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Among all head and neck (H&N) cancers, nasopharyngeal carcinoma (NPC) represents a distinct entity regarding epidemiology, clinical presentation, biological markers, carcinogenic risk factors, and prognostic factors. NPC is endemic in certain regions of the world, especially in Southeast Asia, and has a poor prognosis. In Indonesia, the recorded mean prevalence is 6.2/100 000, with 13 000 yearly new NPC cases, but otherwise little is documented on NPC in Indonesia. Here, we report on a group of 1121 NPC patients diagnosed and treated at Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, Jakarta, Indonesia between 1996 and 2005. We studied NPC incidence among all H&N cancer cases (n =6000) observed in that period, focusing on age and gender distribution, the ethnic background of patients, and the disease etiology. We also analyzed most prevalent signs and symptoms and staging of NPC patients at first presentation. In this study population, NPC was the most frequent H&N cancer (28.4%), with a male-to-female ratio of 2.4, and was endemic in the Javanese population.
Interestingly, NPC appeared to affect patients at a relatively young age (20% juvenile cases) without a bimodal age distribution. Mostly, NPC initiated in the fossa of Rosenmüller and spread intracranially or locally as a mass in the head. Occasionally, NPC developed at the submucosal level spreading outside the anatomic limits of the nasopharynx. At presentation, NPC associated with hearing problems, serous otitis media, tinnitus, nasal obstruction, anosmia, bleeding, difficulty in swallowing and dysphonia, and even eye symptoms with diplopia and pain. The initial diagnosis is difficult to make because early signs and symptoms of NPC are not specific to the disease. Early-age Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) infection combined with frequent exposure to environmental carcinogenic co-factors is suggested to cause NPC development. Undifferentiated NPC is the most frequent histological type and is closely associated with EBV. Expression of the EBV-encoded latent membrane protein 1 (LMP1) oncogene in biopsy material was compared between NPC patients of < 30 years old and those of >30 years old, matched for sex and tumor stage. Higher LMP1 expression in patients of <30 years old was observed, which was related to more locoregional progressivity. Increased medical awareness of prevailing early stage signs and symptoms coupled to use of EBV-related diagnostic tumor markers may lead to down-staging and timely treatment to improve survival of patients with this aggressive disease.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3316
T1 - Environmental barriers to children's summer outdoor play
A1 - Worobey,J.
A1 - Lelah,L.
A1 - Gaugler,R.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71154470

Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - summer
KW - Child
KW - Weather
KW - school
KW - Physical Activity
KW - epidemic
KW - Obesity
KW - Weight Gain
KW - Motor Activity
KW - mosquito
KW - Traffic
KW - heat
KW - Fear
KW - Safety
KW - Health
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - FASEB Journal

Conference End: 20130424. Conference Publication:
IS - var.pagings
Although the health benefits of physical activity are well documented, it appears that even children may exhibit levels of physical activity that are insufficient to prevent or reduce excess weight gain. In light of the current child obesity epidemic, our objective was to survey children to identify the main reasons they might give for not engaging in outdoor play in the summer, ostensibly a time when school is out and weather is most favorable. For this study, 300 children (age 6-14) were surveyed at four county 4-H fairs and asked to indicate how important various factors (e.g., heat, traffic, mosquitoes) were in preventing them from playing outside. The reasons ranked highest were bad weather, bullies/gangs, fear of strangers, no street lights, and it being too hot. These results are somewhat consistent with studies that indicate neighborhood safety as a concern (Carver et al., 2008), but add weather conditions as a factor to be considered when seeking to promote outdoor activity. Allowing access to unused school gyms might be a useful strategy for facilitating large motor activity in summer months.
N2 - We examined the implementation of Pilas!, a community-based intervention aimed to reduce risk factors for chronic diseases (unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, alcohol and tobacco use) in school-age children. The intervention consisted of three components (school, food kiosk and community) that were implemented by teachers, children, food vendors, religious leaders, and government workers in two poor communities and two public schools in Guatemala City. Intervention activities included a classroom-based program (4th-6th grade), active games during school recess, healthy recipes and marketing strategies to promote healthy foods in kiosks, and community events. Quantitative and qualitative methods (structured observations, surveys, logs) were used to examine process indicators, which included the extent of delivery (reach), proportion received by target audience (dose), fidelity of intervention protocol, and context. The school component was implemented with high reach, dose and fidelity. The kiosk component was implemented with moderate dose and fidelity, and low reach. The community component was implemented with low dose and reach. Lack of communication and organizational difficulties were identified as barriers to implementation in the kiosk and community components. These findings will be used to plan a randomized controlled trial in Guatemala City.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3318
T1 - Physical activity policies at childcare centers and impact on children's physical activity and screen-time behaviors
A1 - Erinosho,T.O.
A1 - Hales,D.P.
A1 - Vaughn,A.E.
A1 - Mazzucca,S.
A1 - Ward,D.S.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71153014
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Child
KW - Child Care
KW - Policy
KW - teacher
KW - sitting
KW - Television
KW - preschool child
KW - computer
KW - general practice
KW - Environment
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - FASEB Journal
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IS - var.pagings
N2 - This study evaluated the association between childcare center policies about physical activity (PA) and children's PA and screen-time behaviors at 50 childcare centers. Data were collected in 2008-2009 using the Environment and Policy Assessment and Observation (EPAO) tool. Directors reported center PA policies (written, unwritten but general practice, no policy). Preschool children's PA and screen-time behaviors were assessed via 4-day observation at each center. Time spent per day in outdoor play, teacher-led PA, sedentary activities, and screen-time were 67.7±33.6, 16.5±11.3, 52.2±28.8, and 39.7±47.9 minutes, respectively. Children engaged in more minutes of outdoor play at centers with a written policy about amount of active playtime; and a
written/unwritten policy about amount of time spent outdoors. Written policies about amount of active playtime and time spent outdoors were also associated with more minutes of sedentary activity. Children engaged in more minutes of teacher-led PA at centers with written policy about amount of time in teacher-led activities. Children spent fewer minutes watching television and using computers at centers with written policies about such behaviors and written policy about staff supervision of media use. Results suggest that written and unwritten policies may be effective at increasing PA, but may be insufficient to help children achieve recommended levels of PA.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3319
T1 - Heightened amygdala activation in maltreated children during pre-attentive emotional processing
A1 - McCrory,E.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71149039
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - amygdaloid nucleus
KW - Human
KW - Child Abuse
KW - Child
KW - Society
KW - processing
KW - psychiatry
KW - nerve potential
KW - Risk
KW - mental disease
KW - Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging
KW - onset age
KW - intelligence quotient
KW - gender
KW - Facial Expression
KW - community sample
KW - childhood
KW - Institutionalization
KW - anxiety disorder
KW - emotional abuse
KW - abuse
KW - marker
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 190S
JF - Biological Psychiatry
JA - Biol Psychiatry
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Background: Childhood adversity is associated with significantly increased risk of psychiatric disorder. To date, functional magnetic resonance imaging studies of children have mainly focused on the impact of institutionalization rather maltreatment at home and investigated conscious processing of affect. The aim of the current study was to investigate neural response to pre-attentively presented affect cues in a community sample of children with documented experiences of familial maltreatment. Methods: A masked dot-probe paradigm involving pre-attentive presentation of angry, happy and neutral facial expressions was employed using FMRI.
Eighteen maltreated children aged between 10 and 14 years of age, were compared with 23 non-maltreated peers, matched for age, gender, SES, Tanner stage and IQ. Results: Increased neural response was observed in the right amygdala for preattentively presented angry and happy faces in maltreated versus non-maltreated children. Significant negative associations were found between degree of amygdala response and age of onset/duration of abuse for measures of emotional abuse and neglect. Conclusions: We demonstrate for the first time that maltreatment in children is associated with increased amygdala activation to pre-attentively presented positive and threatening faces. In other words, our findings suggest that maltreated children show a general pattern of atypical affect processing, even outside of conscious awareness. Given the evidence for pre-attentive affect processing is also altered in individuals with anxiety disorders, we suggest that this pattern of heightened amygdala activation may constitute a latent neural risk marker, associated with increased vulnerability to future psychiatric disorder.
Objective: To evaluate the repercussion of sedentary habits in the lifestyle of children and adolescents, 7 to 18 years old, both sexes, from public schools of the city of Campinas, Brasil. Methods: A cross-sectional epidemiological study with sampling from a school population pool was carried out. Eleven schools were randomly selected in central and peripheral city areas. The assessment protocol comprised a structured questionnaire, anthropometry, and a non fasting lipid profile. In 2010, 4699 students (47.14% of the male sex; mean age, 11.07±2.9 years) were evaluated. Results: Reports showed that 67.25% of the children that practiced outside school physical activities did not present weight excess. Overweight (>±1SD ) and obesity (>±2SD ) prevalence rates were 15.7% and 16.0%, respectively. Sedentary habits (television, videogames and computers) corresponded to 3.29 hours daily. Low and moderate time for interaction with electronic devices (television, computers and video games) was up to 3.5 hours daily and moderate, intense and exaggerated was considered for more than 4 hours daily. Children that spent more time in front of screens also report having significant stress in the home environment (p<0,0001). A significant correlation between time spent in front of screens and stress in school was also true. (p<0,0001). Conclusion: Physical activity is associated to a healthy life style in a young population, in opposition to sedentary habits generating stress and weight gain. Interventions are required to improve physical activities and reverse the unfavorable tendency of future cardiovascular risk and potential chronic degenerative pathologies in the adult population.
Objective: To assess the effect of a governmentally-led center based child care physical activity program (Youp'la Bouge) on child motor skills. Patients and methods: We conducted a single blinded cluster randomized controlled trial in 58 Swiss child care centers. Centers were randomly selected and 1:1 assigned to a control or intervention group. The intervention lasted from September 2009 to June 2010 and included training of the educators, adaptation of the child care built environment, parental involvement and daily physical activity. Motor skill was the primary outcome and body mass index (BMI), physical activity and quality of life secondary outcomes. The intervention implementation was also assessed.

Results: At baseline, 648 children present on the motor test day were included (age 3.3 ± 0.6, BMI 16.3 ± 1.3 kg/m², 13.2% overweight, 49% girls) and 313 received the intervention. Relative to children in the control group (n = 201), children in the intervention group (n = 187) showed no significant increase in motor skills (delta of mean change (95% confidence interval: -0.2 (-0.8 to 0.3), p = 0.43) or in any of the secondary outcomes. Not all child care centers implemented all the intervention components. Within the intervention group, several predictors were positively associated with trial outcomes: 1) free-access to a movement space and parental information session for motor skills 2) highly motivated and trained educators for BMI 3) free-access to a movement space and purchase of mobile equipment for physical activity (all p < 0.05).

Conclusion: This "real-life" physical activity program in child care centers confirms the complexity of implementing an intervention outside a study setting and identified potentially relevant predictors that could improve future programs.
Background: A national survey conducted in 2008-2009 by the French Institute for Public Health Surveillance for detection of lead impact in childhood identified a high blood lead level in a young boy living in the town of "Le Port", Reunion Island. Previously, cases of lead poisoning on the island had been exceptional; only a dozen cases were reported in the 1980s in adults, related to the use of lead-containing instruments for food preparations. Methods: The family of the index case was invited to participate in screening tests and an environmental investigation was conducted using a standardized questionnaire. Screening was then broadened to the neighborhood of the index case and samples of soil outside the home and in the immediate vicinity were taken. The environmental survey was then extended with soil samples taken from the entire geographical area. Information was then provided to local inhabitants (87 families and 287 people) in order to encourage lead blood testing for all children under six years and all pregnant women living in the area. Results: The index case lived in the neighborhood of "The Oasis", a shantytown of Le Port. The results of soil analysis revealed heterogeneous pollution of superficial soils by lead throughout the area of the shantytown, the highest level recorded (5200 mg/kg) reached more than 300 times the background level of the natural soils of the island. The screening identified 76 cases of childhood lead poisoning (blood lead level greater or equal to 100 mug/L) among 148 samples (51%). All cases of blood poisoning involved children under the age of 15 years. The median age of children with a positive test was 5.6 years; the median blood lead level was 196 mug/L [102-392 mug/L]. Conclusion: The main hypothesis to explain the contamination of the soil in the area of the shantytown is the presence of waste deposits (car batteries) and diffuse activities of metal recovery. The authorities managed to remove all the families from the environmental exposure to lead by rapidly ensuring rehousing outside the contaminated area. 2013 Elsevier Masson SAS
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3323
T1 - 6. Jahrestagung der Osterreichischen Gesellschaft fur Geschlechtsspezifische Medizin, OGGSM 2013
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71142291
German, English
Journal: Conference Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Austria
KW - gender
KW - Pregnancy
KW - Male
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Public Health
KW - capillary
KW - venous blood
KW - cardiovascular risk
KW - Exercise
KW - Child
KW - sport
KW - army
KW - athlete
KW - leather industry
KW - glucose blood level
KW - oral glucose tolerance test
KW - sex difference
KW - opiate
KW - endostatin
RP - NOT IN FILE
EP - 8
JF - Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift
N2 - The proceedings contain 10 papers. The topics discussed include: gender differences in tanning and sun protective behavior - public (skin) health perspectives in Austria; perceived relevance of educative information on public (skin) health in Austria: aspects of preventive gender medicine; opioid maintenance during pregnancy and related gender-specific long-term consequences for the children; awareness of cardiovascular risk factors in Austrian female and male civil and military servants of the ministry of defense and sports; endostatin and physical exercise in young female and male athletes and controls; and comparability of capillary and venous blood glucose measurements during an oral glucose tolerance test in- and outside pregnancy
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3324
T1 - Post-concussion convulsions and epilepsy
A1 - Cvitanovic-Sojat,L.
A1 - Kukuruzovic,M.
N2 - Purpose: To present children admitted to the hospital due to loss of consciousness and convulsions related to sports. Sports commonly leading to concussions include contact martial arts sports, football, soccer and others. Main post-concussive symptoms are headache, followed by convulsions, dizziness, vomiting, lack of motor coordination, cognitive and emotional problems. Repeated concussions can lead to persistent neurological problems. Method: Retrospective data analysis of patients with symptoms related to loss of consciousness and suspected epilepsy, playing different contact sports treated at our Neuropediatric Department during 16 months was done. Results: Fifty four children (mean age 12.5 years) playing different contact sports were admitted to our Department. Epilepsy was suspected in 8 urgently admitted children (3 from playground): 3 had epileptic fits, 3 loss of consciousness, 2 confusion with unilateral cramps; after an outpatient visit 2 came with cramps and 1 with tremor. All children had on average training during 2-7 years, 2-3 times a week, and nearly each weekend. Three children had the diagnosis of epilepsy followed by antiepileptic treatment with a good control
of seizures. Conclusion: Concussions cause different neurological symptoms and convulsions if rest is not long enough to allow the brain to fully heal afterwards. Repeated concussions may lead to epilepsy and chronic encephalopathy. A neuropediatrician must monitor children involved in contact sports, perform diagnostic procedures according to medical history and clinical presentation, advise a child to avoid the activities that may put them at risk for future head injuries and to discontinue contact sports if necessary.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Did Media Attention of the 2009 A(H1N1) Influenza Epidemic Increase Outpatient Antibiotic Use in France?: A Time-Series Analysis
A1 - Bernier,A.
A1 - Ligier,C.
A1 - Guillemot,D.
A1 - Watier,L.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 2013476155
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - 2009 H1N1 influenza
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - antibiotic therapy
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - drug use
KW - epidemic
KW - France
KW - Human
KW - Infant
KW - information dissemination
KW - major clinical study
KW - mass medium
KW - outpatient
KW - pandemic
KW - preschool child
KW - time series analysis
KW - antibiotic agent
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - PLoS ONE [Electronic Resource]
JA - PLoS ONE
VL - 8
IS - 7
CY - United States
N2 - Background: In France, the 2009 A(H1N1) influenza epidemic occurred between September 2009 and January 2010. Sparking widespread controversy, it was intensely reported in the media. Despite therapeutic inefficacy, antibiotic consumption and viral respiratory infections are positively correlated, particularly in France, where antibiotic overconsumption is well-known. We first determined the period when media coverage was high, and then compared, during this period, observed outpatient antibiotic consumption to estimated outpatient antibiotic consumption "without media attention". Materials and Methods: To evaluate media coverage, two online databases were consulted: Factiva and Europresse. To quantify outpatient antibiotic consumption, we used data on reimbursements of outpatient systemic antibiotics from the computerized
databases of the two main National Health Insurance agencies. Influenza-like syndromes data came from the French GPs Sentinelles Network. Weekly time-series of antibiotic consumption were modeled by autoregressive moving-average models with exogenous inputs and interventions. Analyses were computed for the entire series and by age group (0-5, 6-15, 16-60, and >60 years). Results: Media coverage was intense between April 2009 and January 2010. No effect on total outpatient antibiotic consumption was observed during the whole mediatic period. However, during the epidemic in France (September 2009-January 2010), we found an antibiotic underconsumption for the entire series, 0-5 and >60 years. Additionally, at the beginning of the pandemic, when cases were still outside France (June 2009-August 2009), we found an antibiotic overconsumption for patients >16 years. Conclusion: The early period of A(H1N1) virus circulation compared with seasonal influenza or an overdeclaration of ILS cases might explain the antibiotic underconsumption observed during the period of active A(H1N1) virus transmission in France. At the pandemic onset, when uncertainty was high, the overconsumption observed for individuals >16 years might have been caused by alarmist media reporting. Additional analyses are needed to understand the determinants of antibiotic consumption during this period. 2013 Bernier et al AD - (Bernier, Ligier, Guillemot, Watier) INSERM, U 657, Paris, France (Bernier, Ligier, Guillemot, Watier) Institut Pasteur, PhEMI, Paris, France (Bernier, Ligier, Guillemot, Watier) Universite de Versailles Saint Quentin, Faculte de Medecine, Paris Ile de France Ouest, France (Guillemot) AP-HP, Hopital Raymond Poincare, Unite Fonctionnelle de Sante Publique, Garches, France ER -

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T1 - Lung function in children with sickle cell disease
A1 - Kirkby,J.
A1 - Bonner,R.
A1 - Bates,P.
A1 - Strunk,R.
A1 - Kirkham,F.
A1 - Stocks,J.
A1 - Sonnappa,S.
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - 71126075
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - sickle cell anemia
KW - Society
KW - winter
KW - lung function
KW - Spirometry
KW - lung disease
KW - medical specialist
KW - Morbidity
KW - coughing
KW - United Kingdom
KW - African Caribbean
KW - airway
KW - oscillometry
KW - lung volume
KW - questionnaire
KW - Health
KW - consultation
KW - total lung capacity
KW - lung function test
KW - genetic disorder
KW - bronchodilating agent
Introduction Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is one of the most prevalent genetic diseases with an incidence of ~1 in 200 Afro-Caribbean children in the UK (WHO; 2006). Since SCD can result in significant respiratory morbidity,[1] lung function tests (LFTs) could play an important role in the clinical management of children with SCD. Aim To determine the extent to which LFTs identify differences in children with SCD when compared with healthy Black children. Methods A respiratory health questionnaire was administered, and four commercially available LFTs (Impulse oscillometry (IOS), specific effective airways resistance (sReff), plethysmographic lung volumes, and spirometry) were undertaken in up to 214 healthy Black children and 85 children with SCD aged 4-12y. Results Amongst children with SCD, 50% reported cough on most days, and 25% had been reviewed by a specialist respiratory consultant within 3 months prior to the assessments. When compared with healthy children, 20% had a reduced total lung capacity (TLC), with concurrent reductions in FEV1 and FVC No differences in sReff were observed and IOS outcomes proved to be of limited value, due to poorly defined limits of normality and large between-subject variability. No significant group differences in bronchodilator responsiveness in SCD or healthy children were observed regardless of the outcome measured (Table 1). Conclusion Despite the high proportion of respiratory symptoms reported, the number of children with LFTs falling outside the limits of normal was relatively small. Results suggest a pattern of restrictive lung disease in children with SCD. Of the outcomes assessed, baseline spirometry appears to be the most useful for routine assessment of lung disease in young children with SCD. (Table presented)
Students generally spend their time in their nearby environment. This environment consists of playing areas in school grounds and playgrounds on their way to school. By considering this hypothesis, the aim of the study is to determine whether school grounds and neighbourhood playgrounds on their accessible routes in three different parts of Aydın, which are characterized by different patterns of environmental development, meet students' needs. Observation and questionnaire forms are used to determine the interaction between environment-student-playing areas and the study is conducted in nine schools and thirty-one playgrounds in their proximity. The results indicated that the interactions of students with the near environment, school grounds and neighbourhood playgrounds can partially meet the needs of children, but address different age groups. School grounds are designed for older children, but playgrounds for younger children. In distorted settlements among the studied areas, playgrounds were limited in their usefulness for group games, while schoolyards were suitable for these games. Because of this situation, 81.1% of the 12-15 age group and all of the 16-18 age group preferred schoolyards. The relationship between school and play was relatively ignored for older age groups, while for younger groups this relationship was taken into account at a rate of 87.2% in all the settlements. It was consequently found that schoolyards and playgrounds do not show differences in their quality and in meeting children's needs for the three settlements studied. Students preferred games related to school. The results show that environmental quality of playing areas should be developed to meet the expectations of different ages of students.
Background: Passive smoke exposure is an important public health problem which has causal relationship between pneumonia, bronchiolitis, broncopneumonia, asthma exacerbation and development, otitis media, tooth decay and growth retardation in children. In this study we aimed to evaluate the effects of passive smoke exposure on children's health by urinary cotinine levels with objective parameters.

Method: A total number of 80 children whose family reported at least one active smoker in the house and 80 control subjects with no active smoker who admitted to Ankara Training and Research Hospital, Children's Outpatient Clinic were enrolled to study. Parents of children were administered a questionnaire involving sociodemographic characteristics of children and families, smoking habits and diseases within a year. First morning urine was collected to assess passive smoking exposure of children objectively and cotinine level which is the main metabolite of nicotine in the urine was measured by the method of solid-phase competitive immunoassay chemoluminescence with Nicotine Metabolite Immulite 2000 Analyzer (PIL2KNM-10) (DPC, USA) device. The 'cut-off' value of cotinine was recognized as 10 ng/ml for the diagnosis of passive smoking. Subjects with cotinine levels above this value were considered as 'exposed to passive cigarette smoke'.

Result: The number of the disease and frequency of wheezing within the last year was found to be increased in the passive smoking exposure group. Children whose mothers smoked during pregnancy, had a significantly increased incidence of prematurity and wheezing (P < 0.05). The median cotinine level was 10 ng/ml in the nonpassive smoking exposure group while, in the exposure group was 20.8 ng/ml, respectively (P < 0.01). The cotinine level was over threshold value, 10 ng/ml, in 68.7% of patients in the passive smoking exposure group and 25% of the control group.

Conclusion: Twenty-five percent of children who have not active cigarette smokers in their home was shown to be passive exposed smokers. This finding shows families with sick children are biased for reporting the frequency of active smoking and children are exposed to cigarette in places outside the home.
Background: Vitamin D has also been inconsistently associated with atopic diseases, although large-scale prospective and randomised studies are lacking. Among the existing studies were giving the supplements of vitamin D. And, there is no research on these outdoor activities (forest). The role of vitamin D in atopic dermatitis is uncertain. We have analysed the association between serum 25(OH)-D3 levels in atopic dermatitis children.

Method: A total of 35 children were enrolled for this study, being referred from local health centers in Republic of Korea, from April to October 2009. They were conveniently assigned to either ‘forest group’ participating in the forest therapy program or control group. Measurements of salivary cortisol level and QoL were done at initial visits and at 8-week final visits. And also the serum samples were collected and check for 25(OH)-D3 levels. From the blood samples we measured eosinophil counts, total IgE, specific IgE of D. pteronyssinus, D. farinae, Milk, Egg, Cat, Dog, and Cockroach. (Pharmacia & Upjohn Uni-CAP FEIA system)

Result: Both groups did not differ significantly in baseline clinical characteristics. The salivary cortisol level change at week 4 and week 8 did not differ between the two groups. But SCORAD index reduction was
significantly and QoL measures slightly improved in the forest group at week 8 compared with the control group. The mean 25(OH)2-D3 levels significantly increased after the outdoor activities, the level were 25.82±44.81 and 49.90±419.77 pg/ml (P = 0.000). Conclusion: The forest therapy program did not induce salivary cortisol level reduction. However, considering the significant decrease in SCORAD index and improvement in vitamin D level, this may be a useful model of atopic dermatitis management program

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Epidemiological description of rabies reservoir in bats in the Metropolitan Region. Chile. 2000-2009
A1 - Myriam,Favi C.
A1 - Angela,Bassaletti C.
A1 - Javier,Lopez D.
A1 - Luis,Rodriguez A.
A1 - Veronica,Yung P.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 21879147
English, Spanish
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
KW - Animal
KW - animal disease
KW - article
KW - bat
KW - Child
KW - Chile/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - disease carrier
KW - Disease Transmission
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - isolation and purification
KW - Male
KW - Middle Aged
KW - Rabies/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Rabies virus
KW - Urban Population
KW - virology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 223
EP - 228
JF - Revista Chilena de Infectologia
VL - 28
IS - 3
CY - Chile
N2 - In Chile, in 1985 rabies was detected in insectivorous bats. Since then the epidemiological surveillance activities was extended to these species and the epidemiological pattern was characterized as endemic in bats. In this study we analyzed positive rabies cases in the Metropolitan Region between 2000 and 2009. We identified 325 cases of rabies in 11,472 analyzed samples. We determined an increase of positivity cases in bats between the years of the study. Places with the highest number of positives cases were Las Condes, Santiago, Providencia, Puente Alto and Nunoa. In 147 cases we identify the circumstances in which the bat was found: 89 inside, 45 outside the building and 13 in public spaces. In 39 cases there was contact with humans or animals. These results reinforce the relevance of educating the population against the contact with bats and allow health authorities to take early surveillance and control measures
The role of community conversations in facilitating local HIV competence: case study from rural Zimbabwe

A1 - Campbell, C.
A1 - Nhamo, M.
A1 - Scott, K.
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This paper examines the potential for community conversations to strengthen positive responses to HIV in resource-poor environments. Community conversations are an intervention method through which local people work with a facilitator to collectively identify local strengths and challenges and brainstorm potential strategies for solving local problems. We conducted 18 community conversations (with six groups at three points in time) with a total of 77 participants in rural Zimbabwe (20% HIV positive). Participants were invited to reflect on how they were responding to the challenges of HIV, both as individuals and in community groups, and to think of ways to better support openness about HIV, kindness towards people living with HIV and greater community uptake of HIV prevention and treatment. Community conversations contributed to local HIV competence through (1) enabling participants to brainstorm concrete action plans for responding to HIV, (2) providing a forum to develop a sense of common purpose in relation to implementing these, (3) encouraging and challenging participants to overcome fear, denial and passivity, (4) providing an opportunity for participants to move from seeing themselves as passive recipients of information to active problem solvers, and (5) reducing silence and stigma surrounding HIV. Our discussion cautions that community conversations, while holding great potential to help communities recognize their potential strengths and capacities for responding more effectively to HIV, are not a magic bullet. Poverty, poor harvests and political instability frustrated and limited many participants’ efforts to put their plans into action. On the other hand, support from outside the community, in this case the increasing availability of antiretroviral treatment, played a vital role in enabling communities to challenge stigma and envision new, more positive, ways of responding to the epidemic.
The nature of young children's communicative environment has been central to theoretical debates about the importance of innate and environmental factors in the development of communication and language. In this paper, we explore aspects of the communicative development and environment of young children growing up in two very different cultures, one in a village of eastern Nepal and the other in a rural area of Western Germany. We analysed longitudinal video recordings of 6 children from each culture in naturalistic settings, at age-matched time points over a period of 8 months. Four children were 8 months old at the outset of the study, 4 were 2 years and 2 months old, and 4 were 3 years old. There were major differences between cultures in the number of adults and children present during the recordings, with other children playing an increasingly important role for the older children in the Nepal recordings. We found no difference between cultures in the onset of pointing and imitation or of reaching, requesting and offering, indicating that these behaviours may be part of a human-specific timetable for socio-cognitive development. We also found that imitation by both the target children and those around them was strictly limited to the youngest group in both cultures. This suggests that imitation may be very important for early development in the prelinguistic phase, while around the age of 2, with the child's developing competence, other ways of interacting take over. The theoretical implications of our results are discussed with reference to the roles of child-intrinsic and environmental factors in the developmental process. Copyright 2013 S. Karger AG, Basel
Hyperdopaminergic crises in familial dysautonomia: A randomized trial of carbidopa

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Journal: Article

KW - EMbase
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - anemia/si [Side Effect]
KW - article
KW - clinical article
KW - controlled study
KW - dopamine urine level
KW - dopaminergic activity
KW - dose response
KW - double blind procedure
KW - drug dose escalation
KW - drug dose titration
KW - drug efficacy
KW - drug safety
KW - dysautonomia
KW - Female
KW - general condition improvement
KW - Human
KW - hyperdopaminergic crisis
KW - Male
KW - neurologic disease
KW - open study
KW - priority journal
KW - randomized controlled trial
KW - retching
KW - school child
KW - symptom
KW - treatment duration
KW - urinary excretion
KW - weakness/si [Side Effect]
KW - alpha tocotrienol
KW - benzodiazepine derivative
KW - carbidopa/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
KW - carbidopa/ct [Clinical Trial]
KW - carbidopa/pd [Pharmacology]
KW - clonazepam
KW - clonidine
KW - diazepam
Objective: The purpose of this study was to determine whether carbidopa (Lodosyn), an inhibitor of dopa-decarboxylase that blocks the synthesis of dopamine outside the brain, is an effective antiemetic in patients with familial dysautonomia (FD) and hyperdopaminergic nausea/retching/vomiting attacks. Methods: We enrolled 12 patients with FD in an open-label titration and treatment study to assess the safety of carbidopa. We then conducted a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study to evaluate its antiemetic efficacy. Results: Previous fundoplication surgery in each patient studied prevented vomiting, but all of the subjects experienced severe cyclical nausea and uncontrollable retching that was refractory to standard treatments. Carbidopa at an average daily dose of 480 mg (range 325-600 mg/day) was well tolerated. In the double-blind phase, patients experienced significantly less nausea and retching while on carbidopa than on placebo (p < 0.03 and p < 0.02, respectively). Twenty-four hour urinary dopamine excretion was significantly lower while on carbidopa (147 + 32 mg/gCr) than while on placebo (222 + 41|xg/gCr, p < 0.05). Conclusions: Carbidopa is a safe and effective antiemetic in patients with FD, likely by reducing the formation of dopamine outside the brain. Classification of evidence: This study provides Class II evidence that carbidopa is effective in reducing nausea/retching/vomiting in patients with FD. 2013 American Academy of Neurology

TY - JOUR
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T1 - Health and physical activity: The effect of outdoor play on children's motor development
A1 - Gastaldi,F.G.M.
A1 - Prino,L.E.
A1 - Quaglia,R.
A1 - Longobardi,C.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71088178
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - Motor Development
KW - Health Behavior
KW - juvenile
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Health Education
KW - Health
KW - Obesity
KW - wellbeing
KW - Policy
KW - Blood Pressure
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Risk
KW - osteoporosis
Introduction: This literature review examines the link between outdoor activities and children healthy development and well-being. So far, only a few studies have directly examined the influence of children's outdoor activities, physical exercise and motor development. State of the art: Children are more and more growing up disconnected from nature and the outdoors; this is a worldwide phenomenon, occurring in industrialized nations in every setting and in all urban environments throughout the world. As we face contemporary health challenges, such as a growth in level of obesity and stress there is an emerging research and policy interest in the health and wellbeing outcomes associated with use of outdoor spaces. Theoretical and practical implication: To summarize the body of research there is evidence to suggest that outdoor activities are beneficial for health. Time spent in outdoor settings, for example, is associated with adequate blood pressure and cholesterol levels; prevention of depression; it is also effective in tackling obesity, preventing osteoporosis; better motor development (strength, balance and coordination); development of children's understanding of risk; increase social interaction; better levels of cognitive functioning and developing creative play activities. Conclusions: This literature review shows that there is general agreement about a positive relationship between outdoor activity and health, in particular there is a link between use of the outdoors and increased physical activity levels bringing also physiological benefits. Encouraging use of the outdoors for positive health benefits requires an understanding of the myriad of influences on children's and of the role of society for policy and interventions.
Introduction: Childhood obesity (OB) has tripled in adolescents in the past 30 years. Obese youth are more likely to have risk factors for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, bone and joint problems, sleep apnoea and psychological problems. Objectives: To determine the prevalence of overweight (OW), OB and hypertension (HT) in an adolescent school population and to correlate with eating habits (EH) and physical activity (PA).

Methods: Analytical cross-sectional study with students from the 5th and 7th grades of 5 schools of 2 different cities based on surveys about EH and PA, determination of Body Mass Index (BMI) and blood pressure (BP). Statistics: SPSS 18 (p < 0.05). Results: The study included 501 students, aged from 10 to 17 (median 12 years), 51% males and 60% from the 7th grade, 16% were OW and 12% obese. BP was measured in 492 students, 23% had HT, 18% of those being OW and 22% OB. There was a statistical significant relationship between BMI and BP (p = 0.004). Regarding EH: 56% had less than 5 meals/day, 47% had multiple snacks between meals, 5% didn't have breakfast every day, 52% didn't eat soup for lunch and dinner, 91% ate fish less than 5 times/week, 7% always ate sauces at meals, 6% never ate vegetables, 48% ate fried food more than 1 time/week and 21% ingested fast food regularly. Regarding PA: 13% spent more than 2 hours/day watched TV and played video games during school time and 48% during holidays; 32% didn't practice sport outside school. Conclusions: This study showed a high percentage of children with OW/OB and HT, similar to literature values for the Portuguese population. Incorrect EH and PA are present in most cases even in those with normal BMI, which reinforces the need for educational intervention in childhood and adolescent school population.
Few studies have examined risk factors for bites by the family dog to persons living in the same home. This veterinary clinic-based retrospective cohort study was aimed at identifying canine environmental risk factors for bites by the family dog to children aged five to fifteen years and living in the same home as the dog. Data were collected by interviewer-administered questionnaire from veterinary clients in the waiting room of clinics in Kingston, Jamaica (236) and San Francisco, USA (61). Exposures of interest were factors relevant to the dog's living environment. Dog bites, in the two-year study period, included those occurring both while the children were (20) and were not playing (9) with the dog and exposure information pertained to the period preceding the dog bite incident. Data were analyzed using binomial regression in SPSS version 20, with confounders selected using directed acyclic graphs and the change-in-estimate procedure. No heterogeneity by city of origin was found and thus data from both cities were pooled for final analyses. Dogs living in homes having no outside yard space (4%) were at higher risk (RR = 3.0; 95% CI: 0.9-9.8) for biting than dogs living in homes that had. Additionally, dogs that were allowed inside (64%) the home (RR = 3.0; 95% CI: 1.0-8.6) and dogs routinely allowed to sleep in the bedroom (23%) of a family member (RR = 3.9; 95% CI: 2.0-7.9) were also at higher risk for biting than those that were not. Finally, dogs that could leave the premises unaccompanied (16%) were at higher risk (RR = 2.8; 95% CI: 1.4-5.7) for biting than those that could not. While a study with a larger sample size is necessary to detect possible heterogeneity by city, these elevated RRs generally suggest...
that family dogs living in closer physical proximity to members of the family may be at elevated risk for biting children living in the same home

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3340
T1 - Frontal lobe EEG recorded during the performance of saccadic eye movement tasks in children with FASD
A1 - Hemington, K.S.
A1 - Reynolds, J.N.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71067982

Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Society
KW - frontal lobe
KW - saccadic eye movement
KW - Alcoholism
KW - electroencephalogram
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - stimulus
KW - control group
KW - devices
KW - eye movement
KW - Memory
KW - laboratory
KW - Executive Function
KW - theta rhythm
KW - electrode
KW - Diagnosis
KW - cognitive defect
KW - brain computer interface
KW - fetal alcohol syndrome
KW - Environment
KW - recording
KW - working memory
KW - comfort
KW - sensor
KW - analysis of covariance
KW - Analysis of Variance
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 45A

JF - Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research
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N2 - Brain-computer interface devices have recently been developed that record electroencephalogram (EEG) activity using a single dry-sensor electrode, and provide data comparable to that obtained from multi-channel EEG systems at the F3 electrode location. Our lab has previously shown that structured saccadic eye movement tasks probe executive functions and are a sensitive measure of cognitive dysfunction in children Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Our goals are to: 1) quantify the changes in frontal lobe EEG activity that result from manipulating cognitive load during the performance of eye movement tasks; and 2) determine whether differences in frontal lobe EEG activity correlate to deficits in the performance of eye movement tasks in children with FASD compared with typically developing children. Children aged 8-18 with (clinical group) or without
(control group) an FASD diagnosis performed a memory-guided saccadic eye movement task with one, two or three target stimuli, and EEG was recorded at the FP1 position using the NeuroskyMindwave. In the two or three stimuli conditions, children with an FASD made errors in remembering the sequence of target presentation more frequently than control children (two-way ANOVA, p < 0.05). When children made sequence or timing errors during trials in which they were required to remember the location of three stimuli, the FASD group exhibited more relative theta band (3-8 Hz) activity in the frontal lobes compared to the control group. Baseline relative theta activity was also different between the two groups (two-way ANCOVA, p < 0.05). Children with FASD exhibit performance deficits in saccadic eye movement tasks that probe executive functions (e.g., spatial working memory, response inhibition) involving frontal lobe circuitry. The results of this study suggest that single-channel EEG recording can be used to help identify underlying neural mechanisms of these deficits. For example, previous studies in the literature have shown that greater relative theta activity is correlated to memory impairment. Additionally, portable single-channel devices offer greater user comfort than typical EEG recording equipment as well as flexibility for use outside the laboratory. This will greatly facilitate the study of children with FASD, who may be less tolerant of typical laboratory environments.

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T1 - Variability in the implementation of rapid response teams at American pediatric hospitals
A1 - Sen,A.
A1 - Morgan,R.
A1 - Morris,M.
Y1 - 2012
N1 - 71065724

Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - intensive care
KW - Hospital
KW - rapid response team
KW - Society
KW - Human
KW - physician
KW - hospital bed
KW - compression
KW - financial management
KW - Western Hemisphere
KW - Telephone
KW - Health
KW - Child
KW - thorax
KW - patient transport
KW - Intubation
KW - health care quality
KW - hypothesis
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 144
EP - 145

JF - Critical Care Medicine
JA - Crit Care Med

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Introduction: Rapid response teams (RRTs) have become standard in American pediatric hospitals, but there is little guidance about their optimal structure and function. Hypothesis: We gathered data characterizing the standard of care across the country to identify factors that correlate with a reduced arrest rate. We hypothesized that an increased RRT dose (# RRTs/# hospital beds) and larger hospital size would correlate with a lower arrest rate. Methods: 62 question telephone survey, including a description of arrest and rapid response team composition and function, and number of events for 2011. Results: We collected data from 30 top American pediatric hospitals, all of which provide ECMO support, have a PICU fellowship, and 24 hour RRTs. A PICU doctor is part of 93% of arrest teams and 73% of RRTs. Of the 17 hospitals with only 1 PICU doctor (fellow or attending) in house overnight, 59% have the single PICU doctor on the RRT. 77% of institutions receive no additional staffing or financial support to run the RRT. 77% of responders have a family activated RRT program, but only 60% report having any family activated calls in 2011. 90% of institutions list "Respiratory" as the reason for most RRT calls. 55% of RRT calls result in a patient transfer to the PICU. The definition for "code event" varies drastically between hospitals, including hospitals belonging to the Children's Health Corporation of America, which has provided a standard definition for codes outside the ICU. Only 60% of responders thought the presence of RRTs had decreased the number of non-ICU chest compressions or emergent intubations. For the 27 hospitals who tracked this data, the median number of RRT calls in 2011 was 130 (range 11 to 664). We found no correlation between RRT dose and arrest rate ($r = 0.04$). We found a weak correlation showing a decreased arrest rate in the hospitals with more total beds ($r = 0.3$). Conclusions: This study demonstrates the wide variability in RRT practice in American pediatric hospitals. Although larger hospitals show a weak correlation with lower arrest rates, RRT variability makes it difficult to identify which RRT characteristics are most important in realizing the ultimate goal of preventing floor arrests.

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Background: The $^{18}$F-fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG)-detected brown adipose tissue (BAT), is enhanced by cold stimulus and modulated by other factors that still have to be disentangled. We investigated the prevalence, mass, and glucose-uptake activity of $^{18}$F-FDG-detected BAT in a population of adults living in the temperate climatic zone of the Rome area. Methods and Findings: We retrospectively analyzed 6454 patients who underwent $^{18}$F-FDG positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) examinations. We found $^{18}$F-FDG BAT in 217 of the 6454 patients (3.36%). Some of them underwent more than one scan and the positive scans were 278 among 8004 (3.47%). The prevalence of patients with at least one positive scan was lower in men (1.77%; 56 of 3161) compared with women (4.88%; 161 of 3293). The BAT positive patients were most frequently younger, thinner and with lower plasma glucose levels compared with BAT negative patients. The amount of BAT in the defined region of interest, the activity of BAT and the number of positive sites of active BAT were similar in both sexes. The prevalence of patients with $^{18}$F-FDG positive PET/CT was highest in December-February, lower in March-May and September-November, and lowest in June-August and was positively correlated with night length and negatively correlated with ambient temperature. Changes in day length and variations of temperature, associated with the prevalence of positive BAT patients. Among the patients who had multiple scans, outdoor temperature was significantly lower and day length was shorter on the occasion when BAT was detected. Conclusions: This study identifies day length, outdoor temperature, age, sex, BMI, and plasma glucose levels as major determinants of the prevalence, mass, and activity of $^{18}$F-FDG-detected BAT.
Introduction: Most parents think that taking their children to a playground is a safe activity on a hot summer day. The newer equipment and surfaces are marketed as being made of 'safe' materials to help prevent injuries from falls and hidden objects that might be found in gravel or sand. Parents seldom think of burn injuries when they take their children to the park, especially parks with water features and sprinklers. A child can become injured in a matter of seconds when a surface heats up to 140 degrees. With temperatures reaching record highs this year, and with a lack of rain, these safe materials and structures can hold hidden dangers for children.

Methods: During June, July and August a study was conducted to determine the surface temperature of various playground equipment and surfaces. Using an infrared laser thermometer, serial temperatures were taken of playground equipment and surrounding surfaces in a Midwest neighborhood playground. Air temperature, humidity and general weather conditions were also documented. Surfaces scanned included rubber mats under equipment, sand, wood mulch, benches, slides, swings and various climbing equipment both plastic and metal. Results: The most significant readings were taken at 3pm when the temperature was 97 degrees with sunny skies. Of 12 surfaces scanned, only 2 were under 120 degrees. The hottest was a dark rubber safety mat (175), light mat (160), baby swing (126), H2O fountain (131), metal climbing gym (131), and bark mulch (136).
A bench made of composite material registered 133 degrees. The concrete walkways were 132 degrees and the concrete in the water play area was 104. The other ‘safe’ play area was the sand play area which had some shade. On another day at 6pm with the temperature at 82 degrees and overcast skies, the rubber mats were each 142 degrees. On all visits to the park there were many families with young children, mostly without shoes. One toddler walked onto the dark rubber mat as I was scanning at 175 degrees and started screaming. I told his mother to place him in the water and warned the families about the high surface temperatures. Conclusions: Parents need to be made aware of the hidden dangers of thermal injuries from playground equipment and surfaces. They also need to check the equipment and surfaces themselves, and make sure their children wear shoes when not in the water play areas. The goal of this project was to have data to show the local park commissions the need for proper warning signs related to park safety issues and potential burn injuries, especially when temperatures make the playground equipment unsafe for children.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3344
T1 - Risk assessment of poisonous plants
A1 - Maren,H.-C.
A1 - Koch,I.-E.
A1 - Hilke,A.-S.
A1 - Pietsch,J.
A1 - Hahn,A.
A1 - Begemann,K.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71050228
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - poisonous plant
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Human
KW - Plant
KW - exposure
KW - intoxication
KW - Child
KW - toxicity
KW - Germany
KW - Lantana camara
KW - kindergarten
KW - Case Report
KW - Health
KW - Risk
KW - eye
KW - Chelidonium
KW - ingestion
KW - Euonymus
KW - Ilex
KW - poison center
KW - poison
KW - plant toxin
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 263
EP - 264
JF - Clinical Toxicology
Background: Of the 90,000 exposures involving children younger than 6 years of age reported to German poison centers (PCs) every year a fifth are caused by plants. A list of especially poisonous plants, which should not be planted in children's playgrounds, was published in the "Bundesanzeiger" (Federal Gazette) in 2000. The BfR-Committee "Assessment of Intoxications" founded a working group to re-assess the toxicity of plants to protect especially children from severe plant poisoning. Methods: The members of the working group defined criteria for risk assessment of plants in the close proximity of children's playgrounds. Human exposure data, provided by the German PCs in Berlin, Freiburg and Erfurt and by the Swiss PC Zurich were reviewed as well as scientific publications about human exposures and about toxicity of ingredients of plants. Following the assessment of the toxicity of chemicals in analogy to the German Regulations on Dangerous Substances, poisonous plants were re-classified into three categories, namely plants which could lead to minor poisoning, moderate poisoning and severe or deadly poisoning. Results: Out of 43,000 confirmed accidental plant exposures from PCs in Freiburg and Berlin moderate or severe poisoning was experienced in 1.3% restricted to 39 plants. Altogether, 280 plants were re-evaluated. Risk assessment changed for some of the especially poisonous plants of the 2000 list. For example the formerly moderate poisonous plants Lantana camara, Ilex spec., and Euonymus spec. were re-assessed as minor poisonous, and the formerly minor toxic Chelidonium majus was re-assessed as moderately toxic for the eyes. Conclusion: Human data about the risk of health damage after accidental ingestion of small amounts or by accidental dermal or ocular contact are mainly restricted to published case reports. The toxicity of ingredients and of preparations of plants for medical or psychoactive purposes may be completely different. The exposure data of PCs are very useful for risk assessment of plants present in the close proximity of children's playgrounds, kindergartens, etc. The re-assessment and the final table of especially poisonous plants will be published again in the "Bundesanzeiger" SN - 1556-3650 AD - (Maren) Poisons Information Center VIZ-Freiburg, Center for Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine, Freiburg, Germany (Koch) Poisons Centre (PC) Charite, University Hospital Berlin, Germany (Hilke) Department of Legal Medicine, University Medical Center, Hamburg, Germany (Pietsch) Institute of Forensic Medicine, Technische Universitat Dresden, Germany (Hahn, Begemann) Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Berlin, Germany ER - TY - JOUR ID - 3345 T1 - An observational assessment of physical activity levels and social behaviour during elementary school recess A1 - Roberts,S.J. A1 - Fairclough,S.J. A1 - Ridgers,N.D. A1 - Porteous,C. Y1 - 2013/// N1 - 2013265851 English Journal: Article KW - EMBASE KW - article KW - Child KW - cross-sectional study KW - Female KW - Human KW - major clinical study KW - Male KW - observational study KW - Physical Activity KW - play KW - primary school
Objective: The purpose of the present study was to assess children's physical activity, social play behaviour, activity type and social interactions during elementary school recess using a pre-validated systematic observation system. Design: Cross-sectional. Setting: Two elementary schools located in Merseyside, England. Method: Fifty-six elementary school children (27 boys, 29 girls) were systematically observed during recess over a three-month period using a standardized physical activity observation instrument. Results: The results revealed the boys were engaged in significantly higher levels of physical activity during recess than girls. The boys were also involved in more sport-specific activities and participated in larger group sizes. Positive associations between physical activity and availability of equipment during recess were also reported. Conclusion: This study has confirmed recess as a valuable opportunity for elementary school children to increase their levels of physical activity. However, further studies with larger sample sizes need to identify and explore the relationship between physical activity (PA) and availability of equipment. The Author(s) 2012 SN - 0017-8969 AD - (Roberts, Porteous) Faculty of Education, Community and Leisure, Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom (Fairclough) Research Institute for Sport and Exercise Sciences, Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom (Ridgers) Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition, Deakin University, Australia ER -
Similar to myriad health conditions, sleep disturbances evidence a socioeconomic gradient. Poorer sleep (latency, efficiency, awakenings) is more prevalent among adults with lower household income, less educational attainment, and unemployment. Individuals of lower socioeconomic status (SES) often live in neighborhoods with more crime, violence, and crowding. Yet, neighborhood disorder does not affect all people equally. In adults, perceived neighborhood safety is protective against the effect of neighborhood disorder on sleep. The present aim was to evaluate whether children’s perceived neighborhood safety moderated the association between neighborhood disorder and sleep. Children (N=91, M=10.8yrs) and their parents participated in the Healthy Heart Project. The Canadian Census and Montreal Crime Index were used to derive neighborhood data. SES was measured for family (parent education, household income) and neighborhood (unemployment, poverty, median income, high school degree or less; by census tract). Neighborhood Disorder was measured objectively (violent incidents, total offenses, mobility status, population, persons per household). Neighborhood Safety was based on children’s perceptions of safety playing outside or walking alone after dark, as well as neighborhood cleanliness and dangerousness (litter, drinking in public, burglary). Children's sleep was based on self-reported sleep quality and Pediatric Daytime Sleepiness Scale, as well as parentreported sleep duration and Children Sleep Habits Questionnaire. Regression analyses using latent factors indicated greater perceived neighborhood safety moderated the effect of neighborhood disorder on sleep, even after controlling for age, sex, family SES, and neighborhood SES (interaction: Fisher's Z = .33, p<.05). Thus, children's perceived neighborhood safety buffered the association between neighbourhood disorder and sleep, suggesting perceived safety is protective and contributes to resiliency. Future research should examine objective sleep measures. These findings have potential public policy implications for housing and the concentration of disorder and poverty, which contribute to perceived safety and adversely impact children's sleep.
T1 - Is active malaria case detection in the community able to inhibit low-level focal malaria transmission in Zanzibar?
A1 - Molteni,F.
A1 - Anderegg,C.
A1 - Ali,A.O.
A1 - Ali,A.S.
A1 - McElroy,P.D.
A1 - Al-Mafazy,A.-W.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 71042846
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Malaria
KW - tropical medicine
KW - Society
KW - Tanzania
KW - Hygiene
KW - community
KW - screening
KW - Population
KW - Hospital
KW - bed net
KW - Prevalence
KW - diagnostic test
KW - malaria control
KW - Therapy
KW - parasite prevalence
KW - fever
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - procedures
KW - artemisinin
KW - amodiaquine
KW - artesunate
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 207
EP - 208
JF - American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Intensive malaria control interventions in Zanzibar, including indoor residual spraying, long-lasting insecticidal nets and artemisinin -based combination therapy have resulted in malaria pre elimination phase (prevalence below 1% in 2011). However, a number of transmission foci have been identifed after implementation of a clinic-based passive surveillance system to gather weekly malaria notification. In 2011 Zanzibar introduced a proactive case detection (pACD) effort to screen the population in transmission foci with the aim to find and treat asymptomatic malaria cases and reduce transmission by decreasing the parasite prevalence in the population. Two small geographic areas were selected, Area-1 with high seasonal transmission (64 km2) and Area-2 with sustained perennial transmission (28 km2). In Area-1 the entire population was tested using a HRP2-based rapid diagnostic test (RDT) and assessed for current fever. In Area-2 all children <15 yrs were tested using the same procedures. Screening posts were positioned within the targeted villages over a 3-day period in mid-May 2011, just prior to the predicted increase in seasonal transmission. Confirmed malaria cases were treated with artesunate-amodiaquine according to national guidelines. A total of 6,276 (83%) of the targeted population was screened (83.4% in Area-1 and 83.3% in Area-2). Screening in Area-1 and Area-2 yielded 13 and 64 RDT-positive cases, respectively, with a positivity rate of 0.1% among residents <5 years of age in both
areas. Residents older than five years had a positivity rate of 0.4% and 1.9% in Area-1 and -2, respectively. Variation in village-level positivity rates was detected (0.2-0.6% Area-1 and 1.0-2.7% Area-2). Data regarding clinical symptoms are being analyzed. A second screening session is planned in the first week of June 2011. The community participation in Zanzibar's first pACD effort was high and yielded 77 malaria cases outside of a clinic setting. Malaria cases with potential to perpetuate transmission were identified and treated successfully. Effects of the first and second screening activity on reducing malaria incidence in these communities will be carefully monitored through the existing weekly surveillance system.
The effectiveness of household water treatment (HWT) devices against diarrheal disease is often measured with intervention trials. It can be difficult to generalize these results outside the study population, and compliance with HWT is often incomplete. We constructed a quantitative microbial risk assessment (QMRA) model to address these issues. The QMRA model simulates a placebo-controlled trial (Boisson et al. 2010, PLoS One 5(9):e12613) of an HWT filter, and accounts for bias due to: A) incomplete compliance with filtration, and B) unexpected antimicrobial activity by the placebo filter. The QMRA model simulates a chain of events in children < 5 years over 12 months with a time unit of 1 day: 1) determine concentrations of 3 marker pathogens (diarrheagenic E. coli, Giardia, and rotavirus) in drinking water; 2) calculate daily doses of pathogens, using pathogen concentrations and water consumption; 3) convert doses to probabilities of infection, using a different dose response function for each pathogen; 4) assign infection to individuals, using probabilities of infection; 5) assign disease, using morbidity ratios. After calibrating the QMRA model to the results of the published trial, the model was used to estimate device effectiveness under different compliance scenarios. Four levels of compliance were considered: low, 65% of children treating 33% of their water; medium, 65% of children treating 67% of their water; high, 65% of children treating 100% of their water; and perfect, 100% of children treating 100% of their water. Compliance was a major driver of effectiveness. Assuming a perfect placebo and low, medium, high, or perfect compliance, the median preventable fraction of reported disease was 14%, 30%, 50%, and 87%, respectively. Adjustment for the imperfect placebo increased the median preventable fraction of disease by 8 percentage points assuming low compliance, but by 22 percentage points assuming medium compliance. The precise level of compliance can greatly affect measurements of HWT effectiveness; such trials should carefully measure compliance.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Globalization and indigenous health: A case study of the social and environmental context of Achuar child health in an oil extraction zone in the Peruvian Amazon
A1 - Willis,R.N.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 71042273
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - case study
KW - child health
KW - extraction
KW - Society
KW - tropical medicine
KW - Hygiene
KW - Health
KW - Human
KW - community
KW - Child
KW - Population
KW - Food
KW - household
KW - diseases
KW - mosquito
KW - river
KW - environmental change
KW - ethnicity
Indigenous peoples internationally have poorer health status than non-indigenous populations. In the Peruvian Amazon, remote indigenous populations face dual challenges of isolation from health services and increasing exposure to rapid social and environmental change caused by recent expansion of resource extraction activities in their territories. This research uses interdisciplinary methods to explore social and environmental determinants of health for children aged <5yrs in a case study of indigenous Achuar communities in the Corrientes river basin. Malaria and diarrhoeal diseases are endemic in the region. The communities' living, fishing and hunting territories straddle two internationally run oil concessions and oil extraction activities contribute to community members' daily environments. Indigenous Amazonian populations have distinct health belief systems based on their relationship with their physical and social environment. Aiming to respect and learn from local conceptualisation of health and illness, this research addresses determinants of young children's health from multiple perspectives. Firstly, qualitative methods were used to explore community members' (n=30) and local stakeholders' (n=30) perspectives of factors influencing young children's health. Secondly, quantitative social epidemiological methods were used to characterise structural (e.g. ethnicity) and proximal (e.g. material circumstances) determinants of health based on the framework proposed by the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (n=138 children aged <5 yrs in 97 households). Qualitative results found that respondents across groups identified food - access to sufficient and appropriate kinds of food - as a key child health determinant. 96% of households receive donated food. Also highlighted were; the biological and spiritual importance of the river, protection from mosquitoes, and access to economic resources. Quantitative analysis compared socio-economic and biomedical child health indicators in the case study setting with other indigenous and non-indigenous poor rural Peruvian communities outside oil extraction zones. Research findings have implications for policy development to protect children's health in indigenous communities increasingly exposed to large scale extraction activities across the Peruvian Amazon.
N2 - Mycobacterium ulcerans is the etiological agent causing the neglected tropical disease, Buruli ulcer. This disease is endemic to sub-Saharan Africa and Australia, with case reports primarily occurring in children. Clinically, the disease initially presents as a painless nodule, which deteriorates radially to a necrotic ulcer with characteristic undermined edges. There is a pronounced lack of inflammatory response at the site of ulcers, with only anecdotal mention of secondary infection in the literature. The macrolide toxin produced by M. ulcerans, mycolactone, is accepted as the sole virulence factor and has been shown to cause apoptosis and necrosis in vivo, as well as possess immunomodulatory properties. We hypothesized that the notable lack of secondary infection may also be a phenomenon mediated by mycolactone. Results in our laboratory have shown that exposure to mycolactone arrests the growth of specific bacterial strains, including S. aureus and S. epidermidis. Interestingly, there are no reports of clinically isolated mycolactone-deficient bacteria, and the common consensus is that selection pressure must be present to maintain the otherwise genetically unstable megaplasmid that encodes enzymes for mycolactone synthesis. Our results demonstrate an example of this selection. We have found that recovery of pMUM001 plasmid could be achieved simply by inclusion of lysates from arrested cell types. Given this data, we speculate that mycolactone is an "accidental toxin" whose intended function is to provide M. ulcerans a competitive advantage in its natural environment.
Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV; Togaviridae: Alphavirus) is a highly pathogenic mosquito-borne virus that produces severe or fatal encephalitis in 30-50% of infected humans and horses. Recently, EEEV has undergone a regime shift in dynamics in the northeastern US and Canada. For three decades (1970-2000) periodic activity was detected in central NY, specifically in counties surrounding Oneida Lake, with 1-2 years of activity in mosquitoes and other hosts, followed by 1-6 years with no detectable activity. However, since 2003, there have been 9 consecutive years with active EEEV transmission, and a significantly higher prevalence of
infection than in previous outbreaks (p = 0.009). This string of 9 consecutive years is a highly unlikely event to occur by chance (p = 0.007 with 15 of 28 years with EEEV presence). The current epizootic coincides with the arrival of a novel genotype of EEEV, the invasion of WNV to the region, and occurs within the backdrop of long term trends in temperature and declines in key songbird populations. The first human case in 26 years occurred in Oswego County in 2009 in a 70yo male, then again in 2010 in a 77yo male, and in 2011 in a 4yo child. EEEV-infected neurologic deer were found in 2008 and 2009. Serosurveys of hunter killed deer < 2yo also have proven useful in determining the range of EEEV activity with 9 EEEV positive deer out of 179 tested from central NY 2007-2009. In 2011, 46 Culiseta melanura pools were found positive (MIR 4.2); the previous 3 year average was 43 (MIR 4.1). Similarly, in 2011,11 horses died from EEEV, while the previous 3 year average was 7 equines. In addition, two neurologic dogs died in 2011. Phylogenetic analysis of isolates indicates the virus is periodically introduced, most likely by migratory birds, but also overwinters in the central NY focus. However, we identified a genetic change in the virus in 2007, the year preceding the first human cases seen since 1983. In summary, although the level of EEEV activity does not appear to be increasing significantly in the enzootic focus in central NY, it appears to be extending its range and intensity outside this historic focus SN - 0002-9637 AD - (Kramer, Jones, Dupuis, Maffei) Wadsworth Center, Albany, NY, United States (Oliver, Howard, Sherwood, Backenson) New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY, United States ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3353
T1 - Camp courage: Campers and caregivers perspectives
A1 - Sarcone,S.
A1 - Routhieaux,J.
A1 - Seal,A.
A1 - Mehrhof,A.
A1 - Woelk,A.
A1 - Kalpathi,R.
A1 - Woods,G.
Y1 - 2012
N1 - 71030902
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - sickle cell anemia
KW - Human
KW - caregiver
KW - courage
KW - patient
KW - sibling
KW - volunteer
KW - Child
KW - sickle cell
KW - physician
KW - profit
KW - social worker
KW - nurse
KW - healing
KW - hope
KW - Health Care
KW - boy
KW - girl
KW - medical specialist
KW - Hospital
KW - psychosocial care
KW - Education
KW - medical care
Background: Camp Courage is a non-profit overnight camp for patients with Sickle Cell Disease and their siblings. This camp was started in 1991 and has been held yearly since then. The camp was initially developed by a sickle cell advanced practice nurse (APN). The initial camp involved a small staff of a sickle cell physician, the organizing APN and sickle cell social worker. The camp was initially "sponsored" by Children's Mercy Hospital with involvement of volunteer counselors and group-sponsored activities. The camp has been conducted on six different camp sites and serves children ages 6-14 years with all types of Sickle Cell Disease. Siblings are then offered a spot at camp on a first come, first serve basis depending on space availability. The camp has evolved to include multiple health care disciplines and is currently sponsored by an outside non-profit agency, Turning Point: The Center for Hope and Healing. The most recent camp in July 2011 included 56 campers, 5 physicians, 4 nurses, 2 social workers, 2 child life specialists, 1 psychologist, 1 data coordinator, 16 counselors and 38 volunteers. Physicians and APNs were present 24 hours a day to provide medical care, supervision and disease education. Other disciplines and volunteers provided activity and psychosocial support on a daily basis. Volunteer counselors were present during the entire camp experience including nighttime supervision and support in the campers' cabins. Objective: Camp has long been thought by staff to be a positive experience for patients and families, however formal feedback has never been collected. Our goal is to use the information collected to identify positive aspects of camp and also identify areas for improvement, both recreational and educational. Method: Surveys were distributed via mail to 36 families (this included 36 patients, 20 siblings [32 girls and 24 boys], 36 caregivers) to assess possible benefits and negative experiences of the camp. Results: Preliminary results suggest Camp Courage is a positive experience for patients, siblings and caregivers. We will report a complete analysis and evaluation of the survey data returned at the meeting. Conclusion: The information will help us to identify campers and caregivers' overall perspective of the camp experience.

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T1 - Challenges of asthma control in developing and developed countries
A1 - Moin,M.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71027574
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Asthma
KW - developed country
KW - Prevalence
KW - immunology
KW - allergy
KW - developing country
KW - Human
KW - Population
Asthma is the most common and sometime fatal chronic disease of children and a serious public and global health problem. The prevalence of asthma has increased continuously following changes to a modern urban lifestyle during the past three decades especially among children and adolescents. It has a higher
prevalence in developed nations more among poor populations, and in affluent populations compared to poor populations in developing nations. Increasing asthma prevalence in some developed countries has reached a Plato in past few years and its mortality declined recently due to better medications, guidelines for asthma management and measuring outcomes through electronic medical records systems. The recent meta-analysis of the epidemiological studies done in Iran also showed that the prevalence of pediatric asthma symptoms continues increasing at the national level (Average prevalence of 13.14%) and increasing seriously in Tehran megacity (35.4%) and thus increasing the burden of asthma to individuals and society. Asthma intervention programmes also have led to a remarkable decrease in death rates and hospitalizations in developed, developing and deprived countries. A complex gene-gene and gene by environment interactions including epigenetic mechanisms supposed to be related to the worldwide increasing trend of prevalence and burden of asthma. Atopy, male sex, younger age, obesity, allergen exposure, viral infections, occupational sensitizers, tobacco smoke, indoor/outdoor air pollution, diet, stress, and western lifestyle are the main genetic, environmental, socioeconomic, and susceptibility risk factors for development and expression of asthma. About 25 percent of asthmatic adults in low and middle income countries are active smokers and have more severe asthma symptoms, decline in lung function and reduced response to corticosteroid therapy. Large and crowded cities of most developing countries with a heavy traffic are severely polluted which is another environmental risk factor especially for children and elderly. This asthma epidemic has caused a great burden, not only in terms of health care costs but also of reduced participation in family life, of lost school days and days lost from work. The burden of asthma assessed by disability adjusted life years (DALYs) ranks 22 worldwide, which is similar to diabetes, liver cirrhosis and schizophrenia. The surveillance of asthma as part of a global WHO programme is essential for controlling asthma prevalence and burden. Different international and national guidelines are designed and implemented in past 1-2 decades but current level of asthma control still falls short of published guidelines. The experience of the 10 years Asthma Control Programme of Finland showed considerable reduction in the burden of asthma. In Iran the National Asthma Guideline was published under the supervision of the National Committee on Asthma and Allergy in 2009 to be implemented especially at the primary health care physicians level. The First National Asthma Control Programme of our country is expected to be launched in near future too. The First Asthma Registry Programme too is established in Immunology, Asthma and Allergy Research Institute (IAARI) since 2008. In this article an overview of the challenges and strategies of asthma prevention and control in Iran, developing and developed countries are presented

TY - JOUR
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T1 - A multi-component intervention increased physical activity in preschool children
A1 - Pate,R.R.
A1 - Brown,W.H.
A1 - Saunders,R.
A1 - Pfeiffer,K.A.
A1 - Dowda,M.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71026537
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Public Health
KW - Physical Activity
KW - preschool child
KW - Human
KW - medical society
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Nutrition
KW - Metabolism
KW - Exercise
KW - Child
Introduction: A majority of preschool-age children spend a significant portion of every weekday in a preschool or child care setting. Studies have shown that children in these settings spend a majority of their time in sedentary behavior and very little time in physical activity. Hypothesis: A multi-component preschool physical activity intervention will increase the amount of time young children spend in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and decrease the time they spend in sedentary activities, compared to children in control preschools. Methods: The study included 16 preschools with 4-year-old classrooms, paired and randomly assigned to intervention and control groups. The intervention focused on increasing children's physical activity by changing instructional practices and the classroom environment. Research staff trained preschool teachers to engage children in physical activity throughout the school day and provided physical activity materials, ongoing support and technical assistance. Intervention components included physical activity opportunities in the classroom, physical activity outdoors, and active lessons. The intervention was designed to be flexible, and research staff encouraged teachers to adapt it to their classroom environment. Four-year-old children and their parents were recruited in two waves at each school. Measures included child height and weight, child physical activity by accelerometry, and parent questionnaires, measured during the fall and spring of each wave. Mixed model analysis of covariance with preschool as a random variable tested the effects of the intervention on physical activity in the total group and by sex. Results: A total of 379 children (188 intervention and 191 control) were measured at baseline. Children were 4.5±0.4 years of age, and 50% were boys. The intervention schools included a higher percentage of white children compared to the control schools (44.2% versus 39.3%). After adjusting for wave, parent education and length of the school day (half day vs. full day), children in the intervention schools engaged in significantly more MVPA than children in the control schools (7.4±0.2 and 6.7±0.2 minutes/hour, respectively). In the sex-specific analyses, differences between intervention and control were significant for girls (6.9±02 vs. 6.1±0.2 minutes/hour of MVPA, respectively) but not for boys (7.8±03 vs. 7.3±0.3 minutes/hour, respectively). No differences in time spent in sedentary behavior were observed between intervention and control preschools. Conclusions: In conclusion, a flexible, multi-component physical activity intervention that trains teachers to provide children with opportunities to be active throughout the school day increased MVPA in preschool children.
Outdoor sport is part of leisure time behaviour in the western world which contributes significantly to the annual ultraviolet (UV) exposure. One of the most popular outdoor activities, both in adults and children is tennis. In our field study we measured UV exposure during a training match between two adults and - for the first time - the UV exposure of children playing tennis. The players/parents of the players gave their consent to wear/that their children wear two electronic UV dosimeters (X 2000-10, Gigahertz Optics, Germany; UVA and UVB/C sensor, temperature, 1 min measuring interval), one on the forehead fixed to a shielded headband, the other fixed to the calf by an elastic band with Velcro fastening. We calibrated the dosimeters prior to the field test. The training match between the adult test persons A (43 years) and B (51 years) took place on June 30th from 1:00 to 2:36 PM, the two adolescents C and D, both 17 years of age, played on August 23rd between 1:45 and 14:52 PM on an almost north-south directed tennis court in Vienna. The players were observed by two members of the study team. One of the observers took photos of the players and at 15 min interval standardized photos of the sky. We measured ambient radiation with the help of two dosimeters fixed to a tripod in horizontal position: one dosimeter with the UV sensors directed upward, the second dosimeter with the sensors directed to
the tennis ground in order to measure the reflectance. Sky was absolutely clear on June 30th with an ambient temperature of 35 degrees C, whereas on August 26th there was variable cloudiness. The temperature on that day was around 30 degrees C. The test persons were asked to behave as usual especially with respect to physical activity and photo protective measures. All our test persons wore similar tennis kits: T-shirt, shorts or short skirt, and tennis socks. All of them applied sunscreens with SPF 30. Three of them used sunglasses. The UV exposures (standard erythema dose = SED) on June 30th were: test person A (head 2.82/calf 2.58), B (head 5.09/calf 1.41) which represent 20.05% to 72.3% of ambient radiation (7.05 SED). The respective values for the training match on August 26th were: test person C (1.54/0.63), test person D (1.98/0.62) which is equivalent to 32% to 100.15% of ambient (1.98 SED). 2.6% of the ambient radiation was reflected from the ground (red sand). The adult tennis players played two sets, our adolescent test persons, however, played only one set. Children are at high risk especially when playing in spring and early in summer when ambient radiation is highest. This should be considered by organizers of tennis tournaments and tennis trainers when scheduling their training lessons.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3357
T1 - Team's positive experience with a longitudinal mentoring program for chronic hemodialysis children
A1 - Barrera, J.A.
A1 - Chen, E.C.
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A1 - Kim, D.S.
A1 - Liu, J.
A1 - Wang, A.
A1 - Wong, C.
A1 - Nguyen, L.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 71022189
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - dialysis
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - hemodialysis
KW - patient
KW - teacher
KW - medical student
KW - nurse
KW - Hospital
KW - school
KW - Morbidity
KW - hospital planning
KW - social psychology
KW - University
KW - outpatient
KW - student
KW - Social Support
KW - chronic patient
KW - parent
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - hemodialysis patient
RP - NOT IN FILE
Background: Pediatric hemodialysis (HD) patients face many psychosocial factors that affect adherence and morbidity. Social interventions could benefit these patients, but very few structured programs currently exist within the hospital system. The PALS program at Stanford University School of Medicine (SUSOM) pairs medical students with chronically ill children to provide social support. We present our PALS experience in the pediatric HD unit.

Methods: Five pairs of SUSOM students (Mentors) and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital's outpatient pediatric HD patients (Pals) met weekly or biweekly in the dialysis unit. Activities included: arts and crafts, board games, and homework help. Group field trips facilitated interactions outside of the hospital. Pals and families, Mentors, and HD unit nurses completed surveys regarding their PALS experience.

Results: (1) Pals greatly enjoyed doing projects and going on field trips with Mentors. Parents noted a less isolating experience for the child and the family. (2) Medical students valued the opportunity to share the HD experience alongside patients and their families. (3) Nurses felt Mentors supported Pals emotionally and medically, helping patients complete three-hour HD runs with fewer complications. More consistent visits were suggested as a possible improvement to the program.

Discussion/Conclusion: The PALS program achieved its goal of providing support to chronic HD children and families. Important factors in a successful mentoring system include an established program with institutional support, one-to-one matches, longitudinal engagement, and consistent, frequent, and planned interactions.

TY - JOUR
ID - 3359
T1 - Ultrapure soft water improves the skin barrier function of child atopic dermatitis: The first report
A1 - Togawa, Y.
A1 - Kambe, N.
A1 - Shimojo, N.
A1 - Mochizuki, H.
A1 - Matsuda, H.
A1 - Tanaka, A.
A1 - Matsue, H.
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - 71015115
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - skin
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - atopic dermatitis
KW - Society
KW - hardness
KW - patient
KW - pruritus
KW - Japan
KW - bath
KW - machine
KW - clinical trial
KW - university hospital
KW - Dermatitis
The presence of mineral contents, mostly those of calcium (Ca++) and magnesium (Mg++) decides hardness in water. In Chiba, where our university hospital is located, the hardness in home tap water is 92 mg/L and it is the second highest area in Japan. The mineral ions react with some components of soap to form an insoluble precipitate known as "soap scum". Since soap scum remains tightly on the skin and can not be easily rinsed away, it may become one of causes that exacerbate dermatitis. In this study, we used cation-exchange resin to prepare ultra-pure soft water (UPSW) almost completely removing both Ca++ and Mg++, and investigated clinical and objective improvement of skin barrier functions in children with atopic dermatitis (AD). Our clinical trial targets 30 child patients of AD from 3 to 6 years old. After installing a UPSW machine (Bihadakko; Miura CO., LTD, Japan) in the bathroom of each home, child patients were randomly assigned to two groups depending on whether they received shower treatment with UPSW or ordinal tap water for 6 weeks. After a washout period of 2 weeks, the treatment protocol was switched each other. The pre- and posttreatment values of the following were compared: the eczema area and severity index (EASI), TEWL and the outside to inside skin transparency of yellow dye (tartrazine) measured by a colorimeter. In addition, serum TARC was measured and itch was evaluated using a VAS. After shower treatment with UPSW for 6 weeks, most child AD patients improved their dry skin and itch in addition to their EASI. TEWL and the outside to inside skin transparency were slightly reduced. Based on our study, the use of UPSW is considered to be beneficial for skin care of children with AD, especially in the area where the hardness in water is high.
Children in the cardiac intensive care unit (CICU) with congenital or acquired heart disease are at risk for hematologic complications, both hemorrhage and thrombosis. The overall incidence of hematologic complications in the CICU is unknown, but risk factors and target groups have been identified where the essential physiologic balance between bleeding and clotting has been disrupted. Although the best management of life-threatening bleeding and clotting is prevention, the cardiac intensivist is often faced with managing life-threatening hematologic events involving patients from within the unit or those who present from outside. Part I of this review deals with the propensity of children with congenital and acquired heart disease to complications of both bleeding and clotting, and includes discussions of perioperative bleeding, thromboses in single-ventricle patients, clotting of Blalock-Taussig shunts and thrombotic complications of mechanical valves. Part II deals with the subject of stroke in children with heart disease. Part III reviews monitoring the effectiveness of
anticoagulation and thrombolysis in the CICU. Currently available diagnostics modalities, medications and management strategies are reviewed and future directions discussed. The Author(s) 2012

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T1 - Fentanyl-associated Fatalities Among Illicit Drug Users in Wayne County, Michigan (July 2005-May 2006)
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A1 - Miller,C.E.
A1 - Patel,M.
A1 - Paulozzi,L.J.
A1 - Straetemans,M.
A1 - Rubin,C.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 2013125624
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - Autopsy
KW - Cause of Death
KW - Child
KW - coroner
KW - data base
KW - Drug Abuse
KW - drug fatality
KW - enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
KW - Female
KW - forensic toxicology
KW - Human
KW - human tissue
KW - Male
KW - mass fragmentography
KW - preschool child
KW - school child
Background: During the summer of 2005, multiple cities in the United States began to report outbreaks of fentanyl-associated fatalities among illicit drug users. The objectives of this study were to (1) determine if an outbreak of fentanyl-associated fatalities occurred in mid-2005 to mid-2006 and (2) to examine trends and compare features of fentanyl-contaminated heroin-associated fatalities (FHF) with non-fentanyl, heroin-associated fatalities (NFHF) among illicit drug users. Methods: Baseline prevalence of fentanyl- and heroin-associated deaths was estimated from January to May 2005 based on recorded cause of death (determined by the medical examiner (ME)) using the Wayne County, MI, USA toxicology database. The database was then queried for both FHFs and NFHFs between July 1, 2005 and May 12, 2006. A FHF was defined as having fentanyl or norfentanyl (metabolite) detected in any postmortem biological sample and either (1) detection of heroin or its metabolite (6-acetylmorphine) and/or cocaine or its metabolite (benzoylecgonine) in a postmortem biological specimen or (2) confirmation of fentanyl abuse as the cause of death by the ME or a medical history available sufficient enough to exclude prescription fentanyl or other therapeutic opioid use. A NFHF was defined as detection of heroin, 6-acetylmorphine (heroin metabolite) or morphine in any postmortem biological specimen, heroin overdose listed as the cause of death by the ME, and absence of fentanyl detection on postmortem laboratory testing. Information was systematically collected, trended for each group and then compared between the two groups with regard to demographic, exposure, autopsy, and toxicology data. Logistic regression was performed using SAS v 9.1 examining the effects of age, gender, and marital status with fentanyl group status. Results: Monthly prevalence of fentanyl-associated fatalities among illicit drug users increased from an average of two in early 2005 to a peak of 24 in May, 2006. In total, 101 FHFs and 90 NFHFs were analyzed. The median age of decedents was 46 and 45 years for the fentanyl and non-fentanyl groups, respectively. Fentanyl-contaminated heroin-associated fatalities (FHF) were more likely to be female (p = 0.003). Women aged over 44 years (OR = 4.67; 95 % CI = 1.29-16.96) and divorced/widowed women (OR = 14.89; 95 % CI = 1.59-127.01) were more likely to be FHFs when compared to women aged less than 44 years and single, respectively. A significant interaction occurred between gender and age, and gender and marital status. Most FHFs had central (heart) blood samples available for fentanyl testing (n = 96; 95 %); fentanyl was detected in most (n = 91; 95 %). Of these, close to half had no detectable heroin (or 6-acetylmorphine) concentrations (n = 37; 40.7 %). About half of these samples had detectable cocaine concentrations (n = 20; 54 %). Median fentanyl concentration in central blood samples was 0.02 mg/ml (n = 91, range <0.002-0.051 mg/ml) and 0.02 mg/ml (n = 32, range <0.004-0.069 mg/ml) in peripheral blood samples. The geometric mean of the ratio of central to peripheral values was 2.10 (median C/P = 1.75). At autopsy, pulmonary edema was the most frequently encountered finding for both groups (77 %). Conclusion: Illicit drugs may contain undeclared ingredients that may increase the likelihood of fatality in users. Gender differences in fentanyl-related mortality may be modified by age and/or marital status. These findings may help inform public health and prevention activities if fatalities associated with fentanyl-contaminated illicit drugs reoccur. 2013 American College of Medical Toxicology (outside the USA)
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3363
T1 - To love and to hold: Men describe parenting in the presence of inflammatory arthritis
A1 - Backman,C.L.
A1 - Longson,A.
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - 70998867
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - rheumatology
KW - love
KW - Arthritis
KW - health practitioner
KW - Male
KW - child parent relation
KW - college
KW - Child
KW - Satisfaction
KW - Female
KW - father
KW - psoriatic arthritis
KW - pilot study
KW - ankylosing spondylitis
KW - night
KW - task performance
KW - cross-sectional study
KW - Health Assessment Questionnaire
KW - Content Analysis
KW - Health Status
KW - Quality of Life
KW - Social Support
KW - household
KW - Employment
KW - disability
KW - volunteer
KW - Statistics
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Education
KW - publication
KW - patient
KW - Pain
KW - Hospital
KW - questionnaire
KW - consumer
KW - mother
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S379
EP - S380
JF - Arthritis and Rheumatism
Background/Purpose: Inflammatory arthritis (IA) may limit participation in life roles such as parenting. Surprisingly little research has investigated the impact of IA on parenting tasks and experiences of fathers. This descriptive pilot study adapted a mail survey used in a cross-sectional study of mothers to an online format to (a) examine feasibility of the tool and items for use with men, and (b) assess self-reported performance of parenting tasks, parenting satisfaction, and parenting efficacy in fathers with rheumatoid arthritis (RA), psoriatic arthritis (PsA), or ankylosing spondylitis (AS).

Methods: Men with IA were recruited through rheumatologists' offices, arthritis consumer newsletters and web sites, and public education forums on arthritis. Eligibility criteria included a diagnosis of IA confirmed by a rheumatologist and at least one child >18 yrs living with them. Volunteers were sent a web link and password to access the survey. The Parenting Disability Index (PDI) and Parenting Sense of Competency Scale (PSOC) were used to measure parenting outcomes. Surveys also inquired about employment, household work, social support, family quality of life, health status, demographics, and survey feasibility questions. Descriptive statistics were used to assess numeric responses and thematic content analysis used to examine text responses. Results: Twelve men volunteered and 10 submitted complete surveys, and reported taking 15 to 60 minutes to do so. They ranged in age from 38 to 59 years, and had 1 to 5 children ranging in age from 4 months to late 20s. Eight were married, 2 were separated/divorced. Four had RA, 4 had AS, and 2 had PsA, from 1 to 32 years in duration (mean = 17.5). Seven were employed. Health Assessment Questionnaire II scores ranged from 0 to 1.5 (mean =.53, median =.40); the common functional limitation was lifting and moving heavy objects. They reported few limitations in parenting tasks, with PDI scores ranging from 0.20 to 1.26 (0 to 3 scale), mostly related to having energy to be patient with their child, getting up during the night or early morning, and playing (on the floor or outdoors). PSOC total scores ranged from 2.0 to 2.82 (0 to 6 scale; mean = 2.28, SD =.29), while parenting sense of efficacy subscale ranged from 1.67 to 3.56 (mean = 2.32, SD =.60) and parenting satisfaction subscale ranged from 1.50 to 2.75 (mean = 2.22, SD =.38). Men reported many joys in parenting ("to love and to hold" their children), and several challenges ("communicating the fact I'm in pain in a way that doesn't make my 7 year old worried or overly protective; I also don't want to downplay it"). A key motivator for participating in the survey was "most seminars and clinics are directed at or attended by women, so a men's questionnaire is a must!" Conclusion: The online parenting survey was relevant to the participating men. Although this sample is too small to generalize, findings suggest men with IA experience specific limitations in parenting, but experience great satisfaction with this role. Assessment of parenting task performance may be important to assess in both practice and research settings when selecting outcomes that are meaningful to people living with arthritis.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3364
T1 - Interactive nutritional education at the boys & girls club in ferndale, washington
A1 - Mast,B.
Y1 - 2013///
N1 - 70993642
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - boy
KW - medical research
KW - girl
KW - Male
KW - Female
KW - United States
KW - nutrition education
KW - Child
Purpose of Study: Obesity is endemic in the United States and an increasing problem worldwide. Childhood obesity leads to increased risk for T2DM, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease. It is linked to depression and low self-esteem in children. These issues are a major concern in Ferndale, Washington. The goal of the project was to create an interactive and reproducible nutritional curriculum for after school/summer programs like the Boys & Girls Club. Methods Used: Key social service leaders provided input on the health concerns of Ferndale's diverse community. All interviewees identified obesity, T2DM and hypertension as the major health concerns. The Ferndale Boys & Girls Club director indicated their programs covered physical activity, but lacked healthy nutrition. Through collaboration, an hour and a half nutritional education program focused on 8-10 year olds was developed. The professional literature was reviewed for the best teaching methods indicated for the target population. MyPlate.gov and other websites were activity sources. The curriculum produced included: an interactive educational component, outdoor physical activity reinforcing discussion points, "snack art" with healthy foods, and nutrition computer games. Summary of Results: 15 children attended the activity. All were female. Most recognized the nutrition plate and its components, but had trouble identifying to which category food belonged. The range of activities maintained interest and covered concepts repetitively. "Food art" was a favorite and included a healthy snack, creativity, and category identification. Many children saved both their snack and designed plates. Most were eager to know when this session would recur. Conclusions: Childhood obesity is a widespread problem that leads to devastating long-term health consequences. It will not disappear quickly, and it is important that children are educated in a multitude of ways how to make good choices about what they put in their body. Although children are not meal preparers, evidence shows they play a key role in directing family consumption. Positive feedback was received from participants, Boys & Girls Club administration, and the community. The program is inexpensive and reproducible if the club choses to continue nutritional education.
N1 - 70993628
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - city
KW - medical research
KW - juvenile
KW - Human
KW - Safety
KW - Child
KW - sun exposure
KW - Curriculum
KW - community
KW - Education
KW - Recreation
KW - Learning
KW - Risk
KW - positive feedback
KW - exposure
KW - protection
KW - skin cancer
KW - skin function
KW - summer
KW - Behavior Modification
KW - adulthood
KW - Health Behavior
KW - skin defect
KW - Evidence Based Practice
KW - Health
KW - community program
KW - ultraviolet radiation
KW - sunscreen
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 159
JF - Journal of Investigative Medicine
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Purpose of Study: The Miles City community is largely agriculturally based and has many opportunities for outdoor recreation. Both of these factors result in prolonged sun exposure for community participants. Evidence suggests that ultra-violet radiation from sun exposure during early life is associated with increased risk for various adulthood skin cancers. The project's purpose was to implement a sun safety curriculum that teaches youth how to limit sun exposure and prevent skin damage. Methods Used: Studies suggest optimum health behavior modification occurs where a learning infrastructure already subsists. I partnered with a youth summer enrichment program (ROCKS) to implement an evidence-based curriculum. It encompassed sun safety knowledge and behaviors from current literature including: the sun's benefits and harmful effects, healthy skin functions, components of sun protection, and proper sunscreen use. The program was conducted in a multistep fashion that included interactive learning. The first activity was a sun safe relay that reinforced the effectiveness of wearing sun protective articles. In the second activity, children constructed UV sensitive bead bracelets that enhance exposure awareness to damaging UV rays and promote sunscreen use. Summary of Results: The project conveyed sun safety behaviors to 48 children (grades 1-6). Education material was interactive, succinct, and age appropriate. The attendance level, enthusiastic participation, and positive feedback from the program's staff suggest that the project was well received. Children were able to acknowledge appropriate sun safety methods in a Q&A session post-activity. Access to materials and the curriculum used were given to staff for future use. Conclusions: Agricultural and outdoor recreation based communities like Miles City increase children's risk to sun exposure. Fortunately, community programs like ROCKS take interest in youth health and education. They provided great support and guidance throughout the development of this project. By
Introducing an evidence-based curriculum for youth members, it seems reasonable to expect promising results related to sun protective methods and awareness. Further studies should be conducted to see if the project leads to increased sun safety behavior among Miles City youth participants.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3366
T1 - Child abuse and mental health
A1 - Yadav, J.S.
A1 - Kaur, S.
A1 - Tiwari, S.C.
A1 - Chandrima, Das S.
A1 - Tripathi, M.N.
A1 - Ajay, Panditt B.
Y1 - 2013//
N1 - 70990994
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Child Abuse
KW - Human
KW - Mental Health
KW - Indian
KW - medical society
KW - Child
KW - India
KW - abuse
KW - brain
KW - Population
KW - Grief
KW - protection
KW - Atmosphere
KW - Germany
KW - China
KW - Malaysia
KW - Europe
KW - Sexual Abuse
KW - Pain
KW - health practitioner
KW - substance abuse
KW - psychiatry
KW - victim
KW - Achievement
KW - Education
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S18
JF - Indian Journal of Psychiatry
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Each child is a future of nation, so it is our duty to protect and safeguard that but unfortunately they are not safe in their home, education center, playground and social places. We are living in a scientific era and proud about our progress, new achievements, post and position but we are fail and unable to provide a safe atmosphere to the children. Nineteen percent of the world's children live in India, which constitutes 42% of India's total population. It is shakeable for us 69% of Indian children are victims of physical, emotional and
sexual abuse. Higher rate of abuse is also in Srilanka, Malaysia, China, Germany and Europe. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has received 75 cases of child abuse up to October 2011 in Delhi. Any type of abuse gives an unforgettable grief and pain. So we are discussing in the reference of these topics: Child Abuse an Overview: A picture presentation. Biological changes in brain of abused child Impacts of child abuse in late life. Child abuse relation with substance abuse. Child abuse: Psychiatry Aspect Preventive measure of mental health abused children. Child Abuse: Role of mental health professional Legal rights of child abuse

TY - JOUR
ID - 3367
T1 - I cut my thumb on a dolly: The story of an octogenarian's reluctant journey to the emergency department (ED) for repair of a laceration and her surprising rise to "interesting patient" status
A1 - South, H.
A1 - Lands, R.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70989687
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - emergency ward
KW - laceration
KW - patient
KW - Human
KW - Geriatrics
KW - Society
KW - thumb
KW - Therapy
KW - toe
KW - Diagnosis
KW - pruritus
KW - Female
KW - weight reduction
KW - widow
KW - lethargy
KW - Hypertension
KW - anorexia
KW - hypothyroidism
KW - laboratory
KW - dyslipidemia
KW - coronary artery disease
KW - Hepatitis
KW - vital sign
KW - sclera
KW - skin
KW - urine
KW - nail bed
KW - serum
KW - spleen
KW - tissues
KW - hallux
KW - multiple myeloma
KW - follow up
KW - Leukocyte Count
KW - thrombocyte
KW - eye
KW - Biopsy
An 87-year-old female came to the ED for a laceration on her thumb. While waiting, she experienced near syncope and confusion. She was admitted for evaluation. She described anorexia without weight loss, six months of lethargy, fatigue, and pruritis. She was not aware of yellow eyes or dark urine. She had well controlled hypothyroidism, dyslipidemia, hypertension and coronary artery disease. She was a widow who lived alone. She managed her own affairs and mowed her own yard with a riding mower. She was afebrile. Vital signs were normal. Her sclera were icteric and her skin had a yellow hue. She had no enlargement of liver or spleen. There was a flat, 2X3 cm black lesion with irregular borders involving the nail bed and surrounding tissue of the right great toe. Laboratory: Albumin 2.2g/dL (3.4-4.8), total protein 6.9g/dL (6.4-8.3g/dL), total bilirubin 4.4 mg/dL, direct=3.5mg/dL, Alkaline Phosphatase 293 uL (53-148), AST 556 uL (5-34), ALT 319uL (0-55), hemoglobin 9.6gm/dL, white blood count 4.6x103 and platelets 163x103. Hepatitis panel was negative. Anti-mitochondrion antibody titer was 1:320 (NL <1:20) Her jaundice proved to be due to Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (PBC). Biopsy of the toe revealed acral lentiginous melanoma. The anemia with abnormal total protein/albumen ratio prompted evaluation with serum immunofixation, which identified a monoclonal spike, which proved to be an IgA multiple myeloma. After collaboration with her doctors and her children, she accepted ursodeoxycholic acid for the PBC, which provided relief of her pruritis. She reluctantly allowed amputation of her toe. She declined therapy for the myeloma though she did agree to follow up, realizing at some point she will need symptom care. This case is intriguing because it addresses a confluence of three simultaneous "interesting" diagnoses that a proud and independent elderly lady had dealt with for many months without complaints or requests for intervention. After diagnosis, she still exercised her independence, accepting therapy based on her assessment of its potential affect on her functional status and her quality of life. At each of her clinic visits, she continues to profess regret at her decision to visit the ED for the laceration, noting with a smile that her health has taken a decidedly downward trend ever since.
Objective: To assess the exposure and popularity of cricket among Trinidadian school boys. Method: A cross-sectional study with stratified random sampling of public secondary schools was done in Trinidad, utilizing a questionnaire to assess exposure and participation in cricket. Data were analysed using SPSS version 16.0. Results: The mean age of 509 school boys from 17 schools was 15.3 years (range 12-19 years, SD 0.8), with ethnicity: East Indian (52%), African (24%), Chinese (2%) and other (22%). Football was the favourite sport of 39% and cricket 29%, compared to 34% and 50% respectively when they were in primary school. Football was favoured 2.3 times more than cricket among Afro-Trinidadians, but equally among Indo-Trinidadians. Since primary school, 130 students discontinued cricket, 45% played football instead and 36% played no sport. Half participated in physical education, down from 88% in primary school. Only 38% participated in cricket at school. This was unrelated to ethnicity (p = 0.124). However, 73% played cricket outside of school. Students with access to a cricket pitch (p = 0.011) or to protective gear (p = 0.004) were more likely to participate in cricket at school. Those who did not participate cited lack of interest (50%) or no time (32%) as the main reasons. Students with cable television (70%) were less likely to watch cricket on television. Twenty-twenty cricket was preferred by 73%. Conclusions: In spite of the high level of exposure to cricket
among school boys in Trinidad, its popularity decreases in secondary school. Lack of facilities and access to
cable television decreases participation

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KW - EMBASE
KW - oncogene c myb
KW - neuroblastoma cell
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KW - Society
KW - cell proliferation
KW - neuroblastoma
KW - exposure
KW - serum
KW - Cell Line
KW - Child
KW - Therapy
KW - Human
KW - cell death
KW - Immunohistochemistry
KW - gene
KW - childhood
KW - Prognosis
KW - assay
KW - staining
KW - pathogenesis
KW - stimulation
KW - survival
KW - cell growth
KW - caspase 9
KW - caspase 8
KW - doxycycline
KW - protein
KW - caspase
KW - regulator protein
KW - caspase 3
KW - propidium iodide
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Background: Neuroblastoma is the most common extracranial malignancy of childhood. Myc family proteins regulate cell growth and proliferation in response to mitogenic stimulation, and N-Myc plays a role in the pathogenesis of a subset of high-risk neuroblastoma. In particular, MYCN amplified neuroblastoma is associated with a poor prognosis. Mxi1, a member of the MAD family of transcriptional regulatory proteins, counteracts Myc by repressing transcription of Myc target genes. We hypothesize that Mxi1 antagonizes N-Myc activity in neuroblastoma by inhibiting cell proliferation and viability. Objectives: To determine the impact of modulating Mxi1 expression on N-Myc-mediated neuroblastoma cell proliferation and apoptosis.

Design/Method: We constitutively expressed Mxi1 in non-MYCN-amplified SHEP neuroblastoma cells, and also SHEP cells stably transfected to express high levels of MYCN (SHEP/MYCN). We also created neuroblastoma cell lines (Non-MYCN-amplified SH-SY5Y and MYCN-amplified IMR32) that inducibly express Mxi1 upon exposure to doxycycline. Cell proliferation and survival were quantified using BrdU and MTT assays, respectively. Apoptosis was measured by propidium iodide staining and caspase-3, caspase-8 and caspase-9 immunohistochemistry. Results: In non-MYCN-amplified SHEP cells, Mxi1 overexpression independently inhibits cell proliferation and induces cell apoptosis. In the context of MYCN overexpression in SHEP/MYCN or IMR32 cells, Mxi1 inhibits N-Myc-dependent cell proliferation and blocks N-Myc-dependent apoptosis. Outside of MYCN expression, Mxi1 induces cell apoptosis via the caspase 8 pathway. In contrast, in SHEP/MYCN or IMR32 cells that undergo N-Myc-dependent apoptosis upon exposure to low serum, the caspase 9 pathway is active. Conclusion: Overexpression of Mxi1 in MYCN-expressing neuroblastoma cell lines leads to inhibition of N-Myc-dependent cell proliferation and low serum-induced apoptosis. Furthermore, Mxi1 expression decreases cell proliferation and induction of apoptosis independent of N-Myc. The use of distinct caspase pathways by N-Myc and Mxi1 highlights the complexity of cell death regulation in neuroblastoma. The interaction between Mxi1 and N-Myc in neuroblastoma must be considered in the development of novel targeted therapies to improve outcomes in children with neuroblastoma.

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Background: A significant number of children with ALL relapse due to the persistence of chemotherapy-resistant leukemia cells. CXCR4, a cell surface receptor expressed by various leukemias, is activated by the chemokine stromal-derived factor 1 (SDF-1 or CXCL12), causing migration of leukemia cells to bone marrow niches that may contribute to chemoresistance and relapse. Objectives: We hypothesized that the CXCR4 inhibitor plerixafor would sensitize leukemias to chemotherapy through the interruption of leukemia-stromal cell signaling. Because B-precursor ALL are known to highly express CXCR4, we tested this hypothesis in vitro using ALL cell lines and in vivo using a xenograft model of MLL-rearranged (MLL-r) infant ALL.

Design/Method: In vitro, we treated ALL cells with dose ranges of chemotherapy using various culture conditions with or without bone marrow stromal cells to highlight the importance of CXCR4/SDF-1 signaling in chemoresistance. In vivo, we transplanted primary samples of MLL-r ALL into immunodeficient mice and treated cohorts with chemotherapy alone, plerixafor and chemotherapy, or vehicle control. After treatment, we measured leukemic burden and surface CXCR4 (s-CXCR4) expression by organ to determine the effects of our treatment regimen. Results: ALL cells that upregulated s-CXCR4 in response to chemotherapy treatment were protected from chemotherapy-induced apoptosis when co-cultured with bone marrow stroma. Plerixafor diminished stromal protection and conferred chemosensitivity. Mice treated with plerixafor and chemotherapy had decreased leukemic burden, compared to those receiving chemotherapy alone or vehicle control. S-CXCR4 expression was higher in blasts located outside the bone marrow, suggesting that blasts migrating out of the marrow upregulate s-CXCR4 as they home to new niches. Plerixafor also induced increased expression of the SDF-1 receptor CXCR7 and the integrin VLA-4, suggesting that CXCR4 inhibition may lead to recruitment of other molecules critical to leukemia cell trafficking and adhesion. Finally, the efficacy of plerixafor as a chemosensitizer both in vitro and in vivo was predicted by the degree of chemotherapy-induced s-CXCR4 upregulation, identifying a biomarker with the potential to select optimal patients for CXCR4 inhibition.

Conclusion: The bone marrow microenvironment is an important mediator of chemotherapy resistance. Inhibition of the CXCR4/SDF-1 axis may result in improved outcomes in children with ALL.
Purpose: Pediatric palliative care (PPC) is being recognized as an important aspect of holistic care for children with cancer. PPC can offer a wide range of services including symptom management of dying child, support for the parents, spiritual services, home care, bereavement services etc. Method: Kuwait Association of Care of Children in Hospital (KACCH) is a NGO, which provides support to hospitalized children through Child Life Specialists (CLSs). In November 2005, this NGO started PPC in Kuwait and made a PPC team, which consist of pediatric oncologist, pain management specialist, CLSs, nurses, and physiotherapist. One CLS is assigned for each child. CLSs are key contact person with child and family. The first contact between CLS
and family is made in the hospital. Subsequently home visits are made by CLS to establish better rapport with child and family. The home care services include pain medications, blood sampling, blood transfusion, dressing, care of Hickman's line, physiotherapy, oxygen inhalation etc. The children are also taken out for outdoor activities. The emphasis is on keeping the child at home as long as possible. The family members are encouraged to contact CLS at any hour of the day. Results: Till date 58 children have been registered for palliative care. They suffered from various malignancies including brain tumors, bone tumors, neuroblastomas, adrenocortical carcinoma etc. Out of these 58 children, 50 have died of their disease. They were under care of palliative care team ranging from few weeks to more than 18 months. Majority of the children died in the hospital, but few died at home also. In our assessment and feedback, the patients and their families got tremendous benefit from palliative care services in terms of pain control, social support, and bereavement services. Conclusion: Hospital and home based PPC services make a tremendous impact at "end of life care"

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T1 - Efficacy and safety of tocilizumab in european children with systemic onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis
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KW - EMBASE
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
KW - rheumatology
KW - Society
KW - Safety
KW - patient
KW - erythrocyte sedimentation rate
KW - fever
KW - off label drug use
KW - follow up
KW - anaphylaxis
KW - vasculitis
KW - clinical trial
KW - Japanese
KW - disease duration
KW - skin
KW - tocilizumab
KW - enalapril maleate
KW - steroid
KW - C reactive protein
KW - canakinumab
KW - monoclonal antibody
KW - recombinant interleukin 1 receptor blocking agent
KW - tumor necrosis factor alpha
Background: The anti-IL-6 Receptor monoclonal antibody Tocilizumab (TCZ) has demonstrated its efficacy in Japanese children with systemic onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis (SJIA). Aim: To evaluate the efficacy and safety of TCZ in European patients with active SJIA outside a clinical trial (off-label use). Patients and methods: Retrospective review of the files of the patients treated by TCZ in two French, one Swiss and one Italian center. Response to treatment was defined as control of the fever and systemic features for at least 7 days. Improvement of the pediatric ACR score and normalization of erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) and C-reactive protein (CRP) were also considered. Results: 18 patients aged 4-15 years were included. The median disease duration at treatment onset was 4.7 years (0.4-8.8). The median dose of prednisone at TCZ onset was 0.63mg/kg/d. Four patients were also on MTX. Fourteen patients had previously failed to respond one or several biologics, including anti-TNF alpha in 10 cases, anakinra in 14 and canakinumab, in 4. All patients but 4 had active systemic and polyarticular features at TCZ onset. The doses of TCZ ranged between 6 and 12 mg/kg every other week at treatment onset. The mean follow-up on TCZ was 18.2 months (range 0.5-48). 90% improvement of the pediatric ACR score was achieved by 9 patients after 3 months. The dose of steroids was tapered in most cases (11/14) within 3 months, and five patients could discontinue steroid treatment after 12 months. TCZ treatment was withdrawn in 5 children for adverse events: anaphylactic reaction in 3 cases, skin vasculitis in 2 other cases. Conclusion: In this study TCZ treatment was effective in most patients with SJIA who previously failed one or several biologics. Adverse events require particular attention since almost one third of patients had to discontinue treatment.

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T1 - Lifestyle risk factors for allergic rhinitis in schoolchildren: Are sports activities a negative factor?
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A1 - Morimoto,T.
A1 - Sakuma,M.
A1 - Mukaida,K.
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KW - EMBASE
KW - risk factor
KW - allergic rhinitis
KW - school child
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KW - sport
KW - allergic asthma
KW - immunology
RATIONALE: This study aimed to investigate various lifestyle factors and their association with symptoms of allergic rhinitis in schoolchildren. METHOD: A questionnaire regarding lifestyle factors and allergic rhinitis was distributed to the parents of 7-year-old schoolchildren at every primary school in Ohmi-Hachiman City, Shiga Prefecture, Japan. The International Collaborative Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood questionnaire provided information about the prevalence of allergic rhinitis. Following the descriptive statistics, we developed univariate and multivariate logistic regression models to evaluate the association between lifestyle factors and allergic rhinitis. P values <0.05 were considered to indicate statistical significance and P values <0.1 were considered to indicate a tendency. RESULTS: Among the parents of 759 7-year-old children who attended primary school, 640 (84.3%) answered the questionnaire. Of these children, 223 (34.8%) had allergic rhinitis symptoms. Among the lifestyle factors investigated, children who did not participate in any sports activities after school had significantly fewer allergic rhinitis symptoms than those who did (OR=0.69, P=0.03). Similarly, children whose commuting time to school was less than 30 minutes tended to have fewer allergic rhinitis symptoms than those whose commuting time was 30 minutes or more (OR=0.72, P=0.07). No significant association between other lifestyle factors (passive smoking, obesity, bedtime, wake-up time, and eating habits) and allergic rhinitis symptoms was found. CONCLUSIONS: Participating in sports activities and commuting were associated with a higher prevalence of allergic rhinitis. Increased exposure to pollen or other outdoor allergens may contribute to these associations.
Purpose of Study: National studies estimate that over 60 percent of Americans are overweight. The CDC reports that obesity rates in adolescents aged 12-19 and children aged 6-11 are 18% and 20% respectively. In 2008, the medical care costs related to obesity were $147 billion. Many rural Alaskan communities endure 9-month winters that feature limited daylight and temperatures of sixty below zero, making it difficult to maintain an active lifestyle. 67% of rural Alaskans are overweight, which is significantly higher than the national average as well as urban areas of the state. The purpose of the project was to promote physical activity in the rural community of Delta Junction, Alaska by increasing public interest in the town's new Frisbee Golf course.

Methods Used: In order to increase community interest in Frisbee Golf, an event was held at the town's new Frisbee Golf course. The event was free and featured an overview of the game rules, a tour of the course, and group lessons from members of the Professional Disc Golf Association. People who attended also received a free Frisbee Golf disc and a brief lecture on the health benefits of physical activity. Promotion for the event was accomplished with the use of flyers and the recruited help of city hall and the course creator. The local outdoor survival store was also convinced to begin selling Frisbee Golf discs to the community. Summary of Results: People of all ages spend the afternoon in the park learning about Frisbee golf. Over 25 Frisbees were given away. Many members of the community who had never heard of Frisbee Golf learned the rules as well as valuable health information. The local outdoor store sold-out of Frisbee Golf discs within the week and the traffic on the local course increased. Conclusions: Obesity has become one of the most significant health concerns for Americans, especially those living in rural Alaska. Studies have indicated the importance of regular physical activity in preventing the multitude of health issues associated with obesity. Promoting an interest in
Frisbee Golf, a sport that is affordable, easy to participate in, and accessible to all ages, will hopefully encourage people in Delta Junction to engage in a more active lifestyle, thus improving the health of the community.

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T1 - Tracking the speech signal - Time-locked MEG signals during perception of ultra-fast and moderately fast speech in blind and in sighted listeners
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - auditory cortex
KW - blindness
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - Comprehension
KW - controlled study
KW - hemispheric dominance
KW - Human
KW - inferior frontal gyrus
KW - Magnetoencephalography
KW - neurological equipment
KW - pitch
KW - right hemisphere
KW - school child
KW - Signal Processing
KW - speech analysis
KW - speech discrimination
KW - Speech Perception
KW - Speech Rate
KW - visual cortex
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N2 - Blind people can learn to understand speech at ultra-high syllable rates (ca. 20. syllables/s), a capability associated with hemodynamic activation of the central-visual system. To further elucidate the neural mechanisms underlying this skill, magnetoencephalographic (MEG) measurements during listening to sentence utterances were cross-correlated with time courses derived from the speech signal (envelope, syllable onsets and pitch periodicity) to capture phase-locked MEG components (14 blind, 12 sighted subjects; speech rate = 8 or 16. syllables/s, pre-defined source regions: auditory and visual cortex, inferior frontal gyrus). Blind individuals showed stronger phase locking in auditory cortex than sighted controls, and right-hemisphere visual cortex activity correlated with syllable onsets in case of ultra-fast speech. Furthermore, inferior-frontal MEG components time-locked to pitch periodicity displayed opposite lateralization effects in sighted (towards right
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T1 - "I try to talk to my children": Sexual health discussions and using natural settings to initiate conversations about sex between African American and latina mothers and their children
A1 - Castellanos,T.J.
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KW - African American
KW - Society
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KW - mother
KW - sexual health
KW - adolescent health
KW - son
KW - parent
KW - daughter
KW - Male
KW - juvenile
KW - Interpersonal Communication
KW - Sexual Behavior
KW - gender
KW - school
KW - Pregnancy
KW - Adolescent
KW - scientist
KW - information processing
KW - United States
KW - Hispanic
KW - Color
KW - Prevention
KW - Television
KW - boy
KW - community
KW - Sexual Development
KW - father
KW - protection
KW - Risk
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus
Purpose: African American and Latino adolescents have higher reported rates of HIV/STD compared to other racial/ethnic groups. Although prior research has identified parental-adolescent communication as important in reducing youth HIV/STD risk, specific strategies used by African American and Latina parents to talk to their children about sex, including when and where to have these conversations, have been understudied. We examined approaches used by African American and Latina mothers for sex-related discussions with their children to inform HIV/STI intervention development efforts. Methods: We recruited mother-child (children ages 12-16 years) pairs from an after-school, community-based organization in Southern California. Fourteen maternal-only focus groups were conducted: 8 African American (n = 31) and 6 Latina (n = 24). Data were transcribed, coded for most common themes by 4 independent scientists and reviewed for differences by race/ethnicity and gender of child. Results: Four key themes emerged when focusing on parent-child discussions about sex: 1) sexual activity discussions varied for sons and daughters, 2) protection from HIV/STI and pregnancy were key topics, 3) using a direct, honest approach, and 2) seizing the moment. For sexual activity discussions, Latina mothers were more likely to talk directly to their daughters ("don't have sex early, like me") but preferred to have father figures speak to their sons ("if he doesn't ask me . . . I would never mention it"). African American mothers were more likely to talk directly to both daughters ("I got pregnant the first time, because my mom did not have that talk . . . I try to talk to my children") and sons ("you can get AIDS the first time you lay down with someone") or ask another male figure to speak to their sons. For the direct approach theme, African American mothers were three times as likely to engage in direct communication about sex, sexual development and the consequences of sex (e.g. STDs, pregnancy and loss of opportunities) with their children, than were Latina mothers. Latina mothers used direct approaches more frequently with female than male children. For the seizing the moment theme, Latina motherdaughter pairs and African American mother-son pairs engaged in "seizing the moment of opportunity" to talk about sex more frequently than other parent-child pairs. Mothers intentionally used natural setting opportunities to initiate discussions about sex with their child, such as when driving to school, when participating in an activity together, or when sexual content was shown in a television program. Conclusions: These data help broaden our understanding about the strategies used by African American and Latina mothers for sex discussions with their sons and daughters; evaluations for impact on youth sexual health outcomes are warranted. These data can also contribute to the development of future culturally-tailored and gender-specific parent-child communication efforts and HIV prevention interventions focusing on youth of color.
Introduction: To advance the design and implementation of outdoor smokefree area policies, we aimed to develop simple, low-cost methods for measuring smoking in a variety of public places. Methods: Two methods were developed and were used by solo observers during March 2011-February 2012 to measure the proportion of people smoking at a variety of sites. Results: Both methods performed well (n=5553 people observed); the first at 58 sites in the UK and New Zealand (n=3191 observed); the second at 33 sites in New Zealand (n=2362 observed), with significant differences found between the smoking at types of sites and between countries. For the two countries combined, the proportions of people smoking (amongst those over 12 years) in children's play areas was significantly lower compared to all the other sites combined (risk ratio=0.39; 95%CI: 0.20 to 0.76; p=0.002). Conclusions: Solo observers can establish the proportion of people smoking in a range of outdoor sites. Such methods can inform outdoor smokefree area policymaking by providing baseline and post-policy data to enable location targeting and policy evaluation.
Background: The effect of low dose radiation on immune system is shown. Ionizing radiation can affect cytokine production and polarization of T helper cells. Objective: The current study focused on ionizing radiation in Ukrainian children residing in a contaminated area with clinical irritable bowel syndrome. Method: Our study included 75 rural children population aged 4-18 yrs, who lived in a contaminated area exposed to natural environmental radiation with clinical irritable bowel syndrome (categorized in three groups) and 20 rural children participants aged 5-15 yrs who were living in areas with similar levels of radioactive contamination without clinical irritable bowel syndrome as control group. Internal radiation activity was measured by gamma-ray spectrometry. Serum levels of IL-4 and IFN- were measured by enzyme linked immunosorbent assay. Results: A trend towards increased levels of IL-4 was observed in children with clinical irritable bowel syndrome. In these children, IFN- levels were lower than that of the control group. Conclusion: The IBS symptoms in Ukrainian children residing in a contaminated area may have stemmed from Th1 to Th2 immune deviation and differential expression of IL-4 and IFN-
Objective: To compare counseling concerning sun protection and outdoor exercise with the parent's report of the behavior of a child aged 9-16 years old. Study design: Structured interviews of medical personnel in 3 Chicago area practices elicited information about counseling methods and recommendations. In each practice, a convenience sample of parents completed a self-reported survey of their and their child's behavior. Results: Sun protection counseling occurred more frequently than exercise counseling in all practices (P = .014). Sun protection counseling was associated with parental prompting (P = .004), performing a summer camp physical (P = .002), and the child having a sunburn (P = .003). After controlling for the child's age, sex, and skin tone, sun protection counseling was not associated with the child's use of sun protection. In multivariate analysis of the child's sun protection behavior, parental sunburns, indoor tanning in the last 12 months, perception of skin cancer risk, and sun protection self-efficacy were significant (P = .02). Children who pursued outdoor sports were twice as likely to use inadequate sun protection and sustain sunburns (CI 1.3-1.7). Conclusions: The child's sun protection behavior was influenced by parental sun protection, parental perception of skin cancer risk, and parental sun protection self-efficacy; therefore, sun protection for children needs to be aimed at parents as well as children. Communication with parents in a way that incorporates the principles of motivational interviewing may be more effective in promoting behavioral change than admonitions to use sunscreen. Copyright 2013 Mosby Inc
Introduction: Emerging evidence suggests that sedentary behaviour is negatively associated with health. Workplaces are convenient settings for delivering health promotion interventions and reduce occupational sitting time. However, most studies have focused on quantitative analyses to understand the impact of workplace physical activity interventions on reducing occupational sedentary time rather than employees' experiences. We assessed employees' perspectives who undertook a 20-week pedometer-based programme (Walk&WorkSpain)-based on Web technology—that aimed at reducing daily sitting time and increasing daily step counts at work. Method: Two-hundred and sixty-four inactive employees from 4 Spanish universities engaged in Walk&WorkSpain. The intervention group (n = 129) accessed gradually to different strategies through a Webpage: "incidental walking" (active work tasks, i.e. walk talk meetings), "short and long Campus walking routes" (10 minutes, i.e. parking the car a bit far; 20 minutes, i.e. walking at lunch time respectively). Semi-structured interviews were conducted with 8 employees from the intervention to gather qualitative data on personal experiences. The most inactive employees who volunteered were recruited. Participants were evenly divided between men/women and job roles; academic-male (n = 2), academic-female (n = 2), administrative-male (n = 2) and administrative-female (n = 2). Each participant was interviewed three times at the beginning (baseline), middle (8 weeks) and two months after completing the intervention. Interviews were transcribed.
verbatim and subjected to inductive coding within the major themes of opinions on sitting reduction strategies and experiences of success when implementing them. Results: At baseline, participants had little awareness about the need of reducing sitting time. Eight weeks later, most participants perceived to implement the different strategies successfully, being incidental walking the mostly widely used followed but short walking routes. However, they could not implement them as regularly as they wanted. At this stage, participants were on preparation for reducing sedentary behavior. The long walks around the Campus could not be implemented successfully at work but most employees put these into practice outside work by the end of the program (i.e. walking to school to pick up their children). At this point, all participants reached the "action stage". Discussion: Walk@WorkSpain was perceived to be a feasible program to promote sustained reductions on sitting time and increases on physical activity both inside and outside work. The program was perceived to be successful not only in improving participants, awareness but also in gradually introducing changes to reduce sitting time in employees, lives SN - 1440-2440 AD - (Bort Roig, Martin Horcajo, Puig Ribera) Universitat de Vic, Spain (Gonzalez) Universidad del Pais Vasco, Spain (Martinez Lemos) Universidad de Vigo, Spain ER - TY - JOUR ID - 3383 T1 - An anthropological analysis of students, activities during recess in relation to the physical and organizational surroundings A1 - Olesen,E. A1 - Troelsen,J. Y1 - 2012/// N1 - 70968788 English Journal: Conference Abstract KW - EMBASE KW - Human KW - student KW - school KW - Physical Activity KW - field work KW - Child KW - social status KW - participant observation KW - Interview KW - Adolescent KW - adolescence KW - Speech KW - teacher KW - Denmark RP - NOT IN FILE SP - S285 JF - Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport VL - Conference: Be Active 2012 Sydney, NSW Australia. Conference Start: 20121031 Conference End: 20121103. Conference Publication: IS - var.pagings N2 - Introduction: Several studies show that as children grow older and enter their teenage years their physical activity level decreases. The study 'SPACE-Space for physical activity, seek to prevent this decrease in everyday physical activity through a combination of physical and organizational interventions. The Danish public school is the basis for the SPACE-study, almost 90% of children in Denmark attend public school. My PhD. is part of the SPACE-study and explores the connections between the students, social identities, their physical and organizational surroundings and their patterns of movement i.e. during recess. The anthropological fieldwork has been conducted over a three year period making it possible to follow the children from the 5th to the 7th grade; during this period of time the student go from the age of 11 to 14 years old, a transformation from being a child to becoming an adolescent. Methods: The analysis is based upon an anthropological fieldwork
conducted at two Danish public schools. At each school the fieldwork focused primarily upon one class of approximately 25 students. The fieldwork consists of participant observation during the school day both during periods and breaks, participant observation during after school activities, and in depth interviews with the students. All in all I spend 4 months at each school. Results: The norms for movement and physical activity among the students in the 5th to the 7th grade are created and influenced crosswise by the different places and spaces that the students stay and move between. The school yard can be compartmentalized in areas on the basis of the activities that are going on, the school yard elements, the group of students engaged in the activity, the proximity to the school building and the visibility to others. In this presentation the starting point will be the proximity to the school building and the visibility of the area to other students and the teachers on playground duty. The students engaged in physical activities close to the school building where others can see them generally speaking are students with high social status whereas the students engaged in activities on the outskirts of the school grounds have a lower social status. Discussion: The anthropological approach to this area of research contributes with a different type of knowledge and thus a new angle to understanding the processes regarding growing up related to students level of physical activity

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N2 - Background: Physical activity is a key modifiable behavior impacting a number of important health outcomes. The path to developing chronic diseases commonly commences with lifestyle patterns developed during childhood and adolescence. This study examined whether parent physical activity and other factors correlated with physical activity amongst children are associated with self-reported physical activity in adolescents. Methods: A total of 115 adolescents (aged 12-14) and their parents completed questionnaire assessments. Self-reported physical activity was measured amongst adolescents and their parents using the International Physical Activity Questionnaire for Adolescents (IPAQ-A), and the International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ) respectively. Adolescents also completed the Children's Physical Activity Correlates (CPAC), which measured factors that have previously demonstrated association with physical activity amongst children. To examine whether parent physical activity or items from the CPAC were associated with self-reported adolescent physical activity, backward step-wise regression was undertaken. One item was removed at each step in descending order of significance (until two tailed item alpha = 0.05 was achieved). Results: A total of 93 (80.9%) adolescents and their parents had complete data sets and were included in the analysis. Independent variables were removed in the order: perceptions of parental role modeling; importance of exercise; perceptions of parental encouragement; peer acceptance; fun of physical exertion; perceived competence; parent physical activity; self-esteem; liking of exercise; and parental influence. The only variable remaining in the model was 'liking of games and sport,' (p = 0.003, adjusted rsquared = 0.085). Discussion: These findings indicate that factors associated with self-reported physical activity in adolescents are not necessarily the same as younger children (aged 8-11). While 'liking of games and sport,' was included in the final model, the r-squared value did not indicate a strong association. Interestingly, parent self-reported physical activity was not included in the final model. It is likely that adolescent physical activity may be influenced by a variety of direct and indirect forms of socialization. These findings do support the view that intrinsically motivated themes such as the liking of games and sport take precedence over outside influences, like those presented by parents, in determining youth physical activity behaviors. These findings do not suggest that parents have no influence on adolescent physical activity patterns, but rather, the influence is likely to be more complex than physical activity behavior modeling perceived by the adolescent. Further research in this field is warranted in order to better understand potential contributors to successful physical activity promotion interventions amongst young adolescents.

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Introduction: While evidence of the relationship between dog ownership and physical activity in adults is emerging, the nature of this relationship in children requires further investigation. Given 60-80% of Australian and US households with children have a dog, dog-facilitated physical activity may be an effective way to increase physical activity and decrease child obesity. The study aims were to: 1) examine the individual and environment factors associated with dog ownership and 2) after adjusting for significant individual and environment factors, examine the association between dog ownership and physical activity, walking and sedentary behavior.

Methods: Cross-sectional data from the Western Australian TRavel, Environment, and Kids project (TREK) were analyzed for 1218 children aged 10-12 years. Individual socio-demographic, intrapersonal, social and physical environment factors, child physical activity (walking; physical activity outside of school) and sedentary behavior (screen use) and dog ownership status was collected from child and parent questionnaires. Children's weekly pedometer steps, height and weight were measured. Regression models progressively adjusted for significant socio-demographic, intrapersonal and environment factors. Results: Approximately 60% of children had a family dog. Dog ownership was associated with, on average, 29 more minutes of walking and 142 more minutes of physical activity/week (p<.01). After adjustment, children who had a dog were 49% more likely to be sufficiently active (420mins) and 32% more likely to have walked in their neighborhood in the last week, compared with non-dog owners (p<.05). Boy, but not girl, dog owners walked more minutes/week and were more likely to walk in their neighbourhood than non-dog owners (p<.05). Girl, but not boy, dog owners were more likely to be sufficiently active and did more minutes of physical activity than non-dog owners (p<.05). Dog ownership was not associated with screen use, pedometer steps or weight status. Discussion: These results highlight the potential for dog ownership to significantly impact children's physical activity levels. It is likely that the nature of the relationship and interaction that boys and girls have with their dog may influence physical activity measures differently. Further research is needed to examine how the relationship between (self-report and objective) measures of physical activity and dog ownership and dog walking varies by child age and gender. To optimize the benefits of dog ownership in terms of increased physical activity, there is a need to encourage children (and their parents) to walk with and actively play with their dogs.

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Introduction: The national recommendation for physical activity for children in Australia is a minimum of one hour and up to several hours of moderate to vigorous activity per day. This project focused on play space for children aged 8-12 years and asked whether providing enticing, attractive play spaces would result in more children getting active outdoors. The Space for active play project featured children's voices briefing the designers of four play spaces in metropolitan Melbourne. Three of the play spaces developed were then evaluated to see if they did in fact attract the target audience identified. Methods: A four method children's consultation exercise involving experiential learning, reflective notebooks, photography and discussion was developed. The results of this consultation were then validated by classroom based children of the same age, community members and a range of professionals. Once design was completed a pre-construction site evaluation was developed and undertaken in three of the sites, involving the Most Significant Change (MSC) methodology with a small group of children, a classroom based survey, a parents survey and park observation. Following completion of the construction phase follow up evaluation was done in all three sites. Results: The children provided an abundance of ideas and activities that they would like to see and do in their local park. Their ideas went well beyond the traditional play equipment and sports opportunities offered in many municipal parks. These ideas influenced the play space designers in their approach to designing the new play spaces. The evaluation of the actual sites will be completed in June 2012, with early analysis of results suggesting that increased physical activity and outdoor play has been achieved. Discussion: This project has recorded what older children want of their play spaces, and it reveals a strong appetite for a much broader range of play experience than is currently on offer. This information has been documented in order to influence planners and designers of park space and others about older children's needs. This paper will provide insights into what the children desire in a play space and to what extent the resulting play spaces were successful in attracting older children to engage in active outdoor play. The Space for active play project is an initiative of the Heart Foundation in partnership with Brimbank, Frankston and Moonee Valley city councils and Parks Victoria, with funding from Parks Victoria and VicHealth.
Introduction: In Australia, life expectancy of people of Indigenous descent is 16-17 years lower than their non-Indigenous counterparts. Physical inactivity is the third leading cause of the burden disease for Indigenous adults. However, in children the situation is more positive with almost three quarters (74%) of Indigenous children aged 4-14 years meeting national physical activity recommendations. Adolescence is typically a period where physical activity declines and is an important target point for interventions. This study describes frequency and duration of out-of-school physical activity in a sample of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian adolescents and explores relationships between physical activity participation and demographic, health and lifestyle factors. Methods: The Health and Lifestyle of NSW School Students Survey was developed using established measures from surveys conducted in adolescents from similar populations. The survey was...
completed by 348 Indigenous and 633 non-Indigenous students aged 13-17 years residing in rural New South Wales (NSW). The survey included questions on frequency and duration of physical activity out of school. These items were combined to establish whether national physical activity recommendations were being achieved. Bivariate analyses stratified by Indigenous status identified demographic, health and lifestyle behaviours statistically related to meeting physical activity recommendations. These variables were included in multiple binary logistic regression models conducting including the total sample and stratified by Indigenous status. Results: Indigenous adolescents were less likely to meet physical activity recommendations through out of school activity than non-Indigenous adolescents (21% versus 28%; p = 0.010). In the stratified regression analyses, Indigenous females had a higher odds of meeting physical activity recommendations than males (OR = 0.39, 95% CI 0.20-0.77) after adjusting for age, membership of a sports team, parental employment status, feeling confident and community involvement. In the non-Indigenous model, adolescents involved in a sports team had higher odds of meeting physical activity recommendations than those not involved in a team (OR = 2.41, 95% CI 1.58-3.67), after adjusting for age, gender, time spent watching television, maternal employment status, alcohol behavior, feeling lonely, feeling confident and community involvement. Discussion: These results provide an indication of physical activity levels in rural Indigenous and non-Indigenous adolescents outside of the school setting where less than a quarter of this sample were meeting physical activity recommendations. Indigenous adolescents, particularly girls, are a specific target group for intervention. Increased policy and practical efforts to reverse the decline in physical activity during adolescence is essential to reduce population disparities in chronic disease risk in adulthood among Indigenous Australians.
Introduction: Parks are important settings for physical activity. Park features have been shown to be associated with park visitation and physical activity within parks. There is some evidence that children living in rural locations are at an increased risk of overweight and obesity compared with children living in urban areas and this may be a result of decreased opportunities to be physically active such as having fewer facilities in parks. The aim of this study was to examine potential differences in the features and amenities within parks located in urban compared with rural areas.

Methods: An audit tool was designed to identify and evaluate features of parks that may be important for children’s physical activity including: aesthetics (e.g. landscaping, water features, litter and graffiti), amenities (e.g. toilets, drinking fountains, shade, benches, bike racks), activity areas (e.g. open spaces and basketball courts), playgrounds (e.g. equipment and suitability for different age groups), and the presence of courts/ovals, paths and dog signage. Field observers visited 628 parks across Victoria, Australia during 2009-2010 and completed this paper and pencil audit.

Results: Park audits were completed at 434 urban and 194 rural parks. The parks located in rural areas scored significantly highly on aesthetic features (3.5 vs 3.2) and the number of activity areas (0.9 vs 0.7), while urban parks scored higher on playground equipment (8.5 vs 6.8), and the number of courts/ovals (7.1 vs 2.7). A higher percentage of urban parks had walking paths (59% vs 42%) and signage regarding dogs (26% vs 14%).

Conclusions: The findings demonstrate differences in park features in urban compared with rural areas. Further research is required to examine whether these differences in park features are associated with park-based physical activity, overall physical activity, or time spent in sedentary behaviours among children in urban and rural areas.
Introduction: A number of recent studies have found associations between the characteristics of schoolyards and the level of PA of schoolchildren using the schoolyards. Based on these findings, it seems likely that making schoolyards more attractive will help to increase the total amount of PA among schoolchildren. Before starting our ‘Activating Schoolyards, intervention study, we carried out an exploratory study with the objective to describe activity patterns and localize places for physical activity on 6 schoolyards varying in size and content, located in different types of neighborhoods. Methods: 745 children, 6-16 years old, enrolled at six schools were asked to wear an accelerometer (ActiGraph GT3X) and a GPS (Qstarz BT-Q1000X) for 5 schooldays to determine their level of activity and movement patterns. GPS positions were recorded every 15 seconds and activity levels were recorded every 2 seconds. GPS and accelerometer data were compiled using the Physical Activity Location Measurement System (PALMS), developed by the Center for Wireless and Population Health Systems at the University of California, San Diego. All elements of each of the 6 schoolyards were mapped in detail using a high-precision GPS (Trimble GeoExplorer XT). ArcGIS software was used to combine PALMS output with the schoolyard maps. For each participant, average activity counts per schoolyard element were calculated, and associations between schoolyard elements and average levels of physical activity were calculated. Results: Multi-courts with an artificial grass or rubber surface, lawn areas, grass slopes and other more natural elements were associated with higher than average levels of physical activity in schoolyards during recess. Playground equipment such as climbing frames, slides or swings, was not associated with higher levels of physical activity. Our results also show age, gender and time differences with different schoolyard elements being popular for different age groups, at different times of the day. Discussion: In future schoolyard renovations, or when designing new schoolyards, policy-makers and designers should keep our findings in mind. However, the causal relations between these schoolyard elements and higher levels of physical activity will need to be tested in our ‘Activating Schoolyards, intervention study, that will commence in 2013. This study will focus on schoolyard characteristics that are likely to influence the least active children.
Introduction: This research was part of a larger study known as the Sydney Playground Project (SPP), which aims to increase physical activity and social skills in primary school children by means of a low-cost innovative playground intervention. For many children pure sports interventions are not the answer, hence this study engaged children's playful nature to promote physical activity and social interactions through play. The purpose of this part of the study was to study the effect of the intervention on physical activity. Methods: 214 (115 boys, 99 girls) 5-7 year old (mean: 6.0 years at baseline) children from 12 Sydney primary schools participated in this CRCT. Baseline data were collected prior to a 14-week playground intervention or recess as normal, followed by post-testing during the last week of intervention. The playground intervention: unstructured items, consisting of or made from recycled material (tyres, balance beams, crash mats) introduced to the school playgrounds for the children to play with freely. Physical activity was measured by accelerometers during school days (0900-1500 for 5 consecutive days at baseline and post-test. Height, weight and BMI were measured. Mixed-effect ML regression (STATA/IC 12), taking clustering and repeated measures into account were used to examine net change from baseline values between groups. Results: Over time, MVPA increased (1.82 min, p = 0.006), and sedentary time decreased (-2.13 min, p = 0.01) significantly during recess in the intervention group, however effect sizes were small. Activity increased independent of BMI. Anecdotally, schools and children were enthusiastic about the playground intervention, quoting less playground demeanour and more fun. Discussion: This play intervention has the potential to be a cost-effective way to engage children in increased physical activity and social interactions and can potentially be implemented in a large range of settings.
Introduction: The benefits of physical activity to maintain optimal health and wellbeing in children and adolescents are undisputed. The school environment offers opportunities for children to be physically active. The aim of this review was to systematically examine the effects of recess-based interventions on the physical activity levels of school-aged children and adolescents. Methods: Two authors independently searched the literature using the same search strategies to identify papers reporting interventions which promote playground physical activity during school recess and lunchtime periods. Methodological quality was assessed using an adapted eight item assessment scale. The effects of the interventions were assessed with a rating system used in a recent review of interventions in youth. Results: The search originally retrieved 2265 articles. Nine published peer reviewed journal articles met the inclusion criteria for this review. Eight studies used randomised controlled trials and one was a controlled trial, though none of the studies adequately described the randomisation process. Three studies demonstrated high methodological quality (33%). None of the studies adequately reported the randomisation procedure or used power calculations. Few studies reported potential confounders and three studies had less than a six week follow-up. Seven studies demonstrated a positive intervention effect on children's physical activity levels, with three reporting statistical significant increases and two significant decreases in recess physical activity. The summary of the levels of evidence for intervention effects found inconclusive results for all intervention types, though promising strategies that require further investigation were identified. Discussion: A strength of all of the studies was the use of objective measures to assess physical activity outcomes, though several criteria were consistently absent from the studies. The summary of the levels of evidence for intervention effects found inconclusive results for all intervention types. This could be largely due to the small number of large high quality studies. The use of methodological checklists as a guide when designing intervention research could assist to improve intervention methodological quality in school recess physical activity research. There is an urgent need for higher quality intervention research to strengthen published findings to inform recess physical activity playground interventions. Intervention research is needed in adolescents due to the absence of school recess intervention research in this population.
Introduction: Physical fitness is a strong predictor of health status in youth. However, a large proportion of children do not participate in sufficient physical activity of moderate-to-vigorous intensity to achieve the associated health benefits. The aim of this study was to evaluate the impact of a multi-component school-based physical fitness education intervention (Fit-4-Fun) on the physical fitness and activity levels of primary school children. Methods: The study involved a group randomized controlled trial with a wait-list control group. Four primary schools in the Hunter Region, NSW, Australia, were randomised by school into the Fit-4-Fun intervention or the control conditions. The study sample included 226 primary school children aged 10-13 years (mean age 10.72 years ± 0.6, 47.8% male). Fit-4-Fun was a multicomponent school-based physical fitness education intervention delivered as part of the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum and targeted fitness improvements. The program utilised a range of evidence-based behavior change strategies to promote and support physical activity of adequate intensity, duration and type, needed to improve health-related fitness. The 8-week program includes three specific components based on the Health Promoting School Framework, a HPE curriculum program (1x60 min/week), a daily break-time activity program (recess/lunch) and a home fitness program (3x20 min/week). The control group participated in their usual weekly 60 min HPE lessons. Cardio-respiratory fitness (CRF) was the primary outcome and secondary outcomes included body composition, muscular fitness, flexibility and physical activity. Assessments were taken at baseline, 3- and 6-month follow-
up, to determine changes in health-related fitness and physical activity levels. Results: After 6-months, significant intervention effects were evident in cardio-respiratory fitness (beep test adjusted mean difference [95% CI] = 1.14 levels [0.74, 1.55]), body composition (BMI adjusted mean difference [95% CI] = 0.96 kg/m<sup>2</sup> [-1.42, -0.5] and BMI z-score adjusted mean difference [95% CI] = -0.47 z-scores [-0.70, -0.25]), flexibility (sit & reach adjusted mean difference [95% CI] = 1.52 cm [-0.65, 3.68]), muscular fitness (sit ups mean difference [95% CI] = 0.62 stages [-0.97, -0.26]) and physical activity (steps adjusted mean difference [95% CI] = 3253 steps/day [1776,4730]). There were no group by time effects for three measures of muscular fitness (basketball throw, push-ups and standing jump). Discussion: The Fit-4-Fun program was successful in improving several measures of fitness in primary school-aged children. These findings suggest that well designed HPE programs that promote vigorous activity within and beyond the school day have the potential to improve health-related fitness in children

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KW - health hazard
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Many children engage in suboptimal levels of PA despite the associated health risks. Schools (n = 20) in the Transform-Us! program were randomized to one of four intervention arms that target increases in children's PA (PA), reductions in sedentary behavior (SB), both behaviors (SB + PA) or control current practice (C). This examination focuses on the PA promotion strategies employed in the PA, SB + PA arms compared with the C arm. To promote children's PA each PA, SB + PA class was provided with sporting, circus equipment; asphalt line markings were installed at the school, teachers were asked to encourage PA. Grade 3 children at participating schools were invited to take part in evaluation assessments including the completion of a self-report survey. Findings from the PA promotion strategy questions at baseline (Feb-June 2010), T2 (Nov/Dec) are reported here. Children (n = 425, 55% female) were asked to respond (yes/no) to five items asking about social support for PA from their class teacher, which were then summed to create a 'teacher social support' scale. Children were also asked to indicate if 'there are markings on the walls or on the school playground to help us play games' (perceived availability of line markings); if they are 'allowed to use school sports equipment during recess, lunch breaks' (perceived accessibility of sports equipment), how much they like 'the areas to play in at school' using a 5-point Likert scale (perceived school environment). Between baseline, T2, teacher social support increased in both PA (1.7[1.4] vs 2.1[1.4]), SB arms (1.9[1.4] vs 2.4[1.4] but declined in C (2.0[1.4] vs 1.7[1.5]). For all three arms, increases were seen in perceived availability of line markings (PA: 53.2% vs 69.4%; SB + PA: 59.3% vs 71.4%; C: 60.0% vs 69.8%); perceived accessibility of sport equipment (PA: 87.7% vs 97.2%; SB + PA: 80.7 vs 94%; C: 85.4% vs 97.6%), perceived school environment (PA: 1.44[0.9] vs 1.42[0.8]; SB + PA: 1.5[0.8] vs 1.6[0.7]; C: 1.4[0.9] vs 1.5[0.7]) between baseline, T2. All findings were significant at a 1% probability level. At the mid-intervention time point, findings suggest that PA strategies have increased perceived availability of line markings, accessibility of sport equipment, perceived school environment in children allocated to the PA, SB + PA arms. However, there were also unexpected increases in the C arm for three out of four items. Post-intervention findings will add to these preliminary findings.
Introduction: Dog ownership is a catalyst for physical activity in adults. Given 60-80% of Australian and US households with children have a dog, dog-facilitated physical activity may be an effective way to increase children's physical activity. Few studies have examined the relationship between dog ownership and children's physical activity. Importantly, the relationship between dog walking and children's independent mobility has not been investigated. This study aimed to: 1) examine the association between dog walking, physical activity and walking in children and 2) examine if children who report walking their dog are more independently mobile than those who do not walk their dog. Methods: Cross-sectional data from the Western Australian Travel, Environment, and Kids project (TREK) were analyzed for 729 children aged 10-12 years who had a family dog. Sociodemographic information, walking, walking with a dog and physical activity outside of school was collected from child and parent questionnaires. Weekly pedometer steps were also measured. Children reported their independent mobility to 15 neighbourhood destinations. Socio-demographic factors were adjusted for in models. Results: Approximately 60% of children had a family dog. Of the children who owned a dog 55% reported walking their dog in the last week and 45% of these did so without an adult. Children who walked their dog were more independently mobile than those who did not walk their dog (all children, boys & girls p < 0.01). Boys who walked their dog without an adult had greater independent mobility than boys who walked their dog with an adult (p < 0.05). Dog walkers who were independently mobile did more walking/week (184mins) than those dog walkers who were not independently mobile (128mins; all children p < 0.01). For boys, dog walkers who were independently mobile were also more likely to be sufficiently active (72% vs 59%; p < 0.01). Dog walking and independent mobility was not associated with pedometer steps. Discussion: Children who walk their dog are more independently mobile than children who own a dog but do not walk it. Dog walking and independent mobility are associated with children's walking and, for boys, are associated with achieving the recommended level of physical activity. These results highlight that dog walking provides opportunities for children to be independently mobile. Strategies aimed at encouraging older children to walk their dog may assist in increasing children's physical activity. Future research should examine if the promotion of dog walking in families is a viable intervention strategy for increasing children's physical activity.
Introduction: Understanding predictors of physical activity in centre based care is important for developing interventions to help ensure young children achieve recommended levels of physical activity and minimise their risk of overweight and obesity. The aim of this study was to describe children's levels of physical activity and modifiable centre-based associated with physical activity in long day care. Methods: Pedometers were used to assess physical activity levels of 328 children aged between 3-5 years in 20 randomly selected long day care services in the Hunter Region of New South Wales, Australia. Staff questionnaires and observational audits were used to assess staff and centre-based characteristics including: staff qualification level, staff training in physical activity; staff participating with children in free active play or prompting children to increase physical activity, time spent playing computer/video games, time spent in seated activity, time spent in outdoor play, staff led physical activity, outdoor play area, portable and fixed playground equipment to encourage physical activity, and opportunities for children to learn and practice fundamental movement skills. Results: Over the 6-hour observation period of 0900-1500, the average step count was 5,466 (+2,383) or 15.8 (+6.8) steps/minute. Step counts were significantly higher in centres that had a written physical activity policy (+3.8 steps/minute, p = 0.03), included staff led structured physical activity (+3.7 steps/minute, p < 0.001) and staff participation in active play (+2.9 steps/minute, p = 0.057). Discussion: It is recommended that Australian preschool children obtain 3-hours a day of active play. For children spending a large part of the day in care, much of this activity will need to be obtained during this time. Interventions to increase children's physical activity while in care should support long day care centres to develop and implement physical activity policies and build the capacity of staff to encourage physical activity through delivery of structured activities and participation in physically active play.
Introduction: Physical activity is important for young children's health yet compliance with recommendations is low. Identifying factors associated with young children's physical activity is necessary to inform development of future interventions and public health programs. This study sought to identify multidimensional correlates of preschool children's physical activity.

Methods: The social ecological model (SEM) was used to identify constructs potentially associated with preschool children's physical activity across each of the three domains—individual, social, physical environment. Cross-sectional data were collected from 1004 preschool children, aged between three and five years, and their parents in 2008-2009. Physical activity was measured over eight days using ActiGraph accelerometers. Parents completed a comprehensive survey. Generalized linear modeling was used to assess bivariable and multivariable associations between potential correlates and percent of time in each of three physical activity outcome variables (weekly [which included both week and weekend days], week day, weekend day) for boys and girls separately.

Results: Correlates of physical activity were found across all the domains of the SEM and varied between boys and girls and between week and weekend days for each of the sexes. Age was the only consistent correlate, with children spending approximately 10% less time in physical activity for each advancing year of age. Some modifiable correlates which were related to more than one physical activity outcome were rules restricting rough games inside and usual daily sleep time for boys (both inversely associated). Spending time outside on weekends and visiting active play spaces supported boys to be more active. For girls, a preference to play inside/draw/do craft rather than be active and child constraints such as lack of time or someone to play with were inversely associated with more than one of the physical activity outcomes. Paternal provision of logistic support was associated with girls spending a greater percent of their time being active on weekends.

Discussion: As correlates of preschool children's physical activity are multidimensional, future interventions and programs should ensure they address factors across all levels of the SEM. Potential strategies for promoting preschool children's physical activity should seek to influence identified correlates. Programs may need to consider whether they address week or weekend day physical activity as different correlates would need to be targeted. Sex-specific strategies may also be warranted.
Introduction: Moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) has a range of social and health benefits among children. Ethnic minority children and children with low Socio Economic Status (SES) often engage in less organized sports than Danish children with high SES. However little is known about objectively measured MVPA among ethnic minority groups in Denmark. Based on baseline data from the When Cities Move Children study, this study investigates the association of the built environment, socio-demographic and social support variables on children's daily physical activity. Methods: Participants were 291 children from four schools in a diverse ethnic minority community in Copenhagen, Denmark (10-16yrs). Physical activity data were obtained using accelerometers (Actigraph GT3X, 30 sec epoch) and Evenson cutpoints were used to determine mean daily time in MVPA. Exposure variables were based on questionnaire data, registry data, GPS/GIS derived variables and accelerometer data. Data were analyzed in STATAmp 12 using a 3-level mixed multilevel model to examine both unadjusted and adjusted models. Results: Among the participants 45% were boys, 42.5% had at least one parent who did not work and 64.3% had at least one parent with an ethnic minority background. The
adjusted analyses showed that boys engage in significantly more minutes of daily MVPA than girls (boys: 57.8, girls: 36.9, p < 0.001) and that boys from a Danish ethnic family accumulated significantly less minutes of daily MVPA compared to boys from an ethnic minority family (p < 0.001). Girls in grade 7 (13-14yrs) accumulated the least minutes of MVPA (p < 0.05). Being in a class with a high average mean MVPA was significantly associated with higher individual MVPA among both boys (p < 0.001) and girls (p < 0.05). None of the included built environment variables were significantly associated with MVPA in the adjusted model.

Discussion: This study contradicts the notion that ethnic minority boys are less physically active than Danish boys. Anecdotal work so far confirms the hypothesis that these boys are bound to spend the majority of their leisure time outdoors in their local community due to crowding in their home while girls are confined to the home to stay out of trouble and help in the home. Further analyses based on available GPS data on these participants will provide more insight, leading to new documentation on the association on outdoor time and physical activity level as well as new knowledge on which built environment variables may be relevant for this group of children.

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N2 - Introduction: This research was part of a larger study known as the Sydney Playground Project (SPP), which aims to increase physical activity and social skills in primary school children by means of a low-cost innovative playground intervention. The aim of this part of the project was to investigate what children aged 5-7
years in Sydney do after school hours. Our focus was on whether children spent time indoors or outdoors, who they were with, and the parents' perceptions of the children's levels of physical movement, intensity and involvement. Methods: Experience sampling method (ESM) was used to obtain the data. We asked parents/carers of 221 children, (119 boys, 102 girls; mean age 6.0 years) to keep a palm pilot close by for four week days. On those days, the palm pilot delivered three brief surveys at random times between 1530-1900. The intention of the survey was to find out 'What your child is doing now' and the details of these activities (full details of the protocol can be found at http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/11/680). Results: Baseline survey data relating to after school activities indicated 55% of the time was spent indoors in pastimes involving low levels of physical activity. Children were engaged in higher levels of physical activity when outdoors and/or with peers, but these respectively accounted for < 20% and < 10% of survey occasions. The major contributor to children's pastimes was screen time (television or computer, 22%). Discussion: Our findings are considered in the context of opportunities for children to play outdoors with peers after school hours. We examine some of the pressures on parents and others to keep children safe, which may, paradoxically, lead to children engaging in sedentary pastimes with limited peer interaction, hence increasing the risk of later physical and mental health problems.

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KW - Crowding
KW - lowest income group
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KW - leisure
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Introduction: There are concerning trends for a decline in time spent in physical activity and physical education and increased sedentary time in South African schoolchildren. 'HealthKick' is a primary school-based intervention for low-income settings that aims to promote healthy eating and physical activity through Action Planning. We were particularly interested in school breaktime, as a possible target for intervention. Factors that have previously been shown to positively influence physical activity during break-time include: playground markings and renovations, teacher supervision and the availability of loose equipment. Aims: This study was a quasi-experimental, post-test only, control-group design and aimed to test whether or not physical activity during break-time was greater in intervention schools that had participated in Action Planning. A secondary aim was to determine the extent to which the school environment influenced physical activity during break-time in South African schools. Methods: The System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity in Youth (SOPLAY) was carried out in eight of the HealthKick schools (4 intervention and 4 control). Visual scans were conducted by multiple observers in pre-selected target areas, noting the activity of each individual within a target area, (sitting, standing, eating, walking, or playing). Observers also noted information about the school environment, including whether the area was usable, accessible, and supervised, if organised activity was taking place, and the availability of equipment. Results: There were no differences between intervention and control schools. Approximately 31% of learners were sedentary, 14% were eating, with 29% and 26% involved in moderate or vigorous play, respectively. Supervision during break was associated with a significantly lower proportion of learners engaged in vigorous play (P < 0.04, 24% vs 28%) and a greater number of learners eating their lunch (17% vs 11%). Finally, learner density (number of learners per area scanned) was significantly and inversely associated with physical activity. Only 17.6% of learners in low density areas were sedentary compared to 49.6% of those in high density areas; conversely 28.2% of learners engaged in vigorous play in low density areas, compared to only 13.5% in high density areas (P < 0.001). Conclusions: Physical activity during break-time in these South African primary schools was adversely affected by over-crowding and teacher supervision. The results suggest that educators were more involved in ‘crowd control’ than the promotion of physical activity during break-time, and that interventions may be targeted at the school policy environment to reduce these barriers to physical activity.
Introduction: The study of sedentary behavior in rural African children and adolescents is scarce, and the goal of this research was to compare the sedentary behavior and light physical activities (LPA) between a rural sample from Mozambican school aged youth (6 to 16 years old) with their European peers, namely from Portugal. Methods: The sample comprises 146 Mozambican (MZ) and 195 Portuguese (PT) youth of both gender, and was split in 3 age groups (6-8yrs; 9-11yrs; 12-16yrs). The Actigraph model 7164 was used to obtain information marking daily PA and sedentary behaviours during 7 consecutive days in PT, and 1 only day in MZ (due to operational and logistic problems). Data files from all participants were screened by detecting blocks of consecutive zeros. Periods with 60 minutes of consecutive zeros were detected and flagged as times in which the monitor was not worn. Participants had to have at least 10 hours of data to count as a valid day. After complete screening, the raw activity "counts" were processed for time spent in the different PA intensities computations. Sedentary behavior was defined as PA with energy expenditure at the level of 1.0-1.5 metabolic equivalent units (METs). LPA was defined as PA with energy expenditure at the level of 1.6-2.9 METs. Puyau regression equation was used to determine the cut-points for PA intensities. Sedentary behavior was identified using a cut-point of <670 counts.min⁻¹, and LPA using a cut-point of >670 and <3003 counts.min⁻¹ Results: Mozambican rural school aged sample showed, at all age groups and gender, an accentuated lower time spent in daily sedentary activities with a magnitude of difference around 1.5 higher for PT (Boys: MZ=370.9±78.2 vs PT=590.8±81.9; Girls: MZ=389.4±90.5 vs PT=596.2±86.2; F=493.7; p=0.0000). Using country, age and sex as factors, no statistically significant interactions were found. By turn, time spent in light activities were higher in MZ (Boys: MZ=197.5±47.9 vs PT=157.9±42.7; Girls: MZ=211.8±56.0 vs PT=158.9±47.7; F=66.7; p<0.001) in a magnitude of 1.3 higher for MZ. No significant interactions (p>0.05) were observed. Conclusions: Based on simultaneous observational studies, a significant higher time spent in light activities and less in sedentary behavior from the MZ rural school aged population may to be related to survival households activities, long distance walks and outdoor games still present in African rural areas.
Introduction: The home setting is an important sphere of influence on the sedentary behaviour and activity of children and younger adolescents. Whilst there has been much investigation of the neighbourhood level physical environment, the home physical environment has received less attention. The purpose of this study was to systematically review recent literature on the influence of the home physical environment on sedentary behaviour and physical activity of children and adolescents aged 8-14 years. Methods: Medline, Web of Science, PsycINFO and SPORTDiscus databases were searched for English language peer reviewed journal articles published between 2005 and 2011. Thirty-six observational and 11 experimental studies met the inclusion criteria and were reviewed. Results: Most studies were conducted in high income countries including USA (n=14), Australia (n=8), New Zealand (n=4), UK (n=4) and The Netherlands (n=4). Twenty-one observational studies measured physical activity outcomes, with over half including objective measures; while 20 measured sedentary behaviour outcomes, with three using objective measures. The most common measures of the home physical environment were electronic media devices (n=27), physical activity equipment (n=14)
and yard/gardens (n=5). In more than half of studies, positive associations were found between household electronic media devices and sedentary behaviours. Amongst the experimental studies reviewed, the two main strategies to change the home physical environment were, introducing a TV limiting device or an active video game. Introducing a TV limiting device resulted in a decrease in TV viewing in intervention groups compared to control groups. Introducing an active video game showed an increase in active video game play and a decrease in sedentary video game play in intervention groups compared to no intervention control groups in RCT studies. Discussion: In an era of changing home and technology environments, this review provides an up to date summary of the evidence related to the influence of the home physical environment on children's sedentary and activity behaviours. Health promotion interventions should promote strategies to limit electronic media equipment in the home including in children's bedrooms. TV limiting devices and active video games show some promise for decreasing sedentary screen time and increasing children's activity at home, although maintenance remains an issue. Exploration of potential influences in this domain outside of physical activity and media equipment, and further intervention studies, are recommended. The relationship of sedentary time with the physical, social and virtual elements of the home environment is of particular interest.
Introduction: Sedentary behaviours are highly prevalent amongst children and may be adversely associated with cardiometabolic health, independently of participation in physical activity. To inform intervention development, this study examined parental and home-environmental determinants of 1-year change in children's objectively measured sedentary time after-school (Monday-Friday, 1500-2300) and at the weekend (Saturday-Sunday, 0600-2300). Methods: Data are from the Sport, Physical Activity, and Eating Behaviour: Environmental Determinants in Young People (SPEEDY) study. Participants wore accelerometers at baseline and 1 year later. Longitudinal data for the after-school and weekend analyses were available for 854 (41.5% male, mean±SD age 10.2±0.3 years) and 718 (41.8% male, age 10.2±0.3 years) participants respectively. Information on 26 candidate predictors, including socio-economic status (SES), availability of electronic media and parental rules for active and sedentary behaviours was self-reported by children and/or their parents at baseline. Change in the proportion of registered time spent sedentary (<100cpm) was used as the outcome variable in multi-level linear regression models, adjusted for age, sex, body mass index and baseline sedentary time. Simple and multiple models were run and interactions with sex explored. Results: In absolute terms, sedentary time increased over 1 year (after-school: 4.9±45.1 min/day; weekend 8.0±89.3 min/day). SES was positively associated with change in after-school (beta; 95% CI: 1.02; 0.37, 1.66) and weekend (1.42; 0.65, 2.18) sedentary time. Negative associations with change in after-school sedentary time were observed for having more siblings (-1.00; -1.69, -0.30), greater availability of electronic media (-0.81; -1.29, -0.33), and, for boys, more frequent family visits to the park (-1.89; -3.28, -0.51) and family participation in sport (-1.28; -2.54, -0.02). Maternal weekend screen-time (0.45; 0.08, 0.83) and, in girls, greater parental restriction on playing outside (0.91; 0.08, 1.74) were positively associated with change in weekend sedentary time. For participants with a (step-) father living at home, father's weekend screen-time was positively associated with change in weekend sedentary time (0.40; 0.01, 0.78). Father's physical activity was positively associated with change in boys' after-school sedentary time (1.34; 0.53, 2.15). Discussion: Nine determinants of change in sedentary time were identified, some of which were time- or sex-specific. Higher SES children exhibited greater increases in sedentary time afterschool and at weekends compared to children of low SES, highlighting a potential target population. Intervention strategies that aim to reduce parents' weekend screen-time, increase family participation in sports or recreation (for boys) and promote freedom to play outside (for girls) may contribute towards preventing the age-related increase in sedentary time.
Introduction: Ecological models of health behavior have potential as theoretical framework to comprehend the multiple levels of factors influencing physical activity (PA). The potential is shown by the fact that there has been a dramatic increase in application of ecological models in research and practice. One proposed core principle is that an ecological model is most powerful if the model is behavior-specific. However, based on multi-level interventions in a Danish context, it must be considered that ecological models also should be site-specific to capture local and cultural aspects related to PA.

Methods: Three major multi-level intervention studies are carried out in Denmark with the objective to promote PA in 17 local communities. 1) The SPACE-study is a comprehensive intervention in 7 local school districts (N = 1,348). 2) The When Cities Move Children-study is investigating the effects of urban refurbishment on adolescents' movement patterns (N = 653) and 3) The Valuable Detours for PA-project is a intervention study in 9 municipalities measuring the effect of new established outdoor facilities for PA among 12-85 years old citizens (N = 10,434). The SPACE and the WCMC study used objective measurements of PA combined with e-surveys, the VDPA study is based on self-reported e-survey data.

Results: Merging the data from the three intervention studies clarifies different local and cultural aspects with specific effect on PA behavior. This finding is closely related to the fact that the new outdoor PA facilities in the 17 local communities have different size, composition and are targeted to different subgroups with different organizational setup to support the use of the facilities. Despite the conceptual and contextual differences PA behavior is also affected by cultural and social values related to the specific site which not alone can be explained by intrapersonal, interpersonal or organizational factors.

Discussion: The Ecological Model of Four Domains of Active Living specifies that factors at multiple levels can influence PA behavior, and emphasizes the importance of behavior-specific models. On this theoretical basis the three mentioned multi-level interventions were planned and implemented. Based on the empirical studies we argue that site-specific factors have to be taken into consideration. A theoretical implication of this finding is to develop a site-specific physical activity behavior model adding a layered structure to the ecological model representing the determinants related to the specific site.
Background: In response to the transfusion-transmitted AIDS epidemic the Commission of Inquiry on the Blood System in Canada recommended the development of a monitoring and tracking system of product usage. The Association of Hemophilia Clinic Directors of Canada (AHCDC) implemented the Canadian Hemophilia Assessment and Resource Management System (CHARMS) to track factor concentrates (FC) from the sole suppliers, Canadian Blood Services (CBS) and Hema-Quebec (HQ), to hospitals and to patients' homes.

Objective: To identify the indications and locations for infusions of factor VIII (FVIII), factor IX (FIX), recombinant factor VIIa (rFVIIa) and FVIII inhibitor bypass activity (FEIBA) and review utilization during 2000-2009. Methods: All Canadian patients with hemophilia attend the 26 Canadian Hemophilia Treatment Centres (HTCs) and are registered with the Canadian Hemophilia Registry (CHR; ahcdc.ca) from which they
receive a unique number suitable for anonymizing data. HTCs receive product and infusion data from the blood suppliers (CBS, HQ), regional hospitals and patients. HTCs enter these data into their clinic-based CHARMS software program and then export the data to the national database (CentrePoint) where data are validated.

Results: From 2000 to 2009, 2,904 patients received, predominantly, FVIII (902 million Units) and FIX (240 million Units). A total of 2,386(82%) had congenital bleeding disorders listed in the Canadian Hemophilia Registry. The remaining 518 were not registered because they either did not have inherited factor deficiency or had registrations pending. Most of FVIII and FIX was infused by patients at home: 90% to 95% for FVIII and 85% to 94% for FIX. The yearly amount of FVIII infused increased over time; this was accounted for by an increase in the number of patients who were treated shown by positive and significant correlation(r=0.89; p=0.04), not so by amount infused per patient which remained constant (p=0.57). Furthermore, there was a linear relationship between an increase in patients and increased utilization, each additional patient predicting for an increased utilization of 96,217 units (P=.04). The highest proportional utilization of both FVIII and FIX was for prophylaxis, and this proportion increased over time, while the proportion used for bleeding remained steady. In 2009, the proportions used for prophylaxis were 73% and 60% for factor VIII and factor IX respectively; for bleeding the proportions were 16% and 30%, for surgery 1% and 4%, for immune tolerance induction 3% and 1%, and unclassified use was 6% and 5% respectively. Among inhibitor by-passing products, rFVIIa was the product most used by patients without bleeding disorders, 20% of VIIa being used by these patients but only 6% of FIEBA. FIEBA was predominant over rFVIIa for prophylaxis in children.

Improvements in data collection included a notable decrease in the proportion of Unclassified usage; for FVIII from 12-36% each year from 2000-2004 to 6-16% from 2005-2009; for FIX from 14-41% each year before 2005 to 4-14% after 2004. Specifically, the decrease in Unclassified infusions of FVIII from 16% in 2005 to 6% in 2009 showed a statistically significant trend (p=.02). Conclusions: 1) Data collection became reliable after 2004 when the proportion of Unclassified indications and the annual increase in patient numbers fell to low levels; hence subsequent trends should be compared with the period 2005-2009. 2) The increase in total annual FVIII concentrate use is accounted for by the annual increase in patient numbers, not by the annual use per patient, 3) FC are increasingly being infused for prophylaxis. 4) The major site of infusion is at home, which is outside the scope of the existing tracking system and which comprises only blood suppliers and hospitals; hence, HTCs and a comprehensive data collection system, CHARMS in this case, are both required components of an effective national tracking system and 5) a tracking system involving the entire supply and treatment chain is essential for predicting utilization and planning for future needs.
It is known that physical activity (PA) behavior is influenced by many factors within the social ecological model. Using results from parent surveys distributed after their children's completion of a cardiovascular risk screening program, we explored the relationship between home and community environments on the amount of PA in which children engaged. Our hypothesis was that more immediate factors such as parent activity would have a greater impact on child activity than factors in their community environments. A large sample (n=450) of children (ages 5-10 years) were examined. Children's physical activity was assessed by adding the total minutes of active time weekly. Parent physical activity was measured with two self report items regarding the number of days per week they were active. Two scales were constructed to evaluate the effects of the home (9 items; alpha = .829) and community (16 items; alpha = .868). The home environment scale measured elements related to activity opportunities and home schedules; the community scale assessed presence of playgrounds, or safe sidewalks, for example. To assess associations between factors and children's PA, we conducted a linear stepwise regression with child age, parent PA, Home scale, and Community scale as predictors and the log transformed total weekly activity time as the dependent variable. Sixteen percent of children's PA was explained by the tested model. Figure 1 provides specific information about each variable. The home scale had the greatest weight (beta=0.360, p<.001), and proved to have a larger predictive effect than parent PA. These findings are significant for identifying which aspects of a child's surrounding to intervene for maximum impact on physical activity. Figure 1. R^2 Change between model levels (Figure presented)
BACKGROUND It has been proven that males engage in physical activity more than females starting at a young age. The goal of this study was to investigate gender differences based on parenting behaviors such as the frequency with which parents send their children out to play. METHODS Parents of children participating in a free cardiovascular risk-screening program (CARDIAC Project) completed a behavioral survey. Children (n = 472; 43.3% female) who were enrolled in elementary school participated in the study. Parents provided information about children's physical activity and their own ways in which they provided support of activity at home. Children's participation in 12 activities was captured by total number of minutes per week. A combined mean activity score was calculated by summing the children's total time across all of the activities. Parent behavior, specifically the frequency at which parents send their children outside to play was captured using a Likert scale where "1" represented never and "5" represented daily. Child gender and the amount of time allowed outside for play were then entered into a linear regression model to examine their role as potential predictors of child activity. RESULTS A significant gender difference (p < .001) was noted in children's total activity time with boys (n = 237; 751 minutes/week) exhibiting higher mean activity each week than girls (n = 229; 521 minutes/week). Child gender and the amount of time allowed outside to play significantly predicted children's activity levels overall. This model explained 28.9% of the variance in children's activity levels (F = 20.25 (2); p < .001). Specifically, girls had less opportunity (3.75) than boys (4.05) to play outside. CONCLUSION A factor behind the lesser physical activity in female adolescents is significantly related to the decreased opportunity to play outside. Additional parenting practices will be shared if presented. In conclusion, parent behavior plays a significant role in the proven gender differences with childhood physical activity.

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Background: Face memory has been proposed as a candidate endophenotype for bipolar disorder (BD) (Glahn et al. 2010). However, researchers have yet to examine the neural correlates mediating face memory and encoding in youth. Both euthymic BD youth and children at familial risk show deficits in face emotion labeling (Brotman et al. 2008), and demonstrate amygdala/parahippocampal gyrus hyperactivation during face processing (Olsavsky et al. 2012). Pediatric BD patients and youth at-risk also show deficits in cognitive control (Brotman et al. 2009), and prefrontal dysfunction during cognitive flexibility tasks (Kim et al. 2012). Here, we compare neural activation during emotional face encoding in pediatric BD patients, children at familial risk with a first-degree BD relative, and healthy comparison youth. Behaviorally, we expect that pediatric BD patients and at-risk youth will demonstrate deficits in face memory (Glahn et al. 2010) and increased intrasubject variability in response time (ISV-RT) (Brotman et al. 2009). During successful and unsuccessful encoding of faces, we hypothesize that both BD and at-risk youth will demonstrate similar dysfunction in parahippocampal (Olsavsky et al. 2012) and prefrontal (Kim et al. 2012) regions mediating face emotion processing.

Methods: Functional magnetic resonance
Imaging (fMRI) data were acquired from 77 participants (8-18 years old), including 27 pediatric BD patients, 13 unaffected children at familial risk, and 37 healthy comparison youth. During the encoding phase of the study, fMRI data were acquired while subjects viewed a series of emotional faces in an event-related design. During separate blocks, subjects engaged in an explicit (rating hostility, subjective fear) or implicit (nose width or passive viewing) face viewing task. Using a subsequent memory paradigm (Dickstein et al. 2007), memory for faces was tested in a surprise recognition test outside the scanner. The memory test consisted of viewing neutral faces that included both previously viewed actors who had displayed emotions in-scanner and novel actors. A d’ score was calculated to measure performance during the post-scan memory task; higher d’ indicates better performance and memory discrimination. The main contrast of interest was activation during the two implicit processing tasks (nose width or passive viewing) while viewing faces remembered accurately (hit) vs. not (miss).

We conducted two whole-brain ANOVAs, one for each implicit encoding task, using a p<0.005 threshold with clusters >45 voxels. Results: Groups did not differ on age, IQ, or sex distribution. There were no between group differences in face memory as measured by d’. However, consistent with our hypothesis, behavioral analyses revealed that BD (p<.05) and at risk (p<.005) youth demonstrated deficits in attention as measured by higher ISV-RT relative to healthy comparison youth during face encoding ratings (hostility, subjective fear, nose width). Groups did not differ in reaction time or face ratings. Whole brain ANOVAs on the hit vs. miss contrast revealed two patterns of activity, with BD and at risk youth differing from healthy comparison youth. During the nose width encoding task, BD (p<.05) and at risk (p<.005) youth demonstrated left superior temporal gyrus and left parahippocampal gyrus hyperactivity relative to healthy comparison youth. However, during the passive viewing encoding task, BD (p<.005) and at risk (p<.05; p=.10) demonstrated hypoactivity in the right middle temporal gyrus and inferior frontal gyrus.

Conclusions: While memory for faces has been proposed as a potential behavioral BD endophenotype (Glahn et al. 2010), this is the first study to examine the neural correlates of this deficit in youth. Unexpectedly, groups did not differ behaviorally in face memory discrimination. However, consistent with prior work, relative to healthy comparison youth, BD and at risk children demonstrated behavioral deficits in attention, manifest as higher ISV-RT. BD and at risk youth also showed similar patterns of neural dysfunction. Together, these findings suggest that when BD and at risk youth are able to successfully remember faces, the attentional and neural mechanisms mediating encoding differ from healthy comparison youth. Specifically, we observed hyperactivation in parahippocampal and superior temporal regions, and hypoactivation in middle temporal and inferior frontal areas. Dysfunction in the parahippocampal gyrus and prefrontal cortex is consistent with prior work in at risk and BD youth (Kim et al. 2012; Olsavsky et al. 2012). The superior temporal area is involved in face and emotion perception (Saïdet al. 2010), and is associated with the pathophysiology of pediatric BD (Pavuluri et al. 2010). Our results build on work identifying behavioral deficits in face memory (Glahn et al. 2010) by suggesting neural deficits associated with emotional face encoding. Future studies should include larger samples and a longitudinal design to determine whether the neural deficits associated with emotional face encoding predict the onset of BD in youth at risk for the illness. With further study, risk stratification and preventive interventions could be used to potentially mitigate the development and prevalence of BD.
Background: Nonhuman primates (NHPs) serve as excellent models for human psychopathology as they share many similarities in behavior, neuroanatomy, and genetics. To determine whether infant monkeys reared in a naturalistic setting could serve as useful models for the development of normally-occurring childhood anxious behaviors, we adapted assessments designed to test anxiety in children. To begin to understand other physiological links to anxious behavior we measured level of physical activity in infancy through pubertal development. Methods: We studied infant rhesus macaques (n=640) reared in a naturalistic outdoor setting. Between 3 and 6 months of age, monkeys were given modified assessments that are routinely used to evaluate behavioral inhibition in children. When monkeys were 3 years of age (just post-pubertal), anxiety tests were again performed and activity was measured by accelerometer. Results: Factor analysis revealed three factors related to anxiety (behavioral inhibition, reticence, impassivity) accounting for 52.8% of variance in observed behaviors. Behavioral inhibition was decreased exploration in the presence of the mother (as defined in children). Reticence was decreased exploration when alone and impassivity was decreased behavioral expression in the face of a threatening or frightening stimulus. Activity measured in infancy was correlated with reticence (r=0.685, p<0.001) and impassivity (r=0.728, p<0.001), and remained correlated with these anxious behaviors in late adolescence, such that monkeys that were more reticent to explore and showed greater impassivity when confronted with novel or frightening stimuli were less active. Both anxious behavior and activity measures were significantly heritable. Anxiety traits were strongly associated with physiological correlates of anxiety (i.e., responsiveness to alcohol, CSF monoamine levels, heart rate and sleep). Conclusions: These findings show that monkeys reared in a naturalistic setting exhibit a spectrum of anxious behaviors that parallel what is observed in clinical settings. Level of physical activity is strongly correlated with the display of several anxious behaviors.
Background: Current PENTA guidelines recommend lifelong cART for children. Switching to boosted PI monotherapy in adults with suppressed VL has been shown in randomised open trials to be a viable strategic option with switch/intensification in the occurrence of viral rebound. Outside of studies, boosted PI monotherapy is usually reserved for particular circumstances such as renal dysfunction, simplification, toxicity, or where adherence and drug-selected resistance is a concern. This report describes our experience with children where additional disruptive factors in family, school and home as well as peer pressure and pubertal development are evident. Methods: Patient, pharmacy and laboratory results were reviewed and a database constructed for analysis. Adherence was measured in consultations with patients and their families. Results: Four patients were identified, three patients on PI monotherapy, one on patient on PI double therapy. All patients were male, median age: 14 years (range 11-16 years). Average age at diagnosis of HIV was 6 years (range 2-10 years). All were commenced on combination ARV therapy at diagnosis and had been treated for over 6 years (range 6-10 years). At PI initiation: average CD4 count 677 (range 503-753), 3 patients had undetectable viral loads, one patient whose compliance was poor due to family circumstance had a viral load was 9, 217. Reasons for changing to PI monotherapy included reducing the number of medications (100%),
lipodystrophy (50%), increased protein: creatinine ratio (25%) and drug resistance. The patient prescribed double PI therapy had genotypic resistance to all NRTIs including intermediate resistance to Tenofovir and all NNRTIs. PI prescribed: Loponavir and ritonavir (25%) darunavir with ritonovir (50%) Loponavir, ritonavir and atazanavir (25%). The average CD4 count increase on PI monotherapy was 82 (range 21-150). All patients had undetectable viral loads after PI monotherapy including the patient with an initial viral load of 9,217.

Conclusion: Paediatric HIV treatment is a challenge in which boosted PI monotherapy may play a helpful role. Patients showed increased CD4 counts and decreased viral load. PI monotherapy allows adherence issues to be worked through without further resistance, simplifies therapy where there is NNRTI/NRTI resistance. All medication changes have to be made with the child and parents on board until they are able to take control of their own health and medications.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3412
T1 - The "magic of movement": Efficacy of using magic in intensive Hand-Arm Bimanual Intensive Therapy (HABIT) programme
A1 - Green, D.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70565382
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - magic
KW - Arm
KW - disability
KW - childhood
KW - intensive care
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - hemiplegia
KW - Therapy
KW - spasticity
KW - Exercise
KW - brain injury
KW - Motor Performance
KW - arm movement
KW - Experimental Design
KW - book
KW - questionnaire
KW - skill
KW - summer
KW - motor dysfunction
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 28
JF - Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology
VL - Conference: 23rd Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Childhood Disability Rome Italy.
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IS - var.pagings
N2 - Background: Children with motor disorders such as hemiplegia or acquired brain injury, have particular difficulty performing hand and arm movements, especially those involving bimanual control. The Hand-Arm Bimanual Intensive Therapy (HABIT) programme has been found to be beneficial in improving bimanual function in some children with hemiplegia. However the need for significant repetition and massed practice (hours and intensity of therapy contact) is difficult to achieve in clinical settings and thus may limit outcomes. Incorporating magic 'hand' tricks as a motivator to pursue exercises outside of direct therapy was meant to overcome this limitation. Objective: The aim of this study was to examine the efficacy of a modified HABIT
programme—using Magic Tricks to improve upper limb motor function in children with spastic hemiplegia.

Method: Movement exercises designed as 'magic' tricks were incorporated into a HABIT protocol. Children between 7 and 15 years (n = 23) participated in a 2-week summer camp involving 60 hours of intervention in a clinical setting. A within (n = 23) and between groups (treated vs treatment wait) experimental design was used to contrast performance across manual tasks pre and post intervention. Measurements of bimanual performance in daily tasks were made using the Assisting Hand Assessment and Children's Hand Experience Questionnaire (CHEQ). The results of the CHEQ as a measure of generalisation will be reported here. Results: Results on the CHEQ within participants show a significant increase in the number of activities performed independently (F(df 2,20) 16.00, p = 0.001) and number of activities performed successfully with two hands (F(df 2,20) 17.71, p < 0.001) following participation in the camp. No significant loss of skills was noted at 3 month review.

Conclusions: Preliminary results suggest that a modified HABIT programme using magic as a motivator may enhance therapeutic outcomes in children with spastic hemiplegia.

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T1 - An unusual cause of constipation in the elderly: Anal sphincter achalasia
A1 - Yazici,C.
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Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70556765
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - esophagus achalasia
KW - constipation
KW - Aged
KW - anus sphincter
KW - college
KW - gastroenterology
KW - patient
KW - tube
KW - Abdomen
KW - thyroid disease
KW - Hospital
KW - Decompression
KW - sphincter
KW - Differential Diagnosis
KW - dementia
KW - rectum
KW - sigmoidoscopy
KW - Etiology
KW - electrolyte disturbance
KW - colonoscopy
KW - sigmoid volvulus
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Diet
KW - Intestine
KW - suppository
KW - injection
KW - Risk
KW - feces incontinence
KW - Child
KW - early diagnosis
Purpose: To highlight the importance of high suspicion and early diagnosis of IASA in elderly patients with chronic constipation. Methods: Chart review. Results: We present a case of IASA in an 89-year-old female with past medical history of dementia, insomnia, falls, heart block, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and CHF. The patient had a history of transverse colectomy for colon cancer 16 years prior. She was admitted to the hospital because of worsening abdominal distention and constipation ongoing intermittently for 10 years. She did not have abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, hematochezia, or fever and her vitals were normal. Examination revealed a soft but markedly distended abdomen without rebound or guarding. Rectal exam did not show impaction or active bleed, but sphincter tone was significantly increased. Labs revealed a normocytic anemia and normal WBC count. KUB showed markedly distended small and large bowel loops and a dilated rectum measuring 2222 cm. Differential diagnoses considered were Ogilvie's syndrome, ileus due to gastrointestinal dysmotility aggravated by thyroid dysfunction or electrolyte abnormalities. CT abdomen showed resolving right ileopsoas hematoma from a prior fall, mild ascites, absence of pneumatosis, and presence of a markedly dilated sigmoid colon and rectum. The patient had a soft rectal tube placed with which her abdomen very rapidly decompressed. She was also started on intravenous erythromycin, empiric antibiotics, and scheduled soap enemas. She had multiple bowel movements and did not require flexible sigmoidoscopy for decompression. Further lab investigations excluded thyroid dysfunction, infectious etiologies
such as C. diff, UTI, and significant electrolyte imbalances. Colonoscopy from a prior admission at an outside hospital was negative for sigmoid volvulus or recurrent cancer. Alternative diagnosis of IASA was made. After improvement, she was started on diet, oral Miralax, and glycerin suppositories and the rectal tube was removed. The patient and her family were informed about treatment options such as anal sphincterectomy and botox injection to the anal sphincter. Given her dementia and the risk of fecal incontinence they decided against these options. The patient was placed on nifedipine cream. Conclusion: Although rarely seen, IASA has been primarily described in children. However, it should be in the differential diagnosis in elderly patients with chronic constipation with increased sphincter tones. High level of suspicion and early treatment with rectal tube decompression leads to rapid resolution of symptoms.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3414
T1 - TSH bioactivity in children with isolated central hypothyroidism and macroorchidism
A1 - Del Blanco,D.G.
A1 - Hokken-Koelega,A.
A1 - Visser,J.A.
A1 - De Graaff,L.C.G.
A1 - De,Rijke Y.
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A1 - Visser,T.J.
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A1 - Moreno,J.C.
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - 70461888
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - drug activity
KW - Society
KW - macroorchidism
KW - Child
KW - hypothyroidism
KW - endocrinology
KW - patient
KW - stimulation
KW - serum
KW - thyroid gland
KW - Phenotype
KW - Puberty
KW - gene
KW - gonadorelin test
KW - secretion
KW - Glycosylation
KW - assay
KW - promoter region
KW - luminescence
KW - genetic transfection
KW - Mutation
KW - protirelin test
KW - hypothesis
KW - Sertoli cell
KW - hospital patient
KW - congenital hypothyroidism
Isolated central congenital hypothyroidism (ICCH) is a rare disease with so far undescribed associations with peripheral features outside the thyroid axis. Here we present three boys, from two separate pedigrees, with ICCH and progressive testicular enlargement under prepubertal levels of FSH, LH and testosterone. We hypothesized that the secretion of an abnormal TSH molecule with low bioactivity towards the TSH receptor (TSHR) but aberrant stimulation of testicular FSH receptor (FSHR), could explain the phenotype. Methods: Thyroid and sex hormone axes were monitored in these children, including TRH- and GnRH-tests, a-subunit, inhibin-B and anti-mullerian hormone (AMH). Bioactivity of patients' sera was studied against TSHR- and FSHR-transfected cells in separate luciferase reporter assays. Cells were stimulated with hrTSH, rhFSH or patients' sera. Luciferase expression under control of a promoter containing 6 CRE (cyclic-AMP-Responsive-Element) sites was measured by luminescence and normalized for transfection efficiency. Likely candidate genes for the phenotype were fully screened for mutations. Results: All patients had a type 2 (pituitary) response to TRH-test, and pre-pubertal responses to GnRH. They started puberty at 12.5 years with testicular volumes of 8-12 ml, reaching 30-37 ml after puberty. a-subunit is normal, but inhibin-B (351-505 ng/L; n: 138-196) and AMH (18.3-48 ug/L, n: 5-9) were strongly elevated. Patient 1 showed decreased TSH bioactivity for TSHR (n=3) and increased stimulation of FSHR-cells (n=1), compatible with initial hypothesis. Patients 2+3 showed normal serum bioactivity. TSHB, CGA and TRHR genes were wildtype. Conclusions: We present an undescribed, genetically "orphan" association of TSH deficiency and macroorchidism. Macroorchidism is due to increased Sertoli cell mass, secreting inhibin-B and AMH. In patient 1, reduced stimulation of TSHR and increased stimulation of FSHR suggest a posttranslational (glycosylation) defect of TSH. Normal serum bioactivity of patients 2+3 towards TSHR/FSHR suggests a mechanistically different entity.
Little is known about the health impact of air pollution on children's cardiovascular health. A cross-sectional study was conducted and data was analysed in 2048 Chinese schoolchildren (aged 8-10 years) in three districts of Hong Kong to examine the association between exposure to outdoor air pollution and cardiorespiratory fitness. Annual means of ambient PM$_{10}$, SO$_2$, NO$_2$ and O$_3$ from 1996 to 2003 were used to estimate individual exposure of the subjects. Cardiorespiratory fitness was measured for maximal oxygen uptake (VO$_{2max}$), predicted by the multistage fitness test (MFT). Height and weight were measured and other potential confounders were collected with questionnaires. Analysis of covariance was performed to estimate the impact of air pollution on complete speed in the MFT and predicted VO$_{2max}$. The results showed that children in high-pollution district had significantly lower complete speed and predicted VO$_{2max}$ compared to those in low- and moderate-pollution districts. Complete speed and predicted VO$_{2max}$ was estimated to reduce 0.327 km h$^{-1}$ and 1.53 ml kg$^{-1}$ min$^{-1}$ per 10 mug m$^{-3}$ increase in PM$_{10}$ annual mean respectively, with those in girls being greater than in boys. Being physically active could not significantly result in improved cardiorespiratory fitness in polluted districts. The adverse effect seems to be independent of short-term exposure to air pollution. We concluded that long-term exposure to higher outdoor air pollution levels was negatively associated with cardiorespiratory fitness in Chinese schoolchildren, especially for girls. PM$_{10}$ is the most relevant pollutant of the adverse
effect. Elevated cardiorespiratory fitness observed in physically activate children could be negated by increased amount of inhaled pollutants during exercise. 2012 Elsevier Ltd
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T1 - Geographical differences and patterns in the recreational and leisure participation of children/youth with cerebral palsy: A CAPE International Collaborative Network Study
A1 - King,G.
A1 - Imms,C.
A1 - Palisano,R.
A1 - Majnemer,A.
A1 - Chiarello,L.
A1 - Orlin,M.
A1 - Law,M.
Y1 - 2012///<
N1 - 70936258
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Cerebral Palsy
KW - Human
KW - juvenile
KW - Child
KW - leisure
KW - Canada
KW - groups by age
KW - gender
KW - United States
KW - Gross Motor Function Classification System
KW - Australia
KW - Income
KW - Education
KW - health care system
KW - rehabilitation center
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Female
KW - model
KW - covariance
KW - social adaptation
KW - community
KW - Male
KW - secondary analysis
KW - school
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 48
EP - 49
JF - Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology
Conference Publication:
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Background/Objectives: Few investigations have examined cross-cultural or geographical differences in children's outside of school activity participation. The objective of this CAPE International Collaborative
Network study was to conduct secondary analyses of datasets from Canada (Ontario and Quebec), Australia, and the U.S. to examine geographic variation in recreational and leisure participation as a function of region, age group, and gender. Design: Descriptive study (survey). Participants and Setting: Data from 1076 children/youth with cerebral palsy (CP) were included, ages 6 to 20 years (114 from Australia, 217 from Ontario, 245 from Quebec, 500 from the U.S.). There were 611 males and 465 females; 317 were ages 6 to 10, 383 ages 10+ to 13, 233 ages 13+ to 16, and 143 ages 16+ to 21; 358 at GMFCS level I, 405 at level II/III, and 313 at level IV/V. These children and youth had participated in research studies involving the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE) in the four regions. Materials/Methods: Analyses involved CAPE diversity scores for five types of activities (recreational, active physical, social, skill-based, and self-improvement). Three-way analyses of covariance were conducted to examine participation patterns as a function of region, age group, and gender, controlling for family income, education, and GMFCS level. Non-significant interaction effects and covariates were removed from the models, and homogeneity of variance was tested. Effect sizes (partial eta-squared; $\eta^2$) were calculated. Results: $F$-tests indicated the significance of factors or covariates, controlling for all other factors and covariates in the model. Region, age group, gender, income, education, and GMFCS level all significantly affected the number of activities engaged in. The largest effects were for region on active physical, $F_{2688}=30.6$, $P<0.0001$, $\eta^2=0.08$, and self-improvement diversity, $F_{2725}=48.4$, $P<0.0001$, $\eta^2=0.12$; age group on recreational diversity, $F_{(3913)}=62.4$, $P<0.0001$, $\eta^2=0.17$; and GMFCS level on recreational, $F_{(2913)}=53.3$, $P<0.0001$, $\eta^2=0.10$, active physical, $F_{(2688)}=45.1$, $P<0.0001$, $\eta^2=0.12$, and self-improvement diversity $F_{(2725)}=30.0$, $P<0.0001$, $\eta^2=0.08$. Conclusions/Significance: Children/youth from the U.S. took part in the fewest active physical activities; those from Ontario took part in the most self-improvement activities. The youngest age group took part in the most recreational activities, and those in GMFCS level IV/V had the lowest levels of participation in recreational, active physical, and self-improvement activities, confirming previous research findings. The differences in participation across regions may have important implications for rehabilitation services, health care systems, and community-based services for children with CP.
Background/Objectives: There is increasing interest in measures of the physical and social environment. The 32-item MEQAS is an observer-rated measure providing a global assessment of aesthetic, physical, social, and opportunity-related qualities of leisure activity settings for youth with disabilities (e.g., playing ping pong at a community centre, playing piano in the living room). To describe the measure's development and psychometric properties.

Design: Instrument Development and Validation Study. Participants and Setting: Six content experts took part in the consultant review phase, with backgrounds in psychology, AAC, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, inclusive design, and child/adolescent psychiatry. The pretesting phase involved two adult users of AAC and an architect. The psychometric phase involved four trained raters with backgrounds in occupational therapy. The MEQAS was developed at a children's rehabilitation centre in Toronto, Canada.

Materials/Methods: Development involved: (1) item generation based on a literature review and existing environmental assessment tools; (2) consultations with experts, including youth with disabilities, parents, and scholars; (3) pretesting; and (4) psychometric testing. Eighty MEQAS questionnaires were completed by sets of raters who observed and independently rated 22 home and community activity settings (representing active, passive, outdoor, indoor, formal, informal, group, and solitary activity settings). Scales were determined using principal components analyses. Test-retest reliability was determined for eight activity settings, rated twice (an interval of 4-6wks) by a trained rater. Results: The factor structure accounted for 79.5% of the variance. The KMO Measure of Sampling Adequacy was 0.73 and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity was significant (P<0.0001). Cronbach's alphas for the scales (Opportunities for Social Activities, Opportunities for Physical Activities, Pleasant Physical Environment, Opportunities for Choice, Opportunities for Personal Growth, and Opportunities to Interact with Adults) ranged from 0.76 to 0.96. Inter-rater reliability of the scale scores (absolute agreement ICCs) ranged from 0.60 to 0.93. Test-retest reliability ranged from 0.70 to 0.90. Conclusions/Significance: Results suggest that the MEQAS has a sound factor structure and preliminary evidence of internal consistency, inter-rater, and test-retest reliability. The MEQAS is the first observer-completed measure of qualities of environmental activity settings. The measure will be useful for the design of social ecological programs for youth with disabilities, and for research on associations between environmental qualities of activity settings and youths' experiences. The MEQAS can be used to promote youth wellness through the design of settings and environments that provide appropriate developmental opportunities.
TY - JOUR
ID - 3418
T1 - Children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes in Nepal: Beyond glycaemic control
A1 - Shrestha,S.
A1 - Kansakar,P.
A1 - Poudyal,B.
A1 - Ogle,G.
A1 - Holley,A.
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - 70933047
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Adolescent
KW - insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
KW - Diabetes Mellitus
KW - Nepal
KW - Society
KW - Child
KW - Diagnosis
KW - health care facility
KW - parent
KW - school
KW - observational study
KW - Education
KW - disease course
KW - Reading
KW - private hospital
KW - medical record
KW - alternative medicine
KW - Health
KW - questionnaire
KW - Hospital
KW - glucose blood level
KW - Southeast Asia
KW - developing country
KW - hemoglobin A1c
KW - insulin
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 136
JF - Pediatric Diabetes
JA - Pediatr Diabetes
N2 - Nepal is a developing country in Southeast Asia which has limited health care facilities and low literacy rates. A descriptive observational study assessing social and economic issues impacting diagnosis and subsequent care in 47 children and adolescents enrolled into the Life for a Child (LFC) program at Patan Hospital was undertaken using some questionnaires and reviewing the patient records. The mean age of our children is 15.5 years and the mean age at diagnosis was 11.8 years. The duration of symptoms before diagnosis ranged from a few days to 2 years with a mean duration of 3.3 months. Most children had several visits to the local level health facilities and private clinic visits before a diagnosis of Type I diabetes was made. More than one third of the families went to alternative medicine practices early in the disease course. Eighteen of the children enrolled are from Katmandu valley while 3 families moved to Katmandu after their child's diagnosis. For children from outside Katmandu, the distances to the nearest health facility ranged between 15 minutes to 2
hours. Few of the parents of these children had education beyond grade 10. Many were illiterate and some were literate but with no formal schooling. HbA1c values were lower in children with educated parents and so was the duration of symptoms to diagnosis. Less than a half of the children and/or parents were able to adjust the insulin dosage on their own. Among children and adolescents between 2 to 20 years 36% had a BMI of <5%ile at the time of enrollment. Most children are continuing their studies, though some were at grades not appropriate for their age and a few left schools due to financial constraints. Lack of awareness, unavailability of blood glucose testing at local level health facilities, delay in diagnosis, poor health support system and non-affordability to lifelong treatment are the main challenges. The support from LFC program has played an important role in the lives of these children.

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T1 - Evaluation and Characterization of Environmental Risks and Asthma Management Knowledge and Awareness Through Surveys of Coaches, Athlete Parents/Guardians, and Athletes
A1 - Therkorn,J.H.
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - Asthma
KW - athlete
KW - athlete training intensity
KW - attitude to illness
KW - Awareness
KW - Child
KW - coach
KW - Disease Management
KW - endurance
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - environmental factor
KW - Female
KW - Health Education
KW - Health Status
KW - health survey
KW - Human
KW - Humidity
KW - Male
KW - nonmedical occupations
KW - nose allergy
KW - parent
KW - patient education
KW - Pollen
KW - priority journal
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - school child
KW - Self Report
Objective. Athletes may face unique barriers to asthma management and are exposed to many different environmental factors while playing sports. The authors’ goal was to study participation in sports and perceptions of environmental exposures (health risks) and barriers to asthma management for adolescent and young adult athletes. The need for asthma education among coaches was also investigated. Methods. This study targeted 3 populations: (a) coaches of middle school through college level athletes, (b) parents/guardians of middle school through college level athletes, and (c) college athletes. Online surveys were conducted anonymously. Questions addressed sport-specific asthma management barriers, perceived environmental exposures (health risks), athlete training intensities, and asthma knowledge and awareness among surveyed coaches. Results. There were 120 participants (26 coaches, 37 college athletes, 57 athlete parents/guardians). Most reported perceived environmental health concerns and potential barriers to asthma management for athletes, with 94% and 84% of participants reporting at least one, respectively. There were observed differences in the numbers of environmental health concerns and potential barriers to asthma management reported per person across surveyed populations depending on sport, training intensity, and athlete asthma status. The percentage of correct responses by coaches to 5 asthma knowledge questions ranged from 12% to 88%. Conclusions. Research should further investigate how to prioritize and develop interventions to address potential barriers to asthma management for adolescent athletes in both school and community parks and recreation facility settings. Additionally, solutions are needed to mitigate outdoor and indoor environmental health concerns of athletes. Coaches may benefit from increased asthma awareness and educational interventions aimed at improving asthma knowledge specific to athletics. 2012 The Author(s)
Background: Cutaneous leishmaniasis is an important parasitic disease of tropical and semi-tropical areas of the world. The current study is carried out to evaluate the epidemiology of cutaneous leishmaniasis in Qom province during 2007-2009. Methods: The study was performed on patients referred to nine health centers in Qom province. The patients were included in the study by random sampling. This descriptive cross-sectional study was performed during 2007-2009. Diagnosis of the disease was based upon the clinical examination and specimens taken from wound serosity, which then underwent Giemsa staining. The demographic data and results of clinical and laboratory evaluations were recorded in patients’ datasheet. Results: From 2007 to 2008, the prevalence of leishmaniasis had a decreasing trend, while it had an increasing trend in 2009. The highest prevalence rates were observed in October and November, and the trend was decreasing in winter. The disease occurred mostly in Iranian males, in the age range of 16-20. In 2007, it was reported mostly in rural population, while in 2008 and 2009, it occurred mostly in urban population. In the years studied, most patients had one lesion in arms, legs, face, and then other regions of the body. Conclusion: The causes of the higher prevalence of the infection in men above 15 can be attributed to their less covering, and spending more time outdoor for daily activity and work, both of which cause higher probability of contact with sandflies. Authorities should pay attention to the importance and priority of leishmaniasis control, as well as allocating adequate funds for control measures.
Unhealthy lifestyle and limited physical activity tend to be main factors adversely affecting the development of the young generation. The aim of this study was to evaluate the prevalence of postural disorders in the sagittal plane as well as to compare posture types taking into consideration physical activity of the examined children. The data was gathered in 2002 and 2008 in Polkowice. The examined group consisted of 2398 children - boys and girls aged 7 to 11. Body posture was measured by means of the photogrammetric method with the use of Moire pattern. A questionnaire was used to gather information concerning the amount of time outside of school spent on physical activity, watching TV or playing computer games. While comparing the prevalence of postural disorders in 2002 and 2008 an overall increase was observed - higher in girls than in boys. The posture types distribution was comparable in both studies. Kyphotic and balanced posture types were predominant in boys, whereas in girls lordotic and balanced types were more frequent. The questionnaire showed that between 2002 and 2008 physical activity after school decreased.
This article presents major epidemiologic features of tick-borne encephalitis (TBE) in the Czech Republic, using data of laboratory-confirmed cases since 1970. A total of 17,053 cases of TBE were reported in the Czech Republic (population 10 million) in 1970-2008. The data show several important features. First, the pattern of TBE incidence changed over time. Until the end of the 1970s, TBE was characterized by periods of alternately higher and lower incidence (between 180 and 595 cases per year); the 1980s were a period of low incidence with minimum variability; since the beginning of the 1990s, there has been a steep rise in incidence, with marked year-to-year variation (e.g., 745 cases were registered in 1995, and a maximum of 1029 cases were registered in 2006). Second, the age distribution of TBE incidence has changed. Until the end of 1990s, incidence peaked among those 15-19 years of age, with a gradual decline with age. In the 2000s, however, TBE incidence has been rising in those aged 60-64 years, with a sharp decline in those older than 65 years. Third, the seasonal pattern of TBE has changed markedly over time. In the earlier period, incidence had a clear peak in July/August; since the 1990s, more cases have occurred in earlier and later months of the year. The proportion of cases occurring in April, May, October, and November increased from 9% in the 1970s to 23% in 2000-2008. Fourth, the geographical distribution of TBE also changed over time, with TBE increasingly occurring in the mountainous districts at higher altitudes. These changes in incidence patterns appear to be linked with changes in climatic and meteorological conditions. The link between climate change and TBE incidence is plausible, since TBE is a recreation-related infection associated with outdoor activities, and since climatic changes affect the life cycle of the vector. Copyright 2012, Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. 2012
Aim: To investigate the features of a new tularemia outbreak that occurred in the Thrace region. Materials and methods: The research team visited the village after the identification of the index case. Serum and throat samples were taken from 41 villagers who were examined, and environmental samples were taken in order to identify the source of the outbreak. Culture, serology, and molecular methods were used to search for Francisella tularensis in these samples. Results: A total of 8 children were diagnosed with tularemia. The adults and all of the other children were seronegative for tularemia. All of the patients had a history of swimming in a pool filled with water from a local stream, and contact with stream water was calculated to increase the risk of developing the disease 9.3-fold. Polymerase chain reaction analysis was positive in a lymph node aspirate of the index case and in the home tap water of 3 patients as well as in the spring water and stream water in the village. Francisella tularensis could not be isolated from any culture of samples. Interestingly, the waterborne tularemia outbreak affected only children. Conclusion: Although tularemia has been not reported from Tekirdag Province for 74 years, the disease reemerged in the region due to the removal of hygienic measures. These clues may signify that the agent had maintained its presence in the region for many years. TUBITAK
Why we make ourselves sick and how to make ourselves healthy: the importance of nutrition, exercise and sunlight

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E. Roy John and Leslie Prichep (2006) proposed an EEG Homeostatic Model for the brain. In this model, neurotransmitters mediate neuroanatomical structures that generate behavior regulated by emotional experience in the moment of the event. They proposed that "psychological and neurological disorders produce and are caused by deviations from homeostasis" (p. 135). If an environment or psychological challenge continues for an extended period, the set point for homeostasis adapts to a new point. This short course provides information about the importance of nutrition, exercise, and sunlight in the process of reestablishing EEG homeostasis. David Siever will review the literature concerning the effects of nutrition, exercise and sunlight on the brain, and Ron Swatzyna will present his EEG/QEEG study on the impact of breakfast patterns in children. Nutrition affects oscillatory rhythms and neuronal functioning. Iodine boosts IQ and helps prevent mental retardation. Omega 3 s, selenium, and magnesium all improve mental function and reduce depression. Exercise has been shown to be highly effective for improving IQ, math ability, and reducing depression. Exercise should be a mandatory part of any academic program. Preliminary findings using QEEG suggest that what is eaten for breakfast has an effect on both mood and mental performance. As for the importance of sunlight, as much as 6% of northern populations are believed to develop winter blues. Depression, anxiety, insomnia, multiple sclerosis, migraine, seizure, fibromyalgia, and dementia are well correlated with a deficiency in vitamin D. Previous research has always assumed that winter blues was the result of seasonal affective disorder, which comes about as a lack of optic stimulation to UV receptors in the eyes and, ultimately, the pineal gland. There are several similarities in the symptoms of SAD and vitamin D deficiency, and therefore it is possible that SAD has been misdiagnosed since its inception. A recent study on vitamin D deficiency has shown that vitamin D supplementation eliminates the symptoms of SAD in SAD sufferers. The human brain was never designed to be healthy; it was designed to survive. Despite the robustness of the brain, we are not sharp and productive, nor social, lively, and joyful unless we address good nutrition and exercise. We have to work at being mentally healthy. As long as we are ignoring our basic needs, the brain will do what it has to along a predictive pathological course to survive, and we will suffer. Active voluntary participation in good nutritional decisions, exercise routine, and outside activities (if possible) are necessary for EEG Homeostasis.
Background. Behavioral modification of malaria vectors in response to vector control methods is of great concern. We investigated whether full coverage of long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets (LLINs) may induce a switch in biting behavior in Anopheles funestus, a major malaria vector in Africa. Methods. Human-landing collections were conducted indoor and outdoor in 2 villages (Lokohoue and Tokoli) in Benin before and 1 year and 3 years after implementation of universal LLIN coverage. Proportion of outdoor biting (POB) and median catching times (MCT) were compared. The resistance of A. funestus to deltamethrin was monitored using bioassays. Results. MCT of A. funestus switched from 2 am in Lokohoue and 3 am in Tokoli to 5 am after 3 years (Mann-Whitney U test, P < .0001). In Tokoli, POB increased from 45 to 68.1 (odds ratio = 2.55; 95% confidence interval = 1.72-3.78; P < .0001) 1 year after the universal coverage, whereas POB was unchanged in Lokohoue. However, the proportion of A. funestus that bites after 6 am was 26. Bioassays showed no resistance to deltamethrin. Conclusions. This study provides evidence for a switch in malaria vectors’ biting behavior after the implementation of LLIN at universal coverage. These findings might have direct consequences for malaria control in Africa and highlighted the need for alternative strategies for better targeting malaria vectors. 2012 The Author
Psychosocial services utilized by older adolescents and young adults at a comprehensive cancer center

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Background: To an adolescent or young adult (AYA), a diagnosis of cancer poses unique challenges to personal and social development: interrupting social relationships, halting the move towards independence, and postponing achievement of educational and occupational goals. Isolation, side effects of treatment, dependence upon family members, and changes in body image lead to an interruption of identity development and often results in emotional symptoms including anxiety and depression. The goal of this research was to measure the psychosocial services utilized by AYAs in a pediatric program at a comprehensive cancer center. Methods: The Pediatric Psychosocial Support team at a comprehensive cancer center in the United States collected data on services (emotional coping, family conference, social services, medical education, psychosocial screening, socialization, school, symptom management) rendered by the psychosocial team (psychiatry, psychology, clinical social work, child life, palliative care, chaplain) to all patients over a 2 month period. Quantity and types of services utilized were examined contrasting the Pediatric (0 to 15) and AYA (16+) age groups. Results: A total of 1403 encounters were collected amongst 149 unique patients. Services were provided to 56 AYA patients with an average of 14 encounters per patient. Services were provided to 97 pediatric patients with 6 encounters on average. AYAs had a significantly higher number of encounters per patient than Pediatric patients. (p < 0.05). The top interventions provided to AYAs were emotional/coping support (44.7%), school (15.3%), socialization (15.1%), and social services (15%). The top interventions for pediatrics were emotional coping (57.3%), socialization/developmental activities (17.3%) and school (9.9). While AYAs required slightly less emotional/ coping support, they needed more support in the area of social service (financial assistance, accessing resources, and advocacy). Finally, AYAs received emotional/coping resources primary from Clinical Social Work professionals, while Pediatric patients received emotional and coping support primarily from Child Life Specialists. Conclusion: The results suggest that AYA oncology patients continue to need outside support to address the needs that arise from a cancer diagnosis. AYA patients like pediatric patients, need support in the area of coping, socialization, and schooling. Unlike pediatric patients, however, they have many more concerns with regards to navigating financial, resource, and advocacy concerns than pediatric patients and their families.
Background: The age of adiposity rebound (AR), when body mass index (BMI) starts to rise after infancy, is thought to be an origin of obesity in later life. We have already reported that children who exhibited an earlier AR were associated with the higher BMI value and atherogenic metabolic status at 12 years of age. We investigated which factors influenced on an earlier AR, birth weight, initial feeding, family history, meals or exercise.

Methods: A total of 533 children in the community were enrolled in the study. Serial measurements of BMI from 4 months to 12 years were carried out prospectively. We calculated the age of AR, defined as the age which the lowest BMI occurred during this period. The subjects were divided into 2 groups according to BMI at 3 years is bigger than at 1.5 years (earlier AR group) or not (later AR group). We asked the answering to the question sheet about weight at birth, initial feeding (breast-feeding, bottle-feeding or mixed feeding), family history, meals, and exercises of their parents when children were at 3 years old. We also analyzed which BMI predicted the obesity at 12 years old, 4, 8, 12, 18 month or 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 years by using ROC analysis.

Results: Weight at birth was associated with earlier AR if birth weight was over 3500g, but was not associated with the timing of AR if it was between 1500g and 3000g. Initial feeding was not related to the timing of AR and the frequency of obesity at 2 years old. None of the breast-feeding subjects showed severe obesity at 12 years old. The factors as follows were associated with later AR; eating breakfast everyday, not eating snacks, non-obese father, the first baby, going to kindergarten. Contrary to expectation the habits of drinking sweet beverages and playing outside were not related to earlier AR. BMI at over 2 years old predicted to the obesity at 12 years old, but BMI in the infantile periods did not.

Conclusions: This study showed that obesity at 12 years old was associated with weight gain over 2 years old, but not with the weight gain during infantile period.
Background American tegumentary leishmaniasis (ATL) and sporotrichosis exhibit similar histopathology and low frequencies of microorganism detection. Objectives This study seeks to identify microscopic alterations that can distinguish between these diseases. Methods Haematoxylin and eosin stained slides of 171 ATL and 97 sporotrichosis samples from active cutaneous lesions were examined for histopathological alterations. The lesions were diagnosed by isolating the agent (which was not visible) in culture. An intuitive diagnosis was assigned to each slide. The strength of the association between the histopathological findings and the diagnosis was estimated by an odds ratio, and each finding was graded according to a regression model. A score was assigned to each sample based on the histopathological findings. A study of the interobserver reliability was performed by calculating kappa coefficients of the histopathological findings and intuitive diagnoses. Results The markers 'macrophage concentration', 'tuberculoid granuloma' and 'extracellular matrix degeneration' were associated with ATL. 'Suppurative granuloma', 'stellate granuloma', 'different types of giant cells', 'granulomas in granulation tissue' and 'abscess outside the granuloma' were associated with a diagnosis of sporotrichosis. 'Macrophage concentration' and 'suppurative granuloma' had the highest (substantial and almost perfect, respectively) reliability. The regression model score indicated 920% accuracy. The intuitive diagnosis had 825% diagnostic accuracy and substantial reliability. Conclusions Taking into account the clinical and epidemiological context, some histopathological alterations might be useful for the differential diagnosis between ATL and...
sporotrichosis cutaneous lesions in cases in which the aetiological agent is not visible. 2012 British Association of Dermatologists

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KW - EMBASE
KW - cystic fibrosis
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KW - patient
KW - Hospital
KW - telehealth
KW - physician
KW - community
KW - Transplantation
KW - videorecording
KW - patient care
KW - Adult
KW - Education
KW - Canada
KW - North America
KW - Weather
KW - lung clearance
KW - Responsibility
KW - Exercise
KW - life sustaining treatment
KW - videoconferencing
KW - physiotherapist
KW - school
KW - Female
KW - nurse practitioner
KW - reimbursement
KW - home intravenous therapy
KW - diseases
KW - follow up
KW - Spirometry
KW - pathophysiology
KW - nurse
KW - mother
KW - Child
The Toronto Adult Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Program at St Michael's Hospital was established in 1992 and is North America's largest adult CF program. Two satellite CF clinics were established for patients in northern Ontario communities hundreds of miles away. Frequent follow up in multidisciplinary CF clinics is known to improve patient outcomes. However, satellite clinics do not allow access to the entire multidisciplinary team, as reimbursement is limited for expenses related to physician visits. For appointments at the host hospital scheduling limitations such as accommodating patients' work or school responsibilities, availability of space, the CF physician's schedule, and inclement weather frequently led to last minute clinic cancellations. Objectives: The main goals of this initiative were to improve patient care and education by utilizing videoconferencing. Patients would come to Toronto once a year, attend satellite clinics twice a year and have a telemedicine appointment annually. Methods: In July 2010, monthly telemedicine multidisciplinary CF clinics were established to address the barriers that impede access to care. Patients were interviewed by the local nurse and spirometry and bloodwork were done. Results were sent by FAX to the Toronto clinic and the patients were able to see team members by video link. Results: The telemedicine conference visit was used in two major ways - for routine clinic visits and for episodic illness. To date, there have been 71 patients seen by telemedicine conference with 22 monthly clinics held and 10 patients seen outside of the monthly clinics. As time passed clinicians became more experienced with the format and used the telemedicine link in increasingly diverse ways. Several telemedicine clients in remote locations were cared for on home intravenous therapy. One ventilated client was being considered for transplant while hospitalized 800 miles away and was monitored and coached via telemedicine by both the CF and transplant physicians. For a newly diagnosed client the CF doctor used telehealth to explain how to use enzymes. The nurse practitioner was able to present diagrams of the pathophysiology of cystic fibrosis by video for the patient to see. The physiotherapist used telemedicine to demonstrate correct technique for airway clearance. The mother of a CF child commented that the drive to the telehealth studio took 15 minutes compared with a 10 hour trip to the Toronto clinic. One patient explained that the trip to Toronto meant interrupting her life-sustaining therapies including masks, physio and exercise. Discussion: Telemedicine improved patient care, reduced patient costs and improved inter-professional collaboration. We were able to strengthen relationships with community partners by incorporating visits with local care teams. The telemedicine visits express our client-centred approach to care by maintaining interprofessional collaboration with the CF team while saving the client time and travel costs. Future plans include continuing to promote attendance at telehealth and possibly considering specialized clinics such as CFRD clinics that could be held via telehealth

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T1 - Adherence to the Mediterranean diet and albuminuria levels in adolescents: Emerging data from the Lyceum LeontioAlbuminuria (3L) Study
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Purpose: Mediterranean diet has favorable effects on the cardiovascular system, while albuminuria is associated with atherosclerosis progression. The aim of the study was to investigate the relationship of dietary habits with urinary albumin excretion, expressed as the albumin to creatinine ratio (ACR), in a cohort of adolescents.

Methods: A total of 365 adolescents 12-17 years of age [212 males, aged 13.9 years, office blood pressure (BP)=115/67 mmHg] that were included in the Lyceum Leontio Albuminuria (3L) study were considered for analysis. In all participants ACR values were determined in a morning spot urine and for each adolescent a questionnaire was completed on lifestyle and socio-economic characteristics. Moreover, the Mediterranean Diet Quality Index for children and adolescents (KIDMED) was estimated and accordingly subjects were divided into those with optimal (>7), average (4-7) and low (<4) score.

Results: Only 6.8% of the participants had optimal KIDMED score, whereas 51.2% had an average and 42% had a low score. Participants with at least average KIDMED score (n=187) compared to those with low KIDMED score (n=153) had higher body mass index (22.2 vs 21.4 kg/m², p=0.043) and waist circumference (77.6 vs 75.4 cm, p=0.044), spent more frequently time for sports activities outside school (75.2% vs 58%, p=0.001), reported less consumption of foods outside home (3% vs 14%, p<0.001) and less hours of watching television (1.75 vs 2.05 hours, p=0.013). Moreover, those with at least average compared to those with low KIDMED score exhibited higher systolic BP (117 vs 114 mmHg, p=0.039), whereas had lower heart rate (84 vs 87 bpm, p=0.014) and ACR levels (12.6 vs 20.5 mg/g, p=0.015). In the total population, ACR was associated with age (r=-0.11, p=0.044), body mass index

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KW - EMBASE
KW - albuminuria
KW - Adolescent
KW - Human
KW - Mediterranean diet
KW - body mass
KW - sport
KW - excretion
KW - atherosclerosis
KW - Lifestyle
KW - Obesity
KW - questionnaire
KW - urine
KW - Blood Pressure
KW - Child
KW - Heart Rate
KW - Waist Circumference
KW - Television
KW - school
KW - Food
KW - Male
KW - Population
KW - habit
KW - Cardiovascular System
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KW - creatinine
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(r=0.131, p=0.016), systolic BP (r=0.144, p=0.008) and KIDMED score (r=0.111, p=0.041). Conclusion: In adolescents there is an inverse relation of KIDMED score with albuminuria and those who adhere to the Mediterranean diet exhibit lower levels of ACR. However, the paradoxical associations of both ACR and KIDMED score with obesity markers and BP levels suggest distinct mechanisms of albuminuria development in adolescents.

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T1 - Hydraulic driven fast and precise nonmagnetic tactile stimulator for neurophysiological and MEG measurements
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - electric activity
KW - electrostimulation
KW - gold standard
KW - Human
KW - index finger
KW - Magnetoencephalography
KW - needle
KW - neurophysiology
KW - peripheral nerve
KW - phantom
KW - primary somatosensory cortex
KW - somatosensory stimulation
KW - somatosensory system
KW - tactile stimulation
KW - Time
KW - Water
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SP - 2852
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CY - United States
N2 - Electric stimulation of the peripheral nerves is well established as a diagnostic and research tool to analyze the somatosensory system. However, electric stimulation has some disadvantages. Electric stimulation of the median nerve triggers action potentials in all fiber populations of the nerve. Electric stimulation further creates artifacts and courses discomfort which is usually not well tolerated in the awake child. Therefore, the development of a more specific stimulation has constantly been a goal in recent years. There have been several approaches in the past to deliver somatic stimulation. However, all of them failed short in some aspects. In this study, a new type of somatosensory stimulator device was developed and compared against the gold standard of electric stimulation. The stimulation is achieved by repetitive tactile stimulation of the index finger using a blunt needle. In contrast to all previous approaches, we use a hydraulic system to move the needle up and downward.
Given that water is very well suited to conduct pressure pulses it is possible to place the tactile stimulator device holding the needle close to the subject and the hydraulic driving system outside a critical area. Using a phantom, we showed that our stimulator is capable of delivering a stimulus precise on the submillisecond time scale. In addition, we test our stimulator on a healthy adult and compare the results against the electric stimulation. We can show the feasibility of measuring the electric responses of the peripheral nerve and while using MEG also the response of the primary somatosensory cortex. The tactile stimulation showed a more spatial focuses activation of the primary somatosensory cortex when compared against the electric stimulation. The proposed high-precision tactile stimulator will make it possible to analyze the somatosensory system noninvasively in children in the future.

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T1 - Epidemiology of malaria in the Papua New Guinean highlands
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Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Altitude
KW - article
KW - bed net
KW - Child
KW - endemic disease
KW - epidemic
KW - Evidence Based Practice
KW - Female
KW - fever
KW - health survey
KW - household
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - malaria/pc [Prevention]
KW - malaria control
KW - malaria falciparum
KW - Male
KW - Microscopy
KW - Papua New Guinea
KW - Plasmodium vivax malaria
KW - preschool child
KW - Prevalence
KW - Risk
Objectives To conduct an in-depth investigation of the epidemiology of malaria in the Papua New Guinea (PNG) highlands and provide a basis for evidence-based planning and monitoring of intensified malaria control activities. Methods Between December 2000 and July 2005, 153 household-based, rapid malaria population surveys were conducted in 112 villages throughout the central PNG highlands. The presence of malaria infections was determined by light microscopy and risk factors assessed using a structured questionnaire. The combined dataset from all individually published surveys was reanalysed. Results The prevalence of malaria infections in the different surveys ranged from 0.0% to 41.8% (median 4.3%) in non-epidemic surveys and 6.6% to 63.2% (median 21.2%, P<0.001) during epidemics. Plasmodium falciparum was the predominant infection below 1400m and during epidemics, Plasmodium vivax at altitudes >1600m. Outside epidemics, prevalence decreased significantly with altitude, was reduced in people using bed nets [odds ratio (OR)=0.8, P<0.001] but increased in those sleeping in garden houses (OR=1.34, P<0.001) and travelling to highly endemic lowlands (OR=1.80, P<0.001). Below 1400m, malaria was a significant source of febrile illness. At higher altitudes, malaria was only a significant source of febrile illness during epidemic outbreaks, but asymptomatic malaria infections were common in non-epidemic times. Conclusions Malaria is once again endemic throughout the PNG highlands in areas below 1400-1500m of altitude with a significant risk of seasonal malaria outbreaks in most area between 1400-1650m. Ongoing control efforts are likely to result in a substantial reduction in malaria transmission and may even result in local elimination of malaria in higher lying areas. 2012 Blackwell Publishing Ltd

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Now Childhood obesity is recognized as a public health problem due to prevalence, and rapid development in recent decades. The aim of study was to estimate the prevalence of overweight and obesity among school children 8-9 years living in the region of Constantine and clearly identify their eating habits. An epidemiological study was conducted in 2011 involving 325 school children (165 girls and 160 boys) aged 8-9 years in the town of Constantine. We distributed an anonymous questionnaire, it is reset to be completed by the parents at home, given were treated with EPI info version 6.4. The measurements were performed according to standard procedures (OMS 2007), body mass index (BMI) shows that 3.10% of children are in a state of emaciation, 66.80% are normal, 18.20% are overweight, 12% of children are obese, sex was significantly associated with obesity (P < 0.001). Afternoon snack for children recognized as a factor promoting weight gain and found that 50.80% of children who take the afternoon snack are overweight and 48.70% are obese. 93.20% of children are foods high in calories and outside the main meals. 97.40% of obese and overweight children practice saying snacking. Decision-sweetened beverages were significantly correlated with obesity. The results of our survey show that 83.4% of children do not practice physical activity. The relationship between physical inactivity and obesity is significant (P < 0.001). The correlation between the type of breastfeeding (breast, bottle, or mixed) and BMI in obese children and not significant (P > 0.05). These results suggest that obesity and overweight are a growing epidemic in progress, the unbalanced diet and physical inactivity are key factors that must be controlled by the establishment of a program of early prevention of this silent disease.
Effective management of vaccines in primary care

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N2 - Vaccines are biological substances and storage outside of the recommended temperature range may accelerate loss of potency, which cannot be reversed. Maintenance of the cold chain for vaccine supply, storage and administration is essential to ensure product quality and patient safety, thereby avoiding serious consequences for both the patient and the NHS, the importance of which was raised in a recent safety report.2 Following the identification of a vaccine incident in Grampian, the Scottish Government Health Department prompted a review of vaccine storage in GP surgeries across NHS Scotland. In this Board a detailed review including a criteria based inspection (audit) of all GP practices was undertaken during May to November 2007. All required improvements in their practice, usually in the areas of temperature monitoring or equipment. Subsequently, funding for a one year 'spend to save' project was obtained to establish improved quality assurance processes for vaccine management - a main aim in primary care, commencing January 2009. OBJECTIVE To establish a programme of self audit for all GP premises and identify the optimal approach to effective management of vaccines METHODS 1. The previous project had established support for a self audit approach and the previous criteria based tool was adapted for self audit (42 criteria). Engagement with Public Health Facilitators, prescribing leads and lead clinical pharmacists encouraged practices to undertake self audit. In addition practices were asked to place an electronic temperature logger in each fridge to monitor hourly temperatures for 48 hours. Practices could also exceptionally request a practice visit. Following the visits, practices received individualised feedback reports and were asked to return a signed copy to confirm acceptance of the recommendations. A Steering Group was established to monitor the project and review any practices referred for risk management. The project team reviewed individual audit results and provided individualized feedback to practices 2. A retrospective review of all incidents reported during 2008 was undertaken to assess whether these might have been preventable, number of repeat incidences and associated costs. After March 2009 an individualised report for each affected GP practice was generated detailing the incident reported, potential reasons, recommendations to minimise the risk of recurrence and an invitation to undertake self audit where appropriate. This report was copied to the appropriate Clinical Director and lead clinical pharmacist. 3. Guidance and standards relating to vaccine handling and storage is available nationally.1,3 Previous local guidance circulated to practices in May 2007 was reviewed. RESULTS 1. To the end of January 2010, 188 practices (73%) had undertaken audit activity (173 self audits, 15 audit visits, 317 fridges), submitted one month's practice records and undertaken a 48 hour temperature logging exercise of all fridges. The main area for improvement was aspects of temperature monitoring (Figure 1). Where necessary, follow-up actions were arranged e.g. further submission of temperature records. This was required for 76 practices (40%). The Steering Group advised revaccination for three children in one practice. 2. A reduction in the extent and cost associated with incidents was observed (Table 1). 3. The previous local guidance was revised to provide additional background, information on suitable fridges, supplier's details and NHS discount code. (Table Presented) DISCUSSION The project was successful in motivating practices to improve their processes, as indicated by their active participation in self audit, follow up actions and return of signed summary reports. Limitations were identified to the self audit process and review of the submitted records and logging exercise revealed some inconsistencies. Prior to March 2009, no attempt was made to identify contributory factors, provide advice on prevention of future incidents or investigate if repeated incidents occur in the same practice. This feedback process is having a positive effect on the number of incidents overall and GPs reporting repeat occurrences, resulting in cost savings of 70k as a result of reducing preventable incidents (from 106.5k in 2008 to 36.5k in 2009). The project methodology and results were successful in raising awareness of the importance of the cold chain, establishing a self audit programme and identifying the priority areas for improvement. Our experience has prompted an application for recurring NHS staffing resource to meet the ongoing service needs. CONCLUSION This project has addressed SGHD concerns and has brought fundamental local change to vaccine management, thereby strengthening health protection, improving risk management and reducing vaccine wastage in GP practices.
It has been suggested that reinforcing problem behavior during functional analyses (FAs) may be unethical (e.g., Carr, 1977), the implication being that doing so may result in an increase in problem behavior outside of FA sessions. The current study assessed whether conducting a FA resulted in increases in problem behavior outside of the FA setting for 4 participants. The rate of problem behavior was measured outside the FA setting prior to and during a FA. Idiosyncratic results suggest that problem behavior outside of the FA setting may increase, decrease, or be unaffected by conducting a FA. 2012 Elsevier Ltd

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Contribution of dietary sources to vitamin D status is not clearly known. Although sunlight exposure is a major source of circulating serum 25(OH)D, diet is an important contributor in absence of or reduced exposure. Objective of this study was to determine relation between dietary patterns and serum 25(OH)D concentrations of US children using assay-adjusted serum 25(OH)D data. Data from 2 cycles of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 for individuals aged < 19 y, were used to study the association between dietary patterns and serum 25(OH)D. Dietary patterns were established using factor analysis based on food-frequency questionnaire data. Eigenvalues and Scree plot were used to derive 2 major principle factors. They were labeled as Western and Healthy dietary patterns. Serum 25(OH)D was significantly lower in Healthy dietary pattern group compared to Western dietary pattern group (61.9 vs 66.1 nmol/L; P<.002). In multivariate analysis, children with higher Western dietary contribution scores to overall diet showed a significant positive relation with serum 25(OH)D (beta=33.8, P=.046). Serum 25(OH)D is associated with Western dietary pattern but not with Healthy pattern. Children consuming healthy pattern diet may benefit from vitamin D supplementation and sunlight exposure (outdoor activities)
Pneumonia complicated by effusion that does not improve with antibiotic treatment warrants further investigation to avoid development of lung restriction due to entrapment. This case demonstrates that thorough history is vital and highlights the importance of selecting the proper array of serologic diagnostic tools to aid in rapid, accurate diagnosis of Blastomycosis pneumonia in children. A 31-month-old previously healthy boy was referred to our center for worsening unilateral pneumonia with a large pleural effusion. 8 weeks prior, he developed low-grade fevers, fatigue, and anorexia. CXR revealed a right middle and lower lobe pneumonia with large right-sided pleural effusion. Shortly before the illness, he was vacationing near Lake Huron, Michigan, during which he choked on some lake water while playing. Despite outpatient treatment with 2 doses of intramuscular ceftriaxone and 10 days of oral cefdinir, his symptoms persisted and the CXR worsened (Image 1). He was admitted to an outside hospital for VATS. 150mL of hypocellular transudate was drained. Cell
differential was 1% PMN's, 91% lymphs, and 4% eos. Bacterial, fungal, and AFB stains and cultures were negative. Serum ID Blastomyces antibody was negative at that time. No further serologies were obtained. He received azithromycin, vancomycin, and ceftriaxone for 10 days, then discharged home. For three weeks, the symptoms persisted. CXR was unchanged, CRP and ESR remained elevated, so the patient was referred to our center for further evaluation. On exam, he had normal oxygen saturation and was breathing comfortably with diminished breath sounds in the right lung base. There was no notable lymphadenopathy. Chest ultrasound redemonstrated large right-sided pleural effusion. Bronchoscopy was normal and BAL differential: 3% PMNs, 72% lymphs, 22% monos, 22%, and 2% eos. Repeat cultures were negative. Serum Blastomyces antibody CF, which has moderate sensitivity and low specificity, was positive to 1:64 dilutions. ID, which is moderately sensitive and highly specific, was positive (Table 2). Histoplasma and Coccidioides antibody ID and Blastomyces serum antigen were negative. Oral itraconazole was initiated. Fever, fatigue improved. Within 3 weeks of therapy, the effusion, CRP, and ESR nearly resolved. Conclusion: Pulmonary blastomycosis evolves insidiously and can be fatal if not treated quickly. Complicated pleural effusions are rare in pediatric pulmonary blastomycosis. Clinical suspicion is necessary for rapid diagnosis, and the history of travel to an endemic area guided our evaluation. Oral -azole antifungals are highly efficacious with few complications and are an alternative to toxic intravenous therapy with amphotericin B. (Figure presented)

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KW - Physical Activity
KW - model
KW - passive smoking
KW - multivariate logistic regression analysis
KW - Child
KW - Health Care
KW - Diagnosis
KW - school
KW - Population
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - physician
KW - vegetable
KW - milk
KW - exposure
Rationale and objective: Past research has demonstrated a lower prevalence of childhood asthma in rural areas. The mechanism(s) by which this occurs remain unknown. Our objective was to confirm the existence of a geographic gradient in the prevalence of asthma among Canadian youths and to evaluate whether this gradient is mediated by health behaviors. Methods: Cross-sectional data from 4726 youth (grades 6 to 10) representative of the Canadian population were collected during the 2001-02 Health Behavior in School-Aged Children survey. Study variables included: demographics, health behaviors (physical activity, diet, active and passive smoking), and adiposity status. Geographic region was assessed using Beale codes and categorized as metro, non-metro but adjacent to metro, and rural. Asthma was defined via doctors' diagnoses and at least one of: asthma symptoms or a health care visit for asthma in the past year. Analyses involved multiple logistic regression with generalized estimating equations to account for the clustered sampling design. Results: Asthma prevalence was lower outside of metro regions (metro=17.7%, non-metro-adjacent=15.6%, rural=14.8%; p<0.05). Compared to the metro region, there was reduced risk of asthma in the non-metro-adjacent (OR=0.81, 95%CI=0.65-1.01) and rural (OR=0.76, 95%CI=0.61-0.95) regions in the fully adjusted model. As potential mediators (adiposity status; each of six health behaviors) were removed from the full model, there was minimal change in the association between geographic region and asthma. Being obese or overweight, high physical activity, and exposure to passive smoking increased the risk of asthma while consumption of whole milk and vegetables were protective. Conclusions: We confirmed a reduced risk of asthma in rural vs. metro areas using a national, representative sample of Canadian youth. This association was not mediated by health behaviors. Speculatively, other factors such as environmental exposures, may be the mechanisms through which rural region is related to a lower prevalence of asthma.
Rationale and objective: Farming environments have been associated with lower childhood asthma prevalence. However, the exposures responsible for this effect are unknown. The objective of this study was to investigate potential risk factors for childhood asthma and to assess whether these associations were consistent between farming and non-farming environments. Methods: Parents of 898 children aged 6-12 years living in an agricultural region of Saskatchewan, Canada, participated in a cross-sectional survey of their children's health. Questionnaires were completed during the winter months between 2004 and 2006, and assessed respiratory health, exposure to farming and household environments health behaviors, and home location. Home location was classified as farm, acreage or town. Asthma was considered present if there was a report of a history of a doctor's diagnosis and at least one of the following in the past year: wheeze, medication use for asthma, or an emergency room or doctor's visit for asthma. Results: Asthma prevalence was the highest in town (16.7%) followed by acreage (15.6%) and farm (14.0%). A parental history of asthma and personal history of allergy were strongly associated with asthma (odds ratios > 3; p<0.01) and were consistent between home locations. Significant interactions (p<0.05) were observed between home location and exposure to cleaning barns as well as sex and father's history of smoking. Children who lived in town but not on farms or acreages and had spent time cleaning or playing in barns in the past 12 months had reduced risk of asthma. Girls, but not boys, whose father smoked at home were at higher risk of having asthma regardless of location. Conclusion: Host characteristics were the strongest predictors of asthma and were consistent between farm, acreage and town locations. However, children's outdoor activities and specific environmental exposures in each home location should be considered in studies investigating risk factors for asthma. Similarly, boys and girls may have different levels of susceptibility to the environment.
Vehicle exhaust is the leading source of toxic air pollution for most communities in the Lower Hudson Valley (LHV) of New York State, and a single vehicle used to commute children to school contributes 3 pounds of air pollution monthly. These findings led to the enactment of vehicle idling restrictions around elementary schools in many states including NY. Particulates and contaminants found in dust from traffic have been found to cause persistent wheezing in preschool children, a response associated with the development of asthma and other pulmonary conditions. In this regard studies demonstrate that initial incidents of asthma develop before age 5, suggesting that preschool years mark the critical period for development of the disease and that prevention should be focused at this age group. However little is known about the impact of no idling ordinances on ambient air quality near schools. We hypothesized that measuring levels of traffic related asthma triggers, and subsequently altering traffic flow to lower asthma trigger levels, will have a significant impact on the quality of outdoor and indoor ambient air at school facilities. In the present studies we have analyzed the baseline levels of asthma triggering contaminants of automobile and bus exhaust (nitrogen dioxide, and particulates) at three preschool facilities in Orange County, NY, to develop a community-based effort to incorporate an idling policy for preschools as part of their environmental program. At the school entrances and in the outdoor play areas on weekdays when students were present, NO2 levels ranging from 22-24 parts/billion were observed. When children were absent, on the weekends and in the evening, NO2 levels ranged from 14-19 parts/billion. Similarly traffic related particle numbers exhibited dramatic increases when vehicular traffic increased during the times of student arrival and departure. Plans to change traffic flow during student arrival and departure and to raise awareness of the effects of car idling through advocacy have been developed. A follow-up study measuring changes in exhaust levels and community compliance as a result of the no idling policies at these three sites is planned. Our goal is to incorporate translational research components of the air quality and moving population studies into the community research process in the longer term. This effort will
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KW - Exercise
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KW - wheezing
KW - parent
KW - breathing
KW - coughing
KW - dyspnea
KW - Adolescent
KW - patient
KW - Prevalence
KW - sport
KW - chest tightness
KW - Therapy
KW - Health
KW - Prevention
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N2 - Rationale: It is estimated that the majority of people (adults and children) with asthma experience exercise-related respiratory symptoms. However, despite their high prevalence, there has not been a large analysis that has focused on the impact of exercise-related respiratory symptoms on physical activities of children with asthma. Methods: The national EIB Landmark Survey was conducted among parents of 516 children (4-17 years) with asthma or taking medications for asthma in the prior year. Responses assessed whether up to 6 exercise-related respiratory symptoms (shortness of breath, wheezing, coughing, difficulty taking deep breaths, noisy breathing, chest tightness) influenced participation in physical activities. Subgroup
analyses (4-12 and 13-17 years) were also conducted. The survey was sponsored by Teva Respiratory LLC. Results: The majority (80%) of parents with children with asthma reported that their child experienced >1 exercise-related respiratory symptom, and 47% reported >4 symptoms. The most commonly reported symptoms were coughing, shortness of breath, and wheezing. Older children were more likely to avoid activities because of exercise-related respiratory symptoms compared with younger children (31.9% vs 22.9%). Of respondents whose child experienced >1 exercise-related symptom, 37% reported that asthma limited their child's ability to participate "a lot" or "some" in sports/recreation, 26% in normal physical exertion, and 33% in other outdoor activities. A higher percentage of older children were reported to be limited "a lot" in sports participation compared with younger children (13% vs 9%). Only 23% of children with asthma and exercise-related symptoms were reported to take quick-relief medications such as albuterol "always" or "most of the time" prior to exercising; this proportion was higher in older than in younger children (30% vs 19%). Similarly, only 28% of children with asthma with exercise-related symptoms were reported to take quick-relief medications during or after exercise; this proportion was also higher in older vs younger children (37% vs 22%). Conclusions: This large national survey suggests that exercise-related respiratory symptoms among pediatric asthma patients are common. This may reflect uncontrolled asthma, including lack of preventative treatment for these symptoms. The symptoms reported in this study limited the ability of children to participate normally in physical activities, with adolescents compromised to a greater extent than younger children. Importantly, many children do not use short-acting bronchodilators before exercise as per national guidelines. Adherence to controller therapy and prevention of exercise-related symptoms with short-acting bronchodilators should be optimized to support optimal health in children.

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KW - air sampling
KW - Dust
KW - Risk
KW - Alternaria
KW - Telephone
KW - freezing
KW - ambient air
KW - Temperature
KW - United States
RATIONALE: We explored the role of early-life (2-3 months) fungal exposures and annually repeated reports of visible mold, water damage, or dampness in children's homes experiencing wheeze by age 13.

METHODS: 498 children of asthmatic/allergic parents in Boston had early-life indoor air and bedroom floor dust samples collected using Burkard culture plates and Eureka Mighty-Mite canister vacuum cleaners, respectively. 383 children also had outdoor air samples when temperatures were sufficiently warm to avoid culture plates freezing. Telephone questionnaires were administered to primary caretakers to assess annual reports of mold, water damage, or dampness in the home, as well as any reports of wheeze (including with cold air or exercise after age 2). Generalized estimating equations with exchangeable working correlation structures included independent predictors of wheeze and potential confounders. Odds ratios (OR) were estimated for an interquartile increase in fungal log-concentrations (colony forming units per cubic meter of air or gram of dust), and for the positive report of visible home dampness. RESULTS: Independent predictors of longitudinally assessed wheeze included early-life dustborne Cladosporium [OR = 1.14 (1.01, 1.29)] and yeasts [OR = 0.91 (0.82, 1.00)], and repeated reports of visible home dampness [OR = 1.32 (1.12, 1.56)]. In subset analyses including outdoor air samples, predictors of wheeze included outdoor airborne Alternaria [OR = 1.33 (0.95, 1.85)] and Cladosporium [OR = 1.27 (0.92, 1.75)], dustborne Cladosporium [OR = 1.18 (1.01, 1.38)], dustborne yeasts [OR = 0.87 (0.78, 0.97)], and annually repeated reports of visible mold, water damage, or home dampness [OR = 1.24 (1.03, 1.50)]. CONCLUSIONS: Accounting for the correlation in repeated measures, early-life Cladosporium and Alternaria, and longitudinally assessed visible reports of mold, water damage, or home dampness increased the odds of wheeze up to the age of 13. The potential protective role of dustborne yeasts may be related to higher levels of cell wall (1-3)-beta-D-glucan, or other correlated unmeasured factors. Whether these long-term effects of early life mold on the risk of wheeze are due, in part, to an increase in sensitization to mold merits further evaluation.
Objectives: Plants delight us in forests and gardens, they produce oxygen, provide comfortable climatic conditions and constitute the most important fraction of human food. Findings made by mankind have resulted in the knowledge that only a defined share of the plants is inedible or poisonous. Deadly poisonous in Middle Europe are only few plants like e.g. Aconitum napellus. Most of the fatal cases refer to mistakes or misuse in adults, whereas fatalities among children are extremely rare. To get an objective assessment of plants, the BfR run a Federal research project which led to the first German Classification of Poisonous Plants (GCPP) in 2000. After a review of data, provided by German poison centres, completed by new literature and under the competence of a working group of the German "Poison Committee", we are about to publish the first review. To refresh the knowledge around poisonous plants, we are now under the construction of a public garden for poisonous plants. Method: Following the assessment of the toxicity of chemicals in analogy to the German Regulations on Dangerous Substances, we re-classified more than 80 plants into three categories, namely plants which could lead to (1) minor poisoning, (2) moderate poisoning and (3) severe or deadly poisoning. For all plants, the habitat (garden, park, great outdoors) and a comparable amount of a possible ingestion have been borne in mind. Based on the first GCPP, we listed plants for the garden under educational reasons into two garden beds: 1) plants with moderate poisoning and severe or deadly poisoning 2) plants belonging to the category minor poisoning. Results: The garden is situated in a protected institute's area, but with a public access for an interested audience. The raised garden beds will have small trails and visit points, where informative signboards - close to the plants - show details about the name, family, toxic parts of the plant, the category of toxicity, etc. For the garden bed (ca. 4 times 6 meter) of the moderate, severe or deadly poisoning plants, we
chose 15 plants from Aconitum napellus to Convallaria majalis. For the counterpart, the garden bed (ca. 4 times 4 meter) of the minor or non-poisoned plants, we chose another 15 plants from Cyclamen to Clematis.

Conclusions: The German Classification of Poisonous Plants contains useful information more than 150 different plant species. The final table of poisonous plants will find its counterpart in a list of more than 60 non-poisonous plants appropriate to be used in the close proximity of children's playgrounds, kindergartens, schools, public parks etc. The design of the garden is for educational purpose and will be opened in summer 2012.

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KW - arteriovenous fistula
KW - Lung
KW - Child
KW - coccidioidomycosis
KW - headache
KW - pediatrician
KW - sinusitis
KW - Altitude
KW - Female
KW - thorax pain
KW - Diagnosis
KW - neutrophil
KW - Pediatrics
KW - pH
KW - coil embolization
KW - disease course
KW - thorax radiography
KW - Interventional radiology
KW - lymphadenopathy
KW - pulmonary artery
KW - arteriovenous malformation
KW - sore throat
KW - sweat
KW - lung function test
There is a very large arteriovenous fistula (4.8x2.2x3.2) that appears to originate off the left main pulmonary artery abutting the left major fissure in the superior segment of the left lower lobe. There is a very large draining vein into the left inferior pulmonary vein. There appears to be a smaller AV fistula posteriorly in the left lung base. Asthma and pneumonia are frequent problems in pediatrics. There may be instances when common findings fail to respond to usual care necessitating a search for alternative explanations. This 9 year old female with a history of asthma presented to her pediatrician's office with a 2 day history of cough, fever, sore throat, chest pain and difficulty breathing. She exercised regularly without limitation. When vacationing at high altitude, she complained of headaches, difficulty breathing, and had perioral cyanosis. Family and social history were unremarkable. When she failed to respond to nebulized albuterol in the office, she was sent to a local emergency room. Chest x-ray revealed a left sided infiltrate. She was discharged on antibiotics, albuterol and oral steroids. She was admitted to an outside hospital two days later when she was not improved. On admission she was hypoxic with room air oxygen saturations in the mid 80's. CBG showed a PaCO2 of 35 and a pH of 7.43. CBC revealed WBC of 12,400 with slightly elevated neutrophils and hemoglobin of 16.9. Chemistry panel was normal. Chest x-ray confirmed a left lower lobe infiltrate and minimal left hilar adenopathy. CT of the sinuses showed pansinusitis. Coccidiomycosis serologies were negative. She remained hospitalized for 6 nights and received IV antibiotics for pneumonia. She was discharged home, despite room air oxygen saturations of 85%, on Augmentin and Advair with a referral to a pediatric pulmonologist in 1 week. She presented to the Pulmonary Clinic with central cyanosis, mild tachypnea, and room air oxygen saturations of 78%. Findings on physical exam included coarse breath sounds on the left and mild clubbing. Pulmonary function tests showed a FVC of 78%, FEV of 84%, FEF25-75 of 105% and TLC of 158% with a significant response after nebulized bronchodilator. With supplemental oxygen at 5 liters per minute, her oxygen saturation was 88%. She was admitted to Phoenix Children's Hospital. Sweat Chloride was normal. Chest CT angiogram showed a large arteriovenous malformation (AVM) in the superior aspect of the left lower lobe and a smaller AVM in the left lung base. Interventional radiology performed coil embolization with significant clinical improvement. A small AVM was also discovered in the left parietal cortex. She was diagnosed with hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia. AVMs in children are rare and easily mistaken for other pulmonary problems. This case is a reminder to re-evaluate the diagnosis when the clinical course is not as anticipated. (Figure presented)
Breastfeeding, aeroallergen sensitization and environmental exposures during infancy are determinants of childhood allergic rhinitis at age three

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KW - African American
KW - Food
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KW - nose
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KW - Cohort Analysis
KW - prick test
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KW - Traffic
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KW - Air Pollution
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N2 - Rationale: Early life predictors of childhood allergic rhinitis (AR) are not well defined. Few studies have addressed host characteristics and environmental exposure determinants of AR in three year old children. The objective of this study is to identify host characteristics, indoor and outdoor environmental exposures during infancy at age one that predict AR at age three in a longitudinal birth cohort. Methods: High risk children from Greater Cincinnati in the Cincinnati Childhood Allergy and Air Pollution Study (CCAAPS) were followed annually in a large birth cohort study from birth to age three. The primary outcome, allergic rhinitis (AR) was defined by parental report of sneezing, runny or blocked nose in the prior 12 months and a positive skin prick test (SPT) to at least one of 15 aeroallergens. AR children were compared to non-atopic, non-symptomatic children. Environmental and standardized medical questionnaires determined exposures and clinical outcomes. Primary activity area dust samples were analyzed for house dust endotoxin (HDE) and (1-3)-beta-D-glucan. Fine particulate matter (PM$_{2.5}$) sampled at 27 monitoring stations were used to estimate personal elemental carbon attributable to traffic (ECAT) exposure by land use regression model. Results: Of 361 children in this analysis, 116 had AR and 245 were non-atopic, non-symptomatic. Prolonged breastfeeding in African-American children (aOR 0.8; 95% CI 0.6-0.9) and multiple children in the home during infancy were protective of AR (aOR 0.4; 95% CI 0.2-0.8). Food SPT positivity and tree SPT positivity at age one increased the risk of AR at age three (aOR 4.4; 95% CI 2.1-9.2) and (aOR 6.8; 95% CI 2.5-18.7), respectively. HDE exposure was associated with AR, with low and high HDE exposure being protective, (aOR, 0.5; 95% CI, 0.3-0.8) and (aOR, 0.002; 95% CI, <0.001-0.1), respectively. In contrast, medium HDE exposure was associated with an increased risk of AR (aOR, 6.3; 95% CI, 2.3-17.2). ECAT and ETS exposure showed no effect on AR. Conclusions: Prolonged breastfeeding in African-Americans and multiple children in the home during infancy reduced the risk of AR at age three whereas percutaneous reactivity to food and tree allergens enhanced risk. HDE exposure modified the risk of AR bi-directionally depending on the level of HDE exposure
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T1 - Myocarditis and severe myositis in a 14-year-old female with 2009 H1N1 influenza virus infection
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KW - EMBASE
KW - myocarditis
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KW - virus
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KW - pandemic influenza
KW - seasonal influenza
KW - influenza A
KW - laboratory
KW - diseases
Introduction 2009 H1N1 influenza virus, a novel influenza A subtype of swine origin, was first detected in humans in Mexico in March 2009. This virus spread rapidly and the WHO declared an influenza pandemic on June 11, 2009. Myocarditis and severe myositis are uncommon but potentially severe manifestations of seasonal influenza. We present the first reported case of myocarditis and severe myositis in association with 2009 H1N1 virus infection. Case Description In June 2009, a previously healthy 14-year-old female presented to an outside...
hospital emergency department in shock after two days of fever, muscle aches and diffuse weakness. She reported exposure to "swine flu". Her chest radiograph and bedside echocardiogram were normal. She received intravenous fluids, oseltamivir, vancomycin and cefepime. A nasopharyngeal swab was positive for influenza A by rapid immunoassay and was subsequently subtyped as 2009 H1N1 virus. In our emergency department, she had sepsis physiology and an S3 gallop. EKG demonstrated sinus tachycardia with ST elevation in the lateral leads. Bedside echocardiogram showed mild to moderate left ventricular dysfunction. Troponin T level was initially 0.04 ng/mL and peaked at 0.8 ng/mL. During the course of her hospitalization, she received inotropic support, intravenous immunoglobulin, oseltamivir and broad-spectrum antibiotics. Her illness was complicated by severe myositis (maximum CK 86,900 U/mL) and bilateral transudative pleural effusions requiring intubation and chest tube drainage. She recovered fully from her illness. Discussion A 14-year-old female presented with shock and 2009 H1N1 influenza virus infection. Echocardiogram and laboratory studies indicated myocarditis and severe myositis. 2009 H1N1 influenza infection should be considered in children with shock, myocarditis or severe myositis. Myocarditis and myositis are important complications of both seasonal influenza and 2009 H1N1 virus, and they require a high clinical suspicion for diagnosis. Aggressive management of cardiogenic shock and renal protective strategies are important aspects of care for patients with influenza myocarditis and myositis, and treatment with IVIG and appropriate antiviral medication to inhibit viral activity and suppress inflammation may have added benefit.
N2 - RATIONALE: High rates of allergic disease in Westernized countries have led to the hypothesis that lack of microbial exposures early in life may play a key role in subsequent allergy and asthma development. Furred pet ownership has been shown in many studies to be protective against allergic disease development in children which we hypothesize is due to the distinct household microbial communities associated with pet ownership.

METHODS: Dust samples from seventeen households with dog(s), cat(s) or no pets were examined. The 16S rRNA PhyloChip, a high-density bacterial microarray and automated rRNA intergenic spacer analysis and sequencing were used to profile bacterial and fungal communities. Hierarchical cluster analysis (HCA) was used to examine community structure. Wilcoxon or Welch’s t-tests were performed to determine differences in community structure, metrics (diversity, richness, and evenness) and taxonomic abundances across groups.

RESULTS: Bacterial communities from dog owning households were significantly richer (p<0.036), more diverse (p<0.036) and possessed 45 taxa in significantly higher abundance compared to those with no pets. The majority of these taxa were Proteobacteria, typically detected in early stages of infant GI colonization. Parallel analysis of fungal communities demonstrated significantly lower fungal richness in dog-owning households compared to cat (p<0.010) or no pet homes (p<0.031). Fungal species detected primarily belonged to the Dothideomycetidaceae and Eurotiomycetidae, which include plant pathogens and allergenic fungi. HCA demonstrated two clearly distinct groups of samples (G1 and G2). Compared with G2 samples, G1 bacterial communities were significantly richer (p<0.008), more even (p<0.002), more diverse (p<0.001) and were from dog and cat-owning households. In comparison, G2 samples included all of the no pet households and a number of dog- and cat-owning homes which possessed animals that were either exclusively indoor or outdoor pets or were very young and recently introduced to the home. CONCLUSION: These data suggest that homes in which pets are permitted both outdoors and indoors possess significantly higher bacterial diversity that coincide with reduced fungal richness. We speculate that infant exposure to this milieu may shape immune development by a number of potential mechanisms that reduce development of atopic disease.
There is little information on the effects of environmental factors, such as meteorological conditions and air pollution, on exercise-induced bronchospasm (EIB) in population studies. While controlled laboratory exposure studies show that cold, dry air has a greater effect on EIB than warm, humidified air, there is little demonstration of this in real-world settings. Also, while epidemiological studies of asthmatic children have shown an association between air pollution and EIB, few studies have assessed air pollution effects on EIB in healthy children. In this cross-sectional analysis based on a large population community sample, we assess the short-term relationship between environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, and air pollution and EIB in healthy children. Methods: The community sample consisted of all 2078 school children from grades one through six in the pulp-mill town of Port Alberni on the west coast of Vancouver Island, Canada. Each child underwent pre-exercise spirometry, then post-exercise spirometry 10 minutes after a 5-minute supervised run outdoors. A central monitoring station measured daily environmental factors including temperature, humidity,
and airborne particulate matter (PM_{10}) and total suspended particles (TSP) concentrations. The final sample consisted of children who completed the supervised run, met ATS acceptability criteria for spirometry at both the pre- and post-exercise test, and had PM_{10} measured on the day of testing. Based on parental questionnaire, children with doctor's diagnosis of current asthma were excluded. EIB was defined in three ways: (1) the difference between pre- and post-exercise FEV_{1} (FEV-absolute), (2) the ratio (%) of FEV-absolute over baseline FEV_{1} (FEV-relative), and (3) a decrease in post-exercise FEV_{1} relative to pre-exercise exceeding 9% (EIB-positive). Results: The final population sample consisted of 1,544 children aged 6 to 13 (774 males, 770 females). Median FEV-absolute was 0.010 L (interquartile range [IQR] 0.003, 0.070), median FEV-relative was 0.63% (IQR 1.81%, 3.47%), and EIB-positive prevalence was 6.4%. Median PM_{10} concentration was 17 mg/m (IQR 17, 33). Multiple linear and logistic regression analyses that included age, sex, race, height, and weight, and same-day temperature, humidity, and PM_{10} showed consistent relationship between decreasing temperature and increasing EIB (Table 1). Lower humidity also tended to be associated with increased EIB. PM_{10} had no association with risk of EIB. Results were unchanged with baseline FEV_{1} included as an independent variable. Conclusions: In children without asthma, lower temperature increases risk of EIB. Lower humidity contributes marginally to increasing risk of EIB. Increasing PM_{10} concentrations does not increase risk of EIB. (Table Presented)

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T1 - The relationship between vitamin D status and body composition in pre-or early pubertal nonobese children
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KW - Body Composition
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - Society
KW - vitamin D deficiency
KW - childhood
KW - Prevalence
KW - Puberty
KW - Physical Activity
KW - winter
KW - spine
KW - bone mineral
KW - risk factor
KW - prepuberty
KW - Korea
KW - dietary reference intake
KW - tissues
KW - calcium intake
KW - boy
KW - Male
Background: The 2010 Dietary reference intakes for Koreans lowered adequate intake (AI) of vitamin D to 200 IU/day in childhood due to lack of evidence. We evaluated the prevalence of vitamin D deficiency and risk factors for low vitamin D status. We also investigated the relationship between vitamin D status and body composition and bone mineral density (BMD) in pre- or early pubertal nonobese children. We purposed to provide evidence for determining Korean AI of vitamin D.

Methods: A total 100 nonobese children (9.3 ± 1.9yrs, 45 boys, 71 prepuberty) living in Seoul, Korea were enrolled in wintertime (n = 38, December, 2010 to March, 2011) and summertime (n = 62, June to September, 2011). Z score of the bone mineral content (Z-BMC), fat mass (Z-FM), lean tissue mass (Z-LTM), and total body (Z-TB) and L-spine 1-4 (Z-L1-4) BMD using Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry were calculated according to the reference for Korean children. Daily calcium (mg/day) and vitamin D intake (U/day) were evaluated by dietitian. The serum level of 25(OH)D below 20ng/mL was defined as vitamin D deficiency. Questionnaires were used to assess regular physical activity and outdoor activities (hrs/week). Results: The prevalence of vitamin D deficiency was 47.4% in winter and 17.7% in summertime. In wintertime, vitamin D status negatively associated with vitamin D intake (P = 0.019) and less outdoor activities (P = 0.015), after adjusting for sex and puberty. About half of children with vitamin D intake below 800 IU/day were vitamin D deficient in winter. The level of 25(OH)D negatively correlated with Z-BMC (P = 0.023), Z-TB (P = 0.018), and Z-L1-4 (P = 0.043), after controlling for sex, puberty, Z-FM, physical activity and the percentage of the adequate calcium intake. However, the Z-FM and Z-LTM had no significant relationship with the level of 25(OH)D. Conclusion: About half of pre- and early pubertal nonobese children were vitamin D deficient in wintertime. Considering the effect of vitamin D status on bone health in childhood, the importance of adequate vitamin D intake and outdoor activities needs to be emphasized. Current recommendation for AI of vitamin D (200IU/day) in Korean children seems not to be enough to prevent vitamin D deficiency, especially in wintertime.

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T1 - Profound ictal apnea in PCDH19 related epilepsy: 2 cases with novel phenotypic and genetic findings
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Rationale: Epilepsy and Mental Retardation Limited to Females (EFMR) is a rare condition in which otherwise normal female infants develop sudden onset of seizures. The clinical spectrum is broad, including a Dravet-like syndrome with multiple seizure types. The disease-causing gene was recently identified as PCDH19, which resides on the X chromosome and encodes protocadherin 19. Ictal apnea (IA) has not been reported in this syndrome, and the genetic mechanism by which a mutation of PCDH19 results in atypical X-linked inheritance pattern is uncertain. Methods: Case 1: Whole genome array CGH was performed using the SignatureChip 105K oligonucleotide array (10-35 Kb spatial resolution). Case 2: Standard targeted sequence analysis of exons 1-6 of the PCDH19 gene was performed. Results: Case 1: An otherwise healthy 19 mo old girl presented with new onset seizures at age 11 mos. Initial seizure semiology was bilateral upper extremity clonic movements and unresponsiveness. Seizures were refractory to multiple AED trials but finally stopped with topiramate. At age 18 mos she had another seizure cluster with eye opening, upper extremity flexion, and profound apnea with desaturation to SaO2 of 10%. Ictal EEG revealed biposterior onset of rhythmic sharp theta activity with rapid secondary generalization. Inter-ictal EEG was normal. Brain MRI was normal. Family history was negative. CGH microarray detected a deletion in Xq21.33-Xq22.1 (estimated size 2.89-3.01 Mb), which contains the PCDH19 gene. Case 2: An otherwise healthy 22 mo girl presented with new onset seizures at age 8 mos. Initial seizure semiology was eye opening, variable extremity movements, unresponsiveness, and apnea with desaturation to a SaO2 of 50%. Seizures were refractory to multiple AED trials but ultimately controlled on phenobarbital. At age 20 months, she had another seizure cluster with eye opening, upper extremity flexion, and profound ictal apnea with desaturation to SaO2 of 6%. Ictal EEG showed biposterior onset of rhythmic sharp theta activity with rapid secondary generalization. Interictal EEG was normal. Brain MRI was normal. Family history was negative. PCDH19 sequence analysis revealed heterozygosity for c.434-435insG alteration in exon 1 of the PCDH19 gene, which has not been previously reported. Conclusions: Our findings have two fundamental implications. First, profound IA is unusual and has not been described in the setting of a specific epilepsy syndrome outside of the neonatal period. These two cases suggest IA may be a unique seizure type in children with PCDH19 related epilepsy. Additional cases are necessary to determine the strength of this
association. Second, previous authors have proposed a dominant negative model to explain the atypical X-linked inheritance pattern. Case #1 is the first affected female with a deletion of the PCDH19 gene, which represents the most compelling evidence to date that the dominant negative model is incorrect.

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KW - neuroepithelioma
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KW - molecular imaging
KW - Tumor
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KW - seizure
KW - Child
KW - metabolic rate
KW - Arousal
KW - tumor volume
KW - patient
KW - glucose metabolism
KW - Kinetics
KW - surgery
KW - positron emission tomography
KW - Metabolism
KW - metabolite
KW - Immunity
KW - tryptophan metabolism
KW - staining
KW - congenital malformation
KW - tryptophan
KW - kynurenine
KW - tracer
KW - glucose
KW - indoleamine 2,3 dioxygenase
KW - amino acid transporter
KW - carbon 11
KW - fluorine 18
KW - enzyme
DNETs are low-grade, epileptogenic tumors with low glucose metabolism on PET. Our recent studies showed accumulation of \( ^{11} \text{C} \)-methyl-L-tryptophan (AMT), a PET tracer for the immunomodulatory kynurenine pathway, in epileptogenic malformations and some DNETs. In this study we used 2-deoxy-\( ^{18} \text{F} \)-fluoro-D-glucose (FDG) and dynamic AMT PET scanning to evaluate the relation between glucose metabolism, AMT transport and metabolism as well as clinical seizure variables in children with epileptogenic DNETs. Resected DNET specimens were also studied for the presence of L-type amino acid transporter I (LAT1) and indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO; a key enzyme of the kynurenine pathway).

Methods: Twelve children (age: 2.5-17.5 years) who underwent resective surgery due to epilepsy associated with a DNET were included in the study. Tumors were outlined on MRIs and tumor volumes were calculated. The same tumor regions were superimposed on co-registered FDG and AMT PET images to obtain standardized uptake values (SUVs) and SUV ratios (tumor/contralateral cortex). Furthermore, kinetic parameters of AMT uptake characterizing the tracer transport (by the volume of distribution [VD]) and metabolic rate (by the unidirectional tracer uptake [K-complex]), as well as corresponding tumor/cortex ratios were also calculated in 10 patients and correlated with seizure variables. Resected tumor specimens were immuno-stained for IDO and LAT1.

Results: Tumor volumes varied from 0.8 to 51.4 cm\(^3\) (median=4.2 cm\(^3\)). All tumors showed glucose hypometabolism on FDG PET scans (SUV ratio: 0.29-0.64). However, tumor AMT SUV values were above cortical values in 8/12 cases (0.87-1.44) (Figure). Two patients showed increased AMT SUV in additional ipsilateral cortical areas. Kinetic analysis of AMT PET showed increased VD ratios in 8/10 children and high K-complex ratios in 3. Age at seizure onset showed a positive association with FDG SUV of the tumors (r=0.68; p=0.016, Spearman’s correlation). Longer epilepsy duration was associated with higher AMT K-complex values in DNETs (p=0.036). Tumor volumes did not correlate with any clinical and PET variables. Nine children had seizure-free outcome, while 3 had recurrent seizures, including the two cases with preoperative cortical AMT increases in areas which were not resected. All tumor specimens showed moderate to intense IDO and LAT1 staining.

Conclusions: Despite low glucose metabolic rates and variable sizes, DNETs commonly show high AMT accumulation on PET, which is mostly driven by increased tryptophan transport but also due to tryptophan metabolism. Activation of kynurenine pathway may contribute to immune-resistance of these tumors but can also produce neurotoxic/epileptogenic metabolites. Association of higher tryptophan metabolic rates with longer epilepsy duration suggests a progressive activation of this pathway providing a potential therapeutic target for these lesions. In addition, AMT PET may detect potentially epileptogenic cortex outside DNETs in some cases; this may help optimize surgical resection to facilitate seizure-free outcome.
Indications for invasive subdural monitoring in pediatric epilepsy surgery are poorly defined. We sought to critically review our experience with pediatric invasive intracranial monitoring to better delineate when invasive EEG is useful. Methods: Patients who had subdural invasive EEG monitoring for epilepsy surgery were identified from an epilepsy surgery database at Miami Children's Hospital Brain Institute. Exclusion criteria were inadequate subdural data and children with infantile spasms/myoclonic epilepsy. Pre-invasive evaluations were retrospectively reviewed including history, interictal/ictal scalp EEG, MRI and functional imaging in selected cases. Indications for subdural implantation were categorized based on pre-invasive data as: 1) Mapping of eloquent cortex 2) Poorly localized epileptogenic zone (EZ) 3) Discordant data. Subdural EEG reports, surgical diagrams and functional mapping were reviewed for localization of the EZ and compared with pre-invasive data for congruence. Data on surgical resection, completeness, complications and outcome were analyzed. Results: 102 patients met inclusion criteria. 12 were implanted for mapping eloquent cortex, 76 for non-localized EZ and 14 for divergent data. In the non-localized group 45% had negative MRIs. A focal area for resection was identified in 99% (68% incomplete). Subdural monitoring impacted resection in 84%. Implantation for functional mapping facilitated incomplete resections in 42% due to proximity to eloquent cortex. Of cases implanted solely for language mapping in a presumed dominant hemisphere, 5 were redundant as all underwent anterior left temporal lobectomy. Implantations to determine the extent of involvement beyond the mesial/anterior temporal region were rarely useful particularly if there was a focal MRI lesion. 90% resulted in anterior temporal lobectomies. Most poorly localized cases were multilobar (paracentral n=21, frontotemporal n=15, posterior quadrant n=9, other multilobar n=15). 1 paracentral case resulted in explantation. The EZ was outside motor cortex in 38% and only partially overlapped motor in several cases resulting in 5 complete resections. Frontotemporal implantations resulted in lobar resections in 73%. Posterior quadrant and other multilobar implantations usually resulted in more restricted resections than anticipated by non-invasive data (79%) and no quadrantectomies. 14 cases were implanted for discordant data with 13 resolving the discordance. With divergent scalp EEG and MRI subdural EEG more often was concordant with MRI than scalp EEG (71% vs 28%). Conclusions: There is limited pediatric data guiding the use of intracranial monitoring to localize an epileptogenic focus for resective surgery. This study provides an overview of current indications...
at an active pediatric epilepsy surgery centre and examines the utility of those practices. We confirmed the adult experience that subdural monitoring is rarely helpful for MRI-lesional temporal lobe epilepsy. Routine use of functional neuroimaging modalities may obviate the need for many invasive cases previously deemed poorly localized.

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KW - Sleep Deprivation
KW - Sleep
KW - Society
KW - electroencephalogram
KW - parent
KW - patient
KW - Hospital
KW - night
KW - seizure
KW - questionnaire
KW - Female
KW - Male
KW - Anxiety
KW - groups by age
KW - summer
KW - clinical practice
KW - season
KW - diagnostic procedure
KW - outpatient department
KW - Pediatrics
KW - neurology
KW - ethnic group
KW - Diagnosis
KW - pediatric hospital
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - Epilepsy Currents
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N2 - Rationale: Sleep-deprived EEGs (SDEEG) are commonly used in clinical practice to detect sleep-induced epileptiform abnormalities, which are diagnostic indicators of specific types of epilepsy. While this is a very useful diagnostic technique, studies have shown that the SDEEG places a notable burden on both parents and children. One study reported that nearly fifty percent of parents found it difficult to keep their child awake at
night and thirty percent of parents found it difficult to wake their child in the morning (1). Objective: To prospectively study the specific strategies used by parents and/or children to ensure sleep deprivation before undergoing a SDEEG. The findings of this study will be used to provide guidance for parents and children on how to adopt a convenient method of sleep deprivation. Methods: Inclusion Criteria: 1) Children between 1-17 years who either had seizures or were suspected to have seizures. 2) Male and female participants were included, with no restrictions based on race or ethnic origin. Children referred from the neurology and general pediatrics outpatient clinics at McMaster Children's Hospital for a SDEEG during May 2008-ongoing, fulfilling the inclusion criteria, were studied. All participants were interviewed by either an EEG technologist or co-investigator and were administered a qualitative questionnaire. The questionnaire collected data about the patient's demographic details, previous EEG history, and sleep-deprivation strategies. The data collected was analyzed for trends and main themes. Results: 93 patients (aged 16mos-17 yrs; mean 8.32 yrs) were interviewed (Table 1), to date. 82.8% of children had a previous EEG, with 24.7% of all patients having had a previous SDEEG. Main themes identified for the patients were: 1) Instruction on amount of sleep deprivation; 52.7% of the patients were instructed on how many hours their child should sleep; 2) Parents' reactions to SDEEG; "Will my child fall asleep during EEG?" was the most common reaction (59.1%) and "I do not want to keep myself awake" was the least common (14.0%); 3) Strategies used to keep child awake at night; most common strategy (77.4%) was to watch TV; 4) Strategies used to keep child awake on trip to the hospital on the day of SDEEG; most common strategy (68.8%) was to constantly talk to child in the vehicle; 5) Success of strategies; 90.3% of children did not fall asleep on the trip to the hospital. Conclusions: Certain sleep-deprivation strategies appear to be used across all seasonal and age-specific subgroups (watching TV, playing computer/video games, constantly talking). Indoor activities are largely preferred over outdoor activities, across all seasons. Outdoor activities for sleep-deprivation are most preferred during the summer months. Similarly, parents, across all patient age groups, are primarily concerned with whether their child will fall asleep during the SDEEG. The data collected can be used to help parents and children better cope with sleep-deprivation before SDEEG and to lessen their anxiety regarding adequate sleep deprivation
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KW - Epilepsy
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KW - Human
KW - hyperventilation
KW - Society
KW - parent
KW - patient
KW - electroencephalogram
KW - gold standard
KW - spike wave
KW - Diagnosis
KW - childhood
KW - United States
KW - recording
KW - Drug Therapy
N2 - Rationale: Hyperventilation (HV) is a convenient "bedside" method for eliciting absence seizures (AS) and is often used both to establish a new diagnosis of AS and to monitor the effectiveness of ongoing drug therapy of AS. We set out to measure the sensitivity of HV in two types of "gold standard" groups presumed to have active AS by different criteria: 1) a "high confidence group" of children who manifest spontaneous AS on routine EEG testing (outside of HV) 2) a "lower confidence group" of children whose AS was judged active by parental report. Methods: The EEG diagnosis log at Children's Hospital Boston was screened from January 2006 to June 2010 for all patients with 3 Hz generalized spike-wave discharges or absence seizures. The subset of these patients matching ILAE criteria for childhood or juvenile absence epilepsy formed the study group (n=68). Two comparative "gold standard" groups of EEGs (all with adequate HV) in children with presumed active AS were formed: 1) those EEGs which showed spontaneous AS (outside of HV) 2) those EEGs done at a time that the child's parents reported active AS in their child. Hyperventilation was carried out for a minimum of 3 minutes. An AS was defined as an episode of generalized spike-wave discharges associated with clinical change or unresponsiveness. Results: 53 EEGs that captured spontaneous AS were found in which HV was also done (in 44 unique patients). In 41 (77%) of these EEGs HV also elicited an episode of AS (71% of those untreated [n=28] and 84% of those treated [n=25] at the time of the EEG). 95 EEGs were identified (in 55 unique patients) whose parents reported active AS at the time of the EEG. Of these, HV elicited AS in 59 (62%) EEGs (71% of those untreated [n=41] and 56% of those treated [n=54]). Of the 84 EEGs done at a time that parents reported no active AS, AS was seen spontaneously or during HV in 30 (36%) tracings. Conclusions: Even in children with active AS by the strict criterion of the occurrence of spontaneous AS in the EEG, only 77% had an AS during HV, implying that this technique will miss approximately one quarter of children with active AS. When positive parental report was used as the "gold standard" for presumed active AS, only 62% of children manifested AS during HV; the different rates imply that parents may overestimate the activity of AS approximately one quarter of the time in children who are effectively treated. Conversely, in patients in whom AS was definitely still active by EEG criteria, parents underreported AS activity 36% of the time. This percentage represents a minimum estimate since some children with active AS may not have exhibited their seizures during the period of the EEG recording. These findings imply that parental report has an approximate false-positive rate of one quarter and an approximate false-negative rate of more than one third.

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Rationale: In the puertorrican population, there is scarce information regarding the relative frequency of various types and characteristics of patients with intractable epilepsy. A comprehensive epilepsy program was established in April 2009. We report our data in a group of children and adults who underwent prolonged video-electroencephalographic monitoring in the only Epilepsy Monitoring Unit in Puerto Rico. Methods: A retrospective evaluation of all epilepsy monitoring studies performed from April 2009-April 2011 performed. 153 consecutive patients were analyzed. Results: The majority of patients were females (61%). Two-thirds (66%) of evaluated subjects were adults; infants and elderly patients comprised only 1% of the patients. The most common diagnoses were psychogenic nonepileptic events (39%), localization-related epilepsies (47%) and generalized idiopathic epilepsies (13%). Of the localization-related epilepsies, roughly half (47%) were reliably traced to the temporal lobe and frontal epilepsies represented 17% of the evaluated cases. Childhood absence epilepsy was established in half (50%) of the cases showing generalized epileptiform activity and juvenile myoclonic epilepsy represented only 10% of the idiopathic generalized epilepsies. Conclusions: This study illustrates the wide variety of diagnoses encountered in a population of puertorrican patients evaluated at our epilepsy monitoring unit. More than 40% of patients had a misdiagnosis. Psychogenic nonepileptic events represent at least one-third of the evaluated cases, a relative frequency that is consistent with results obtained in comprehensive epilepsy centers from other countries. Approximately 1/3 of patients are surgical candidates. Two mesial temporal resection were recently performed. Nine percent of patient had vagus nerve stimulation placed and approximately 10% of patients were referred for epilepsy surgery in level four centers in the United States. Through prolonged video-EEG monitoring, a reliable diagnosis can be established and appropriate therapeutic decisions can be started. The comprehensive epilepsy program in Puerto Rico has reduced need for outside referral to 10-12%
Rationale: Data on motor, language, and behavior outcome of children after hemispherectomy is limited to small series with short follow up. We studied the long term functional and longitudinal seizure outcome in a large cohort of hemispherectomy patients from a single center. Methods: 187 children who had hemispherectomy (Jan 1997 - May 2009) at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation were studied. Using a structured questionnaire (17 questions), we contacted families by phone or mail to obtain data on seizure and functional status such as ambulation, visual symptoms, spoken language, reading, schooling and behavior. Questionnaire was drafted to assess function meaningful to the activities of daily life. Medical records were reviewed for pre-operative data. Kaplan-Meier statistics was used to estimate longitudinal seizure outcome. Categorical variables
were analyzed with Chi-square test. Results: Of 187 children (110 males), 104 had right hemispherectomy. Median age for seizure onset was 8 months (1 day-14 yrs) and for surgery was 5 yrs (2 months-18 yrs). At a median follow up of 4.8 yrs (mean 5.3 + 3.3 yrs), 112 of 184 children (61%) were seizure free; additional 13 (7%) had questionable minor spells without habitual pre-operative seizures. 59 (32%) had seizure recurrence, 8 being seizure for 1 year and 16 had >90% reduction in seizures. Overall 149 children (81%) were either seizure free or had major improvement after surgery. On survival analysis, the estimated probability of seizure freedom was 76% at 1 yr, 64% at 3 yrs, 61% at 5 yrs, and stabilized at 56% at 6 years and beyond. Prior hemispheric surgery (n-29, p-0.001), bilateral PET changes (n-23, p-0.003), presence of generalized seizures (n-67, p-<0.05), and bilateral motor deficits (n-8, p-<0.05) correlated with poor seizure outcome. Etiology and bilateral MRI abnormalities (n-64, 34%) did not influence the seizure outcome. Functional outcome using questionnaire was obtained in 124 children. 102 (83%) patients ambulated independently, 10 walked with assistance and 11 were unable to walk. 31 (25%) patients reported new visual symptoms. Significant behavior issues often requiring constant supervision was reported in 34 (27%), modest behavior issues not affecting social life outside home environment in 23 (19%) and 67 (54%) reported minor or no behavioral problems. 37 (40%) patients had severe spoken language deficits, 42 (34%) had language skills below age level, while 45 (36%) reported no speech issues. 65 (57%) had poor or no reading skills, 31 (27%) read significantly below their age level, and 18 (16%) had age appropriate reading skills. Of 88 children, 64 (73%) were in mainstream school with special services. Only, 6/26 (23%) adults were gainfully employed. Conclusions: The long-term seizure freedom rate following hemispherectomy was 61% at 5 years. After hemispherectomy, functional deficits in spoken language, reading skills, and behavior were more disabling over long term than ambulation and visual deficits.

The findings of our study will assist in counseling families prior to hemispherectomy
KW - cortical dysplasia
KW - intractable epilepsy
KW - white matter
KW - Infant
KW - brain
KW - electroencephalogram
KW - pediatric hospital
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N2 - Rationale: Localization of the epileptogenic zone may be challenging in patients with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC). Previous experience at our institution has identified the single largest calcified tuber as most likely to be epileptogenic. The aim of our study was to analyze whether additional features of the brain MRI could identify the epileptogenic zone in TSC patients independently of other diagnostic and surgical data. Methods: 31 children with TSC who underwent resective epilepsy surgery at Miami Children's Hospital between 1994 and 2010 were retrospectively studied. Surgical planning had been based on multimodal data with emphasis on electrophysiological investigations. MRI's were independently reevaluated by two experts blinded to all other clinical and diagnostic data. Changes typical of both TSC (tubers, calcifications and cystic lesions) and focal cortical dysplasia (increased cortical thickness, abnormal gyration, gray/white matter blurring, transmantle changes) were identified. Localization of the findings was compared with the location of the resection cavity on the postoperative MRI. We then compared the occurrence of individual MRI changes inside and outside the resection site in 23 subjects with favorable postsurgical seizure outcome, and analyzed reasons for surgical failures in 8 subjects with unfavorable outcome. Results: MRI information alone correctly localized the resection cavity in all 23 TSC patients with favorable seizure outcomes. Significant MRI features in the resection site of these subjects included: largest tuber (n=21), calcification (n=15), cystic lesions (n=2), increased cortical thickness (n=14), abnormal gyration (n=11), transmantle changes (n=7) and gray/white matter blurring in 19/21 cases (two infants had unmyelinated white matter). Increased cortical thickness and abnormal gyration occurred only in the resection site. The relation of other MRI features to the resection site was as follows: largest tubers 11/10 (ratio of subjects with the finding only in the resection site to patients with the finding also occurring outside the resection); calcifications 12/3; transmantle changes 6/1 and gray/white matter blurring 7/12. The resection site was localized correctly using MRI in five other patients with unfavorable postsurgical outcomes; all had incomplete resections of the epileptogenic zone due to overlap with eloquent cortex. The resection site was not localized using MRI in three patients with unfavorable seizure outcomes. One of these patients had overlap of the epileptogenic zone with eloquent cortex; two subjects had multifocal epileptiform activity identified by intracranial EEG. Conclusions: Thorough MRI evaluation is able to accurately localize the epileptogenic zone in a significant proportion of TSC patients. Epileptogenic regions were characterized by "FCD-like" changes outside cortical tubers, especially increased cortical thickness and abnormal gyration. The findings could have important practical consequences for surgical planning in patients with intractable epilepsy due to TSC
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T1 - Social, recreation and leisure participation of families who have a child with a severe physical disability: Parents' perspectives
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Objective: Children with severe physical disabilities have high care needs. Consequently they and their families are at risk of restricted opportunities to participate in activities that support their wellbeing, social connections with others, and family cohesion. The child is more likely to rely on family support for their own social participation, rather than on participating in activities with peers, which may further alter the dynamics of the family's social participation. Our objective was to gain an 'insiders' view of family social participation, so as to better understand the enabling and restricting factors involved.

Design: Narrative Inquiry. Method: Participants were 10 parents or primary care-givers of youths aged 10-18 years with severe physical disabilities (identified as GMFCS & MACS Levels IV or V) recruited primarily through the Royal Children's Hospital and Specialist schools. Parents were interviewed using the Occupational Performance History Interview-II to elicit accounts of daily life within families as well as changes that had occurred over time with their children's growth. Each interview was audio recorded and transcribed verbatim. Narrative analysis was used to construct a core story from each interview within which key participation issues were identified. Secondly thematic analysis was used to compare themes across participant's stories. Results: Parents characterised daily life as involving highly structured routines that were demanding of their time, energy and resources. Routines were dependent to some extent on service provision that was often described as inflexible and not meeting the needs of the family.
Parents prioritised the needs of their child with a disability. Their other roles, including volunteer or paid employment and maintaining relationships both inside and outside the family, were dependent on the suitability and flexibility of care arrangements that could be made for their child. Participating in activities outside the home required parents to access detailed information and plan carefully to cater for their child's needs, particularly concerning toileting and wheelchair accessibility. The personal and financial resources required, and the physical and attitudinal barriers that families faced, meant that 'going out' relied heavily on parents' energy and resources. Parents therefore considered carefully whether social participation was worth the effort.

Conclusions: Daily life was demanding of parents' time, energy and resources. Participation outside of core routines required planning and the means to overcome environmental barriers. Family social participation relied on parents' resourcefulness in facing these barriers. Being knowledgeable and mindful of these issues will assist planning feasible family centered interventions.

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T1 - Participation patterns of children with and without physical disabilities in activities outside school
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KW - physical disability
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KW - Child
KW - disability
KW - community
KW - gender
KW - Spina Bifida
KW - Male
KW - girl
KW - intellectual impairment
KW - Female
KW - parent
KW - boy
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Government
KW - convenience sample
KW - questionnaire
KW - Social Behavior
KW - rank sum test
KW - scientist
KW - Satisfaction
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Objective: This study compared the participation patterns of children with physical disabilities (PD) with their peers with typical development (TD) in activities outside of school. The aim was to describe similarities and differences in the extent (number of activities and frequency), context (location and companionship) and experience (enjoyment and satisfaction) of participation. Design: A two-group matched pairs design, using survey methods. Method: Data were extracted for children with PD (e.g. spina bifida or cerebral palsy) who lived in regional or metropolitan Victoria, from a previous participation study of children with disabilities. Children with PD were rated by parents as having mild (n=14), moderate (n=19), and severe (n=12) disabilities. Children with intellectual disability were excluded. Forty-five children with PD (15 girls, 30 boys; median age of 11 years [range: 6-17y]) were matched according to age, gender, socio-economic background and location (regional or metropolitan living situation) to 45 children with TD. Children with TD were recruited through 17 government and private schools selected by stratified random (n=12) and convenience sampling (n=5). Participation was measured using the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE) and the Preferences for Activity of Children (PAC) questionnaires. Data were collected via mail-outs or with the support of a researcher. As the data were not normally distributed, Mann-Whitney U-tests were used to assess between-group differences. Results: There was no evidence that the participation patterns of children with PD were different to those with TD in extent or context of participation in Recreational, Skillbased or Informal activities (all P>0.05). Of the 20 activities in which most children participated, 17 activities were consistent between groups. There was evidence that children with PD participated less frequently in Formal (P=0.028) and Social activities (P=0.013). Although children with PD participated in fewer Physical activities (P=0.005) there was no evidence of a difference in their frequency of Physical participation (P=0.066). Conclusion: Participation patterns of children with PD and children with TD were similar, although community-based participation of children with PD was lower in comparison to children with TD. There are few recommendations about how much participation is optimal, or what dimensions of participation are most important. Working with individual children and families to facilitate activity within the community in enjoyed and preferred activities may assist to develop healthy participation patterns for life. Future research that investigates engagement in activity will enhance knowledge about how to support high quality participation.
Thermographic imaging of the skin can be widely used to assess ongoing processes of the skin surface as well as processes within the subcutaneous tissue. The possibility to apply visual images to thermographic images of skin changes allows to gain additional information which can be of great importance for their clinical interpretation. The role of infrared thermography in the diagnosis of inflammatory processes (abscesses, periodontal infiltrations, inflammatory processes with submandibular lymph node involvement) of the skin and surrounding tissues was previously described. Thermographic imaging is an objective diagnostic tool in the interpretation of skin tests with allergens, especially in cases when the skin is covered with other lesions or has a different color. The purpose of our study is to present new opportunities of using thermographic imaging in the evaluation of ongoing processes of the skin surface and within the subcutaneous tissue. The appearance of skin lesions described as allergic urticaria is characterized by great diversity. Typical lesions (wheals) usually show up a few minutes after contact with the allergen and can resolve in a short period of time. Infrared images...
of the lesions show that they are far more expressed than in the visual assessment. Infrared images can also become valuable clues for clinicians, because they describe the activity of the continuing process and thereby can influence the treatment. (Figure presented) In figure 1 a rectangular area, outside the wheal (A4), was selected. After applying a thermographic image we can see a clearly visible area of increased temperature induced by the wheal, with a far greater range than seen in the visual image. The thermographic image was taken in a standard environment using the infrared camera FLIR T-640, which allows applying visual images to thermographic images. Skin carcinomas require careful analysis of the surgical field range to determine appropriate and safe surgical margins. On the other hand the cosmetic effect after surgery is very important, that is why surgeons try to minimize the scar. Infrared thermography allows to precisely determine the range of the neoplastic lesion, which very often has a greater size than primary observed. (Figure presented) A skin lesion in the temporal region (figure 3) represents a squamous cell carcinoma, which was qualified for surgical treatment. The surgical field range is intuitively set by the surgeon during the procedure. A histopathologic section is examined under the microscope to ensure safe surgical margins. Infrared images can be helpful in determining the surgical field range. The clinical presentation of infantile hemangiomas is characterized by great diversity. Their range in spatial dimension can be difficult to assess in routinely performed Doppler ultrasound. Recent studies have shown a good effect in treating infantile hemangiomas with prolonged propranolol therapy. The involution of hemangiomas during propranolol therapy is associated with formation of atrophic foci. Infrared thermography allows to assess the temperature of hemangiomas, their size in metric units (by using special software). Because of the diversity of hemangiomas, their location, the age of children, the progress of the healing process (atrophy of the hemangioma) it seems that the comparison of average temperatures between an area registered within the hemangioma and an area registered within a symmetrical body part is the most reliable method to describe the treatment efficacy. In cases of an unfavorable location of the hemangioma (i.e. nose area, forearm), it is more objective to compare temperatures between the hemangioma and an adjacent, healthy tissue. (Figure presented) In the thermogram of a 12-months old girl with an infantile hemangioma 2 areas were marked: A1 is an area with high blood flow within the hemangioma determined by Doppler ultrasound, A2 is an area with marked atrophy of a highly vascularized region due to propranolol therapy. The average temperature in the area A1 = 36.8°C, in the area A2 36.2°C. Delta of average temperatures (Figures 5,6) = 0.6°C (Figure presented) A 7-months old boy with an inflamed and tender infantile hemangioma of the nose, after 4 months of propranolol therapy. The tenderness of the hemangioma limited the use of Doppler ultrasound. Visual and thermographic evaluation allows to fully control the healing process. CONCLUSION: The presented opportunities of using infrared imaging in the evaluation and interpretation of ongoing pathologic processes of the skin surface and the subcutaneous tissue indicate the high value of thermography as a diagnostic method.
Objective: Recurrent headache (RHA) results in socio-economic burden, adversely affects quality of life, school performance, social interaction and sleep patterns. This study aimed to determine the impacts of different types of RHA as this has not been previously reported in Bangladesh. Design: Cross-sectional cohort controlled study. Method: Children from 24 government-run secondary schools in Dhaka, were selected randomly through a structured questionnaires consisting of (1) information on migraine/tension-type headache (TTH) using the International Classification of Headache Disorder II, (2) evaluation of headache disability using PedMIDAS (paediatric migraine disabilities assessment score) for cases and modified PedMIDAS for controls and impact on economic status and sleep patterns. Results: In RHA-cases, mean disability score (DS) for school performance, inability to perform usual home-work including chores, restricted outdoor play and compromised social activities were higher (more disability) than controls (8.3, 2.4, 4.9, 1 vs 2.6, 0.4, 1.1, 0.2 respectively, P<0.001). Average DS was higher (19.57) in RHA than controls (5.63, P<0.001) but was also higher in migraine than TTH (21.02 vs 16.27, P<0.001). Sleep disturbances, such as difficulties in initiation and maintenance of sleep (61% vs 49%, P<0.001), number of awakenings per week (32% vs 19%, P<0.001) and fragmentary sleep (16% vs 8%, P<0.001) were more common in RHA. No significant difference was observed in sleep measures between migraine and TTH. Medication requirement and monthly cost for headache treatment was higher in RHA and medication was higher for those with migraine than with TTH, P<0.04. Conclusion: RHA had greater disability in relation to school performance, home work, social activities, sleep pattern and more treatment cost than controls and disability was higher among migraine than TTH.

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T1 - Relationships between lifestyle and motor fitness in early-school children
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Introduction: Motor fitness is considered as an individual health measure. Its impact on human organism is extremely important during the early school years due to the intensive child's growth at that time. Aim: The aim of this study was to assess the relationship between the health behavior of early-school children and their motor fitness.

Materials and methods: A group of 60 school children attending I-III classes of a rural school was examined in June 2008. The children's motor fitness was determined by employing motor ability tests and interview questionnaires to categorize the children's lifestyles and nutritional patterns. Results were analyzed statistically.

Results and discussion: The majority of these school children presented a medium level of motor fitness. Children's opinions concerning their health status and nutritional patterns did not influence their motor fitness. However, a higher percentage of children with a high level of motor fitness was observed among those children with a positive attitude towards health promoting behaviors. A high level of motor fitness was found in about 50% of children spending their free time outdoors 2-3 times a week and a low level in over 57% of children seldom spending their free time outdoors. A higher percentage of children with a low fitness level was detected among those declaring contact with cigarettes and alcohol.

Conclusions: Such factors as physical activities during leisure time, children's opinions on their health status and nutritional patterns had only a slight influence on the levels of motor fitness. 2012 Warminsko-Mazurska Izba Lekarska w Olsztynie

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T1 - Petrous bone imaging in children
Background: Hearing loss (HL) is a frequent reason for CT and MR imaging studies performed in children. However, a generic request of neuroimaging studies for “HL” is not sufficient. The radiologist should require the clinician to specify whether HL is unilateral (and which side is involved) or bilateral, and whether it is sensorineural (SNHL), conductive (CHL), or mixed. This will influence the imaging approach, which is primarily based on a combination of CT and MRI for SNHL or mixed HL, and on CT for CHL. Sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL) In SNHL, CT detects only approximately 20% of causes. Thus, MRI is often the first-line imaging study. The MRI protocol should always include thin-slice (1 mm or less), heavily T2-weighted images obtained with adequate techniques (ie T2 DRIVE, CISS, FIESTA), which allow for a superb delineation of the membranous labyrinth of the inner ear, inner acoustic canal (IAC) with the VII-VIII cranial nerve complex, and cerebellopontine angle cistern. These sequences can be reformatted on any plane, but direct inplane acquisition offers significant advantages in terms of spatial resolution. Because the acoustic lemniscus projects to the Heschl’s gyrus in the temporal lobe, MRI studies in patient with SNHL should not focus on the inner ear only, but include the whole pathway. Contrast material may be administered where applicable. Unilateral SNHL is usually caused by acoustic schwannomas in adults. However, this lesion is uncommon in children except for bilateral schwannomas in the setting of neurofibromatosis type II. Unilateral enhancing mass lesions involving the pediatric IAC are rare and usually of other histologies, including capillary hemangiomas in PHACE syndrome. Most cases of uni- or bilateral SNHL in children are caused by malformations of the inner ear. These, in turn, depend on the timing of the derangement in the development of the inner ear, which starts at 23 days with the formation of the otic placode, proceeds with the otic pit (24 days) and otic vesicle (27 days) stages, and subsequently with the appearance of the vestibular and cochlear pouches and, finally, of the semicircular canals, of which the lateral is the last one to appear. The adult size and configuration is reached by the middle of the fetal period (20-22 weeks), and any derangement at intermediate stages will result in a different kind of malformation. Early stage derangement, including the Michel aplasia (complete aplasia of the inner ear) and the
common cavity, are relatively rare. Midstage derangements are more common and include the incomplete partition types I (cystic appearance of cochlea and vestibule) and II, formerly known as Mondini malformation (1.5 cochlear turns, dilated vestibule and vestibular aqueduct). Although CT adequately depicts these malformations, MRI has the advantage of the absence of ionizing radiation and the possibility to assess the presence of the cochlear nerve, a critical issue for management planning which cannot be resolved by CT alone. Moreover, MRI must be used to look for associated abnormalities and syndromic complexes, in particular the CHARGE association which it also comprises. Among other abnormalities, orbital colobomas which must be scrutinized during the same MRI study. Among causes of SNHL in children, the large vestibular aqueduct syndrome (LVAS) is the most common. In LVAS, HL is initially mild, worsens stepwise, and deteriorates with trauma or intercurrent disease, CT and MRI show a markedly enlarged vestibular aqueduct, mono-or bilaterally; MRI also shows the dilated endolymphatic sac protruding into the cerebellopontine angle cistern. Conductive hearing loss (CHL) Causes of CHL can be categorized into congenital (i.e. malformations) and acquired (i.e. otitis and otomastoiditis). Congenital aural aplasia (CAA) is the main cause of congenital CHL. It is characterized by stenosis (types 1 and 2) or atresia (types 3 and 4) of the external acoustic canal, and it is very commonly associated with anomalies of the middle ear and mastoid. This is due to the common embryological origin of the anterior part of the external ear, incus and malleus from the first branchial arch, and the posterior part of the external ear and the stapes from the second branchial arch. CAA is unilateral in 70% of cases, and bilateral in the remainder; it can be isolated or syndromic (Goldenhar, Klippell-Fell, Treacher-Collins, and other syndromes). In CAA, CT must be used to carefully scrutinize for associated ossicular anomalies which include incudomeatal fixation and stapes dislocation. The course of the facial nerve must also be carefully evaluated, especially looking for dehiscent courses which may cause problems during ontological surgery. Acquired CHL is mainly cause by otitis, otomastoiditis, and related complications. Acute otitis/otomastoiditis is caused by pharyngeal germs which colonize the middle ear through the Eustachian tuba. Acute otitis/otomastoiditis is a clinical diagnosis that does not require imaging studies for confirmation; the clinical course is usually short, and the process terminates because of the host’s immune system, the infection-resistant properties of the mucosal linings, and antibiotic treatment. However, a small proportion of untreated or inadequately treated patients may experience complications which can be a threatening disease and must be diagnosed promptly. Intratemporal complications include incipient mastoiditis, in which infection is restricted to the mucoperiosteal compartment, and coalescent mastoiditis, in which the bone is involved. From this stage, extratemporal complications may ensue, including Bezold's abscesses, sigmoid sinus thrombophlebitis, cerebellar abscess, and Lemierre syndrome. Contrast-enhanced CT is required in the study of complicated mastoiditis to rule out these potentially life-threatening complications; MRI plays a complementary role for confirmation of the diagnosis. Chronic otomastoiditis is caused by the persistence of inflammation in the middle ear cavity leading to mucosal thickening and occlusion of the Eustachian tube. This, in turn, causes retraction of the tympanic membrane at the pars flaccida with development of chronic inflammation which, eventually, may lead to the formation of a cholesteatoma. The Prussak space at the anterior epitympanic recess is the most common location for acquired cholesteatomas, although other locations in the tympanic cavity and petrous bone cells are also possible. Cholesteatomas are characterized on CT as discrete masses causing bone resorption (typically with amputation of the scutum) and ossicular demineralization. Labrynthine or facial nerve fistulae must be carefully ruled out since they may be the source for recurrent meningitis. In doubtful cases, MRI is useful to discriminate a cholesteatoma from aspecific inflammation; a cholesteatoma gives restricted diffusion and does not enhance with contrast material administration. MRI is also useful in the post-surgical follow-up in operated cases. Conclusions In conclusion, neuroimaging is a powerful tool for the characterization, management planning, and follow-up of both congenital and acquired petrous bone pathology in children. A careful history-taking and correlation with the clinician are of paramount importance to correctly choose the imaging technique and recognize the various conditions. Profound knowledge of anatomy and embryology is necessary to properly address this difficult, fascinating area.
This review presents a geographic distribution of the three autochthonous venomous snake species, which are the only vipers present in Spain, among the Iberian fauna: Vipera aspid; Vipera seoianei and Vipera latasti. This is followed by a detailed descriptive analysis of hospital care provided to patients admitted into hospital due to venomous bites, in the period from 1997 to 2009, using the data from the Spanish hospital discharge registry database. This analysis reveals that in Spain, during this period, 1649 cases were recorded, which means that hospital care was required for more than one hundred cases per year, of which nearly 1% of the cases resulted in death. Cases were recorded in all the Autonomous communities, but more than half (54.14%) were concentrated in the following four regions: Cataluna, Castilla and Leon, Galicia and Andalucia. It is notable that this concentration of cases is not associated only with the population demographics of the community, but is also the result of the concurrence of very diverse factors of exposure including: habitat of venomous fauna, volume of rural population, farming activities, and practice of outdoor leisure activities.
also carried out a gross economic calculation for the use of hospital resources by each snakebite case requiring hospital care in Spain, which provided us with an approximate figure of 2000 per case. 2012 Elsevier Ltd


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T1 - Association between contamination of public squares and seropositivity for Toxocara spp. in children
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KW - analytic method
KW - animal parasitosis
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KW - Asthma
KW - bronchitis
KW - Child
KW - child health
KW - controlled study
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
KW - eosinophilia
KW - feces analysis
KW - Female
KW - Geography
KW - Human
KW - immunoglobulin blood level
KW - Male
KW - microbial contamination
KW - nonhuman
KW - parasite examination
KW - parasite identification
KW - parasite load
KW - parasite transmission
KW - pet animal
KW - preschool child
KW - public square
KW - school
KW - school child
KW - serology
KW - seroprevalence
KW - skin allergy
KW - society and environment
KW - Toxocara canis
KW - toxocariasis
A concomitant study was carried out, of the association of positive serology for Toxocara spp. in 90 children who played in public squares used for leisure, with the frequency with which each child used these areas, and the presence of eggs of Toxocara spp. in the sand or grass in these locations. The sand and grass of their peridomiciles and school playgrounds, as well as the feces of their dogs were also analyzed for Toxocara. Serum samples were tested for IgG antibodies to Toxocara canis excreted-secreted larval antigens by ELISA, and blood samples for eosinophilia. The water-sedimentation technique was used to evaluate the presence of parasite eggs in the sand and grass turfs, and in feces of the dogs that also frequented these locations. 16/90 (17.8%) of the children were seropositive for Toxocara spp. There was a positive association between seropositivity in children who played in the public squares six or seven times a week, with a parasite load above 1.1. eggs/g of sand, as well as with contamination of the peridomicile, even at less than 1.0. egg/g of sand. Eosinophilia, the habit of geophagy, age from one to four years, and the presence of parasitized pet dogs were also positively correlated with seropositivity in the children. Eggs were found in 15/15 (100%) of the public squares, 17/90 (18.9%) of the peridomiciles, 3/13 (23.1%) of the schools, and 12/41 (29.3%) of the dogs living in the peridomiciles investigated. 2012 Elsevier B.V
Physical inactivity is an important health issue in the U.S. and more children today are overweight or obese than ever before. Reflecting the importance of physical activity (PA) among children and adolescents, Healthy People 2020 included several objectives on PA guidelines compliance and screen time reduction. Multiple data sources were used to provide baselines for the specified HP2020 objectives: 2005-08 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and 2007 National Survey of Children’s Health. About 18% of adolescents met current Federal PA guidelines in 2009. Males, white adolescents, and 9th grade students were more active than their counterparts. About 33% of adolescents participated in daily school physical education and 9th graders were more likely to participate in it than older students. Among children ages 0-2, 40.6% viewed no television or videos on an average weekday, about 76% of children ages 2-5 and 6-14 viewed TV, videos or played videogames for no more than 2 hours a day, among adolescents the percentage of those who did not exceed 2-hour a day limit was 67.2%. More than 90% of children ages 6-14 and 75% of adolescents in grades 9-12 used a computer or played computer games outside of school (for nonschool work) for no more than 2 hours a day. Healthy People 2020 was launched on December 2, 2010. National data for the PA topic area are currently available for public use. The PA objectives will be tracked during the decade to measure their progress toward 2020 targets.
Vitamin D is an integral determinant of musculoskeletal health. Reports from across the world indicate the presence of widespread vitamin D deficiency. A 2009 IOF review of global vitamin D status highlights the prevalence and severity of vitamin D deficiency in Asia. Despite abundant sunshine, populations from many countries in the Asian region, in particular in South Asia and possibly China are severely affected by vitamin D deficiency. In India, for example, all ages (newborns, children, adults, pregnant women and elderly) have been shown to be affected. Among factors that have been blamed for this epidemic in Asia is skin pigmentation, cultural practices like avoidance of sun exposure, and traditional clothing that allows limited skin exposure. Fortification of food products with vitamin D is not widely practiced in Asia. The majority of the world’s population lives in this region of the world, and, given the diverse nature of the countries in the region, each with their own set of unique issues and problems, it is difficult to envisage a uniform strategy for the region as a whole. However, the approaches can broadly be divided into 3 parts: 1. Increasing awareness about importance of sun exposure and outdoor activities in the population, particularly in children. 2. Designing and implementing vitamin D fortification programs. This requires combined expertise of ‘vitamin D’ experts, nutritionists, chemists, food technologists and social workers, so that a comprehensive plan can be presented to policy makers. Choice of the appropriate food items to be fortified and monitoring strategies are essential to the success of such a program. 3. Selective and judicious use of vitamin D supplements in populations ‘at risk’. Typical examples include school children and the elderly. The dose required to achieve adequate 25(OH) D levels may be much higher than internationally recommended, due to low baseline levels. Studies from India show that at least 2000 IU of cholecalciferol is required daily to achieve optimum serum 25(OH)D levels. There is an urgent need for Asian countries to formulate strategies for combating this epidemic, based on country specific needs and situations
Objective: To analyze risk factors and morbidity associated with tics in children. Background: Tics are the most common movement disorders in children. Methods: Ninety-two children (73% boys, mean age 9 years, range 2-17) were prospectively evaluated with a standardized protocol for tics. Yale Global Tic Severity Scale (YGTSS) was applied to 65 patients. Results: Children were classified as follows: Tourette syndrome (56%), chronic motor or phonic tics (24%), and tics of <12-month duration (20%). Overall, 97% of the patients had motor simple tics and 73% had complex tics. Tics were limited to the face/neck in 30% of children and were generalized in the rest. Simple (throatclearing, shouting, nonspecific noises, sniffing and coughing) and complex (coprolalia and palilalia) phonic tics affected 75% and 30% of the cohort, respectively. Motor tics showed an earlier onset than phonic tics (6.2 vs 7.2 yr; p<.05). Stressful situations and certain daily-life activities (school exams or homework), but also playing video-games and watching TV, aggravated tics in one-third to one half of patients. As opposite, artistic activities (theatre, dancing, painting, listening to music), playing sports and other
outdoor activities improved them. Throat infections were identified as a trigger factor or as an improving event in 4% and 8% of cases, respectively. Tic-associated pain/traumatic lesions and disabling tics affected 40% and 20% of patients overtime. The following comorbidities were present in children with tics: obsessions and compulsions (44%), ADHD (36%), anxiety (38%). ADHD was significantly more frequent in boys (44% vs 14%; \( p=0.01 \)). YGTSS scores correlated positively with time of evolution \( (r=0.273, \quad p=0.026) \), and Tourette patients obtained higher scores than other diagnosis \( (36.7 \text{ vs } 16.7; \quad p<0.001) \). Poor school performance was associated with higher scores in the YGTSS \( (37.8 \text{ vs } 24.5; \quad p=0.018) \) and with the diagnosis of Tourette \( (33\% \text{ vs } 15\%; \quad p=0.043) \) and ADHD \( (46\% \text{ vs } 18\%; \quad p=0.007) \). Conclusions: Several daily-life activities were identified as modifying factors of tic severity and may be important clues for tic management. In a small proportion of children, tics were associated with significant morbidity and poor school performance.

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KW - Adolescent
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KW - Male
KW - Female
KW - light exposure
KW - text messaging
KW - mobile phone
KW - skin cancer
KW - questionnaire
KW - patient
KW - Transplantation
KW - teleconsultation
KW - childhood
KW - follow up
KW - exposure
KW - juvenile
KW - Risk
KW - Child
KW - carcinogen
Introduction. Children and adolescents with organ transplants have an increased risk of skin cancer. The cumulative and intermittent UV exposures are considered main carcinogens for the development of skin cancer. Consequently it is very important to increase sun protection knowledge and to decrease UV light exposure in childhood.

Objective. To evaluate the technical feasibility and acceptability of short message service (SMS) based sun protection recommendations for adolescents after organ transplantation following a special sun protection program.

Methods. Adolescents after organ transplantation were invited to participate in a special sun protection program. Thereafter the participants received sun protection recommendations on a daily basis for 4 weeks sent to their mobile phones via SMS, depending on the regional UV index. Baseline survey consisted of a questionnaire which was carried out before the sun protection program took place. The follow-up survey (telephone interview, questionnaire) was conducted by trained interviewers after text messaging intervention.

Results. A total of 25 (female 8, male 17) adolescent organ transplant patients were enrolled. 19 (female 6, male 13) of these 25 patients took part in the text messaging intervention. According to an interim analysis 84% of the participants (16/19) confirmed the daily receipt of sun protection recommendations on their mobile phones. All participants reported that text messages helped them to remember the most important information of the sun protection training. 11 of the 19 participating youth (females 3, males 8) mentioned that both sun protection training and text messages would have changed their sun protection behavior (e.g. increased application of sunscreen, use of fabric UV-light protection, decrease of outdoor activities during the lunch time).

Conclusions. This study demonstrates that SMS based sun protection recommendations are technically feasible and accepted by adolescents after organ transplantation. In addition to the sun protection program this intervention may help on one side to increase sun protection knowledge and on the other side also help to reduce UV light exposure. Sex/gender differences and similarities should be taken into account in further investigations.
Background/Purpose: Systemic sclerosis (SSc) is an autoimmune connective tissue disease that affects multiple systems and results in thickening of the skin, vascular insufficiency and fibrotic changes in the muscles, joints and internal organs. SSc is a rare disease primarily affecting women. However, men also have SSc. The mean onset of SSc is between 30-50 years of age which are peak years when men are becoming or being fathers. The role of a father can be impacted in many ways by this chronic illness and its unpredictability. Despite the severity of SSc, little is known about the impact this illness has on parenting especially being a father. Therefore, the purpose of this qualitative study is to describe the impact of scleroderma on the role of a father. Methods: Ten fathers with scleroderma that had children 18 years of age and younger living with them at least 50% of the time, participated in this study. The mean age of the fathers was 44.80 years; mean disease duration was 3.76 years. Ninety percent were married, 60% worked full time, and the mean number of children was two. Fathers completed demographic questionnaires and were interviewed over the telephone. The interviews consisted of questions regarding the aspects of SSc that interfered with their ability to parent, situations in which SSc interfered with their ability to parent, what would make parenting easier, advice for other fathers, and support that makes being a father easier. The interviews were tape-recorded and transcribed verbatim. Content analysis was used to determine the primary codes and a summary statement generated for each code. Working from the summary statements the data was aggregated into two key themes with a single overarching theme. Results: The overarching theme, I’m still Dad described the feelings of the fathers that scleroderma does not negate the fact or importance of parenting. Daily tasks and daily routines change but the fathering role stays constant. The two key themes that emerged from the findings related to the emotional impact of the illness and the day to day realities of the illness. The unpredictability and rareness of the illness lead to ongoing feeling of isolation and the fear of the mortality of the illness. The daily activities fathers participated with their children changed related to fatigue, vascular and musculoskeletal physical changes. Even though the men had physical challenges, support systems in place helped them to complete day to day routines. Conclusion: Being a father with scleroderma has positive and negative influences. The negative effects are the inability of the fathers to participate in all of the physically activities the children enjoyed such as outdoor sports and throwing a ball. Being able to take time to spend quality time with the child was a positive influence of the illness.
Milk volume, vitamin D supplementation, outdoor activity and season are important predictors of vitamin D serum level in preschoolers: A target kids! Study

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KW - Child
KW - calcium metabolism
KW - Skin Pigmentation
KW - multiple linear regression analysis
KW - skin
KW - Male
KW - secondary analysis
KW - Canada
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KW - serum
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KW - community
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N2 - Background: NHANES data have revealed important clinical predictors of vitamin D serum level. However, for preschoolers, significant gaps remain. Objective: To examine the relationship between 25-OH vitamin D serum level and volume of milk, outdoor activity, season, BMI, vitamin D supplementation and skin pigmentation. Our secondary objective was to examine whether biochemical indices of calcium metabolism could define the physiologically normal 25-OH vitamin D level. Design/Methods: A cross-sectional study was performed. Healthy children aged 1-5 years were recruited from TARGet Kids! community-based pediatric practices in Toronto, Canada (43degreeN) during well child visits. The primary analysis examined the direction and magnitude of potential clinical predictors of 25-OH vitamin D level. The secondary analysis examined associations between 25-OH vitamin D level and biochemical measures of calcium metabolism. Results: 849
children were recruited between December 2008 and October 2010. The mean age was 35 months (SD 17), 52% were male, 51% had white skin, and 56% were vitamin D supplemented. Mean 25-OH vitamin D level was 92 nmol/L (SD 33), 31% were below 75 nmol/L and 5% were below 50 nmol/L. Univariable analysis revealed cow's milk intake (p<0.0001), vitamin D supplementation (p<0.0001), outdoor play (p=0.0005) and season (p<0.0001) were associated with 25-OH vitamin D level with a trend towards skin pigmentation (p=0.07) and BMI (p=0.09) but not screen time (p=0.8). Multiple linear regression revealed that 25-OH vitamin D level increased by 5 nmol/L (95% CI 3-7) per 250 mL cup of cow's milk per day, 11 nmol/L (95% CI 6-16) in vitamin D supplemented children, 4.5 nmol/L (95% CI 2-7) per hour of outdoor play per day and 10 nmol/L (95% CI 5-15) May through September. Using these 4 variables for predicting 25-OH vitamin D level <75 nmol/L resulted in an area under the receiver operating curve of 0.81. There was no significant association between 25-OH vitamin D level, PTH, phosphate, calcium or alkaline phosphatase. Conclusions: Serum 25-OH vitamin D in urban 1-5 year old children at 43degreeN is influenced by daily volume of cow's milk, vitamin D supplementation, outdoor play and season. Biochemical measures of calcium metabolism, including PTH, are not useful in determining physiologically normal 25-OH vitamin D levels in this population

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KW - milk
KW - questionnaire
KW - Anthropometry
KW - Blood
KW - season
KW - Obesity
Background: Little is known about the relationship between vitamin D serum levels and cardiometabolic risk factors in preschoolers. With a potentially long duration of exposure to low vitamin D levels, identifying whether such relationships exist in preschoolers could have important long-term public health implications.

Objective: To examine the relationship between 25-OH vitamin D serum level and cardiometabolic risk factors: total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL and non-HDL. Design/Methods: A cross-sectional study was performed. Healthy children aged 1-5 years were recruited from TARGet Kids! participating community-based pediatric practices in Toronto, Canada (43°N) during well child visits with concurrent measurement of 25-OH vitamin D and cardio-metabolic factors by blood test as well as anthropometrics and dietary exposures by questionnaire. Our primary analysis examined associations between 25-OH vitamin D level and cardiometabolic risk factors. Our secondary analysis used multiple linear regression to examine whether such relationships were independent of BMI and other known factors which influence 25-OH vitamin D level.

Results: 849 children were recruited between December 2008 and October 2010. The mean age of the population was 35 months (SD 17), 52% were male, 51% had white skin, 22% were overweight and 6% were obese. Mean 25-OH vitamin D level was 92 nmol/L (SD 33), 31% were below 75 nmol/L and 5% were below 50 nmol/L. Univariable analysis revealed associations between higher 25-OH vitamin D level and lower total cholesterol (p=0.002), lower triglycerides (p<0.0001), lower non-HDL (p=0.02), and a trend towards higher HDL (p=0.07) but not LDL (p=0.5). Multiple linear regression adjusted for BMI z-score, age, milk intake, outdoor activity, season, skin pigmentation and vitamin D supplementation revealed that for each 1 nmol/L increase in 25-OH vitamin D, total cholesterol decreased by 0.17 mmol/L (95% CI 0.11-0.39), triglycerides decreased by 0.15 mmol/L (95% CI 0.10-0.30) and non-HDL decreased by 0.19 mmol/L (95% CI 0.11-0.56). Conclusions: Serum 25-OH vitamin D in urban 1-5 year old children at 43°N is associated with cardiometabolic risk factors. This association appears to be independent of BMI and other clinical variables that are associated with 25-OH vitamin D level.
Background: Guidelines for physical activity for preschool children promote at least 60 minutes of daily unstructured physical activity (PA). Reduction of sedentary transportation by stroller is encouraged. Objective: To determine if stroller use in healthy children ages 1-5 is associated with PA levels, and adiposity. Modifiable factors associated with increased stroller use were examined. Design/Methods: A cross-sectional study was performed. Healthy children age 1-5 years were recruited at well-child visits from TARGet Kids! community primary care practices in Toronto, Canada with parent reported measures of child and family characteristics including daily PA, nutritional risk (using the NutriSTEP), and child temperament (using the Child Behaviour Checklist). zBMI (WHO) and z-waist circumference (zWC) were used to measure adiposity. Parents reported the proportion of time per week that their child used a stroller or wagon when going for a walk. Multiple linear regression models were used to estimate effects and adjust for potential confounders. Results: 1070 children 1-5 years old were included. The mean age was 35 months; 51% were male. 18% had a zBMI >1 and 6% had zBMI >2. 80% of children 1-2 years of age, compared to 25% of children 3-5 years of age reported using a stroller at least 50% of the time; odds ratio 12.4 (95% CI 9.2, 16.9). Increased stroller use was associated with decreased unstructured PA per week. Adjusted for daycare use, child temperament, and parent perception of child PA level, always using a stroller, compared to never using a stroller, was associated with a decrease in days per week of unstructured physical activity of almost 1 day; -0.72 (-1.2, -0.3). Factors associated with increased stroller use included younger age (p<0.001), and use of a bottle (p=0.004). High effortful control temperament score (pleasure with low stimulus intensity, high attentional focus) was associated with lower stroller use (p=0.03). When adjusted for age, birth weight, nutritional risk, maternal BMI, and maternal PA, there was no association between stroller use and zBMI (p=0.50) or z-WC (p=0.23). Conclusions: Preschool children are spending a large proportion of their outdoor time inactive in a stroller. Anticipatory guidance for parents on appropriate stroller use may be one strategy to improve PA in this age group.
Child care arrangement and BMI/activity levels in preschoolers

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Introduction: Understanding factors associated with BMI and activity levels in young children can help address the obesity epidemic. An important consideration may be where and with whom children spend time.

We explored the relationship between childcare arrangement (CCA) and 1) moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA), 2) sedentary activity (SED), and 3) BMI in preschoolers.

Methods: We assessed CCA at baseline and 1-year later for children (N=229; age 55 months) enrolled in an obesity prevention trial. CCA groups were defined as "mother only" (MO; exclusive mother-care at both timepoints), "outside home" (OH; exclusive care outside the home at both timepoints) and "mixed" (MX; includes part-time care, and multiple CCAs). MVPA/SED was measured via 7-day accelerometry; BMIz-score was calculated from standardized measurements.

Results: OH was more likely to be black (29.2% vs. 12.7% in MO, 17.9% in MX), and have income >$60,000/year (MO: 80% vs. 51.3%, MX: 63.9%). MO was youngest (39.5 months vs. 41 in FC, 46.3 in MX). In unadjusted analysis, MO had significantly lower BMIz (.24) compared to others (MX = .51, p=.05, OH =.58, p=.03), and less SED than FC (369 vs. 395 min/day, p=.05). CCA was not associated with MVPA. After adjusting for child gender, race, and age, MO and OH remained significantly different for BMIz (p=.04).

Conclusions: Preschool children cared for exclusively by their mothers may have healthier BMIs and less sedentary time than children in other care. Obesity prevention efforts are important for all preschoolers, and the biggest need may be with arrangements outside of mother-care.
Introduction
Reported associations between physical activity (PA) and overweight/obesity in children may be weak due to imprecise measurements and inappropriate cut-offs defining moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA). The degree to which children's living environment shapes their PA is unknown.

Methods
In 2007/08, 16,223 children (2-9 years) from 8 European countries participated in extensive examinations including anthropometry...
and PA (accelerometry, 60-second epochs, n=7,451). Parents reported socio-demographic, behavioural, medical and nutritional data. Adjusted odds ratios (OR; 95%-confidence intervals [CI]) were estimated by logistic regression. BMI was categorized according to IOTF. We assessed opportunities for PA by a moveability index considering multiple urban forms (footpaths, intersections, playgrounds) which was linked with reported PA (n=460) and MVPA (n=275) in German school children. Using multilevel adjusted regression models, we investigated the impact of the moveability index on PA and travel mode to school.

Results: MVPA varied dramatically depending on the definition used. Using Evenson's criteria, 9.7% (18.3%) of preschool (school) children spent 60+ minutes in MVPA/day. This percentage varied substantially across Europe. Compared to children with 60+ minutes MVPA/day the risk for overweight/obesity was 1.26 (CI 1.04-1.53) and 1.56 (CI 1.29-1.90) in children with 30-60 minutes and <30 minutes MVPA, respectively. Footpath density was positively associated with walking to school (OR=2.17, p=0.034). Density of recreational facilities (beta=0.22, p=0.002) and the moveability index (beta=0.25, p<0.001) showed a positive effect on MVPA/day.

Conclusion: MVPA was strongly associated with overweight/obesity in children. The moveability index was a positive predictor of PA, where recreational facilities were the main factor influencing PA.

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T1 - Effects of a physical activity intervention in children attending child care (youp'la bouge program): A cluster-randomized controlled trial
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KW - parent
KW - Environment
KW - workshop
KW - girl
KW - Female
KW - Health Promotion
KW - accelerometer
Introduction: Physical activity (PA) is of high importance for health promotion in young children and child care centers represent ideal settings. To fill the existing gap, we conducted a cluster RCT assessing the effectiveness of Youp'luge, a real-life program in child care centers implemented by governmental agencies.

Methods: 58 child care centers were randomly selected and 1:1 assigned to a control and an intervention group. The Youp'luge program supports unstructured PA by providing workshops for educators, adapting the built environment of the child care centers, providing time for PA and involving parents. Motor Skills was the primary and BMI, PA (accelerometers) and Quality of Life secondary outcomes.

Results: Of the 1616 children, 1467 (age 3.3 ± 0.7 yrs, 46% girls) participated in the study. 648 children (BMI 16.2 ± 1.2 kg/m², 12% overweight & obese,) were present on the motor test day at baseline (mean attendance at child care 48%). There were no intervention effects in the measured outcomes. However, within the intervention group, associated predictors were identified for improvements in motor skills (free-access movement corner, parental evenings), BMI (motivated and additionally formed educators) and PA (type of equipment).

Conclusion: This real-life PA program did not improve motor skills or the secondary outcomes. As many programs have to balance between effectiveness and feasibility outside of a research setting, taking the found predictors into account may improve outcomes in such programs.

(Adapted text)
Introduction: Childhood obesity is over-represented in socially disadvantaged communities. Families living in these areas in Australia have high proportions of parents with low levels of education, government supported needs, and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Methods: To understand more about early risk factors for childhood obesity in socially disadvantaged areas, we asked parents (n = 796) and health/education professionals (n=45) of children aged 0 to 8 years about children's nutrition and physical activity practices, and perceptions of their child's weight status. Parents and carers completed questionnaires and a small number of carers also consented to interviews. Local interpreters assisted parents of pre-school children, where appropriate.

Results: Despite a national prevalence of childhood overweight and obesity of 20 to 25% among children 4 to 8 years of age, only 5% of parents reported concerns about excessive weight in their child. More carers than parents expressed greater concerns about children's risk of obesity. Approximately three in every four children aged 2-6 years averaged less than two hours of outdoor active play. The recommended one hour of 'screen' time for preschool children was exceeded by 80% of children. In children 6-8 years, television viewing doubled and computer time tripled on weekends. Reports of food insecurity, consumption of take away foods and requests for lower cost healthy foods, indicated complexities facing some families.

Conclusion: Early obesity prevention strategies may be a low priority for socially disadvantaged families. Broader base supports and strategies assisting families to translate knowledge into practice are required.
The Childhood obesity surveillance initiative in Greece was carried out from November 2010 to March 2011, 5701 children, 7-8 and 9-10 years old (2nd and 4th elementary school grade) from 150 primary schools randomly selected and nationally representative, participated in the study. Anthropometric measurements were performed by experienced dietitians who also completed the student and school questionnaires. Family questionnaires were completed by the family and returned to schools. In the second grade 23% of the children were overweight (OW) and 13.6% obese (OB) whereas in the forth grade 28.9% were overweight and 13.4% obese. No differences were found for both grades in the OW and OB prevalence between boys and girls. Percentage of underweight girls was higher than boys in both age groups. A negative correlation was found between rates of OW and OB and participation in sports. Only 20% of schools reported to provide physical education lessons more than three hours per week. 98% of schools reported to have outside playgrounds or inside play areas where children can play during school breaks and about half schools had organized initiatives/projects to promote a healthy lifestyle. Only 21% of schools had fresh fruits in their canteens and 31% milk. The results showed that childhood overweight and obesity prevalence is very high in Greece. Care should be taken to promote healthy eating and increase physical activity in schools.
BACKGROUND: Twenty-six percent of Canadian children/youth are overweight/obese. Public perception indicates hospitals should promote health and disease-prevention through institutional policy, long-range planning and resource budgeting. In 2007, we performed a survey of all Canadian Paediatric Academic Health Centres [CAPHC] demonstrating inadequate healthy active living (HAL) policy and practices. Fast food vending and patient sedentary activities were prevalent. A strong policy framework was recommended to create and implement HAL guidelines. OBJECTIVES: i) To perform a follow-up survey of all CAPHC to detect changes in HAL policy/practice since 2007. ii) To host a multi-disciplinary, pan-Canadian task force to create a compendium of HAL strategies. METHODS: In 2009, a modified HAL survey was completed by all 16 CAPHC. Local CAPHC champions collected and submitted data. A multi-disciplinary, pan-Canadian task force met to share best HAL practices and create novel hospital-based HAL strategies through several small group sessions. RESULTS: Survey 2009: Health Promoting Committees were similar at 56%. Although nonsmoking policy prevalence was unchanged, only partial adherence was reported by 93% of CAPHC. A mere 19% of CAPHC have written nutrition policy. Most CAPHC cafeterias had limited hours of operation. Sixty-two percent of CAPHC had fast food/coffee franchises. In 81% of centres, the vendor determined vending machine content; 38% of CAPHC increased vending machine numbers. No CAPHC had Physical Activity (PA) promotion policies. Outdoor walking trails increased 27-50%. Thirty-eight percent of CAPHC children's playrooms offered Wii fit. Thirty-one percent of CAPHC had outpatient Child Life workers. None had incentives for staff PA other than discounted fitness club memberships. Suggested Strategies from Taskforce: Unique nutrition initiatives: Dial for dining room service; phase out fast food restaurants; restriction of fast food advertisements; hospital-based farmers markets. Unique PA initiatives: Staff walking challenges; patient treasure hunts; active play in waiting rooms; Active living passports. CONCLUSIONS: Canadian paediatric hospitals have demonstrated some improvement in HAL promotion since the first survey in 2007 but considerable effort is required to develop a more comprehensive and systematic approach. Urgent attention must be given to the common practice of fast food kiosks and vending machines with nutrition-poor content. The deficit of Child Life workers and lack of active play areas for children and teens must also be addressed.
taskforce developed a compendium of HAL strategies that will be published and shared with all Canadian Pediatric Hospital administrators to help facilitate improvements in HAL practice and policy.

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T1 - Pain in infants and young children with sickle cell disease-a prospective longitudinal analysis
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KW - sickle cell
KW - emergency care
KW - newborn screening
KW - patient
KW - pain assessment
KW - school
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Hospitalization
KW - swelling
KW - thalassemia
KW - childhood
KW - Education
KW - informed consent
KW - Genotype
KW - Male
KW - surgery
KW - acute chest syndrome
KW - transfusion
KW - astronomy
KW - information processing
KW - consensus
KW - Telephone
KW - parent
KW - Adult
KW - hemoglobinopathy
KW - Adolescent
KW - occlusion
KW - hydroxyurea
Pain is the hallmark symptom of vaso-occlusion in sickle cell disease (SCD), but has not been well studied, particularly in children. Previous studies of pain in very young children with SCD have largely been limited to episodes sufficiently severe as to require acute care visits or hospitalizations. Our previous studies in school-aged children and adolescents (Dampier CD et al. J Pediatr Hematol Oncol 2004), as well as those in adults (Smith W et al Ann Inter Med 2009) suggest that vaso-occlusive pain is frequently managed at home outside of acute care medical settings. We sought to obtain similar data about the home pain experience of infants and young children with SCD as reported by parents or guardians, and to explore the relationship between the pain experience and hematological biomarkers. Enrollment and data collection was conducted from Jan 1999-Mar 2008 at the Marian Anderson Sickle Cell Center as part of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers program. Families with SCD infants identified by newborn screening were first approached about the study after completion of confirmatory diagnosis and initial SCD-related education, usually between 4 to 6 months of age. After informed consent, parents/guardians were trained in pain assessment and daily reporting. When sickle cell related pain events occurred, parents/guardians reported pain occurrence, location, associated symptoms and the treatment that they provided. Daily paper diaries were generally used in the first year of life to familiarize families with pain assessment and reporting. Subsequently a novel daily pager system was used to provide a method allowed daily reporting, but with reduced participant burden. A monthly telephone system in conjunction with a daily calendar was used for those families unable to effectively comply with providing daily reports. All pain reports were adjudicated by consensus of study staff and PI/Co-PI. Children were removed from the study for any period of chronic transfusion for clinical events (splenic sequestration, recurrent acute chest syndrome, surgery). Over the study period, 103 children (58% male) were enrolled beginning at a median age of 7.3 months (range 1.5, 65.2 months). This represented about 50% of SCD children referred to the Center by newborn screening during these time periods; the most common reasons for refusal were inability to complete daily reporting and geographic distance from the Center. An SS genotype was present in 50 children (48.5%), SC in 32 (31.1%), SBthalassemia in 6 (5.8%), SB+thalassemia in 15 (14.6%). Children were actively followed for a median of 3.8 years (range 0.3-7.6 years). The total number of days children were assessed for pain was 141,197 days with an additional 28,079 days of missing data (16%). The total number of days that children had reported pain was 2,288 days (1.6%), which represented 768 distinct episodes of pain. Over 80% of children reported to have pain in the 0-12 month age interval had pain locations (hands/feet) and characteristics (swelling or tenderness) consistent with dactylitis, which became progressively less prevalent in older age intervals. Significantly more SS/SB0 patients (58%) had >2 days of average dactylitis pain during 0-12 months or 12-24 months (53%) intervals compared to SC/SB+ patients (0%) (p=0.04). The timing of the first reported dactylitis event (<2 years or 2 years) significantly predicted the frequency of SCD pain events per person year, with earlier onset associated with more frequent pain events during the study period (p=0.02), for both the SS/SB0 and SC/SB+ (P=0.03) groups. Our study demonstrates the feasibility of initial recruitment and subsequent daily reporting of clinical events by families of infants and young children with SCD over many years, particularly when careful consideration is given to enhance family support and minimizing respondent burden. The onset of an initial dactylitis episode prior 2 years of age, even if treated at home, was associated with more frequent pain throughout childhood, irrespective of hemoglobinopathy type. Such children may be appropriate for interventions, such as oral hydroxyurea, that reduce excessive pain frequency.
Twelve of the single nucleotide alterations were found in exons 1, 2, and 3, and four of the frame-shift mutations were found in exons 3, 7, and 8. Frame-shift mutations were novel LEF1 alterations, and mutations in exons 3 and 8 were positioned outside catalytic domain and DNA binding region. Missense mutations in exon 1 were located highly conservative lesion of beta-catenin binding domain of LEF1. Of the 8 LEF1 alterations detected in 16 cases also had NOTCH1 mutations. Analysis of the available clinical data showed that LEF1 gene alteration was not a significant predictor of event-free survival in children with T-ALL treated in JACLS ALL-97 and NHL-T98 protocol. However, LEF1 inactivation was associated with a younger age at the time of diagnosis, but not with sex, white blood cell count, central nervous system involvement, or the presence of an anterior mediastinal mass at the time of diagnosis. Furthermore, analysis of the T-ALL cell surface immunophenotype obtained at the time of diagnosis showed that all LEF1-altered cases were characterized by developmental arrest at a cortical stage of T-cell differentiation. The clinical significance of these gene alterations and detailed data is discussed.
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KW - cell viability
KW - mutant
KW - Phosphorylation
KW - cell transformation
KW - Point Mutation
KW - Sequence Analysis
KW - Prognosis
KW - Adult
KW - Child
KW - cancer cell
KW - assay
KW - multigene family
KW - library
KW - oncogene
KW - tumor cell
KW - informed consent
KW - cancer patient
KW - hematologic malignancy
KW - cancer inhibition
KW - Diagnosis
KW - whole cell
KW - Mutation
KW - STAT1 protein
KW - phosphotransferase inhibitor
KW - protein tyrosine kinase
KW - STAT3 protein
KW - protein tyrosine kinase inhibitor
KW - Antibody
KW - small interfering RNA
KW - ficoll
KW - cell extract
KW - phosphotransferase
KW - DNA
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - Blood
Background: Tyrosine kinases are widely implicated in the genesis of hematologic malignancies and tyrosine kinase inhibitors have achieved remarkable clinical outcomes. However, most cancer patients are ineligible for this form of therapy because we lack knowledge of the oncogenes driving the growth of their malignant cells. In particular, first-line therapy for T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (T-ALL) fails in 25% of children and more than 50% of adults despite improvements in clinical outcomes due to intensification of therapy, and these relapsed patients have a very poor prognosis. Most current T-ALL therapy regimens lack tyrosine kinase inhibitors suggesting that addition of effective kinase inhibitors to T-ALL therapy may improve clinical outcomes. We report that tyrosine kinase 2 (TYK2), signaling through signal transducer and activator of transcription 1 (STAT1), is vital for the maintenance of T-ALL growth and viability, suggesting that incorporation of TYK2 inhibitors into T-ALL therapy regimens may improve patient outcomes. Methods: T-ALL diagnostic specimens were collected with informed consent and neoplastic cells were isolated on a Ficoll gradient. Cells were treated with an siRNA library that individually silences each member of the tyrosine kinase gene family and cultured for 4 days at which time an MTS assay was used to assess cell viability. DNA was isolated from 16 T-ALL cell lines as well as 50 T-ALL patient specimens. TYK2 was sequenced and identified point mutant were cloned and introduced into Ba/F3 cells for assessment of transformative capacity. Transformed Ba/F3 cells were lysed and immunoblotted with antibodies specific for total or phospho-TYK2, STAT1, STAT3, and ERK1/2. Results: RNAi functional profiling of cells from a T-ALL patient specimen demonstrated dependence on TYK2 for cell viability. Sequence analysis of TYK2 in T-ALL cell lines and patient samples revealed a diversity of TYK2 point mutations. These mutations were located just outside of or within the FERM domain (V15A, G36D, G36R, S47N, R425H), the pseudokinase domain (V731I), and the kinase domain (E957D, and R1027H). Introduction of these point mutants into Ba/F3 cells revealed that 7/8 (all except R425H) transformed these cells to factor-independent growth. Analysis of whole cell extracts from transformed cells revealed constitutive phosphorylation of TYK2, STAT1, STAT3, and ERK1/2. Treatment of transformed cells with JAK Inhibitor I revealed extreme sensitivity of cells to this TYK2 kinase inhibitor as well as reduction of TYK2 AND STAT1 phosphorylation. Conclusions: We demonstrate for the first time that the TYK2-STAT1 pathway is constitutively active and required for viability in the setting of T-ALL, sometimes due to gain-of-function point mutations in TYK2. Small-molecule kinase inhibitors with activity against TYK2 reduce the growth of these TYK2-dependent cells. Hence, we have defined a new, oncogenic signaling pathway in T-ALL cells that can be readily modulated by kinase inhibitors. Interestingly, this pathway has previously been associated with tumor suppression, therefore, our findings indicate that activation of this pathway can have varying effects depending on cellular context. Cumulatively, these data offer new therapeutic options for T-ALL patients while simultaneously providing novel insights into the biology of T-cells and the TYK2-STAT1 signaling cascade.
Background: Septic shock is a highly inflammatory and pro-coagulant state associated with high mortality. In a single randomized controlled clinical trial, recombinant human activated protein C (rhAPC, drotrecogin alfa) reduced mortality in patients with severe sepsis at high risk of death. Further clinical trials in patients with a lower severity of illness and in children have failed to reproduce these results, and the effectiveness of rhAPC remains the subject of ongoing debate. Insufficient data exists regarding the use of rhAPC outside of a clinical trial. Objective: To evaluate the effectiveness of rhAPC on mortality in a cohort of patients with septic shock.

Methods: We conducted a retrospective, propensity-matched, multi-center cohort study in 28 academic and community intensive care units in 3 countries. Propensity scores were based on more than 33 variables that were either known or suspected to be associated with rhAPC use. Our primary outcomes were mortality over 30 days and 30-day mortality stratified by APACHE II quartile. Secondary outcomes were hospital and ICU mortality and length of stay, ventilator free and vasopressor free days, and the use of acute dialysis. Results: Using a propensity-matched Cox proportional hazard model we observed a 5.9% absolute reduction in 30-day mortality associated with activated protein C use [115/342 (33.6%) vs. 135/342 (39.5%), HR 0.83, 95% CI 0.65-1.07, p=0.15]; however this reduction failed to reach statistical significance. Similarly, we observed non-significant reductions in mortality among the 3 lowest APACHE II quartiles (APACHE II <20: 12.5% vs. 18.2%, HR 0.66, 95%CI 0.29 - 1.49, p=0.32; APACHE II 21-25: 20% vs 33.3%, HR 0.55, 95% CI 0.30-1.02, p=0.06; and
APACHE II 26-30: 36.7% vs. 48.7%, HR 0.73, 95% CI 0.45 - 1.19, p=0.21). Hospital mortality (40.6% vs. 46.8%, HR 0.83, 95%CI 0.66 - 1.04, p=0.10) and ICU mortality (31.0 vs. 35.1%, HR 0.87, 95%CI 0.67 - 1.13, p=0.28) were not significantly reduced among patients who received rhAPC compared to matched controls. The use of rhAPC was not associated with significant differences in ICU or hospital length of stay, ventilator free days, vasopressor free days or the use of acute dialysis. Conclusion: In this retrospective, multi-center propensity matched cohort study, the use of rhAPC in patients with septic shock was not associated with statistically significant reductions in 30-day mortality. However, the absolute reduction in 30-day mortality was in similar to that observed in previously published clinical trials. Prospective clinical trials evaluating the efficacy of rhAPC are currently ongoing and will serve to define the role of rhAPC in patients with septic shock.

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KW - play
KW - school child
KW - sensory dysfunction
KW - sensory processing disorder
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Social Interaction
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SP - 39
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It has been well established that participation in social activities is essential to children's development and that disability status can affect a child's participation in everyday activities. However, little research has been done on the impact of sensory processing disorders (SPDs) on social participation and play behaviors. This study is part of a larger study examining the social participation of children with SPD and specifically compares the playground play behaviors of children with SPD and those of their typically developing peers. Both groups of children were observed over multiple sessions during unstructured recess activity and their behaviors were coded and analyzed. Statistically, results show that the play patterns of the two groups were generally similar. However, there were qualitative differences in the play behaviors of the two groups, including conflict, social play, access to play opportunities, and awareness of social cues. Implications for practice and future research are discussed. Copyright American Occupational Therapy Foundation.

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**T1** - Efficacy and safety of lisdexamfetamine dimesylate in children and adolescents with ADHD: A phase 3, randomized, double-blind, multicenter, parallel-group, placebo-and active-controlled, dose-optimized study in Europe

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**KW** - Adolescent

**KW** - Europe

**KW** - college

**KW** - Attention Deficit Disorder

**KW** - vital sign

**KW** - Regression Analysis

**KW** - Risk Assessment

**KW** - randomization

**KW** - Clinical Global Impression scale

**KW** - diseases

**KW** - rating scale

**KW** - headache

**KW** - decreased appetite

**KW** - Arm

**KW** - effect size

**KW** - confidence interval

**KW** - insomnia

**KW** - Drug Therapy

**KW** - lisdexamfetamine

**KW** - placebo
Background: Stimulant medications are commonly used as first-line pharmacotherapies for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), but prescribing practices vary greatly across different countries. Several long-acting methylphenidate-and amphetamine-based products are licensed in the US, but fewer treatment options are available in Europe. Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (LDX) is the first long-acting, prodrug stimulant approved for the treatment of ADHD. To date, all LDX trials have been conducted outside of Europe.

Objectives: To investigate the efficacy and safety of LDX, compared with placebo in children and adolescents with at least moderately symptomatic ADHD in Europe. This study also included a reference arm of osmotic-release oral-system methylphenidate (OROS-MPH).

Methods: Children (6–12 years) and adolescents (13–17 years) with an ADHD Rating Scale IV (ADHD-RS-IV) total score ≥ 28 were randomized to LDX, OROS-MPH or placebo over 7 weeks at 48 European sites. Primary and key secondary efficacy measures were the change from baseline at endpoint in ADHD-RS-IV total score and Clinical Global Impressions-Global Improvement (CGI-I) score, respectively. Endpoint was defined as the last on-treatment, post-randomization visit at which a valid ADHD-RS-IV total score was observed. Safety assessments included treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) and vital signs. Results: Of 336 subjects randomized, 196 completed the study. The least squares mean change from baseline at endpoint (95% confidence intervals [CI]) in ADHD-RS-IV total score was C24.3 (C26.6, C22.0) for LDX, C18.7 (C21.0, C16.5) for OROS-MPH and C5.7 (C7.9, C3.5) for placebo (p < 0.001 for each active treatment vs placebo). Effect sizes based on the difference (active-placebo) in LS mean change in ADHD-RS-IV total score from baseline to endpoint were 1.804 for LDX and 1.263 for OROS-MPH. The percentage (95% CI) of subjects showing improvement (CGI-I of 1 or 2) at endpoint was 78% (70, 86) for LDX, 61% (51, 70) for OROS-MPH and 14% (8, 21) for placebo (p < 0.001 for each active treatment vs placebo). The most common TEAEs for LDX were decreased appetite (25%), headache (14%) and insomnia (14%). Mean changes in vital signs were small and consistent with the known profile of LDX. Conclusions: LDX was effective and generally well tolerated in children and adolescents with ADHD.
Objectives: To detect and to prevent cardiovascular risk factors as: overweight, obesity and hypertension in school age children and teenagers. Methods: We investigated 3747 pupils, 6-18 yo., from different schools from Timisoara, measuring: weight, height, BMI and blood pressure. A questionnaire regarding nutritional behavior and physical activity was completed. Results: There were 2150 girls and 1532 boys in the study, 2744 (73%) from the city and 1003 (27%) from the village. Overweight was found in 20.66% boys and 17.6% girls. Obesity was found in 16.7% boys and 9.16% girls. Overweight and obese boys were equal in both areas, but obese girls were less in town girls. Hypertension was detected in 399 urban children (10.65%) and only in 40 (3.98%) of rural. From the urban area, 47.6% were girls and 52.4% were boys with hypertension. From the village area, 32.5% were girls and 67.5% were boys with hypertension. Increased BMI was found in 172 hypertensive children from town, and in only 17 hypertensive children from village. Overweight in hypertensive children was found in 61 boys and 35 urban girls, in comparison with only 8 boys and 2 village girls. Obesity was present in 51 hypertensive boys and 25 town girls, in comparison with only 1 hypertensive boy and 6 hypertensive girls from the village. The values of hypertension were analyzed with charts. Fast food eating, sandwiches, snacks and sweet drinks were preferred by children from town. Playing outside the house was more frequent in the village group. PC and static play was more frequent in the town group. Conclusions: Obese boys were dominant in urban boys group. Girls were more interested in better look than boys. Hypertension was detected especially in urban children. Children from village eat healthier and do more physical activity. Risk factors for cardiovascular disease are dramatically high in urban children, especially boys, because of fast food eating, snacks, sweet drinks and sedentariness. After this study, a web site for informing and instructing the children and their families, regarding the cardiovascular risk prevention was promoted by our hospital in the schools from Timisoara.
Use of early-tips for high-risk variceal bleeding. Results of a post-RCT surveillance study

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Background: In a recent randomized international clinical trial (RCT) in high-risk cirrhotic patients with acute variceal bleeding, the early use of TIPS was associated with marked and significant reductions both in treatment failure and in mortality. The aim of the present study was to assess whether these excellent results are reproduced in clinical practice outside RCTs. Methods: Retrospective review of patients admitted after inclusion of the last patient in the RCT for acute variceal bleeding and high risk of treatment failure (Child C <14 or Child B plus active bleeding) at the same centres of the original RCT study. All patients treated with early-TIPS were included (n = 45); patients receiving medical therapy with drugs+EBL were included until the moment when the hospital adopted the strategy of using Early-TIPS for all comers (n = 30). Results: TIPS was done within 24 hours in 28 patients; 24-48 h in 11 and 48-72 h in 6. There were no differences in the baseline characteristics of the patients treated with TIPS or Drug+EBL. Median follow-up was 11.2 months. Patients treated with early-TIPS had a much lower incidence of failure to control bleeding or rebleeding than patients receiving Drug+EBL.
(3 vs 15; p < 0.001). The 1-year actuarial probability of remaining free of this composite end point was 93% vs 53% (p < 0.001). The same was observed in mortality (1-year actuarial survival was 86% vs 70% respectively (p = 0.056). More important, actuarial curves of failure to control bleeding + rebleeding and of survival in this observational study were well within the confidence intervals of those observed in the RCT. Conclusions: In experienced centres, the application of the early use of TIPS in patients with cirrhosis and a high-risk variceal bleeding offers results similar to those previously observed in the RCT, supporting its use in clinical practice

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T1 - Adherence to the Mediterranean diet in Italian children: Association with having lunch at school
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KW - Mediterranean diet
KW - school
KW - Nutrition
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - questionnaire
KW - school child
KW - Cluster Analysis
KW - Wakefulness
KW - Personnel
KW - Body Weight
KW - Italy
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Lifestyle
KW - parent
KW - Food
KW - height
KW - Education
KW - Eating
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JF - Annals of Nutrition and Metabolism
Introduction: Few data from studies in pediatric samples exploring adherence to the Mediterranean Diet (MD) are available. Children spend approximately half of their waking hours in school. Schools provide 1 to 2 meals daily and are a natural setting for education about healthy food choices. Objectives: The aim of this study was to investigate the association of adherence to the MD with having lunch provided by the school.

Method/Design: A cluster sample of 1740 school children, 8-9 years old, selected in Italy was investigated (ZOOM8 study). Parents were given two self-administered questionnaires: a semi-quantitative FFQ and a questionnaire on their child's lifestyle and physical activity. Body weight and height were measured by standardized personnel. Adherence to the MD was assessed by the KIDMED index. Results: 5.1% of the sample was classified as "high" adherers of MD, while 61.1% and 33.9% had an "average" and a "poor" score respectively. When considering the geographical area a higher frequency of "high" adherence to the MD was observed in the northern regions (6.0%) compared with the central (4.9%) and the southern (4.2%) ones. When children had lunch at school "average" adherence increased up to 63.7% and "poor" adherence decreased to 31.7%. Lunch was provided to 61.4% of the children by the school. Most schools in the southern regions involved in the study did not supply any lunch for lack of facilities. 62.9% of the children eating lunch at school liked it. When associating "like lunch" with adherence a further slight increase of "high" (5.4%) and "average" (65.5%) was noticed. "low" adherence decreased further to 29.0%. Conclusions: Low adherence rates to the MD were observed in Italian children. Schools with the provision of lunch could play an important role in encouraging the adoption of the MD with its benefits so further investigation is desirable.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3504
T1 - Cadence control system for paediatric functional electrical stimulation cycling
A1 - Pennycott,A.
A1 - Hunt,K.J.
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - 2012253299
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Biomedical Engineering
KW - cadence control system
KW - Child
KW - control system
KW - cycling
KW - Exercise
KW - feedback system
KW - functional electrical stimulation
KW - handicapped child
KW - Human
KW - priority journal
KW - spinal cord injury/rh [Rehabilitation]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 237
EP - 242
JF - Biomedical Signal Processing and Control
VL - 5
IS - 3
CY - United Kingdom
Functional electrical stimulation can be used to enable spinal cord injured children to participate in cycling training as part of a fitness programme or exercise testing procedure. Exercise can reduce the impact of secondary health conditions due to the injury. Functional electrical stimulation has shown promising results in adults with a spinal cord injury, but additional considerations are needed to realise the method for the child with spinal cord injury, partly owing to their limited force producing capacity. An electric motor provides a practical means of performing cycling at controlled cadences, exercising for longer durations and can also be used for recreational outdoor cycling. Here, a novel real-time control technique is developed for cadence regulation during cycling. A feedback control structure is developed based on an empirical model derived from separate identification tests and pole placement and then verified in a series of reference-tracking tests. The system produced cadence responses in close agreement with reference values in all cases and demonstrated satisfactory robustness of stability characteristics. This approach moves towards the practical application of the technology as a training tool for paediatric spinal cord injured subjects. 2010 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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T1 - Evaluation of a family camp intervention in pediatric heart transplant
A1 - Urschel,S.
A1 - Nicholas,D.
A1 - Dodd,B.
A1 - Simard,K.
A1 - Dicke,F.
A1 - West,L.J.
Y1 - 2012///
N1 - 70734324
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - heart graft
KW - Society
KW - heart
KW - lung transplantation
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - Social Support
KW - parent
KW - Adolescent
KW - Transplantation
KW - sibling
KW - Satisfaction
KW - juvenile
KW - patient
KW - Interview
KW - Motivation
KW - Learning
KW - Adolescent Coping Orientation for Problem Experiences
KW - health care personnel
KW - social network
KW - support group
KW - questionnaire
KW - Education
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S82
JF - Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation
Purpose: To evaluate a support and education-based weekend camp for children post heart transplant and their families. The intervention with 60 attendants comprised recreational, social and educational activities for children, youth, parents and siblings. Methods and Materials: Evaluation comprised: (I) pre- and post-camp measures: adapted Children's Inventory of Social Support; evaluating sources and need for support, perceived and available support network, actual or utilized support, and satisfaction with support, and the Adolescent Coping Orientation for Problem Experiences on behaviours used in managing difficult situations and life changes; (II) knowledge and satisfaction assessments (III) post-camp qualitative interviews.

Results: Participants consistently appreciated the recreational, supportive and educational components of the camp. On average, participants rated the camp 4.21/5, suggesting that the camp met or exceeded expectations (parents: 4.45; patients: 4.33). Key outcomes include increased social support and transplant-related knowledge. All teenagers who completed the social support questionnaire showed improvement in all domains of experienced support. All but one noted clinical gains in all social support domains; the remaining adolescent reported gains in 3 of 4. Participants liked the variety of activity choices, the expansion of their transplant-related social network, and having fun in a natural setting. They strongly valued the opportunity to develop relationships with peers and health care providers, and actively engaged in support sharing. All participants are interested in a future camp. Recommendations included increased learning modules, including topics of transition and adolescent motivation, and mentoring opportunities for children by older youth. Conclusions: The transplant family camp was found to be an effective and strongly appreciated intervention. Evaluation triggered various improvements in our program including continuous educational events, a sibling support group, an online parent support network, and annually repeated family camps.
Objectives: to collect relevant, up-to-date, representative, accurate, systematic information, related to foreign bodies (FB) injuries. Methods: The "Susy Safe" registry, a DG SANCO co-funded project gathering data on choking in all EU Countries and beyond, was established in order to create surveillance systems for suffocation injuries able to provide a risk-analysis profile for each of the products causing the injury. Main findings after 4 years of activities are resumed here. Results: 16,878 FB injuries occurred in children aged 0-14 years have been recorded in the SUSY SAFE databases; 8046 cases have been reported from countries outside EU. Almost one quart of the cases involving very young children (less than one year of age) presented a FB located in bronchial tract, thus representing a major threat to their health. Esophageal foreign bodies are still...
characterizing injuries occurred to children younger than one year, in older children the most common locations are the ears and the nose. FB type was specified in 10,564 cases. Food objects represented the 26% of the cases, whereas non-food objects were the remaining 74%. Among food objects, the most common were bones, nuts and seed, whereas for the non-food objects pearls, balls and marbles were observed most commonly (29%). Coins were involved in 15% of the non-food injuries and toys represented the 4% of the cases. Conclusions: this data collection system should be been taken into consideration for the calculation of the risk of injuries in order to provide the EU Commission with all the relevant estimates on FB injuries. 2012 Elsevier Ireland Ltd
Introduction: Pragmatic skills, also called social use of language, are among those most frequently affected in brain traumatic injury (TBI) in children. Literature refers that social skills are affected in TBI, but little attention, in respect of rehabilitative intervention, is paid to tasks, contexts, and materials. Professionals involved in rehabilitation of pragmatic skills, meet specific difficulties to structure a "natural" setting that recreates the characteristics of communicative interaction. The small group, with its particular dynamics and communicative interactions, may be regarded as the context closest to natural ones. However, to use it effectively as a rehabilitation tool, there is the need to define its important variables, to assess their progress, and eventually to intervene on them, depending on the targets.

Objectives: Monitoring children's and speech therapist's behavior during the interaction in a small group (according to established variables) using a specifically constructed instrument (grid for the analysis of video recordings). Assessing the practical utilization of the evaluation tool and its effectiveness in directing and modulating the rehabilitative intervention.

Methods: It has been called an evaluation grid of the main communicative, interactive and pragmatic skills that are activated during the small group interaction. Small groups of 3 - 5 children (7.3-10.9 years; mean age 9.1 years) were managed by two speech therapists, one of them laeding the activity, while the other serving as a role model to promote imitation of coping strategies. The training was video recorded and subsequently the material was analyzed using the evaluation grid. In some cases the analysis led to change the behavior of the speech therapists and / or to introduce different activities. Inclusion criteria: presence of frontal lobe damage q.i. =/> 70.

The activities have been longitudinally evaluated to notice changes in children's behaviors and their consistency with the objectives of rehabilitative goals. Results: The evaluation of small group activities revealed a positive trend in the interactive behaviors of children. In this sense, we suppose that contextual changes gradually introduced by the speech therapists and based on the analysis of video recordings have had a positive effect on the consistency of children's behaviors. The analysis tool has proved to be useful to check dysfunctional behaviors within the workgroup. It can aid to modify and organize current rehabilitative interventions. An appropriate amount of time is required so that speech therapists get used with it and to analyze
the video recordings. Further studies would be needed in order to longitudinally extend the evaluation methodology and to verify the long-term maintenance of positive changes induced

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T1 - The proportion of risk for TBI and persisting symptomatology in cypriot school-age children
A1 - Constantinidou,F.
A1 - Argyrou,K.
Y1 - 2012/
N1 - 70731595
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - brain injury
KW - Human
KW - school
KW - Child
KW - symptomatology
KW - Risk
KW - questionnaire
KW - parent
KW - Greece
KW - student
KW - screening
KW - Cyprus
KW - Population
KW - Mental Health
KW - groups by age
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Male
KW - primary school
KW - Female
KW - laboratory
KW - rehabilitation center
KW - error
KW - Spelling
KW - sport
KW - community
KW - Methodology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 397
EP - May
JF - Brain Injury
JA - Brain Inj
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Objectives: This is the first study investigating the proportion of risk for TBI in school-age children attending rural and urban public schools in the Republic of Cyprus. The study identified the number of blows to the head and presence of symptoms using the Greek version of the Brain Injury Screening Questionnaire (BISQ). Causes of TBI and persisting symptomatology are also reported. Methods: Primary Research Design: Survey research Setting: Public school facilities, community, research laboratory Participants: The BISQ was sent out to the parents of 2088 children (ages 6-12) attending rural and urban elementary schools from varied socioeconomic backgrounds. Thirty three percent (33.8%) or 706 parents completed and returned the
questionnaires and participated in the study. Main Outcome Measure: The Greek version of the Brain Injury Screening Questionnaire (BISQ) Results: Out of the 706 valid questionnaires, 41 (5.8%) children were identified at risk for TBI. Twenty two were male students and nineteen were female. Children of the ages 11, 7 and 8 were found to match the criteria of TBI diagnosis at a higher rate than the rest of the age groups. Based on the BISQ, students were identified at risk if they have sustained alteration of mental status and had 5 symptoms specific to TBI. Blows to the head were common within this population. Analysis indicates that 34 out of the 41 parents who completed the questionnaire reported a blow to the head. Most common causes of blows to the head were: falling while biking (12.2%), falling down stairs (10.2%), while in playground (9%), during sports (8.2%) and falling from high place (7.3%). Most frequent symptoms reported by the parents of children identified at risk for TBI were: making spelling mistakes (69.2%), feeling angry (59.0%), being easily distracted (56.4%), screaming or yelling, having temper outbursts (51.3%), arguing (48.7%), talking too much (43.2%) and feeling tired (42.1%). Conclusion: A proportion of unidentified children at risk for TBI attend public schools in Cyprus. These children are at risk to sustain the psychosocial and cognitive manifestations of TBI. The Greek version of the BISQ is a useful tool to be used for the identification of children at risk. These children should be followed in order to assess their overall cognitive and academic status, ensure that they reach age-appropriate milestones, and receive appropriate rehabilitation services and support

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T1 - Sexual healthcare among female sex workers working outside of the main entertainment district in Tijuana, Mexico
A1 - Rusch,M.
A1 - Gallardo,M.
A1 - Lozada,R.
A1 - Lindsay,R.
A1 - Mercer,V.J.
A1 - Zuniga,M.L.
A1 - Patterson,T.L.
A1 - Strathdee,S.A.
Y1 - 2011//
N1 - 70729050
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Female
KW - Prostitution
KW - Mexico
KW - Society
KW - sexually transmitted disease
KW - Health Care
KW - Human
KW - Papanicolaou test
KW - Health
KW - condom
KW - Statistics
KW - logistic regression analysis
KW - registration
KW - Income
KW - uterine cervix cancer
KW - Child
KW - Prevalence
KW - model
KW - Infection
KW - Risk
Background: Sex work is quasi-legal in Tijuana, with a zone of tolerance (Zona Roja, or Red Light district), and a registration card system whereby female sex workers (FSW) pay an annual cost to cover HIV and STI testing. As healthcare efforts are concentrated in the Zona Roja, we set out to assess the frequency of Pap testing among FSW working outside this zone.

Methods: Proyecto Amantes de la Salud (Lovers of Health Project) conducted baseline surveys among 403 FSW working in bars outside of Tijuana’s Zona Roja using time-location sampling. Surveys included demographics, sexual and substance use behaviour, sex work characteristics and sexual healthcare practices. Average number of annual Pap tests over the past 5 years was calculated using left censoring for the denominator based on: (1) years sexually active and (2) years in sex trade. Descriptive statistics and logistic regression were used to assess factors associated with Pap testing in the past year. Results: Participants ranged in age from 18 to 55 (Median: 28; IQR: 23-32); all were born in Mexico and 98% reported being registered as an FSW. Sex partners included regular, non-regular clients (25%), regular clients (79%) and non-regular clients (99%). Overall, 85% of women reported a pap test in the past year; however, only 35% of sexually active women and 52% of FSW had an average of at least one Pap test per year over the past 5 years see Abstract P5-S6.31 table 1. A (Table presented) small proportion (4%) indicated they had never had a Pap test. In multivariate models, having a Pap test in the past year was negatively associated with income >3500 pesos/month, more years in the sex trade and having regular clients. Marginal positive associations remained with older age, reporting condom use less than half the time with non-regular clients and having any children.

Discussion: Prevalence of pap tests in the past year was higher than expected and may be attributed to recent efforts by the Tijuana Municipal Health Services to increase outreach to FSWs in these areas. However, since initiating sex work, only half reported the recommended yearly Pap testing which is concerning given the increased risk for HPV infection and cervical cancer among FSW. Sexual health education, including where access services, is needed to encourage regular cancer screening among this high risk population, especially among younger women and women who have been working in the sex trade for longer durations.

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INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES: The epidemiology of pediatric genitourinary injuries in the United States (US) is unknown. We describe the epidemiologic features of genitourinary injuries sustained by children that presented to US emergency departments (EDs). METHODS: We analyzed the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) to identify and characterize genitourinary injuries sustained by children 18 years and younger from 2002 to 2010 ($n = 10,130$). Estimates and standard errors were calculated using data included in NEISS, which is a stratified probability sample of hospital EDs in the United States and its territories validated to produce national estimates of all patients who present to US EDs with an injury.

RESULTS: Between 2002 and 2010, an estimated 252,392 children (95% CI 205,579 - 299,194) presented to US EDs with genitourinary injuries. These children had a mean age of 7.4 years (median 6 years, IQR 4 - 10 years). Forty-five percent of the injured children were boys. The yearly incidence of genitourinary injuries was stable across the time period studied. The most commonly injured organs were female external genitalia (37.7%), penises (21.6%), and testicles (12%). The rates of female external genitalia, penile, and testicular injuries per 1000 person years of follow-up were 0.13, 0.08, and 0.04, respectively. The most common diagnoses were contusions (35.5%) and lacerations (32.9%). Fall was the most common mechanism of injury ($n=114,017$), accounting for 45.2% of the reported injuries. Genitourinary injuries were most commonly associated with sporting and exercise equipment (35.7%), clothing items (15.5%), and playground equipment (6%). Ninety-one percent of patients were treated in the ED and then discharged. CONCLUSIONS: Genitourinary injuries are an important cause of pediatric morbidity. The stability of the injuries across the time
period studied suggests that potential preventative measures to decrease risk of genitourinary injury have not been identified or implemented. Further studies should be conducted to identify which products pose the greatest hazard to children in hopes of increasing awareness and developing safety mechanisms to decrease risk of traumatic genitourinary injury.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3513
T1 - Development and application of a moveability index to quantify possibilities for physical activity in the built environment of children
A1 - Pigeot,I.
A1 - Buck,C.
A1 - Pohlabeln,H.
A1 - Hyubrechts,I.
A1 - Pitsiladis,Y.
A1 - De,Bourdeaudhuij,I
A1 - Reisch,L.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70699851
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Human
KW - Environment
KW - Child
KW - Physical Activity
KW - density
KW - Australia
KW - Risk
KW - parameters
KW - Travel
KW - school
KW - parent
KW - Education
KW - Europe
KW - urban area
KW - city
KW - Germany
KW - Income
KW - school child
KW - model
KW - geographic information system
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S265
JF - American Journal of Epidemiology
JA - Am J Epidemiol
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Many studies showed evidence of urban forms being environmental correlates of physical activity (PA). Studies that used geographic information systems (GIS) to objectively assess urban forms are mostly carried out in the US or Australia, but rarely in Europe. Findings from these studies cannot be adopted in a straightforward manner, because the environments in the US and Australia differ from urban areas in many European cities.
Built environments do have a different impact on PA across different countries. We adapted the concept of walkability and included recreational facilities offering possibilities for PA particularly for children to investigate the impact of the built environment on PA of children in Germany. Considering multiple urban forms, e.g. footpaths, intersections, and playgrounds, we used a kernel density approach and combined standardized density measures of urban form to develop a moveability index that assesses the opportunities for PA in the German intervention region of the IDEFICS study. The index was applied to PA data of 344 school children reported in the IDEFICS baseline survey conducted in 2007/08. Using multilevel regression models, odds ratios (OR) and regression parameters with 95% confidence limits were estimated to investigate the impact of the built environment on measures of PA and children's travel mode to school. After adjusting for sex, age, parents' education and income, the moveability index showed a significant positive effect ( = 0.18, p < 0.005) on children's reported hours of PA per day.
Background: Bronchiolitis is the current leading cause of hospitalization in children. Based on the available literature, waste and unnecessary variation in bronchiolitis care are common. Significant work has gone into developing evidence-based guidelines for inpatient bronchiolitis management, though successful strategies for large-scale dissemination outside of academic medical centers are rarely reported. Methods: We formed a voluntary quality improvement collaborative called the Value in Inpatient Pediatrics Network. Our specific aim was to reduce utilization of nonevidence-based therapies in the inpatient care of bronchiolitis. Using the 2006 AAP bronchiolitis guideline as the basis for determining "unnecessary" therapy, we benchmarked the use of bronchodilators, steroids, chest radiography, chest physiotherapy, and viral testing using administrative data supplied by hospitals for the calendar years 2007 through 2010. Inclusion criteria were all non-ICU hospitalizations for bronchiolitis as the primary code at discharge (specifically including patients in observation status). Exclusion criteria were specific chronic illness codes. We then shared specific resources within the network on a voluntary basis, including protocols, scores, order sets and key bibliographies. We (Table presented) provided coaching and advice to participating centers when requested. We met yearly and honored high performing centers at this meeting. Results: A total of 17 centers completed the three active years of the project and are included in this report (Table 1). Aggregate data on 11,568 hospitalizations for bronchiolitis was analyzed. Demographics of participating centers are provided as Table 1. By 2010, the network achieved a 12% absolute decrease (95% CI, 5%-25%) in the number of patients receiving any dose of bronchodilator. We also saw a 3.4 dose per patient (95% CI, 1.4-5.8) absolute reduction in volume of beta-agonist utilized. Overall CPT usage declined 10% (95% CI, 2.6%-17.8%). Decreases in steroids, chest radiography or viral testing in the network were not statistically significant. The data were also analyzed on an institutional level for intra-institutional change. 88% of institutions achieved significant decreases in any bronchodilator usage and 80% did so for doses per patient. Direct cost savings related to decreased beta-agonist usage alone amount to $449,000. Conclusions: Real world effectiveness in dissemination of evidence-based guidelines may be achieved with a volunteer, peer group collaborative bridging community and academic institutions.
N2 - A common problem in epidemiological studies on air pollution is exposure misclassification, because investigators often assume exposure is equivalent to outdoor concentrations at participants' homes or at the nearest urban monitor. The aims of this study were: (1) to develop a new microenvironmental exposure model (MEEM), combining time-activity data with modelled outdoor and indoor NO$_2$ concentrations; (2) to evaluate MEEM against data collected with Ogawa personal samplers (OPS); (3) to compare its performance against datasets typically used in epidemiological studies. Schoolchildren wore a personal NO$_2$ sampler, kept a time-activity diary and completed a questionnaire. This information was used by MEEM to estimate individuals' exposures. These were then compared against concentrations measured by OPS, modelled outdoor concentrations at the children's home (HOME) and concentrations measured at the nearest urban monitoring station (NUM). The mean exposure predicted by MEEM (mean = 19.6 mug m$^{-3}$) was slightly lower than the mean exposure measured by OPS (mean = 20.4 mug m$^{-3}$). The normalised mean bias factor (0.01) and normalised mean absolute error factor (0.25) suggested good agreement. In contrast, the HOME (mean = 31.2 mug m$^{-3}$) and NUM (mean = 28.6 mug m$^{-3}$) methods overpredicted exposure and showed systematic errors. The results indicate that personal exposure can be modelled by MEEM with an acceptable level of agreement, while methods such as HOME and NUM show a poorer performance.

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T1 - Implementation of the go slow whoa meal pattern in schools through the winning with wellness project: Food service workers' perceptions of implementation feasibility and impact
Background: School-based interventions hold promise for obesity prevention among youth, with programs implemented via school nutrition services offering a way to both positively influence students' food choices and reinforce nutrition education provided in the classroom. The "Go Slow Whoa" stop light eating pattern is designed to aid students in identifying nutrient-dense food choices and learning moderation for less nutrient-dense foods. Methods: Focus groups were held with 43 cafeteria staff from among eight schools that participated in the "Go Slow Whoa" component of the Winning with Wellness obesity prevention project implemented across rural Central Appalachia. Results: Participants recognized the importance of the role that school nutrition services can play in influencing student choices, yet many indicated that lack of administrative support for cafeteria-based interventions, minimal interaction between staff and teachers and lack of ongoing multi-disciplinary collaboration were barriers to change. Further, the role of family influence on children's food choices was underscored, with a common concern being that students choose less nutritious options due to the patterns learned outside school. Collaboration with teachers and administrators was viewed as a useful mechanism for improved implementation feasibility and overall impact of school-based nutrition programs. According to participants, program effectiveness could also be facilitated by a supportive administrative environment and ongoing technical support. Conclusions: The findings of this qualitative investigation suggest that a primary component of effective school-based nutrition programs is ongoing collaboration between cafeteria staff and school staff and administrators.
Background: One in four children in the United States under age five are overweight/obese, yet little is known about the association between acculturation, parental weight perception, and weight status in young children. Methods: Parents who consented to have their children participate in a randomized-controlled trial among 28 low-income preschools completed a baseline survey measuring mediating factors related to nutrition. BMI data was collected on all participating children (N = 774). Results: The sample consisted of 60% Hispanic, 13.3% Haitian, and 24% non-Hispanic Black/Mixed race. 34.55% of children were overweight or obese. Children whose parents were born outside of the US were significantly more likely to report their child’s weight as normal when they were overweight/obese (OR=0.61, 95% CI, 0.44-0.85, P=0.003). Children whose parents did not speak English at all or spoke very poorly were also significantly less likely to have an accurate perception of their child’s weight versus parents who reported they spoke English well (OR=0.54, 95% CI, 0.40-0.73, p<0.0001). Non Hispanic parents were significantly more likely to accurately identify their child’s weight versus Hispanic parents (Central American/Mexican in particular), (OR=1.49, 95% CI, 1.10-2.03, p=0.010).

Conclusions: Despite the high prevalence of overweight children, few parents of overweight/obese children recognized that their child was overweight. This was more common in those who did not speak English proficiently, were born outside of the US, and were of Hispanic origin. Methods for increasing parental
awareness of children's overweight status in these populations are needed and may help engage these families in practices related to healthier eating and increased physical activity.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3518
T1 - Barriers to physical activity among Chinese children and adolescents, 2000-2009
A1 - Du,S.
A1 - Popkin,B.M.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70680834
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Society
KW - Child
KW - Adolescent
KW - Obesity
KW - school
KW - Health
KW - China
KW - student
KW - Female
KW - mother
KW - United States
KW - Government
KW - Nutrition
KW - weight
KW - height
KW - Interview
KW - metabolic equivalent
KW - model
KW - community
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S124
EP - S125
JF - Obesity
JA - Obesity (Silver Spring)
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Background: Physical activity was reported decreasing among children and adolescents in the U.S. There is limited longitudinal research on physical activity and its determinants in China. Methods: To explore the trends and determinants of physical activities in Chinese children and adolescents after a government campaign to promote children's physical activity and health, we used a subgroup data of 4,117 children and adolescents in school (aged 6-18 yrs) from four waves of the China Health and Nutrition Survey enrolled in 2000 and followed up through 2009. IOTF standards were used on measured weight and height. Direct interviews recorded detailed activities in and out of school as well as culture-specific activities at home. Both time spent in physical activities and metabolic equivalent task (MET, hours per week) were included. Longitudinal mixed models examined physical activity determinants. Results: Overweight and obesity among Chinese children and adolescents doubled from 7.2% in 2000 to 15.1% in 2009. Time spent in physical activities were stable (~30 minutes per day), while homework time significantly increased from 57 minutes to 98 minutes per day. Students in communities without playgrounds or facilities were less likely to participate in any physical activities compared
to their peers. Doing more homework, being discouraged by mothers to engage in physical activities, and lack of facilities were the major determinants of physical activity levels among students. Conclusions: Decreasing homework time, increasing physical activity classes in schools and building more facilities in neighborhoods may promote physical activities among Chinese children and adolescents.

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ID - 3519
T1 - Behavioral outcomes following a pilot study to test the USA version of the mind, exercise, nutrition, do it! (MEND) program to low-income 7-14 year old obese children
A1 - Byrd-Williams, C.
A1 - Hoelscher, D.M.
A1 - Butte, N.F.
A1 - Barlow, S.E.
A1 - Wilson, T.A.
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A1 - Radley, D.
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N1 - 70680752

English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - Obesity
KW - Society
KW - lowest income group
KW - Exercise
KW - pilot study
KW - Nutrition
KW - parent
KW - community
KW - Behavior Modification
KW - skill
KW - Female
KW - Hispanic
KW - Eating
KW - Food
KW - meal
KW - wheat
KW - bread
KW - medical specialist
KW - secondary prevention
KW - United Kingdom
KW - Adaptation
KW - Social Cognitive Theory
KW - Self Concept
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S107
JF - Obesity
JA - Obesity (Silver Spring)
IS - var.pagings
Background: MEND is a multicomponent, behaviorally-based obesity secondary prevention program developed and trialed in the UK. This pilot study is the first to test the USA adaptation of MEND when delivered in low-income communities in Austin and Houston, TX. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effects of an adapted 10-wk intervention on obesity-related behaviors and beliefs. Methods: Children (age 7-14yr) and their parents attended MEND classes at YMCAs. The intervention, based on Social Cognitive Theory, consists of two weekly, 2-h sessions: 60-m behavior modification and nutrition sessions for children and parents followed by 60-m of fun skill-based aerobic activities for children and group sessions for parents. Measurements included validated surveys, and multi-level regressions were conducted to test pre- and post-intervention differences. Results: 85 families participated: children were 45% female, 89% Hispanic, mean age 10.2 +1.55y. At post-test, 89% (33/37) of beliefs and behaviors measured changed in the expected directions. Participants reported consuming less soft drinks, watching less TV, and having higher self-efficacy for healthy eating and being physically active (p<0.05). Participants also reported consuming less chips, fried food, punch, and frozen desserts (p<0.08) and consuming more breakfast and wheat bread and playing more outdoors (p<0.08). Conclusions: Preliminary results indicate MEND positively influenced children's obesity-related beliefs and behaviors, with most changing in the anticipated direction. Behaviors that changed in an unexpected direction provide an opportunity to refine the intervention. The adapted MEND program was well received and is feasible to be delivered by non-specialists at YMCA's in low-income, underserved communities.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3521
T1 - Neighborhood greenness and physical activity among preschool-aged children
A1 - Grigsby-Toussaint, D. S.
A1 - Chi, S.-H.
A1 - Fiese, B. H.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70680445

Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Society
KW - Child
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Human
KW - Obesity
KW - Day Care
KW - United States
KW - vegetation
KW - linear regression analysis
KW - logistic regression analysis
KW - parent
KW - Environment
KW - imagery
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S204
JF - Obesity


N2 - Background: Exposure to "green" environments may encourage higher levels of physical activity among children. Few studies, however, have explored this association exclusively in preschool-aged children in the US. Methods: In 2009, children aged 2-3 years (n=365) were recruited from licensed day care centers located in four...
counties in Central Illinois. Neighborhood greenness was measured using National Aeronautics and Space (NASA) satellite imagery of vegetation. Outdoor physical activity levels and behaviors were ascertained from parental survey responses. Linear regression was used to examine the relationship between exposure to neighborhood greenness and overall outdoor physical activity levels among children. Logistic regression was then used to explore associations between physical activity behavior and neighborhood greenness while controlling for other covariates. Results: Children living in neighborhoods with higher levels of neighborhood greenness were significantly more likely to engage in outdoor physical activity. Children whose parents spent more time playing with them or transporting them to sporting activities were also more likely to engage in outdoor physical activity. Conclusions: Neighborhood greenness influences physical activity levels among preschool-aged children. Parental involvement, however, attenuates this relationship.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3522
T1 - Combining gps and accelerometers to determine the locations of physical activity in children
A1 - Oreskovic,N.M.
A1 - Blossom,J.
A1 - Field,A.E.
A1 - Chiang,S.R.
A1 - Winickoff,J.P.
A1 - Kleinman,R.E.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70680433

English

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KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - accelerometer
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Obesity
KW - Society
KW - season
KW - summer
KW - school
KW - data collection method
KW - childhood
KW - global positioning system
KW - middle school
KW - United States
KW - winter
KW - scientist
KW - teacher
KW - school child
KW - geographic information system

RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S202
JF - Obesity


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N2 - Background: Children are not achieving sufficient levels of physical activity. We aimed to combine accelerometer and global positioning systems (GPS) use to collect objective information on childhood physical activity (PA). We sought to use these methods to identify the locations where children spend their time and the
locations where children exert the most PA. We tested three different data collection methods to identify the one returning the richest data. Methods: Twenty-four middle-school children from Massachusetts wore accelerometers (ActiGraph GT1M) and GPS units (Garmin Forerunner-201) to quantify and locate childhood PA over 5 weekdays and 2 weekend days. Data were collected in 3 waves (winter, spring, summer) in 2009-2010, each with different study staff (research assistant, teacher, counselor) and collection methods (before-school, after-school, camp). Data points were matched by time, and children's locations throughout the day were mapped using GIS. We mapped the locations where all PA, as well as where moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA), occurred. Results: A total of 26,406 matched datapoints were collected. Teacher-provided pre-charged equipment yielded the most matched (30.1%, range 10.1-52.3%) and greatest average days (6.1) of data. Children spent most of their time at home, regardless of season. Children spent equal amounts of PA time at home and on streets, and were most likely to be engaged in MVPA on streets. Outdoor use patterns varied by season, with street use increasing in spring, and park and playground use increasing in summer. Conclusions: Using GPS and accelerometers to collect objective information on children's PA locations is feasible. All combined data collection method proved similar data return. Children spent most of their time at home with no or light PA. Children's use of indoor and outdoor spaces may be season.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3523
T1 - Children's mental health: Pattern of referral, distribution of disorders and service use in child psychiatry outpatient setting
A1 - Imran,N.
A1 - Bhatti,M.R.
A1 - Anwar,A.
A1 - Najmi,F.
A1 - Haider,I.I.
Y1 - 2012
N1 - 2012096516
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - anxiety disorder
KW - article
KW - Attention Deficit Disorder
KW - Autism
KW - behavior disorder/th [Therapy]
KW - Child
KW - Child Psychiatry
KW - Comorbidity
KW - cross-sectional study
KW - Demography
KW - depression
KW - dissociative disorder
KW - Epilepsy
KW - family history
KW - Family Therapy
KW - Female
KW - health care utilization
KW - health survey
KW - Human
KW - informed consent
KW - language disability/th [Therapy]
KW - learning disorder
Objective: To determine the pattern of referrals, socio-demographic factors, frequency of psychiatric diagnosis, and help offered to children presenting in Child Psychiatry Department outpatient clinic of a tertiary care hospital in Lahore. Methodology: A cross sectional study of children attending child psychiatry outdoor in a tertiary care hospital in Lahore was conducted. Following informed consent from the parent/ legal guardian, 1000 consecutive new referral to the department were assessed by interviewing the parent and the child. A Structured proforma was used for data collection. ICD-10 criteria were used for the diagnosis of psychiatric illness. Record was made of the interventions offered to the child & family. Results: Total sample size was 1000 children with predominant male gender (65%) and mean age of 8.46 (S.D 4.51). More than half (54.5%) of the children in our sample were not enrolled in school and 19% had family history of psychiatric illness. Among the various sources of referral, self-referral was the highest (84.7%) followed by referral from Pediatrics (8.4%). Psychiatric diagnosis observed were Speech Related Difficulties {including speech delay, articulation problems and specific developmental delays of speech & language} (46.5%), Learning Disability (43.3%), Behavior Problems (26.3), Epilepsy (12.6%), Dissociative Disorders (10.1%), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (4.5%), Autism (3.2%), Depression (2.4%), Anxiety (1.7%), Psychosis (1%) and Tics (1%). Co-morbidities were found in 44.7 percent of the children. The various interventions offered included medications, referral to psychologist (for family therapy and individual work), play therapist and speech therapist. Conclusion: Majority of children presenting to the child psychiatry clinic have multiple and complex needs due to high frequency of learning disabilities and co morbidities. The findings illustrate the importance of multidisciplinary approach and to assess the different dimensions of psychopathology in children for future service planning.
A phase II study of O6-benzylguanine and temozolomide in pediatric patients with recurrent or progressive high-grade gliomas and brainstem gliomas: A Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium study

A1 - Warren, K.E.
A1 - Gururangan, S.
A1 - Geyer, J.R.
A1 - McLendon, R.E.
A1 - Poussaint, T.Y.
A1 - Wallace, D.
A1 - Balis, F.M.
A1 - Berg, S.L.
A1 - Packer, R.J.
A1 - Goldman, S.
A1 - Minturn, J.E.
A1 - Pollack, I.F.
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English

Journal: Article

KW - abdominal pain [Side Effect]
KW - adolescent
KW - adult
KW - alanine aminotransferase blood level
KW - alopecia [Side Effect]
KW - anemia [Side Effect]
KW - article
KW - aspartate aminotransferase blood level
KW - bone marrow suppression [Side Effect]
KW - brain stem tumor [Drug Therapy]
KW - cancer grading
KW - cancer growth
KW - cancer size
KW - cancer survival
KW - chemotherapy induced emesis [Side Effect]
KW - child
KW - childhood cancer [Drug Therapy]
KW - clinical article
KW - clinical evaluation
KW - constipation [Side Effect]
KW - controlled study
KW - diarrhea [Side Effect]
KW - dose response
KW - drug dose escalation
KW - drug dose reduction
KW - drug efficacy
KW - drug tolerability
KW - fatigue [Side Effect]
KW - flushing
KW - gastrointestinal symptom [Side Effect]
To estimate the sustained (>8 weeks) objective response rate in pediatric patients with recurrent or progressive high-grade gliomas (HGG, Stratum A) or brainstem gliomas (BSG, Stratum B) treated with the combination of O\textsuperscript{6}-benzylguanine (O\textsubscript{6}BG) and temozolomide (TMZ). Patients received O\textsubscript{6}BG 120 mg/m\textsuperscript{2}/d IV followed by TMZ 75 mg/m\textsuperscript{2}/d orally daily for 5 consecutive days of each 28-day course. The target objective response rate to consider the combination active was 17%. A two-stage design was employed. Forty-three patients were enrolled; 41 were evaluable for response, including 25 patients with HGG and 16 patients with BSG. The combination of O\textsubscript{6}BG and TMZ was tolerable, and the primary toxicities were myelosuppression and gastrointestinal symptoms. One sustained (>8 weeks) partial response was observed in the HGG cohort; no sustained objective responses were observed in the BSG cohort. Long-term (>6 courses) stable disease (SD) was observed in 4 patients in Stratum A and 1 patient in Stratum B. Of the 5 patients with objective response or longterm SD, 3 underwent central review with 2 reclassified as low-grade gliomas. The combination of O\textsubscript{6}BG and TMZ did not achieve the target response rate for activity in pediatric patients with recurrent or progressive HGG and BSG. 2011 Springer Science+Business Media, LLC. (outside the USA)
Aim: The aim of this study was to determine the relationships between physical activity level and demographic characteristics, body mass index and some other health behaviors in Turkish adolescents. Material and Method: The data presented in this study were a part of the Turkish data collected for the cross-sectional and international "Health Behavior in School-aged Children 2005/2006 study" which aimed to evaluate adolescents' health and health behavior around Europe and North America. The data were collected from 3884 11 and 13 years of age (1946 males, 1938 females) students who attended 180 classes of 82 primary schools in 26 cities, and 1668 15 years of age (901 male, 767 female) students who attended 88 classes of 83 high schools.
in 26 cities. Statistical analyses were made by using chi square test, factor analysis and logistic regression analysis. Results: Twenty percent of the students reported that they were physically active at least 60 minutes a day every day a week. In logistic regression analysis being 11 and 13 years old, being male, spending four or more evenings with friends outside the home were found to be associated with being physically active. When the “eating both healthy and unhealthy foods less frequently group” was taken as the referans group, the other three groups (healthy foods frequently + unhealthy foods less frequently; unhealthy foods frequently + healthy foods less frequently; eating both healthy and unhealthy foods frequently) were more likely to be physically active than the reference group. Conclusions: The results of this study are important to show that physical inactivity is common among Turkish adolescents especially females. These results are also important to show that both eating habits and time spent with friends are related to physical activity of the adolescents. Effective health promotion programme, should be especially focused on females and emphasize the importance of adolescents' eating habits. It should also be remembered that peers could play an important role to improve adolescents' physical activity level

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Successful bone marrow transplant in a patient with MHC class II deficiency and rubella viremia post-vaccination
A1 - Uygungil,B.
A1 - Bleesing,J.J.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70663677
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - viremia
KW - rubella
KW - Human
KW - Society
KW - patient
KW - bare lymphocyte syndrome
KW - Vaccination
KW - bone marrow transplantation
KW - clinical immunology
KW - T lymphocyte
KW - Infection
KW - rash
KW - immune deficiency
KW - Diagnosis
KW - hand foot and mouth disease
KW - Transplantation
KW - prophylaxis
KW - Risk
KW - serum
KW - engraftment
KW - Child
KW - screening
KW - excision
KW - survival
KW - recipient
Vaccination programs have successfully minimized the risk from many diseases; however, patients with immune deficiencies remain vulnerable to live vaccines. Infections prior to bone marrow transplantation (BMT) increase the risks of the procedure. Case Presentation: The case presented here is a 2-year-old boy who was referred to our institution for BMT for an immune deficiency. He presented to his pediatrician after his first live vaccinations with MMR and VZV at the age of 1 year with a persistent rash still present at the time of our
consultation. On examination, he was playful and well-developed with normal growth. Faint violaceous and coalesced papules were apparent on his face, trunk and extremities. He also had small tonsils and no lymphadenopathy but was otherwise unremarkable. His infectious history was significant for hand foot and mouth disease and two episodes of respiratory infections (pneumonia and RSV bronchiolitis) both requiring hospitalization for hypoxia. Three months prior to his diagnosis, he was admitted with failure to thrive and chronic diarrhea. Endoscopy showed lymphocytic infiltration in the duodenum but was otherwise normal. Infectious stool studies were negative and alpha-1-antitrypsin was normal. An immune work-up revealed low IgG (<60 mg/dL) and IgA (<7 mg/dL) and normal IgM (32 mg/dL) and IgE (0.2 IU/mL). Haemophilus influenzae b, pneumococcal and tetanus titers were low to undetectable. He had reduced T cells (1,340 K/µL) with low CD4+ (80 cells/µL) and CD8+ (123 cells/µL) cells and a reversed CD4: CD8 ratio (0.7), normal CD19+ (880 cells/µL), CD16/56+ (544 cells/µL), and iNKT cells. The percentage of CD45RA+ T cells was reduced. TCR Vβ repertoire was normal. A hypomorphic severe combined immune deficiency (SCID) was suspected but genetic studies ruled out defects in IL7R, CD3, IL2Rβ, PNP, ADA as well as 22q 11.2 deletion. HLADR on his T cells and APCs was undetectable at the outside institution. We determined that his B cells and monocytes were missing HLA-DR by flow cytometry confirming a diagnosis of MHC II deficiency. Because of the persistent rash after live vaccines we sent studies for measles, mumps, rubella and VZV which revealed detectable rubella by PCR on nasal swab and peripheral blood. Other viral studies were negative except for HSV II by PCR. He continued IVIG, atovaquone prophylaxis and started acyclovir to effectively clear HSV prior to BMT. He had an unrelated donor BMT with an uncomplicated course to date despite prior rubella viremia. Rubella is now undetectable in both nasal and serum samples five months post-transplant. He continues on standard infectious and GVHD prophylaxis with 100% engraftment, no serious infections or GVHD. A mild intermittent rash is being treated with topical corticosteroids. Conclusion: This is the first case to describe successful BMT with clearance of prior chronic vaccine-associated rubella viremia in a child with MHC II deficiency. This case demonstrates several important lessons. First, a widely used screening method for primary immune deficiencies, such as evaluating T-cell excision circles (TRECs), is urgently needed to avoid live vaccination in undiagnosed cases. This is of paramount importance for pre- and posttransplant survival. Immune reconstitution and outcomes in patients undergoing BMT with MHC II deficiency are historically worse than in patients with other forms of SCID presumably due to severe infections prior to transplant, graft failure due to the presence of the recipients alloreactive and normal T cell repertoire and the possible impact on T cell reconstitution due to the absence of MHC on thymic epithelium. The long term outcomes for this patient remain to be seen but are optimistic.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3527
T1 - Playgrounds without borders: Methods for a playground environmental intervention among U.S. schoolchildren
A1 - LeMaster,J.W.
A1 - Matisiw,T.
A1 - McElroy,J.
A1 - Nilon,C.
A1 - Sayers,S.P.
A1 - Stanis,S.W.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 2012068136
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - accelerometer
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior
KW - controlled study
KW - cross-sectional study
KW - Health Promotion
Background: Playground environmental interventions that increase children's moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) have not been adequately tested among low-income and minority children. Schools are key venues for environmental interventions because they reach children from all socioeconomic groups. Some issues remain unclear: whether these interventions benefit low-income and minority U.S. children; whether increases in MVPA at school are matched by increases outside school; whether benefits last beyond the immediate post-intervention period; and how children's school and neighborhood environments affect their response to the intervention.

Methods: Evaluation/study design: quasi-experimental intervention study, using both longitudinal and cross-sectional measurements during seven-day measurement sessions pre-intervention, immediately after intervention inception and every six months thereafter. Intervention: Walking/nature trails enhanced with fixed play equipment designed to stimulate activity directly on playgrounds and indirectly in local parks, trails and neighborhoods. Two schools will receive intervention early (Fall 2011) and two late (Spring 2012). Setting and population: 283 fourth-grade children and their parents (>50% of whom will be from low-income families) from four under-resourced elementary schools in a mid-western, mid-sized city.

Measures: Pre- and post-intervention: MVPA measured using geographically-linked accelerometers (indicating location and intensity of MVPA) and cross-sectionally using SOPARC methods to quantify the proportion of 4th graders playing actively on school playgrounds; qualitative interviews with children (cognitive mapping, photo-elicitation); questionnaires including secondary aim outcomes, family socioeconomic data and parent perceptions regarding neighborhood environments; children's height and weight Post-intervention only: focus group discussions with children and parents

Analysis: Quantitative outcomes: hierarchical longitudinal data analysis, testing intervention effects as the interaction between study condition and time; Qualitative outcomes: identification and iterative review of codes and themes, using a grounded theory approach to identify cross-cutting concepts that characterize interview and discussion responses. Conclusion: This study will contribute to the prevention of childhood obesity nationally by developing, implementing and documenting an approach to assess the effects of community-developed environmental playground interventions using geographically attributed, longitudinal accelerometer data, cross-sectional SOPARC place-based data and qualitative interview data.
Obesity has become a major epidemic causing serious public health concern and contributes to 2.6 million deaths worldwide every year. In developing countries such as India, especially in urban populations and affluent children, obesity is emerging as a major health problem. Objectives: 1. To study the prevalence of overweight & obesity among school children of an affluent school. 2. To assess the risk factors related to obesity. Materials and methods: The present study was a cross sectional study conducted in an affluent English Medium School of Bhubaneswar during Jan.-Feb. 2011. After getting permission from school authorities, the data was collected from students of Class 1 to 10. One section from each class is randomly selected and all the students present during the survey were screened for overweight and obesity. In this way, data was collected from 468 children. Complete data of each child were collected using a pre-designed, pre-tested questionnaire. Result: Out of total 468 school children, 41.9% were boys and 58.1% were girls. 44.4% children belong to 5-10 years age group while the 55.6% children belong to 10-15 years age group. The overall prevalence of overweight and obesity in school children of 5-15 years was found to be 28.63% (overweight - 14.1% and obesity - 14.53%). Maximum prevalence i.e. 36.54% was found in children of 5-10 years age group and 33.65% in boys. Overweight and Obesity was found significantly higher in Children of 5-10 years age group, with family H/O obesity, not playing outdoor games, not doing regular exercise, watching TV, Computer more than 2 hours daily and consuming junk food regularly. Conclusion: Periodic screening for overweight and obesity should be done in schools followed by counseling of parents of overweight and obese children. Counseling of adolescent children on lifestyle modification should be emphasized.
Introduction: Overweight and obesity during childhood are a matter of growing concern in India. Most individuals develop their eating and activity patterns during childhood. Obesity in children and adolescents is
gradually becoming a major public health problem in many developing countries, including India. The objective of the present study is to estimate the prevalence of overweight and obesity among school children and to identify the factors which influenced childhood overweight and obesity. Materials and Methods: A cross-sectional study was carried out from July 2009 to January 2011 on school children who were aged between 5 and 16 years. Results: The prevalence of overweight and obesity among children was 9.00% and 5.5% respectively. Overall, the prevalence of overweight/obesity was 14.52%. The risk of overweight/obesity was significantly (p<0.0120) higher among children who belonged to the upper SES and to the age group of > 10 years, who viewed television for > 1 hour, who slept for only > 7 hours (OR=1.87; 95% CI=1.87-2.53) and who used vehicles to go to school (OR=1.59; 95% CI=1.14-2.24). The prevalence of overweight and obesity was significantly (p<0.0032) lower among children who swam, danced regularly (p<0.0353) and played outdoor games (p<0.0323) than their counterparts. Its association was found to be protective against overweight/obesity. The risk of overweight/obesity was significantly higher among children who were non-vegetarians (OR=1.88; 95% CI=1.39-2.55, p<0.0001), who regularly consumed junk food (OR=2.54; 95% CI=1.82-3.53, p<0.0001), and in whom the calorie intake was more than the recommended daily allowances (OR=1.88; 95% CI=1.39-2.55, p<0.0001). Conclusion: This study confirmed the findings of earlier studies which were carried out in the other parts of the country and it emphasized that regular physical exercise, regulated television viewing, and a healthy eating behaviour could contribute to control overweight and obesity.

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T1 - Transient pulmonary hypertension in a case of uncomplicated malaria
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Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70654169

English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Malaria
KW - pulmonary hypertension
KW - Internal Medicine
KW - Society
KW - Human
KW - patient
KW - Hospital
KW - Echocardiography
KW - Infection
KW - lung artery pressure
KW - blood smear
KW - Plasmodium falciparum
KW - Male
KW - World Health Organization
KW - idiopathic disease
KW - parasite
KW - schistosomiasis
KW - intravascular hemolysis
KW - sickle cell anemia
KW - hemolysis
KW - Immunity
KW - Mortality
KW - lung pressure
KW - wall stress
KW - Mali
N2 - LEARNING OBJECTIVES: 1. Recognize malaria as an uncommon underlying cause of pulmonary hypertension. 2. Recognize that treatment of uncomplicated malaria may prevent further sequelae of pulmonary hypertension. CASE INFORMATION: A 18 year-old man from Mali with recurrent episodes of malaria initially presented to an outside hospital with three days of fever, vomiting, and diffuse abdominal pain followed by a presyncopal episode. The patient arrived in the United States one month prior to this presentation. Labs were notable for hemoglobin 12 g/dL, platelets 88 K/uL, AST 68 U/L, ALT 104 U/L, LDH 284 U/L, and creatinine 1.3 mg/dL. HIV test was negative. A blood smear on admission was positive for plasmodium falciparum with 0.5% parasitemia. Cat scan of the abdomen and pelvis with contrast showed a splenic lesion consistent with infarction. The patient was treated with a seven day course of doxycycline and quinine for uncomplicated malaria. A transthoracic echocardiogram was performed as part of the presyncopal workup and revealed severe pulmonary hypertension based on decreased pulmonary acceleration time and systolic notching. On hospital day 7, the patient was transferred to the present hospital for further evaluation of his pulmonary hypertension. He denied chest pain, dyspnea, and decreased exercise tolerance. Vital signs were unremarkable. Physical exam was significant for a well appearing male in no acute respiratory distress; elevated jugular venous pressure, a right ventricular heave, a loud P2, and lower extremity edema were absent. A six minute walk test revealed oxygen saturations of 98-100% on room air. A repeat transthoracic echocardiogram on hospital day 11 revealed normal pulmonary arterial pressures with a preserved ejection fraction and no chamber enlargement. Two repeat blood smears were negative for plasmodium falciparum. The patient had improved clinically and
was discharged home with scheduled follow up of a serial transthoracic echocardiogram.

**IMPLICATIONS/DISCUSSION:** Pulmonary hypertension (pHTN) is an elevation in the pulmonary arterial pressure, which if severe enough can lead to right ventricular failure. The World Health Organization proposed a classification of pHTN into five groups based on pathophysiology. Group 1 describes idiopathic disease and the remaining groups focus on an underlying cause. Although parasites, such as schistosomiasis, have been classified in Group 4 as causing pHTN by embolic disease, little is understood about the mechanism by which malaria causes pHTN. One study proposed that malaria causes pHTN by intravascular hemolysis in a manner similar to sickle cell disease. During the hemolysis process, nitric oxide may be depleted leading to increased pulmonary arterial pressures. [1] In patients living in endemic areas of malaria, repeated infections may aid in the development of partial immunity and subsequently lead to less severe infections but, pulmonary hypertension is an important disease sequela that can contribute to increased mortality. In this case, it seems that prompt treatment of uncomplicated malaria with doxycycline and quinine led to the resolution of pulmonary hypertension and presyncopal symptoms. Further studies are needed to fully understand the relationship between malaria and pHTN. [1] Janka J, et al. Increased Pulmonary Pressures and Myocardial Wall Stress in Children with Severe Malaria. The Journal of Infectious Disease. 2010; 202(5):791-800

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3532
T1 - Falling off the wagon: The need for a paradigm shift in tackling the obesity epidemic
A1 - Phillips,E.
A1 - Vazquez,E.
A1 - Peterson,J.
A1 - Falk,L.W.
A1 - Boutin-Foster,C.
A1 - Devine,C.
A1 - Wethington,E.
A1 - Wansink,B.
A1 - Charlson,M.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70653770
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Obesity
KW - Internal Medicine
KW - epidemic
KW - Society
KW - Human
KW - Eating
KW - weight
KW - weight reduction
KW - Hispanic
KW - Health
KW - Feeding Behavior
KW - Adult
KW - health care personnel
KW - Behavior Change
KW - meal
KW - Physical Activity
KW - community
KW - United States
KW - social network
KW - vegetable
KW - Interview
BACKGROUND: Minority populations are disproportionately affected by the obesity epidemic. In recent years experts in the field have recommended that social and behavioral interventions should be focused on promoting small lifestyle changes that will eliminate or reduce the gradual excess weight gain that occurs in people of all ages over the life span. This "small change" approach is based on analyses that demonstrate that people gradually gain weight over time because of a small average daily difference between energy intake and energy expenditure known as the "energy gap." Based on theory and experimental research on small change strategies we developed a novel behavioral intervention aimed at achieving weight loss among Black and Hispanic adults in two New York City communities through small changes in eating behavior and physical activity. Prior to the implementation of the trial we sought to develop a better understanding of how different experimentally-based small change strategies would translate across different cultural groups. Qualitative group interviews were used to culturally tailor the future intervention. METHODS: Black or Hispanic adults > 21 years of age with a BMI > 25 and a previous weight loss attempt were recruited at two clinical and two church sites in Harlem and the South Bronx, New York. Six focus groups, three in Spanish and three in English were conducted by two moderators using a standardized interview guide following informed consent. Participants were asked to describe previous attempts at changing their eating behaviors to lose weight. Participants were then presented with thirteen experimentally-validated small change eating strategies known to reduce the "energy gap" (i.e. using a 10 inch plate for main meal, not eating when the TV is on, eating breakfast everyday, eating dinner at home at least 6 days a week). Participants voted for the top six strategies they felt could be
easily adopted by themselves and their family or social network. Group discussion explored potential advantages and challenges of adopting each of the six strategies. Sessions were tape-recorded and transcribed verbatim. Responses were entered into Ethnograph qualitative software and systematically analyzed using grounded theory methods. Through an iterative process, concepts were grouped into categories based on similar properties and dimensions. Overarching themes were then developed by three trained qualitative experts. Three additional trained corroborators independently reviewed the transcripts, and consensus was reached with the final themes reported here.

RESULTS: 67 participants mean age 54 years +13, 72% women and 60% Hispanic were enrolled. More than half of participants had some college education (58%), 30% were employed, 42% were married and had one or more children. 74% described themselves as weighing too much and being advised by a medical provider to lose weight. The mean BMI was 34 +7.2. 52% of participants described their general health as fair or poor. Only 36% of participants met the daily recommendations of eating five or more servings of fruit and vegetables. We identified three primary themes: 1) The Wake Up Call - an interaction with a health care provider or their own personal decision-making (based on psychologic or physiologic reasons) would prompt a self-awareness that obesity was negatively impacting their health and that it was time to initiate a behavior change; 2) Taking Control - preferences for a particular weight loss strategy were chosen based on which aspect of the built and/or social environment participants believe they could gain control over; and 3) Falling Off the Wagon - all participants described the experience of not being able to maintain newly adopted behavior's long term as a result of either unrealistic weight loss planning and goals or negative environmental influences such as stress. Participants selected the following six small change strategies: 1) Using a smaller plate for the main meal; 2) Making half of the main meal vegetables; 3) Putting snacks out of sight; 4) Eating breakfast everyday; 5) Drinking water instead of sweetened beverages; and 6) Eating dinner at home at least 6 days a week. Common reported advantages of the strategies were: 1) Do not require a sacrifice - "you don't feel like you are giving something up"; 2) Cost-effective - "it's cheaper than eating out all the time"; and 3) Health benefits - "there are lots of health benefits from drinking water". CONCLUSION: Our study demonstrates that among community dwelling African-American and Hispanic adults the need to lose weight is often triggered by outside influences such as a health care provider or change in health status (i.e. new onset diabetes). While individuals are able to select strategies that results in short term weight loss they reported that they are unable to maintain these efforts long term. Some strategies may conflict with family and cultural meal practices and values, others with daily schedules or household food environments. Participants voted for six out of thirteen small change eating strategies that they believe could be easily adopted and maintained long term by themselves or other members of their family and social network. Our results may also have important implications for translating basic experimental research on small change strategies for diverse cultural groups. The development of obesity interventions utilizing small environmental and behavioral changes may be more sustainable over time in comparison to more robust dieting efforts that yield positive results but cannot be maintained long term. The translation of the small change strategies into more culturally and environmentally relevant forms may also increase the success of interventions. The results of this study will be used to refine and tailor a large scale randomized behavioral intervention targeted at achieving a > 7% within-patient reduction in weight through small sustained changes in eating behavior coupled with sustained increases in lifestyle physical activity.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Atypical automatic visual change detection in children with autism: An electrophysiological study
A1 - Bonnet-Brilhault,F.
A1 - Clery,H.
A1 - Roux,S.
A1 - Lenoir,P.
A1 - Barthelemy,C.
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Introduction: The clinical observations of autistic patients show that they react in an unusual way to unattended changes that appear in the environment. Several studies have investigated novelty active detection in children with autism (CWA) and have highlighted visual atypical change processing. However little is known about the automatic change detection, phenomenon that can be study throughout the analysis of the mismatch negativity (MMN). The aim of the present study was to investigate the visual MMN in CWA. ERPs mapping was used to localize in both time and space the brain activations elicited by unattended visual change. Method: Twelve healthy children (aged 8-14 years) and 12 CWA (aged 8-14 years) participated in the experiment. We used a visual passive oddball paradigm in which the stimuli consisted in the deformation of a circle in to an ellipse in the horizontal direction (standard) or in the vertical (deviant). In order to present the visual stimuli outside the focus of attention, a concurrent task was required in which participants had to stare at the central fixation cross and to respond to its disappearance. Results: Behavioral measures showed that CWA displayed longer reaction time than Controls but did not differ in the number of omissions. ERPs analysis revealed several groups differences. Compared to controls CWA showed a typical morphology of response but with a significantly delayed latency. Moreover vMMN displayed shorter latency and atypical morphology in CWA than in controls. Conclusion: This study allowed to evidence an atypical visual automatic processing of change in CWA. These results suggest that abnormalities in change detection in CWA are independent of the sensory modality and might contribute to explain their characteristic behaviours in response to change.
This study examined relationships between greenness exposure and free-living physical activity behavior of children in smart growth and conventionally designed communities. Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) was used to quantify children's (n=208) greenness exposure at 30-s epoch accelerometer and GPS data points. A generalized linear mixed model with a kernel density smoothing term for addressing spatial autocorrelation was fit to analyze residential neighborhood activity data. Excluding activity at home and during school-hours, an epoch-level analysis found momentary greenness exposure was positively associated with the likelihood of contemporaneous moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA). This association was stronger for smart growth residents who experienced a 39% increase in odds of MVPA for a 10th to 90th percentile increase in exposure to greenness (OR=1.39, 95% CI 1.36-1.44). An individual-level analysis found children who experienced >20 min of daily exposure to greener spaces (>90th percentile) engaged in nearly 5 times the
daily rate of MVPA of children with nearly zero daily exposure to greener spaces (95% CI 3.09-7.20). 2011 Elsevier Ltd
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Pediatric blunt splenic trauma: Changing etiopathogenesis
A1 - Sreedher,G.
A1 - McKenna,C.
A1 - Gaines,B.
A1 - Abdalla,W.
A1 - Tadros,S.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70647101
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - spleen injury
KW - radiology
KW - Etiology
KW - injury
KW - sport
KW - Human
KW - motor vehicle
KW - patient
KW - spleen
KW - Child
KW - traffic accident
KW - abdominal injury
KW - retrospective study
KW - emergency health service
KW - hazard
KW - solid
KW - Safety
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S347
JF - Pediatric Radiology
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N2 - Purpose: 1. To compare and review the spectrum and severity of blunt splenic trauma in children associated with motor vehicle accidents and sports and related activities 2. To assess severity of associated intra-abdominal injuries in both categories. 3. To compare the AAST trauma grading scores and review image based severity grading of blunt pediatric splenic trauma. Materials and methods: 220 consecutive cases of blunt pediatric splenic trauma cases were analysed in a retrospective study. Patients presented to our Level 1 trauma center over a period of 4 years (2004-2008). Splenic Injury was graded according to AAST grading on CECT in all patients. Associated intra and extraabdominal injuries were categorized. Patients were categorized according to mechanism of injury into Motor vehicle related trauma, Outdoor Sports related trauma and biking related trauma. Results: All grades and severity of splenic injuries were seen in all three categories in our population. However the severity of associated intra and extraabdominal injuries was highest in the motor vehicle group as expected. Biking related injuries were found to be more severe in grade than other outdoor
Sports. Handle bar injuries to spleen are a serious hazard and constitute a whopping 22% of all blunt splenic trauma. Frequency of associated abdominal solid visceral trauma is low with sports related trauma. Conclusion: Traditionally motor vehicle trauma is considered as the major culprit in pediatric splenic trauma, however in our study we found a far exceeding number of sports related and biking related trauma to the spleen. This is cause for concern and calls for a need for improved safety measures during pediatric recreational activities.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Use of dietary supplements and anabolic-androgenic steroids among Finnish adolescents in 1991-2005
A1 - Mattila, V.M.
A1 - Parkkari, J.
A1 - Laakso, L.
A1 - Pihlajamaki, H.
A1 - Rimpela, A.
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - 19710236
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - addiction/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Adolescent
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior
KW - diet supplementation
KW - doping
KW - Female
KW - Finland/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - Prevalence
KW - protein intake
KW - questionnaire
KW - risk factor
KW - Sex Ratio
KW - socioeconomics
KW - statistical model
KW - Utilization Review
KW - anabolic agent
KW - steroid
KW - vitamin
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 306
EP - 311
JF - European Journal of Public Health
JA - Eur J Public Health
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CY - United Kingdom
N2 - The aim of the study was to describe the prevalence, trends and associated factors of dietary supplements (DS) and anabolic-androgenic steroids (AAS) use among Finnish adolescents. The sample comprised 30,511 adolescents aged 12-18 years, of which 22,519 (74%) answered a questionnaire. We also studied associations between 14 socioeconomic, health and health behavioural variables and DS and AAS use by logistic regression.
The proportion of respondents using DS was 45% during the past year and it increased linearly by age. Vitamins (37%) and herbal products (13%) were the most common DSs. In 1991, 9% of the boys aged 16-18 years reported protein use, while the frequency in 2005 was 17% (P < 0.001). AAS use was uncommon; only 53 boys (0.5%) and 20 girls (0.2%) reported AAS use. The strongest factors associated with DS use in multivariate model were physical exercise outside sports clubs (OR 1.9; 95% CI: 1.6-2.2), and in sports clubs (OR 1.7; 95% CI: 1.5-1.9). Recurrent drunkenness (OR 5.8; 95% CI: 1.5-21.6) and peer drug use in boys (OR 2.1; 95% CI: 1.2-3.7) were the risk factors for AAS use, whereas physical exercise outside sports clubs (OR 0.3; 95% CI: 0.1-0.5) was a protecting factor. Although the overall use of DS remained at the same level during the study period, there was a slight trend towards increasing use of vitamin and protein supplements. DS use is associated with frequent sports participation and poorer than average health, while AAS use is associated with health-compromising behaviours.

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T1 - Perceived somatic symptoms and aspects of asthma management by analyzing coloured drawings made by chronic asthmatic children
A1 - Pascuet,E.
A1 - Vaillancourt,R.
A1 - Moore,A.-M.
A1 - Scoular,D.
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Asthma
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - summer
KW - patient
KW - Lung
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - coughing
KW - sport
KW - Interpersonal Communication
KW - groups by age
KW - Comprehension
KW - recall
KW - Disease Management
KW - medical information
KW - study design
KW - hospital patient
KW - outpatient
KW - health literacy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 340
JF - Canadian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Rationale: The addition of pictures to health information can improve comprehension, recall and treatment adherence, all of which can lead to improved disease management. Objectives: To evaluate self-drawn illustrations made by chronic asthmatic pediatric patients to identify their perception of somatic symptoms and aspects of asthma management. Secondly, to use the emergent themes to develop child-specific pictograms to be
used as a supplementary aid to improve communication for use in the management of chronic asthma in pediatric patients. Study Design and Methods: Chronic inpatient and outpatient asthmatic children recruited at a Canadian pediatric hospital. Participants were asked to draw how they feel when their asthma is under control and during an attack. A multi-disciplinary team determined key drawing features from each individual picture to incorporate these identified themes as pictogram components of an asthma action plan. Results: Drawings from 53 participants analyzed. When asked to draw how they felt when their symptoms were well controlled, emerging themes included images of clear lungs, happy expressions, sunny skies and children playing sports and other outdoor activities. When asked how the children felt during an asthma attack, images of coughing, lung pain/tightness, sad expressions, and confinement or inability to play were common. No differences in common drawing features found between age groups. Conclusion: The next step will be to validate the pictograms with pediatric patients. This development of a validated easy to use asthma action plan can lead to improved asthma outcomes for asthmatic patients with a wide range of health literacy

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T1 - Vitamin D deficiency in the pediatric tuberculosis clinic in Winnipeg, Manitoba
A1 - Bouhasan,L.
A1 - Consunji-Araneta,R.
Y1 - 2011///
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Hospital
KW - Canada
KW - vitamin D deficiency
KW - Tuberculosis
KW - Human
KW - Aborigine
KW - patient
KW - Population
KW - Prevalence
KW - ethnicity
KW - Risk
KW - Child
KW - computer program
KW - blood level
KW - gender
KW - groups by age
KW - seasonal variation
KW - winter
KW - Environment
KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - immigrant
KW - Genetics
KW - Diet
KW - Prevention
KW - Tuberculin Test
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - treatment response
KW - Immunity
KW - Blood
KW - screening
PURPOSE: Vitamin D (VD) plays an important role in inflammatory and immune reactions and may be critical in the human tuberculosis (TB) response. With the increased prevalence of TB in the aboriginal (A) population, especially those residing in Northern Manitoba (NM) we sought to identify how frequently children seen in the TB Clinic were VD deficient (VDD). METHODS: VD levels were drawn (as part of routine baseline blood work as per clinic protocol after few patients failed to exhibit inadequate response to usual treatment) from patients referred to the TB clinic for contact investigation, school/immigration screening or treatment of primary/pulmonary disease from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008. The normal reference value used was 75-250nmol/L. VD insufficiency (VDI) was when the level was 25-75nmol/L and VDD was diagnosed in those with levels <25nmol/L. Results were analyzed using chi-square test and one way ANOVA. Data were analyzed by using SAS 9.2 software. Significance level considered at < 0.05. Log 10 transformations were done for the variables that were not Gaussian. RESULTS: 358 children had blood levels drawn during the 24 month period. The prevalence of VDD as to gender, ethnicity (aboriginal population versus other ethnicities) were similar but was significantly higher in the older age group( >14 years), and in those residing outside of Winnipeg. There was marginally significant difference in levels associated with seasonal variation, being more prevalent in the fall to winter. As expected, PTH levels were significantly higher in those with VDD. CONCLUSIONS: VDD is common in the aboriginal and immigrant populations seen in our clinic. What role and contribution genetics, diet and environment play require further study, especially as to whether the prevention of VDD may reduce the risk of developing TB. Analysis of VD levels in patients subsequently found to be tuberculin negative will provide more information. CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS: VD as an addition to anti-TB medications may be indicated to reduce risk and to facilitate treatment response.
Background: Spasticity is a disorder of muscular function causing muscular tightness or spasm which occurs when there is damage to the central nervous system whether it is of spinal cord or brain origin. This insult could be either pathological or traumatic. Method: Thirty-three patients had intrathecal Baclofen pumps implanted for severe spasticity. These patients either did not respond to or tolerate oral medications. Results: All patients showed significant improvement in their spasms following the procedure. Improvement was noted not only in spasticity, but also in pain, management of sleep disturbance, activities of daily living, indoor and outdoor mobility and behavior. Conclusion: The number of complications was acceptable, and generally were not lifethreatening. Infection was the significant complication in two patients and this led to explantation of their pumps. Patient satisfaction was very high and was related to improvement in the quality of life for the patients.

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T1 - Life+ project: Population exposure to PAHs (EXPAH)
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A1 - Cecinato,A.
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A1 - Sozzi,R.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70632192
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - population exposure
KW - toxicology
KW - health care organization
KW - model
KW - exposure
KW - Human
KW - Population
KW - city
KW - sampling
KW - Child
KW - Health
N2 - Purpose: EXPAH project financed by European Community with LIFE+ funds aims at identifying and quantifying population exposure among children and elderly people to carcinogenic PAHs in particulate matter in highly urbanized areas. The main goal of the project will be the health impact assessment of PAHs. An integrated approach, based on measurements and modeling techniques, will be used to estimate the spatial distribution of population exposure to PAHs, to identify key determinants of high exposures and to estimate potential health effects on the target population. In this paper, we summarize the component of the project consisting of in field campaigns for estimating the actual concentration of PAHs in different areas of the city and for assessing the actual human exposure in different living places (microenvironments).

Methods: Measurements will be performed by means of low volume PM2.5 sampling devices in stationary outdoor and indoor locations, such as houses and schools, and by means of PM2.5 personal exposure measurements of volunteers selected between children and elderly people. The sampling will be performed in the city of Rome on a daily period during two seasonal weeks. Results of the study: Results of the in field campaigns will be addressed to: develop an outdoor-indoor infiltration model; estimate the mean exposure of the target populations to PAHs using data from the air pollution model, infiltration models and population time-activity patterns through an exposure model; evaluate the extent of outdoor-indoor PAHs infiltration; evaluate the population exposure to PAHs.
CASE: Lucy is a 12-year-old Latina whose mother brought her to the pediatric clinic for help with her anxiety symptoms, "hearing voices," and episodes of "spacing out." Lucy did not cry at birth secondary to vocal cord paralysis and still has the tracheostomy performed at a few days of life. In addition to her neonatal intensive care unit stay, she has been hospitalized for pneumonia. Her mother says she is "sickly" and has a weak immune system due to her asthma symptoms. Lucy also experiences somatic complaints related to gastroesophageal reflux and constipation. Lucy is described as being "in another world" and must be called several times before she responds. Lucy states she is nervous "all the time" and often experiences a fast heartbeat, chest pain, and headache. Her attention and internalizing problems began at age 4 years and have worsened since she entered adolescence. When she is alone in the dark, she sees an unknown person and becomes frightened. She hears the voice of her paternal uncle telling her something will harm her mother and runs crying to "check" on her. Lucy also says she hears voices of paternal family members fighting. She has dreamed that her paternal uncle stabbed her in an alley. Lucy reports experiencing sadness and feelings of wanting to die. She has not tried to harm herself and has no plan to do this. She states that she does not know when she is awake or asleep and "hate people talking in my head." She does not report drug use. Lucy's family is bilingual, English and Spanish. Her mother works part-time as a nutritionist, and her father is a machinist. Her father receives counseling for anger management, and there have been previous unsubstantiated child abuse reports involving Lucy and her younger brother. The maternal uncle has been involved in a gang and attempts to phone Lucy's mother, who does not wish to have contact with him. Lucy's mother expresses strong Christian religious and spiritual beliefs, including demons and spirits that may enter her home and can be cast off with prayer. Recently, the family purchased a "cuadro" (picture) at a yard sale, and Lucy's mother said this resulted in footprints in the bathroom that are disappearing with prayer, guidance from the church minister, and discarding of the "cuadro." The primary pediatrician ordered a home school program, given Lucy's frequent illnesses. She is progressing well with a special education teacher. Her recent psychological evaluation at school showed a below average nonverbal intelligence quotient, with strengths in the areas of perceptual, logical, and abstract relationships. Lucy's mother in the past has been hesitant to follow through with psychiatric evaluation because "it is up to God." In the clinic, she is pale and slender with an ethereal look. She is awake and alert with appropriate affect and mentation. Her tracheostomy is intact without any respiratory distress noted. There are no signs of drug use or active hallucinations. You are left wondering whether these voices need psychiatric management. 2011 Lippincott Williams & Wilkins
The high prevalence of asthma among school-aged youth places a significant burden on students, families, and communities. Secondhand smoke (SHS) exacerbates asthma symptoms and attacks. Parental smoking is likely the most common and recurring source of SHS exposure among children. School-based asthma management programs can play a major role in educating students and their families about how to reduce, eliminate, and cope with SHS exposure. Between January 2007 and May 2008, a total of 121 middle and 248 elementary school students who participated in school-based asthma management programs in elementary school completed pretest and posttest surveys assessing asthma behaviors and management difficulties. Subgroups of 40 middle and 54 elementary school students participated in 15 focus groups. Quantitative data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and independent sample t tests. Thematic analysis was used to identify and interpret prominent themes within qualitative data. Quantitative analysis of elementary school student data revealed students exposed to SHS had significantly higher asthma management difficulties at pretest (2.79 vs 1.98, respectively; t = 3.4, P = .001) and posttest (2.56 vs 1.74, respectively; t = 3.8, P < .001) compared with those without SHS exposure. Qualitative results from elementary and middle school students revealed that many students reported SHS exposure resulting from family members smoking at home or in cars. Students and their families reported using ineffective methods (eg, opening a window, drinking water, holding their breath) for
Reducing, eliminating, and coping with SHS exposure. School-based asthma management programs should provide education to students and their families on the lasting effects of SHS on asthma symptoms and effective strategies for reducing, eliminating, and coping with SHS exposure in homes and cars. A focus on parent and community involvement can play a key role in addressing students' asthma management needs outside of school. 2011 The Author(s)
Results of new research indicate that, contrary to previous thinking, youth do not have less effective thermoregulatory ability, insufficient cardiovascular capacity, or lower physical exertion tolerance compared with adults during exercise in the heat when adequate hydration is maintained. Accordingly, besides poor hydration status, the primary determinants of reduced performance and exertional heat-illness risk in youth during sports and other physical activities in a hot environment include undue physical exertion, insufficient recovery between repeated exercise bouts or closely scheduled same-day training sessions or rounds of sports competition, and inappropriately wearing clothing, uniforms, and protective equipment that play a role in excessive heat retention. Because these known contributing risk factors are modifiable, exertional heat illness is usually preventable. With appropriate preparation, modifications, and monitoring, most healthy children and adolescents can safely participate in outdoor sports and other physical activities through a wide range of challenging warm to hot climatic conditions. Copyright 2011 by the American Academy of Pediatrics
Background. The detrimental effects of excess personal solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure include sunburn, immunosuppression and skin cancer. In South Africa, individuals with minimum natural protection from melanin, including fair-skin skinned individuals and African albinos, and people spending extended unprotected periods outdoors are at risk of sunburn, a risk factor for skin cancer. Sunburn becomes increasingly likely during the high solar UV radiation hours around midday, and previous studies have shown that children are exposed to potentially high, sunburn-causing solar UV radiation levels while at school.

Method. To estimate national potential child sunburn risk patterns, monitored ambient solar UV radiation levels at six sites in South Africa were converted into possible schoolchild solar UV radiation exposures by calculating the theoretical child exposure to 5% of the total daily ambient solar UV radiation as derived from personal child exposure studies. Results. Schoolgoing children with skin types I, II and III were identified as being at greatest risk of sunburn. There were 44 and 99 days in a year when schoolchildren with skin type III (moderately sensitive) living in Durban and De Aar, respectively, would be likely to experience sunburn. Schoolchildren with skin type I (extremely sensitive) were at risk of experiencing sunburn on 166 days in De Aar, and those with skin types I and II were at risk on at least 1 day per year at all six locations. Conclusion. Seasonal patterns show that schoolchildren with sensitive skin types may experience sunburn in spring, summer and autumn months. Differences in child sunburn risk were evident, mainly due to latitude and atmospheric aerosols. Additional factors affecting sunburn risk include schoolchildren’s use of sun protection, sun-exposed activity, and timing and duration of exposure. Understanding risk patterns and obtaining locally relevant information will assist South African skin cancer prevention and sun protection awareness.
Background: Dietary recommendations for healthy food intake are an essential part of preventive strategies, food variety might offer one additional approach. Methods: Between January 2005 and September 2009, a total of 2548 persons attended a medical outdoor centre for diagnostic and/or therapeutic interventions. To obtain information on their nutrition behaviour, patients were requested to complete a 51-item semi-quantitative food frequency questionnaire. Frequencies of consumption of food items were reported on a scale between 1 (seldom or never) and 6 (more than once per day). To investigate the impact of nutrition patterns on the probability of cardiovascular event and/or medication we estimated four alternative versions of logistic regressions. Results: Up to the age-decade 51-60 of years, the majority of the patients reported a moderate to high food consumption variety. A low variety was primarily found in the age decades older than 60 years. Within each age cohort, the predicted probability of cardiovascular events and/or medication was lower for patients with higher food variety. Our parameter estimates indicate that, on average, the consumption of one additional food item reduced the probability of a cardiovascular disease by about 0.5%. Adding overall daily intakes of energy or nutrient contents did not change this result. Conclusion: Our study shows that food diversity has a significant impact on the probability to stay healthy. 2011 European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism

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T1 - A low power wireless data acquisition device to monitor gait patterns for children with toe walking during daily activities
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Clinical gait analysis is the accepted "gold standard" for evaluating an individual's walking pattern. However, in certain conditions such as idiopathic toe walking (ITW), the degree of voluntary control that a subject may elicit upon their walking pattern in a gait laboratory may not truly reflect their gait during daily activities. Therefore, a battery-powered, wireless data acquisition system was developed to record daily walking patterns to assist in the assessment of treatment outcomes in this patient population. The device was developed to be small (30x50x12 mm<sup>3</sup>), light-weight (15 g), easy to install, reliable, and consumed little power. It could be mounted across the laces of the shoe, while forces and walking activities were recorded to investigate the percentage of toe walking during the assessment. Laboratory tests were performed and preliminary clinical trials at a gait laboratory were done on six normal gait walkers. These volunteers also try to walk on their toes to simulate the toe walking at the gait laboratory. The system was able to track the gait pattern and determine the percentage of toe walking relative to normal gait. Three boys and one girl were diagnosed with ITW then participated into this study. A total of 4 sets thirty-three 10 min data sessions (5.5 h) were collected outside the laboratory. The results showed that the test subjects walked on their toes 70±4% of the total walking time, which was higher than that they performed 64±5% at the gait laboratory. This preliminary study shows promising results that the system should be able to use for clinical assessment and evaluation of children with ITW. 2011 American Society of Mechanical Engineers

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Early antiretroviral therapy in HIV-1-infected infants, 1996-2008: Treatment response and duration of first-line regimens: The European Pregnancy and Paediatric HIV Cohort Collaboration (EPPICC) study group in EuroCoord

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KW - EMBASE
KW - acquired immune deficiency syndrome
KW - article
KW - CD4 Lymphocyte Count
KW - Child
KW - cytomegalovirus infection
KW - drug substitution
KW - ethnicity
KW - Europe
KW - Female
KW - highly active antiretroviral therapy
KW - HIV associated dementia
KW - Human
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus 1
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus 1 infection [Drug Therapy]
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus infected patient
KW - Infant
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Pneumocystis jiroveci
KW - Pneumocystis pneumonia
KW - Prediction
KW - preschool child
KW - priority journal
KW - scoring system
KW - Sex
KW - treatment duration
KW - treatment response
KW - virus load
KW - abacavir [Drug Therapy]
KW - abacavir plus lamivudine [Drug Therapy]
KW - didanosine [Drug Therapy]
KW - lamivudine [Drug Therapy]
KW - lamivudine plus zidovudine [Drug Therapy]
KW - nelfinavir [Drug Therapy]
Objective: To investigate virological and immunological response to antiretroviral therapy (ART), and predictors of switching and interrupting treatment among infants starting ART across Europe. Design: Cohort study. Methods: Nine cohorts from 13 European countries contributed data on HIV-infected infants born 1996-2008 and starting ART before age 12 months. Logistic and linear regression, and competing risks methods were used to assess predictors of virological (viral load <400 copies/ml) and immunological (change in CD4 Z-score) response, switching to second-line ART and treatment interruptions with viral load less than 400 copies/ml. Results: A total of 437 infants were followed for median 5.9 (interquartile range 2.3-7.6) years after starting ART; 30% had an AIDS diagnosis prior to ART initiation. 53% had suppressed viral load <400 copies/ml at 12 months in 1996-1999, increasing to 77% in 2004-2008. Virological and immunological responses at 12 months varied by initial ART type (P<0.001 and P=0.03, respectively), with four-drug nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI)-based regimens being superior [virological response <400 copies/ml adjusted odds ratio=3.00, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.24-7.23; mean increase in CD4 Z-score coefficient=0.64, 95% CI 0.10-1.17] to both three-drug NNRTI-based (reference) and boosted protease inhibitor regimens which were similar. Rates of switching to second-line ART were lower among children starting four-drug NNRTI-based and boosted protease inhibitor-based regimens compared with three-drug NNRTI regimens (P=0.03). Sixty five percent of infants remained on first-line ART without treatment interruption after 5 years. Conclusion: Effective and prolonged responses to first-line ART can now be achieved in infants starting early ART outside trial settings. Superior responses to four-drug NNRTI compared with boosted protease inhibitor or three-drug NNRTI regimens need further evaluation, as does treatment interruption following early ART. 2011 Wolters Kluwer Health | Lippincott Williams & Wilkins
Individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) demonstrate intact or superior local processing of visual-spatial tasks. We investigated the hypothesis that in a disembedding task, autistic individuals exhibit a more local processing style than controls, which is reflected by altered electromagnetic brain activity in response to embedded stimuli and enhanced activity of early visual areas. Ten autistic and ten matched control participants underwent 151-channel whole-head magnetoencephalography. Participants were presented with 400 embedded or isolated letters ('S' or 'H') and asked to indicate which of the two letters was shown. Performance was equal in both groups, but event-related magnetic fields differed between groups in an early (100-150 ms) and a later (350-400 ms) time window. In the early time window, autistic individuals differed from control participants in the embedded, but not in the isolated condition, reflecting reduced processing of the irrelevant context in autistic individuals. In the later time window, amplitude differences between the embedded and isolated conditions were measured in control participants only, suggesting that "disembedding" processes were not required in autistic individuals. Source localisation indicated that activity in individuals with ASD peaked in the primary visual cortex in both conditions and time windows indicating an effortless (automatic, bottom-up) local process, whereas activity in controls peaked outside the visual cortex. 2011 Elsevier Ltd
Current national and international publications describe a suboptimal vitamin D intake or an inadequate vitamin D status in all age groups. The aim of this statement is to summarize the available literature and evidence for reference values of vitamin D intake and vitamin D supply as well as for the current consumption. On this basis, recommendations for infants, children, and adolescents living in Germany were developed. Reasonable measures for achieving an improved vitamin D status are: protected sunlight exposure, intensive physical activity (at least 1 h daily) outside, and increase of vitamin D intake via supplements. Special attention is given to risk groups (children nourished on a vegetarian diet, migrants, persons with limited sunlight exposure, and chronically ill persons) for which regular control of serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels has to be considered. A systematic supervision of vitamin D supply in childhood and adolescence and a cost-benefit analysis of recommended or conducted measures should be performed. In the following an abbreviated version of the statement of the Nutrition Committee of the German Society of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (DGKJ) is printed. The full version is published under http://www.dgkj.de. 2011 Springer-Verlag
Objective: Hyper-IgE syndrome (HIES) is a rare primary immunodeficiency caused by autosomal dominant STAT3 mutations resulting in recurrent infections and connective tissue abnormalities. Coronary artery abnormalities have been reported infrequently. We aimed to determine the frequency and characteristics of coronary artery abnormalities. Design: STAT3-mutated HIES patients (n = 38), ranging in age from 8 to 57 years, underwent coronary artery imaging by computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging. Images were evaluated for tortuosity, dilation, and aneurysm. Charts were reviewed for cardiac risk factors. To allow blinded image interpretation, an age- and gender-matched non-HIES group was also evaluated (n = 33). Results: Coronary artery tortuosity or dilation occurred in 70% of HIES patients, with aneurysms present in 37%, incidences much higher than in the literature and in our non-HIES group, in which 21% had tortuosity or dilation and 3% had aneurysms. Hypertension was more common in the HIES group than in the general population and was associated with vessel abnormalities. Atherosclerosis was uncommon and mild.

Conclusions: Coronary artery aneurysms and tortuosity are common in HIES, despite a paucity of
atherosclerosis, suggesting that STAT3 plays an integral role in human vascular remodeling and atherosclerosis.

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T1 - Teaching children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to mand "what is it?"
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Autism
KW - Child
KW - Environment
KW - Evaluation
KW - Human
KW - information
KW - Male
KW - Motivation
KW - preschool child
KW - priority journal
KW - school child
KW - Teaching
KW - vocalization
RP - NOT IN FILE
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N2 - In general terms a mand is a requesting response. Teaching children with autism to mand for information is often a difficult task given their language deficits. The present study examined a procedure consisting of contrived motivating operations, prompt fading, manded consequences, error correction, and a brief preference assessment for teaching the mand "What is it?" A modified multiple-baseline design across situations was used to evaluate the teaching procedure. Each of three children with Autism Spectrum Disorder learned the mands and generalized to situations, activities, scripts, the natural environment, and over time. 2011 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
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School recess is an opportunity to include students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) with their typically developing peers and is a setting in which instruction can occur. However, the educational opportunities for children with ASD within recess are often overlooked and recess time is being reduced or eliminated in the United States. This review involved a systematic search and analysis of 15 studies that utilized recess to implement academic, social, or behavioral interventions for students with ASD. Each identified study that met predetermined inclusion criteria was analyzed and summarized in terms of: (a) participant characteristics, (b) intervention procedures, (c) dependent variables, and (d) intervention outcomes. This review has three main aims: (a) to evaluate and synthesize the evidence-base, (b) to inform and guide teachers interested in utilizing recess time for educational purposes, and (c) to stimulate and guide future research in this area. Results demonstrate that recess time can indeed be used to teach target behaviors to students with ASD.
Preschool outdoor play environment may combine promotion of children's physical activity and sun protection. Further evidence from Southern Sweden and North Carolina.

Objective: To study the impact of preschool outdoor environments on children's physical activity and solar ultraviolet (UV) exposure at different latitudes and countries.

(two in Raleigh NC, USA, Lat.36 degree N, nine in Malmo, Sweden, Lat.55 degree N) were scored (OPEC) regarding space, vegetation, hilly terrain and level of integration between open spaces, vegetation and play structures. Free sky (%) was determined by imaging. Physical activity was measured by pedometers and solar UV-exposure by polysulphone dosimeters during 5 days in spring 2009, and individual background data gathered by questionnaires and anthropometric measurements. Global UV radiation was measured and available individual UV radiation (%) computed. Results: In Malmo, mean step count/minute was 21.2 in preschools with high-scored environment vs. 17.6 in low-scored environments, and UV-exposure lower, 26% vs. 43% of available UV during outdoor stay. In Raleigh, step count/minute was 12.3 and UV-exposure of available UV 27% during outdoor stay. Conclusions: Step count/minute was lower in Raleigh than in Malmo, but in Malmo children at low-scored environments ran a higher risk of sunburn than in Raleigh. Trees and shrubbery integrated in children's playscape trigger both physical activity and sun-protective behaviour in Sweden, and previous measurements in Stockholm were confirmed. Such outdoor environment should be recommended, but the role of season and climate needs to be further explored. 2011 Elsevier Masson SAS

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T1 - Efficacy and safety of tacrolimus for induction therapy in patients with active lupus nephritis
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A1 - Kuroiwa, T.
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - abdominal skin ulcer/si [Side Effect]
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - colitis/si [Side Effect]
KW - drug blood level
KW - drug efficacy
KW - drug safety
KW - drug withdrawal
KW - esophagus disease/si [Side Effect]
KW - Female
KW - glucose blood level
After the completion of a double-blind placebo-controlled trial, tacrolimus (TAC) was approved for the treatment of lupus nephritis (LN) in Japan. However, the approved maximal dose, 3 mg/day, is almost half the dose used for induction therapy outside Japan. In this study, we retrospectively evaluated the efficacy and safety of low-dose TAC (<3 mg/day) for induction therapy in 13 adult patients (2 men and 11 women) with active LN. Eight patients were treated for LN flares. Twelve patients underwent renal biopsies: 8 with class IV, 2 with class III + V, 1 with class IV + V, and 1 with class V renal histology, according to the International Society of Nephrology/Renal Pathology Society (ISN/RPS) classification. The mean initial doses of prednisone and TAC were 34.6 ± 14.5 and 2.7 ± 0.6 mg/day, respectively. All the patients achieved a complete remission (CR) at 7.7 ± 6.7 months (mean ± SD) after the last administration of TAC, except for 2 patients who discontinued TAC treatment: 1 because of worsening systemic lupus erythematosus and 1 because of hypertension. Two patients experienced a flare-up after achieving CR. The mean blood TAC concentration 12 h after the last administration (C12) was significantly lower among the patients with flare-ups than among those with a sustained CR (1.5 ± 1.5 vs. 5.1 ± 1.9 ng/mL, P = 0.034). These data showed that low-dose TAC was effective for induction therapy in patients with active LN, although a lower TAC concentration may be associated with a poor outcome.
We explored how developing neural artifact and animal representations in the dorsal and ventral stream play a role in children's increasingly more proficient interactions with objects. In thirty-three 6- to 10-year-old children and 11 adults, we used fMRI to track the development of (1) the cortical category preference for tools compared to animals and (2) the response to complex objects (as compared to scrambled objects) during a passive viewing task. In addition, we related a cognitive skill that improved substantially from age 6 to 10, namely the ability to recognize tools from unusual viewpoints, to the development of cortical object processing. In multiple complementary analyses we showed that those children who were better at recognizing tools from unusual viewpoints outside the scanner showed a reduced cortical response to tools and animals when viewed inside the scanner, bilaterally in intraparietal and inferotemporal cortex. In contrast, the cortical preference for tools in the dorsal and ventral visual stream did not predict object recognition performance, and was organized in an adult-like manner at six. While cortical tool preference did not change with age, the findings suggest that animal-preferring regions in the ventral visual stream may develop later, concordant with previous reports of a protracted development in similar regions for faces. We thus conclude that intraparietal and inferotemporal cortical networks that support aspects of object processing irrespective of tool or animal category, continue to develop during the school-age years and contribute to the development of object recognition skills during this period.
Ultraviolet rad\flation: A hazard to children and adolescents

N2 - Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) causes the 3 major forms of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma; squamous cell carcinoma; and cutaneous malignant melanoma. Public awareness of the risk is not optimal, overall compliance
with sun protection is inconsistent, and melanoma rates continue to rise. The risk of skin cancer increases when people overexpose themselves to sun and intentionally expose themselves to artificial sources of UVR. Yet, people continue to sunburn, and teenagers and adults alike remain frequent visitors to tanning parlors. Pediatricians should provide advice about UVR exposure during health-supervision visits and at other relevant times. Advice includes avoiding sunburning, wearing clothing and hats, timing activities (when possible) before or after periods of peak sun exposure, wearing protective sunglasses, and applying and reapplying sunscreen. Advice should be framed in the context of promoting outdoor physical activity. Adolescents should be strongly discouraged from visiting tanning parlors. Sun exposure and vitamin D status are intertwined. Cutaneous vitamin D production requires sunlight exposure, and many factors, such as skin pigmentation, season, and time of day, complicate efficiency of cutaneous vitamin D production that results from sun exposure. Adequate vitamin D is needed for bone health. Accumulating information suggests a beneficial influence of vitamin D on many health conditions. Although vitamin D is available through the diet, supplements, and incidental sun exposure, many children have low vitamin D concentrations. Ensuring vitamin D adequacy while promoting sun-protection strategies will require renewed attention to children's use of dietary and supplemental vitamin D.
In the early part of the rainy season in 1988, an outbreak of beriberi occurred in free-living adults in a relatively small area in the North Bank region of The Gambia. In 1995 we selected two compounds in a village called Chilla situated within the affected district to retrospectively examine dietary factors potentially contributing to the outbreak. There had previously been cases of beriberi in one compound (BBC) but not in the other (NBC). We measured energy and thiamin intakes for four days on six occasions during the year. We calculated energy and thiamin intakes of people living in the two compounds and foods were collected for thiamin analysis through the year. Thiamin:Energy ratios only met international recommendations in the immediate post-harvest season when energy and thiamin intakes were highest and then fell through the year. In the rainy season when food was short and labour was heaviest, energy intakes were lower in the NBC but thiamin:energy ratios were lower in BBC. Records of rainfall in 1988 collected near the village indicated that the amount in August was twice the average. We suggest the heavy rainfall may have increased farm workload and reduced income from outside-village work activity. The lower energy intakes in the NBC may have forced adults to rest thus sparing thiamin demands and delaying onset of beriberi. In contrast, the higher energy intake of adults in the BBC may have enabled them to continue working, thus increasing demands for thiamin and inducing the earlier onset of beriberi.

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T1 - Facilitating social initiations of preschoolers with autism spectrum disorders using video self-modeling
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Y1 - 2011///
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Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - autism/th [Therapy]
KW - Behavior
KW - Case Report
KW - Child
KW - communication skill
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - imagery
KW - Male
KW - Motor Performance
KW - Nonverbal Communication
KW - play
KW - preschool child
KW - priority journal
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Socialization
KW - vide self modeling
KW - videorecording
KW - vocalization
RP - NOT IN FILE
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Video self-modeling (VSM) has accumulated a relatively impressive track record in the research literature across behaviors, ages, and types of disabilities. Using only positive imagery, VSM gives individuals the opportunity to view themselves performing a task just beyond their present functioning level via creative editing of videos using VCRs or video software. In this study, the authors used a single-subject multiple-baseline design across four preschool children on the autism spectrum to determine if self-modeling would facilitate their social initiations during playground time. The results were mostly positive, with two children exhibiting major treatment effects, one with questionable results, and one child being unaffected. Discussion of the results, the practicality of VSM, and suggestions for continued research are provided.

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T1 - Outdoor temperature, age, sex, body mass index, and diabetic status determine the prevalence, mass, and glucose-uptake activity of 18F-FDG-detected BAT in humans
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Y1 - 2011///
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - article
KW - body fat
KW - body mass
KW - brown adipose tissue
KW - Child
KW - computed tomography scanner
KW - computer assisted tomography
KW - Diabetes Mellitus/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - diabetic patient
KW - drug uptake
KW - environmental factor
KW - environmental temperature
KW - Female
KW - glucose blood level
KW - glucose transport
KW - Human
KW - lipid storage
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - mediastinum
Context: In humans, the prevalence, mass, and glucose-uptake activity of $^{18}$F-fluorodeoxyglucose ($^{18}$F-FDG)-detected brown adipose tissue (BAT), which are expectedly enhanced by a cold stimulus, also appear modulated by other factors that still have to be disentangled.

Objective: The objective of the study was to investigate the factors determining the prevalence, mass, and glucose-uptake activity of $^{18}$F-FDG-detected BAT in humans. Research Design and Methods: We retrospectively analyzed all $^{18}$F-FDG positron emission tomography/computed tomography examinations performed between January 2007 and December 2008 at our institution for $^{18}$F-FDG uptake within the cervical/supraclavicular, mediastinal, paravertebral, and perirenal fat areas. The influence of outdoor temperature, sex, age, body mass index (BMI), plasma glucose level, diabetes diagnosis, day length, and cancer status on the prevalence, mass, and glucose-uptake activity of $^{18}$F-FDG-detected BAT depots was investigated. Results: Three hundred twenty-eight of the 4842 patients (6.8%) had $^{18}$F-FDG-detected BAT. The prevalence of $^{18}$F-FDG BAT was negatively associated with outdoor temperature ($P<0.0001$), age ($P<0.0001$), BMI ($P<0.0001$), and diabetes status ($P=0.0003$). Moreover, there was a significant age x sex interaction for the prevalence of $^{18}$F-FDG BAT (the younger the subjects, the greater the sex difference). The mass and glucose-uptake activity of $^{18}$F-FDG-detected BAT also decreased with increasing outdoor temperature ($P<0.0001$), age ($P<0.0001$), and BMI ($P<0.0001$). They were lower in men than in women ($P<0.001$) and lower in diabetic than in nondiabetic patients ($P=0.0002$). Conclusions: The present study identifies outdoor temperature, age, sex, BMI, and diabetes status as determinants of the prevalence, mass, and glucose-uptake activity of $^{18}$F-FDG-detected BAT.

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N2 - Background: Extensive epidemiological studies have provided evidence of an association between elevated outdoor particulate air pollution and adverse health effects. However, while people typically spend majority of time indoors, there is limited knowledge on airborne indoor particles and on the correlation between the concentrations of indoor particles and health effects. Even insights into the influence of differently sized indoor particles on human health are still rare. Objective: The association between differentially sized indoor air particles and the development of respiratory diseases was studied for three year aged children. Methods: Short-term measurements of particle mass and number concentrations were carried out in children's rooms. Information on possible particle sources (smoking habits, type of heating, and traffic) and respiratory outcomes were obtained from questionnaires. Measured indoor particle concentrations were correlated with possible sources of indoor particles and with respiratory health impacts. Results: Daily smoking, smoking more than 5 cigarettes per day at home and traffic density in front of the window of children's room were found to be related to indoor exposure by particles of different diameters. High indoor particle exposures were associated with an increased risk for the development of obstructive bronchitis and in some extent of non-obstructive bronchitis. The strongest impact was observed for the mass concentration of particles < 1 μm and the number concentration of particles > 0.5 μm. The risk increases still remain significant if tested for stability changing the number of adjustment variables or omitting randomly selected cases, respectively. Conclusion: Our results show significant associations between indoor particle concentrations and the risks for respiratory diseases in young children. The applied short-term measurements can help to assess the health risks of indoor particles with different sizes within epidemiological studies. 2010 Elsevier B.V
Antibody levels and immune memory 23 years after primary plasma-derived hepatitis B vaccination: Results of a randomized placebo-controlled trial cohort from China where endemicity is high


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English

Journal: Article

KW - antibody blood level
KW - antibody production
KW - antibody titer
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - China
KW - controlled study
KW - endemic disease/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - endemic disease/pc [Prevention]
KW - hepatitis B/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - hepatitis B/pc [Prevention]
KW - Human
KW - immune response
KW - immunological memory
KW - major clinical study
KW - preschool child
KW - priority journal
KW - randomized controlled trial
KW - randomized controlled trial (topic)
KW - school child
KW - seroconversion
KW - Vaccination
KW - hepatitis B vaccine/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - hepatitis B vaccine/im [Intramuscular Drug Administration]
KW - placebo
KW - recombinant vaccine

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The duration of protection of hepatitis B vaccine remains incompletely understood. To assess the long-term protection provided by a primary vaccine series, the current study again recruited all subjects of a previous randomized placebo-controlled trial cohort 23 years after vaccination. Two hundred and sixty-one healthy children aged 5-9 years living in a highly HBV-endemic country were enrolled in the primary trial and received three doses of plasma-derived vaccine or placebo. The primary placebo receivers who did not receive any immunization against hepatitis B were used as non-vaccinated controls in the current study. After eliminating the interference of an early booster dose and vaccines outside the study, 48.1% (39/81) vaccinees still maintained anti-HBs titers >10. mIU/mL at Year 23, higher than 34.7% (26/75) in non-vaccinated controls (P=0.088). 75-100% of vaccinees with anti-HBs titer <10. mIU/mL at Year 23 in different sub-groups divided according to early immune backgrounds developed a rapid and robust antibody anamnestic response after a booster dose, highly significantly different from non-vaccinated controls who received the same dose of vaccine (7.5%, P<0.01). No case of clinically significant HBV infection was found in the primary cohort during the whole 23 years, but 10 transient HBsAg seroconversions in the primary placebo group and one in the primary vaccine group were determined. Anti-HBc positive rate obviously tended to be lower in vaccinees compared with non-vaccinated controls at Year 23. These results suggest a persisting immune memory and certain protection for 23 years after primary vaccination in children living in highly HBV-endemic areas. Clinically insignificant infections, which cannot be avoided and may often occur in vaccinees, play a positive role in the maintaining of immunity to HBV. Booster doses should be unnecessary for more than 20 years after a full primary immunization in children (as catch-up vaccination) and, also likely, in newborns living in highly HBV-endemic areas. 2011 Elsevier Ltd

Anti-allergic drug testing in an environmental challenge chamber is suitable both in and out of the relevant pollen season

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KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
KW - allergy test
KW - article
KW - atopic dermatitis/si [Side Effect]
KW - Child
KW - clinical assessment tool
KW - controlled study
KW - double blind procedure
KW - drug efficacy
KW - drug eruption/si [Side Effect]
KW - drug induced headache/si [Side Effect]
KW - drug safety
KW - drug screening
KW - drug withdrawal
Background: An environmental challenge chamber (ECC) is a useful tool to expose allergic patients to relevant allergens in a controlled indoor setting and to test anti-allergic treatment. Hitherto, ECC studies with grass pollen are conducted primarily outside of the pollen season to avoid the influence of natural pollen exposure. Objective: To investigate whether an established anti-allergic treatment, a combination of cetirizine (CET) and pseudoephedrine (PSE), shows an equivalent treatment effect within and outside of the grass pollen season when tested in an ECC. Methods: In a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, four-way crossover study, the effect of a combination of 10 mg CET and 120 mg PSE compared with placebo on nasal symptoms, nasal flow, and nasal secretion was investigated in 70 patients with seasonal allergic rhinitis. Subjects underwent four 6-hour pollen challenges in an ECC with administration of the drugs after 2 hours. Two challenges were conducted within the grass pollen season and two out of the grass pollen season. Results: The active treatment significantly improved nasal symptoms and nasal flow and significantly reduced the amount of nasal secretion compared with placebo both within and outside of the pollen season (P < .0001 each). The treatment effect was not different between the seasons (P > .05). Conclusion: Controlled allergen provocation in an ECC can be used to test anti-allergic treatment both within and outside of the grass pollen season. 2011 American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
Accelerometer-determined physical activity among elementary school-aged children with autism spectrum disorders in Taiwan

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KW - article
KW - Autism
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - Physical Activity
KW - priority journal
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Methodology for assessing exposure and impacts of air pollutants in school children: Data collection, analysis and health effects - A literature review

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The aim of this review is to explore the methodologies employed to assess the exposure of children to air pollutants, in particular traffic emissions, at school, and how these methodologies influence the assessment of the impact of this exposure on the children's health. This involves four main steps: the measurement of air quality at school level, the association between measured air quality and children's exposure, the association between children's exposure and health; and source identification. The comparative advantages and disadvantages of the methods used at each of these steps are discussed. Air quality in schools can be measured at three scales: broad scale, across several city blocks using remote monitors; school-based scale, through ground-level monitors installed within the schools or their immediate surroundings (i.e. only a few metres outside the school); and personal exposure scale using portable monitors attached to a sample of children. Although studies have reported high exposure to PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), submicrometre (<1.0 mum) and ultrafine particles (<100. nm) at school, no study has investigated the formation of new particles in school facilities and only a handful of studies have analysed children's exposure at school. Associating air quality measurements at the broad and medium scale with children's exposure is challenging: there is spatial and temporal heterogeneity in the distribution of air quality within a school, indoor measurements can often exceed outdoor measurements; and exposure in the classroom is affected by the penetration of outdoor pollutants, wall absorption, emissions from furniture and other materials, level and length of occupancy, and quality of ventilation. This is further exacerbated by the fact that children move around during their school day. Quantifying the contribution of school exposure with observed health symptoms presents further challenges. In addition to ascertaining the impact of non-school-based exposures and co-morbidities, the air pollutant dose intake is affected by daily patterns of physical and traffic activity during and outside school hours which make it difficult to compare the contribution of school-based and non-school-based exposures to the health effect under investigation. Finally, there is strong evidence that low socioeconomic level is highly correlated with the proximity of the school to pollution sources, yet this area of socioeconomic research has been largely unexplored in the assessment of traffic emission exposure. 2010 Elsevier Ltd
New cases and refinement of the critical region in the 1q41q42 microdeletion syndrome

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controlled study
DISP1 gene
Female
fluorescence in situ hybridization
Fryns syndrome
gene
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Human
hypertelorism
hypospadias
Infant
inheritance
Male
mental deficiency
Microdeletions of 1q41q42 have recently been classified as a syndrome. Features include significant developmental delay and characteristic dysmorphic features as well as cleft palate, clubfeet, seizures, and short stature in some individuals, with a clinical diagnosis of Fryns syndrome in two individuals with congenital diaphragmatic hernia at the severe end of the spectrum. The gene DISP1, which is involved in sonic hedgehog signaling, has been proposed as a candidate for the midline defects in this syndrome. We undertook a genotype-phenotype analysis of seven previously unreported individuals with deletions of 1q41q42 that range from 777 kb to 6.87 Mb. Three of the individuals in our cohort do not display the major features of the syndrome and have more proximal deletions that only overlap with the previously described 1q41q42 smallest region of overlap (SRO) at DISP1. One individual with several features of the syndrome has a more distal deletion that excludes DISP1. The three remaining individuals have larger deletions that include the entire SRO and demonstrate features of the microdeletion syndrome. Confounding genotype-phenotype correlations, one of the small deletions involving DISP1 was inherited from a phenotypically normal parent. DISP1 haploinsufficiency may not be solely responsible for the major features of 1q41q42 microdeletion syndrome, and other genes in the SRO likely play a role in the phenotype. Additionally, some features present in a minority of individuals, such as Pelger-Huet anomaly, may be attributed to deletions of genes outside of the SRO.

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Hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS) often follows intestinal infection with Shiga-toxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC). STEC affects 73,000 US patients annually and is the leading cause of acute renal failure in otherwise healthy children < 5 years. It is believed that developing therapeutic that acts intracellularly is the priority, because the toxin would have translocated from outside to inside the cells, by the time the disease develops. Objective: Evaluate efficacy of a novel cell-permeable tetravalent peptide (TVP) that binds to Stx2 beta subunit, in nonhuman primate models of Stx2 toxemia. Methods: Baboons were challenged with a lethal dose of Stx2 (50 ng/kg); TVP was given i.v. at T (0) with toxin (prevention) or at 6 or 24 h after toxin with daily supplements up to day 4 (rescue). A comprehensive array of clinical and inflammatory indicators was monitored up to 28 days after challenge. Results: Peptide delivered with toxin (prevention) or after toxin (rescue) resulted in either complete absence of clinical signs of acute kidney injury and normal urine output, or delayed and reduced BUN and creatinine levels. Delayed peptide administration reduced thrombocytopenia and inflammatory cytokine responses, but surprisingly did not alter anemia even when monitored for 28 days in rescued survivors. Plasma VEGF levels were undetectable, whereas urine VEGF increased to 400 pg/mL after toxin, and were reduced to baseline by TVP. Conclusions: A cell-permeable peptide designed to counteract Stx2 activity within susceptible cells rescued baboons from an otherwise lethal dose of toxin. Even when delayed by 24 h, the survival rate was substantial and significant. Bedside measure of urinary VEGF levels may provide a non-invasive way to monitor treatment efficacy and clinical course. This is the first successful intracellular
therapeutic that counteracts Stx2 lethality in a nonhuman primate model which recapitulates many of the human responses to enteric infection

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - The hypo-functional 7-repeat allele of DRD4 predicts both objective and reported fat intake in 4- to 6-year old girls
A1 - Levitan,R.
A1 - Silveira,P.
A1 - Portella,A.
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KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Female
KW - girl
KW - allele
KW - fat intake
KW - psychopharmacology
KW - college
KW - calorie
KW - Child
KW - date (fruit)
KW - Eating
KW - Food
KW - boy
KW - Male
KW - Obesity
KW - childhood
KW - laboratory
KW - Prevention
KW - Population
KW - Food Intake
KW - caloric intake
KW - gender
KW - Environment
KW - overnutrition
KW - Feeding Behavior
KW - questionnaire
KW - weight
KW - Genotype
KW - Adult
KW - validity
Background: The prevention and treatment of overeating and obesity continues to be a major challenge. While the ease of availability of highly palatable foods is a major factor in this regard, not all individuals overeat or become obese in this environment. The current project examines individual differences in palatable food intake at a critical time in human development. The current analysis studies the relationship between dopamine genes and eating behaviour in children from 4 to 6 years of age. A particular focus is the hypofunctional 7-repeat (7R) allele of the dopamine-4 receptor gene (DRD4), which associates with overeating and obesity in several female overeater populations (e.g. Levitan et al., 2004, 2006, 2010). Recent imaging work suggests that weaker activation of the brain's reward circuitry may play a role in these associations (Stice et al., 2010).

Methods: The current sample consists of children taking part in a longitudinal cohort study (Maternal Adversity, Vulnerability and Neurodevelopment) based in Canada. The mothers of the children, oversampled based on maternal depression and low SES, were recruited at 13-120 weeks of pregnancy, and the children have been followed intensively since birth. Key outcome measures include: 1. A laboratory-based snack test at 48 months of age which provides an objective measure of food preferences and overall caloric intake. 2. A food frequency questionnaire at 48 and 72 months, based on maternal report, which assesses naturalistic food intake and feeding behavior. 3. The childhood eating behaviour questionnaire (CEBQ; Wardle et al., 2001) which measures eating styles likely to promote over- or under-weight. Results: To date, 118 children have completed the 48 month snack test in the lab. Of these, 47 (39.8%) carry the 7R allele, while 71 (60.2%) do not. Controlling for total caloric intake, there is a significant gender X genotype interaction in predicting fat intake during the snack test (F=7.16, df=4, 113, p=.009). Girls who carry the 7R variant are consuming 31.2% more fat during this snack than are non-carriers (mean=12.2 vs. 9.3 grams respectively) while in boys, 7R carriers are eating 19.2% less fat than are non-carriers (mean=11.3 vs. 13.5 grams respectively). This suggests that the 7R allele increases objective fat intake in girls but not boys by four years of age. Strikingly, when intake is measured using the 48 and 72 month food diaries, which were completed two years apart, the gender X 7R interaction is even more robust, accounting for 21% of the variance in fat intake (F=11.3, df=3, 42; p=.002; N=46). Based on these diaries, girls who carry the 7R allele are consuming 39.8% more fat in their natural environments at 48 months than are non-7R carrier girls (820.5 vs. 587.0 calories/day respectively). Importantly, this difference remains robust at 72 months of age (881.5 calories as fat in 7R carriers vs. 609.2 calories as fat in non-carriers, a 44.7% difference). In boys, 7R carriers are consuming 40.1% less calories from fat than are non-carriers at 48 months, and 25.4 less calories from fat at 72 months based on these diaries. The consistency of these data across both laboratory based measures and food diaries, and the consistency of the food diary data over a two year time span, adds greatly to these findings. These findings are also highly consistent with earlier work in female adult overeater populations (see above). Discussion: These converging results show a highly robust association between the hypofunctional 7R allele of DRD4 and fat intake in girls, but not boys. The consistency of these findings across different outcome measures and across a two year age
span adds greatly to their validity and potential impact. Pending replication and detailed anthropomorphic outcomes later in childhood, these results may identify a significant subgroup of young girls at higher risk for childhood obesity and/or eating disorders. If so, this could inform novel prevention strategies implemented as early as birth in this subgroup.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Obesity risk factors in children: A case of Turkey
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A1 - Yilmaz,B.
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Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70604805
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - Obesity
KW - risk factor
KW - parent
KW - Eating
KW - questionnaire
KW - weight
KW - height
KW - mother
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Female
KW - student
KW - Lifestyle
KW - habit
KW - Education
KW - Waist Circumference
KW - fast food
KW - meal
KW - Responsibility
KW - childhood
KW - community
KW - Policy
KW - Child Development
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 117
JF - Obesity Reviews
JA - Obes Rev
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Introduction: This study was designed to determine the association of obesity with certain risk factors in children and to evaluate the associates of obesity and overweight in children. Methods: Data were collected from parents of 983 children by dietetic students. A questionnaire form consisting of the child's anthropometric measurements (weight, height, waist), physical activity patterns, eating and lifestyle habits were constructed by reviewing literature. There were also questions in the questionnaire form about the parents' anthropometric measurements (weight, height, waist) and level of education. Results: Mother's BMI were found as statistically
significant between obese and nonobese children (P < 0.05). In obese children, both values for parents were found greater than nonobese children (P < 0.05). In obese groups, mothers' waist circumference was found as different from nonobese group (P < 0.05). Number of fast food eatings was also a significant variable between groups (P < 0.05). Eating in view of TV, doing regularly breakfast everyday and performing physical activity were found as significant variables in the analysis (P < 0.05). Conclusions: The results of this study support previous work indicating that both family responsibility. Parents should be helped to recognise their child's overweight, and educational strategies should be targeted at both children and their parents. In the preventing and controlling childhood obesity will require multifaceted and community-wide programs and policies, with parents having a critical role to play. Successful intervention efforts, they argue, must involve and work directly with parents from the earliest stages of child development to support healthful practices both in and outside of the home.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3577
T1 - Using observation to compare different accelerometer cut points for sedentary behavior in children
A1 - Yildirim,M.
A1 - Fischer,C.
A1 - Salmon,J.
A1 - Paw,C.A.M.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70604511
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - accelerometer
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - Obesity
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Television
KW - validity
KW - Accelerometry
KW - Television Viewing
KW - Monitoring
KW - Public Health
KW - childhood
KW - Population
KW - computer
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 24
EP - 25
JF - Obesity Reviews
JA - Obes Rev
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Introduction: Accurate objective methods for the assessment of sedentary behavior are crucial for population monitoring and evaluation of public health strategies for preventing childhood obesity. Actigraph accelerometers are a commonly used objective physical activity measurement tool. It is hypothesized that accelerometers may also provide a valid method for assessing children's sedentary time. However, there is considerable variation in published accelerometer cut-off points for measuring sedentary time in children. The objective of this study is therefore to compare different accelerometer sedentary cut points with observation of
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children performing specific sedentary behaviors in free-living conditions. Methods: Direct observation and Actigraph uniaxial accelerometers were used to measure children's activity intensity while playing computer games, non-electronic sedentary games, watching television and playing outdoors. Direct observation was the criterion for assessing the validity of four different previously published sedentary cutpoints: i.e., 100, 300, 800, and 1100 counts per minute (cpm). Results: The median cpm were lowest for computer games (30 cpm), followed by television viewing (109 cpm) and non-electronic sedentary games (172 cpm) and highest for outdoor play (1452 cpm). The median counts during all sedentary behaviors were below the lowest cut-point of 100 cpm. The 75th percentile values for the sedentary behaviors were always below the cut-point of 300 cpm. Conclusion: Our results suggest that the Actigraph accelerometry cut-point of <100 cpm is the most appropriate, if not too high, for quantifying the time children spend sedentary.
to increase after school sports participation. Recent research focuses on environmental physical activity correlates. Also in children modifiable environmental factors were found to associate with physical activity, as well for neighborhoods (e.g. presence of sports fields, cycle track) as for school playgrounds (e.g. adequate space, diverse play opportunities, interaction with natural elements). However it is still unclear if changing the environment is enough to increase children's physical activity levels. Socio-ecological approaches to health promotion, consider children's PA levels as the result of transactions among multiple levels of influence and recommend to target intervention strategies at multiple settings. Moreover, the results of some intervention studies show that targeting both behavioural and environmental changes to promote PA is an effective strategy to target children's physical activity behaviour.
Purpose: “Floor the Pain” is an initiative to provide prompt pain management to children experiencing acute, uncomplicated episodes of sickle cell pain bypassing the Emergency Department (ED). Background: Pain crisis the hallmark of sickle cell disease. Frequently, systems of care in the emergency room and hospital are barriers to appropriate care. Dedicated day hospitals or infusion centers are an effective but potentially expensive option. While specialized, dedicated teams may be able to improve the care of these patients, such approaches typically leave out the regular nursing and resident staff, further limiting the spread of expertise in the care of patients with sickle cell disease. Emergency departments can improve care by following pain protocols and individualized pain plans. However, they are frequently overwhelmed by seasonal epidemics or trauma cases and are not able to consistently meet the needs of patients with SCD presenting with VOC. Further, in patients presenting with severe pain, sometimes it is evident that the pain is unlikely to be relieved by interventions offered in the ED and in-patient hospitalization is inevitable. In such cases the ED visit becomes an avoidable expense. Moreover, patients who receive some relief in the ED may have worsening of pain when there are delays in the instution of appropriate pain management in the transition to the in-patient floor. Aims: To develop an approach that eliminates avoidable ED visits, eliminates loss of pain control during transitions and involves a multidisciplinary in-patient team in order to improve the management of vasoocclusive pain crises. Methods/Implementation Strategy: Collaborative of multidisciplinary team has been developed to improve patient outcomes. The team includes floor nurses, residents, pharmacists, facilities management and sickle cell staff. The goal of this multidisciplinary team is to immediately assess and treat pain by immediately initiating pain management with intravenous opioids according to an individualized pain plan within 10 minutes of arrival on the floor and transition to a patient controlled analgesia, our standard of care within 30 minutes of arrival to floor. This service is available to clients triaged by the Sickle Cell Team and considered to be experiencing an uncomplicated vasoocclusive pain crisis. As soon as a patient is identified as a candidate for ‘Floor the Pain, a group page alerts the multidisciplinary team. This initiative will improve pain management by assuring prompt, aggressive treatment for acute pain crises, comprehensive treatment delivery outside of the ED, Support and expertise of a highly knowledgeable staff with prior knowledge of the patient, Care in a quiet, comfortable setting on a patient care unit. All of this is achieved with no additional investment in physical plant or dedicated staff. Evaluation: This process began on June 21, 2010. Thus far we have applied this intervention to 18 patients. We have reached the goal of initiating intravenous opioids with 10 minutes of arrival on the floor and initiation of PCA within 30 minutes of arrival to the patient care unit in 15 of these patients. Three patients had intravenous opioids started within 30 minutes and PCA's started within 1 hour of arrival on the floor. Prior to initiation of this program these patients had received a PCA between 130min to 365 min after arrival on the floor. Implication for Practice: Floor the Pain promotes a new model for improved care which empowers members of interdisciplinary team to improve the quality of life of a child with SCD. This improvement actively involves staff nurses in pain management of complex patient's based on clear pathways as well as prior knowledge of the patients. Future plans are to continue this improvement 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, via phone triage by the clinical leader

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3580
T1 - A multi-center randomized controlled trial of pediatric constraint-induced movement therapy: 6-month follow-up
A1 - Case-Smith,J.
A1 - Deluca,S.
A1 - Stevenson,R.
A1 - Ramey,S.
Y1 - 2011//
Background and Objectives: Pediatric constraint-induced movement therapy (CIMT) is a promising intervention for children with unilateral cerebral palsy (CP). Recent systematic reviews have found moderate effects but intervention dose has varied from 6 to 126 total hours, without compelling evidence defining optimal CIMT dosage. This multisite randomized controlled trial (RCT) applied continuous casting of the less involved arm for 18 days of intervention with 3 additional days without constraint. We tested the hypothesis that 6 hours versus 3 hours/day for 21 days would produce greater maintenance of gains 6 months post-treatment. Design: Our study was a multisite randomized controlled trial. Participants and Setting: Three sites recruited 18 children (six per site) (mu=48.75 [SD=12.19] months) with unilateral CP. Children were randomly assigned to 3 or 6 hours/day of CIMT for 21 days, wearing a cast on the unaffected extremity the first 18 days. Occupational therapists applied a standardized pediatric CIMT protocol in the child's natural environment. Materials and Methods: Evaluators, blinded to condition, administered the Assisted Hand Assessment and the Quality of Upper Extremity Skills Test, and parents completed the Pediatric Motor Activity Log pre- and post-treatment (1wk, 1mo, and 6mo.) Results: Both CIMT dosage groups showed significant gains on all assessments with no significant group differences at 6 months post intervention. Effect sizes (partial n<sup>2</sup>) ranged from 0.34 to 0.63 for the Assisted Hand Assessment (AHA) and the Quality of Upper Extremity Skills Test, with continual improvement on the AHA at the three post intervention measurement times (post, 1mo and 6mo post). The parents rated their children's use of their affected arm as more frequent (F=20.7, p=0.001, effect size=0.78) and with higher quality (F=14.7, p<0.001, effect size 0.71) across intervention measurement times. Conclusions and Significance: This multisite RCT of pediatric CIMT using continuous casting and intervention in the child's natural environment affirms maintenance of positive effects at 6 months follow up, across multiple functional performance measures. The hypothesis that maintenance of effects would differ for children who received 6 versus 3 hours per day of CIMT (63 vs 126 total h) was not supported.
Background and objective Developing countries have double burden of malnutrition and obesity in children. The present study was conducted to determine the risk factors for childhood obesity in children with reference to their dietary pattern, physical activity and body mass index (BMI) levels. Subjects and methods 64 obese children and 40 healthy children were enrolled for the study. Subjects were evaluated for demographic details, anthropometry, general physical examination and clinical investigation (blood sugar, hemoglobin, liver function tests, renal function tests, ultrasound abdomen, lipid profile, thyroid profile). Dietary assessment was
done by one day recall method. Physical activity was assessed by one day activity recall. The mean calorie (2772.6 + 345.2 kcal/day), protein (70.45 + 9.9 g/day) and fat (94.14 + 14.9 g/day) intake was higher among obese children compared to control, however their calorie and protein intake per kg of body weight was low. Mean calorie, protein, and fat consumption showed significant direct correlation with body mass index (BMI). However, an inverse correlation was found between BMI with calorie intake per kg body weight, serum lipids. 92% of obese children spent less than one hour per day on outdoor activities, more than 45% spent time 2 hours or more on sedentary activities. Conclusion Childhood obesity is associated with high calorie and low protein intake. Physical activity was grossly inadequate among 92% of obese children. Excess sedentary habits remained the most important determinant of childhood obesity.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Follicular variant of papillary thyroid carcinoma presenting as a toxic nodule in an adolescent girl
A1 - Campenni, A.
A1 - Ruggeri, R.M.
A1 - Saraceno, G.
A1 - Carlotta, D.
A1 - Giovinazzo, S.
A1 - Nania, R.
A1 - Gangemi, V.
A1 - Cucinotta, M.
A1 - Baldari, S.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70581078

English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - nuclear medicine
KW - Adolescent
KW - Female
KW - girl
KW - thyroid carcinoma
KW - Mutation
KW - patient
KW - thyroid gland
KW - gene
KW - Codon
KW - thyroid nodule
KW - neck
KW - Therapy
KW - Child
KW - adenoma
KW - family history
KW - normal value
KW - thyroid scintiscanning
KW - Fatigue
KW - neoplasm
KW - heart palpitation
KW - Physical Examination
KW - skin
AIM: Discovery of a "hot" nodule is usually comforting due to the presumption that the nodule represents a benign toxic adenoma. Here, we present an adolescent with a hot nodule turned out to be a papillary cancer.

PATIENT: A 15-year-old girl was referred to our Endocrine Unit, complaining of a painless mass in the right side of the neck that had appeared a few months earlier. Her family history was significant for benign nodular goiter (mother). RESULTS: Thyroid US showed a 25mm hypoechoic, non-homogenous nodule in the right lobe. Serum TSH was 0.26 mU/L (n.v. 0.27-4.2), with normal values of FT3 and FT4. $^{131}$I thyroid scintigraphy was consistent with an autonomous thyroid nodule. Six months later, the girl returned complaining of fatigue, weight loss and palpitations of 1-month duration. Physical examination revealed warm, moist skin; tremors of the extremities; hyperreflexia. The patient's weight was 42.5 kg. Her pulse rate was 94/min. At endocrine evaluation, TSH was 0.001 mU/L, and FT3 (7.68 pml/L; n.v. 3.0-6.7) and FT4 (26 pml/L; n.v. 12.0-22.0) were elevated. Thyroid US revealed an increase in the size of the nodule, that measured 35x30x21mm and displayed an abnormal intranodular blood flow. Treatment with MMI (20mg/day) was started, with normalization of FT3 and FT4 values. Subsequently, the patient underwent near-total thyroidectomy. Pathological examination revealed a papillary carcinoma, follicular variant. The excised nodule was examined for activating mutations of TSH receptor and Galphas genes by direct sequencing. No mutations were detected. Nevertheless, two combined non-functioning mutations were detected. The first mutation is a known single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP), in the transmembrane region of the TSHR gene, at codon 187 (AAC>AAT, both encoding asparagines). The second mutation is within exon 8 of Gsalpha gene, at codon 185, (ATC>ATT, both encoding isoleucine). Search for mutations in BRAF gene was negative. Few months later, patient underwent: Radioiodine thyroid uptake measurement (RTU=3%) after oral administration of $^{131}$I (1.85 MBq) and $^{131}$I ablation therapy (1850 MBq) (at this time: TSH: 45 mIU/L and Tg <1.6 ng/ml). $^{131}$I post-dose WBS did not reveal areas of radioiodine uptake outside the thyroid bed. At one year-follow-up, the patient is on levo-thyroxine therapy, with TSH values <0.2 mIU/ml and both basal and rhTSH-stimulated serum Tg <1.6 ng/mL, and neck US is negative. CONCLUSION: This case demonstrated that
the presence of hyperfunctioning thyroid nodule(s) does not preclude malignancy and warrants careful evaluation, especially in children and adolescents.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3583
T1 - Systemic interaction in families engaging in physiological breastfeeding patterns: The contribution of family interchanges associated with breastfeeding to parental sensitivity and children's social emotional development
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Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70568607

English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - nursing
KW - Interview
KW - Interpersonal Communication
KW - child parent relation
KW - videotape
KW - case study
KW - Infant
KW - risk factor
KW - Funding
KW - childhood
KW - pacifier
KW - feeding
KW - mother
KW - Female
KW - Systems Theory
KW - parent
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S9
EP - S10
JF - Breastfeeding Medicine
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Background: Author's previous study on breastfeeding dyads demonstrates that nursing facilitates the development of intricate interactions, contributing to sensitive mothering styles and healthy psychological growth. Systems theory indicates that interchanges in dyads affect the family and vice versa. Objective: To broaden earlier research and investigate the reverberating impact of nursing on the family system. Methods: Observations, interviews, audio and videotape of families actively involved in physiological breastfeeding in natural settings over time and interviews with carefully selected key informants were organized into case studies and categories and analyzed. Results: Families engaging in physiological breastfeeding patterns display unique behaviors and interactions associated with evolving and reverberating themes related to breastfeeding. Themes facilitate interaction based on infant and child cues. Parents' attuned responses to cues for nursing and proximity evolve into an overall sensitive parenting and family style extending beyond nursing and early childhood. The circulation of themes associated with the development of sensitivity through nursing is influenced by complementary parenting task allocation, open communication and tutoring. Unresolved couple discord and closed communication interfere with these processes and is expressed through distancing, the use of artificial pacifiers, and naming nursing as feeding. Conclusions: The study concludes that interaction in the nursing sub-
system affects and is influenced by overall systemic interchanges, and facilitates the development of parental and family sensitivity extending beyond nursing. The conclusions have important implications for child outcome, including for children in families with multiple risk factors, due to the importance of parental sensitivity for healthy socio-emotional development. Funding Sources: None. The author has published the findings in a book and receives intermittent royalties.
Background: Vitamin D has recently been shown to have a role outside of its well-known effect on mineral metabolism. An immunological role for VitD in pediatric infections is being increasingly recognized. Toll-like receptors (TLRs) are part of the innate immune system and function as sentinels of the immune system. Activation of TLRs is associated with production of antimicrobial peptides such as cathelicidin and others which are regulated by VitD. Serum from individuals with low VitD has poor cathelicidin induction which can be normalized by correction of serum VitD levels. Children with CF are vulnerable to VitD deficiency from malabsorption of fat-soluble vitamins and are at risk for recurrent/chronic respiratory infections. We hypothesized that CF patients with low levels of VitD are at risk for increased respiratory infections, worse severity score, and lower pulmonary function.

Methods: With Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, data was collected over a one year period on 79 children with CF aged 6 to 17 years. We analyzed the prevalence of VitD deficiency (<15 ng/mL) or insufficiency (15-30 ng/mL), and compared these vitamin levels to the frequency of antibiotic use, severity score per CF Pulmonary Guidelines, and forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV<sub>1</sub>). We also analyzed the data using the new recommended VitD cut-off level of 20 ng/mL from Institute of Medicine (IOM). Statistical analysis was performed using SAS software. Results: There was significant correlation between serum VitD level and treatment with intravenous antibiotics (IVAbx) (p=0.036), worse severity scores (p=0.005) and lower FEV<sub>1</sub> measurements (p=0.02). In the 3 group comparison using Kruskal-Wallis test between deficient, insufficient and normal VitD levels, children with CF and VitD deficiency were more likely to receive IVAbx (p=0.016), have worse respiratory severity scores (p=0.006) and lower FEV<sub>1</sub> measurements (p=0.038). In 2 group analysis using Wilcoxon Rank Sum test with IOM cut-off of 20 ng/mL for VitD, children with CF and VitD deficiency had higher IVAbx use (p=0.009), worse respiratory severity scores (p=0.037) and lower FEV<sub>1</sub> measurements (p=0.05). Conclusions: The results suggest that VitD may have a role in infectious and pulmonary complications in children with CF. Additional studies are needed to confirm our preliminary observations from this retrospective analysis. Until further literature becomes available, we must strive to maintain normal serum VitD levels in children with CF.
It is clear that regular, intentional, physical activity (PA) should be part of a healthy lifestyle, including for patients with cystic fibrosis. There are both disease specific, e.g., improved airway clearance, improved lung function, better control of CF-related diabetes, etc., as well as more general, e.g., cardiovascular and musculoskeletal health, benefits of PA. It is equally clear that there is no "one-size-fits-all" target for PA. The following is intended to provide a general guide for PA recommendations followed by suggestions for children.

PA recommendations of any kind should be based on knowledge of the clinical status, including pulmonary function, and of the exercise response, including whether desaturation occurs and at what level of exercise. PA targets can be attained using a combination of both formal, e.g., exercise prescription and leisure-time activity recommendations, and informal, but no less intentional, habitual or lifestyle PA recommendations. In any case the recommendation should be based on the patient's response to three critical questions: "What kinds of activities do you like to do?," "Who is going to be your partner?" and "What sorts of things keep you from being physically active?" Success in meeting PA targets will be improved if participants can select from a variety of favorite activities and participate in these activities on an "as desired" basis. Success is further enhanced by making a commitment with an activity partner. For children and young adults, promoting activity with best friends significantly increases time spent in moderate-to-vigorous activity while adults benefit from the accountability associated with a committed partner. Finally, PA is more easily integrated into a lifestyle with the identification of, and removal or minimization of barriers - excuses, in many cases. Making PA a regular part of one's daily routine is difficult for most people, particularly if they are currently sedentary. It is therefore best to start the exercise recommendation with advice and encouragement as to how to become a regular exerciser. For some the first step is to find ways to incorporate activity into one's daily routine. These lifestyle changes might include changing one's commute or shopping habits to include walking or riding a bicycle for all or part of the distance or simply parking the car at the far side of the parking lot and walking, taking the stairs instead of the
elevator, walking during work breaks, etc. An initial goal should be to accumulate 30 minutes of this kind of activity 5 days a week. The use of a pedometer can enhance motivation for lifestyle PA. Recognizing that less than 5,000 steps per day represents a sedentary lifestyle the initial goal should be to increase the daily step count to >10,000 per day over a period of time. As the individual approaches the goal of 30 minutes, 5 days a week or 10,000 steps the recommendation should include advice on increasing exercise intensity to moderate to vigorous levels. Moderate exercise intensity should allow the person to maintain a conversation without becoming breathless while vigorous intensity would involve a sense of breathlessness. Once a person has become accustomed to an increase in habitual, lifestyle PA it becomes easier to move to leisure-time PA or more formal exercise recommendations. The compendium of physical activities (1-3) provides a listing of hundreds of activities and their energy cost. Energy cost is listed in terms of METS (Metabolic Equivalents, with 1 MET = 3 mL O$_2$/kg/min) allowing one to recommend a variety of specific PA at moderate (3-6 METs) or vigorous (>6 METs) activity intensities. For instance, encouraging activities such as general carpentry or sweeping floors or bicycling with light effort would fulfill a recommendation for moderate activity while encouraging jogging at 6 mph, shoveling snow or higher intensity bicycling would fulfill a recommendation for vigorous activity. In this way a variety of activities can be combined to attain the goal of a minimum of 30 minutes of moderate-vigorous activity 5 days a week. Some patients will require a more formal exercise prescription to be carried out in an inpatient or outpatient rehabilitation setting; some may find that specific exercise prescriptions make it easier to attain the above-described goals outside of a rehabilitation setting. This more specific prescription approach also allows for safe recommendations for strength training activities. The prescription for aerobic exercise will use heart rate as the marker for exercise intensity and a target of >60% of Heart Rate Reserve calculated from a peak/maximal exercise test (HRR = (Peak HR - Rest HR)% intensity + Rest HR). The most effective way to involve children in regular activities that will meet the recommendation is to engage family and friends in an active lifestyle, including leisure activities and sports. Children can be effectively disengaged from sedentary activities by providing rewards for reducing those activities, allowing them to select their own alternatives. Similarly, connecting children with active friends is effective in increasing the amount of time spent in moderate to vigorous activity on a daily basis.
Recent controversy regarding how anaesthetists outside major teaching hospitals can maintain their skills prompted us to develop an in-house half-day update [1]. Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) and European Paediatric Life Support (EPLS) courses cover all aspects of paediatric resuscitation but are time consuming, expensive and not specifically designed for anaesthetists. The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists (APA) suggest a list of core skills and knowledge, which they recommend are tailored to local requirements [2]. In addition, there is a national requirement for all anaesthetists who have contact with children to attend regular level 2 child protection training [3]. Methods We developed a scenario based update course designed specifically for the local anaesthetic department. The session was lead by anaesthetists who are trained APLS instructors and was based on recent APA recommendations, endorsed by the Royal College of Anaesthetists [2]. We ran five 25 minute sessions in small groups during a protected teaching half day. These sessions covered the following: a question and answer session on departmental guidelines and protocols, three scenarios incorporating all aspects of resuscitation training and intraosseous needle insertion practical session. Level 2 child protection training update was also included. We further supported clinicians by providing written information, designed as a small booklet, outlining local relevant and approved hospital guidelines and resuscitation algorithms. Feedback was actively promoted and has led to significant further changes to course design and structure. Results Feedback forms were received from 17 candidates, with 16/17 (94%) scoring all stations as excellent and 1/17 (6%) as adequate. The course was recommended by 100% of candidates. Other comments commended the effective learning atmosphere, and the useful forum to discuss local guidelines and policies. Estimated course costs were low and included those of protected departmental teaching time.

Discussion This house paediatric anaesthetic update covered all aspects recommended by the APA. It was well received by local clinicians, and positive feedback confirmed suitability and effectiveness of the course format. Using local APLS expertise and resuscitation equipment kept costs to a minimum.
Background: Vitamin D is an important biochemical marker of bone metabolism and immunity. In recent years the exposure of children to sunlight decreased due to weather conditions and more time spent on the internet. Moreover they have also lower outdoor physical activity. We decided to study vitamin D status as serum levels of 25-OH vitamin D$_3$ in a group of obese children in the city of Prague. Methods: We measured serum 25-OH vitamin D$_3$ in the period between October and November 2010 in a group of overweight and obese children (BMI more than the 90th percentile, or 97th percentile respectively, of Czech population according the age and sex, http://www.szu.cz/publikace/data/rustove-grafy), 53 boys aged 4-18 years and 60 girls aged 4-18 years. We used ECLIA method, cobas e411 (Roche Diagnostics). There is consensus opinion, that the minimal 25-OH vitamin D level for bone health is 50 nmol/L. Results: The median level of 25-OH vitamin D$_3$ in boys (n=53) was 25.9 nmol/L, 32 of them had levels below 30 nmol/L, 20 boys had levels between 31 and 50 nmol/L. The median level of vitamin D$_3$ in girls (n=60) was 31.3 nmol/L, 26 of them had values below 30 nmol/L, 26 girls had levels between 31 and 50 nmol/L, and only 8 girls had values over 51 nmol/L. Conclusion: 98.1% of overweight and obese boys and 86.7% of overweight and obese girls had serum levels of 25-OH vitamin D$_3$ in autumn (October-November) less than recommended value, so less than 50 nmol/L.

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Critical values are a concept introduced by Lundberg in 1972, defined as "pathophysiologic derangements of such variance with normal as to be life-threatening if therapy is not instituted immediately" [1]. Physician notification of critical values is currently a standard of practice in laboratory medicine. The definition of critical values must be a collaborative process between services and the clinical laboratory, which balances clinical needs and resource utilization. Periodic revision is recommended by the College of American Pathologists. The laboratory's critical value reporting practices should reflect activities critical to patient outcome [2]. The position of the American Academy of Pediatrics is that kernicterus is preventable. The AAP
focus is to reduce the incidence of severe hyperbilirubinemia and its sequelae of severe bilirubin encephalopathy, which begins with appropriate and timely evaluation of bilirubin levels. Specifically, a bilirubin level is recommended on every jaundiced infant in the first 24 h of life and if the jaundice appears excessive for the patient's age [3]. Bilirubin critical value reporting is a tool for the prevention of kernicterus and bilirubin-induced neurological damage. A bilirubin value elevated outside the range expected at a given age (in hours) has been demonstrated to represent high risk for kernicterus. In particular, values obtained during the hours of life, which represent the steepest slope of the curve for onset of physiologic jaundice [4], must be interpreted relative to age. Since bilirubin carries a uniquely pediatric impact as a critical value, and kernicterus is a devastating clinical outcome of global scope, an investigation of bilirubin critical value reporting practices in North American children's hospitals was undertaken, in the context of current theory and practice of critical value reporting.

Methods A comprehensive review of current literature regarding critical value result reporting in the pediatric age group, including the fetus, neonate, child and adolescent, was performed. Evidence base for risks and benefits of analytes frequently chosen for critical value reporting was analyzed. Critical values for bilirubin were investigated in representative children's hospitals throughout the fifty United States, and two provinces of Canada. Bilirubin critical value reporting was surveyed in children's hospitals, if a children's hospital was available, in the fifty United States and three provinces of Canada. Performance characteristics (risks and benefits) for various critical value reporting strategies, as reported in the survey, were analyzed. Results The literature highlights that critical values are generally from inpatients, intensive care unit cases are overrepresented, and most are chemistries. Overall, they represent 0.25% of all tests and 0.75% of tests eligible to be critical values, based on broad-based survey [5]. Centralization of critical call notification is linked to standardization, fewer misses and a decrease in turnaround time [6]. The most recent comprehensive survey on pediatric critical values in fourteen Canadian laboratories reported only four analytes (sodium, glucose, potassium and calcium) eligible for critical value reporting in at least 90% of the laboratories. Considerable variability among these laboratories for thresholds such as high critical glucose, high critical magnesium, and low critical O<sub>2</sub>-was reported, and few laboratories could identify a source for their critical values [7]. Preliminary data and analysis of the frequency distribution of numerical values defined as critical for bilirubin in neonates from 93 children's hospitals in the United States and Canada is represented in Fig. 1 (including the number of children's hospitals that fail to define 1 critical value for bilirubin, and those institutions that offer age-related critical values for bilirubin). (Figure presented) Critical values for bilirubin that are age-related and based on the natural history of physiologic jaundice, as reported at Stanford University Hospitals and Clinics are presented (Table 1). Discussion The current landscape of pediatric critical values, as represented in the literature and this original data set, is characterized by a wide variety in analytes for which a critical value is chosen, whether or not the values are age-related, based on ontogeny of biochemical and hematological development, and in the numerical level chosen to alert the physician. Outcome-based studies are required to optimize this critically important laboratory activity: to define best practice in bilirubin reporting; insure relevance to patient care and clinical decision making; and an appropriate balance of laboratory resource utilization and patient safety. Variability in practices of notification and thresholds across countries (e.g. the United States and Italy) has been recently described, and this topic is of global interest and import [8]. For the first time we have defined the practice pattern for bilirubin critical value definition and reporting at representative children's hospitals over the United States and Canada. These data demonstrate 1 high degree of variability in three variables: whether or not bilirubin is defined as a critical value; the numerical level at which the critical value, if existing, is defined; and whether the value is age-related in accordance with current knowledge of the natural history of physiologic jaundice in healthy newborns. Some hospitals do not define any value as a critical value for bilirubin, which may represent 1 missed opportunity in the course of prevention of severe hyperbilirubinemia and its sequelae. There are a small number of hospitals that offer bilirubin critical values that are age-related, which have the (Table presented) potential to offer greater safety and earlier manifestation of pathological elevation, and perhaps earlier intervention for neonates at risk for severe hyperbilirubinemia.
Introduction and Aim of the Study: Bladder re-training with behavioural approach is normally adopted in children affected by lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS). For children with an intellectual disability, instructed method based on behavioural principles are likely to succeed in order to teach new skills and reduce dysfunctional habits, such as voiding behaviours. Children with ID have more frequent medical problems than age-matched peers without ID. Despite the higher rates of health problems, research has highlighted lower rates of health care use among children with ID. Less frequent approach to these patients may be related to environmental, behavioural and social barriers. Parents describe diverse barriers to access to care, in particular a lack of care in coordination services between providers. The possibility to improve the quality of health care services for children with ID is to organize individualized and specialized intervention programs, on the basis of the children specific needs. The aim of our study was to analyse the effect of a behavioural urotherapy in reducing LUTS in children with ID, compared with typical controls. Materials and Methods: This study included 10 patients (5 children with normal intelligence aged 6-12 years and 5 mildly mentally retarded children with IQ > 70 of the same age) with non-neurogenic voiding dysfunction, referred to our hospital.
between March 2004 and April 2010. Of a total of 10 patients, 4 had recurrent urinary tract infections (3 of the group with normal intelligence and 1 of the group of children with ID). In the course of the first tests the patients are checked by a psychologist and a paediatric urologist, to continue with the evaluation and collection of information and definition of objectives. The two groups were treated with a behavioural urotherapy program, that is a self-management programme on actual voiding behaviour using the Frequency-Volume Chart (FVC). Frequency-volume charts (FVCs) is a non-invasive tool that allows the assessment of LUTS outside the setting of a clinical interview but it’s been used in this study also as a self-management tool to re-educate the children to adopt a normal voiding behaviour. By using the behavioural approach it is possible to rectify bad urinary habits of their children. A careful history and general examination was performed on all patients. Therefore a programme of voiding re-education was proposed, with a system of incentives. Patients are thus trained to use FVC frequently. In the first 15 days the FVC was without restriction therefore without influencing the patient's urinary behaviour. In the subsequent period, timed urination was advised, recommended children following FVC with their own cooperation. All children have been evaluated every 20 days in the first 6 months of observation and later every 40 days. All the participants were monitored for voiding frequency for 12 months with monthly evaluations. After the end of the therapeutic program, all parents received a phone interview every six months for 5 years, to know urinary habits of the children. Results: Among the 10 children considered in this study, 9 (90%) had an improvement of symptoms during the application of the FVC. Of the 4 children with recurrent UTI, 3 had a complete lack of UTI in 1 year follow-up. The behavioural urotherapy program was successful for both groups, meaning that the children reached a normal habit of voiding behaviour after 7 or 8 months of treatment. The results were stable at 12 months and all patients got a normal voiding behaviour during the five years follow-up. Interpretation of Results: The use of an incentive system in mildly mentally retarded children and in children with normal intelligence, allows the strengthening of the children in a positiveway to avoid regression in the acquired behaviour and the FVC showed an improvement in voiding behaviour in both categories of patients. Analyzing in detailed the pattern of voiding behaviour at base-line, it seems that children with ID learn adaptive voiding behaviours at the same rate of typical children. This might be due to the fact that behavioural principles used in our urotherapy program are particularly suitable for them in order to learn new habits and new behaviours. Moreover, the collaboration of the parents have been critical for the program to succeed. Conclusions: We showed that even in mildly mentally retarded children with LUTS it is possible to obtain the same results in terms of quality and quantity as compared to other children with normal intelligence of the same age. The results obtained generate confidence and self-esteem as well as better quality relationships in the child, giving support and reassurance when difficulties arise during the educational course. Medical activity together with psychological advice which is applied the cognitive technical of behaviour supported of FVC, it reveals a efficacious, economical method, and non invasive in the treatment of LUTS in children.
A previously healthy 6 month old white male was transferred from outside hospital with uncontrolled fever and rash. Before being transferred, the patient was twice admitted and treated with IV antibiotics. Both the times, the septic workup including LP was negative. When transferred, the patient had a fever of 104 F and physical examination revealed a reddish tongue and peeling of the skin at the extremities. Detailed history revealed the progression of symptoms: fever followed by conjunctivitis, reddish discoloration of the tongue and finally peeling of the skin. Suspecting Kawasaki disease, a 2D echo was done which showed dilated coronaries. Patient immediately received Asprin and 2 doses IV IGG. However, symptoms persisted and repeat echo showed worsening of coronary dilatation. Patient was then started on high dose of solumedrol. After 3 doses, a repeat 2D showed further worsening of coronaries with RCA measuring 8 mm in diameter. The patient's platelets continued to increase from 300 K to 1200 K. At this time, anti-TNF (Infliximab) and Lovenox were started and patient was put on list for evaluation of cardiac transplantation. Post-Infliximab, echo showed improvement. Discussion: The contribution of genetics to disease predisposition is clear but the mechanisms involved in regulating the predisposition and the impact are not clearly understood. Two recent independent studies have identified regulation of T-cell activation as the critical factor in determining the susceptibility and severity of Kawasaki disease. In one study, genetic analysis of affected Japanese children identified ITPKC, 1,4,5-triphosphate 3-kinase C, a kinase involved in regulation of T-cell activation, to be significantly associated with Kawasaki disease. The other study also found that regulating T-cell activation is strongly correlated to the susceptibility and severity of the disease. The study demonstrated a central role for TNF-alpha in Kawasaki's pathogenesis. Controlled, randomized clinical trials are warranted to determine the role of anti-TNF-alpha therapy for treating this disease.
Aims: To determine whether parental stress factors are present in a significant proportion of a community paediatric caseload. Methods: Analysis of routinely collected service activity data using parental factors codes defined in the national Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services dataset (CAMHS), that is, parental sensory impairment, physical illness, mental illness, drugs and alcohol problems, learning disability, history of being in care or the victim of abuse as a child, history of known violence or child abuse as an adult and other unspecified parenting difficulties. These data relates to cases seen generically, that is, outside dedicated child protection and LAC sessions. Results: Over the financial year 2009/2010 the service had 2230 new and 4802 follow-up successful contacts. A total of 1519 separate instances of parental factors were identified in 436 new (19.55%) and 747(15.55%) of follow-up contacts. Specific factors (each contact may have more than one & up to four factors could be coded for each contact) were identified as follows: mental illness in 364, known history of violence in 208, learning disability in 159, physical illness in 157, problem drinking/drugs in 132, known history of child abuse in 40, period of care in childhood in 30, childhood abuse in 24, sensory impairment in 18 and physical disability in 13. Unspecified parenting difficulties which could not be included in the previous categories were identified in another 374 instances. Conclusion: This study identifies for the first time the
frequent presence of both specific and unspecified parenting difficulties, most often reflecting adverse aspects of adult mental health, in this generic community paediatric caseload; this is another dimension of case mix complexity which has implications for training as well as planning and funding of services; it also illustrates the need for coordinated working across agencies as well as across services for vulnerable children and vulnerable adults & demonstrates the increasing overlap between CAMHS and community paediatrics. In our view the forthcoming child health dataset should therefore also include the CAMHS dataset parental stress factors codes SN - 0003-9888
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KW - semi structured interview
KW - mother
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KW - father
KW - Male
KW - grounded theory
KW - theoretical model
KW - Diagnosis
KW - grandparent
KW - bird
KW - Autism
KW - Praise
KW - Education
KW - social care
KW - health service
KW - parent
RP - NOT IN FILE
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N2 - Aims: The purpose of this study was to investigate how families who have multiple autistic children function. Methods: 11 families were recruited and included in the study. The number of children per family varied between two and six, with up to four autistic children in a family. Married, single parent, and non-married partnerships were sampled. 44 semi-structured interviews were undertaken with mothers, fathers, children with autism and their siblings. These were transcribed and analysed using Grounded Theory. A selection of transcripts was read by another researcher and the findings were sent to families for checking. Results: A variety of themes emerged from the data, including the use of practical strategies to reduce behavioural problems, the place of emotions in coping, the use of statutory and other services and the views of verbal autistic children and their siblings. A theoretical model encompassing the families' views of their children as normal was developed and highlighted that families dislike being pitied and pathologised by the non-autistic world. A surprising finding was that families with several autistic children in large families found coping easier, as they were more able to normalise the autistic children. Although several different types of emotions were expressed at the time of the diagnosis, there was also an overwhelming sense of relief. All of the families found there were several positive attributes to caring for autistic children. A small minority of families had very negative experiences and the reasons for these are discussed in my presentation. Conclusions Families rely mainly on their own internal family members for support, including grandparents, rather than on outside services. The Early Bird parent support scheme received high praise, with more criticism for education, social care and some health services. The main advice for newly diagnosed families was to treat your children as normal as much as possible, and to plan your day and activities ahead.

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KW - motor control
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KW - model
KW - skill
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Objective: To assess the effectiveness of a novel neurocognitive prevention intervention for preschoolers with ADHD that was designed to enhance brain development and yield enduring reductions in ADHD symptom severity. Participants and Methods: 29 4 and 5 year-old children with ADHD and their parents participated in concurrently-run child (3-5 children/group) and parent groups. Child groups focused on an array of games targeting distinct neurocognitive domains including inhibitory control, working memory, motor control, set-shifting and planning/organization. Parents received education about ADHD coupled with instruction, modeling, and a description of the cognitive constructs tapped by each of the children's game. Parents were directed to spend at least 30 min. per day playing these games with their children and were instructed in how to individualize (i.e., scaffold) the games to their child's level of proficiency and progressively increase the cognitive/behavioral load of each game as their child achieved mastery of the requisite skill. Daily diaries were collected to measure time engaged in activities outside of sessions. Treatment palatability was evaluated, and parent and teacher ratings on the ADHD-RS-IV were assessed pre-treatment, posttreatment and at 1- and 3-month follow-up. Data are reported for 7 child groups. Results: Only one child failed to complete the intervention, and session attendance was very high (92.7%). Mean daily playing at home was 35.3 min/day, and parent satisfaction ratings were quite high. Parent and teacher ratings on the ADHD-RS-IV significantly improved from pre- to post-treatment (both p < .01), and behavioral gains reported by parents (p < .01) and teachers (p < .05) persisted 1- and 3-months post-treatment. Conclusions: These data indicate that a structured play-based approach to neurocognitive training may be an effective treatment for preschoolers with ADHD. Double-blind, randomized controlled trials are beginning.
Objective: To find a possible relationship between presence of OCD symptoms thematically unrelated with weight or appearance and level and characteristics of physical activity AN. Method: 76 female patients, aged 14.76 + 1.78 years met the DSM-IV criteria for AN at the time of admission, with no comorbid psychiatric diagnosis, completed the Polish version of the 20-item self-report version of Leyton Obsessional Inventory-Child Version (LOI-CV). Two groups, high-risk (HR) and no high-risk (nHR), were defined according to the cut-off score of LOI-CV. Physical Activity Index (KAF) was used to assess the intensity and type of physical activity. The information obtained allowed to measure the frequency and type physical activity as well as the change of behaviors and habits before and during anorectic episode and absconence of AN symptoms (activities not controlled by parents). Results: 35 subjects (46%) were qualified to HR group and 41(54%) to nHR group. Compared to high-risk group no high risk subjects spent much less time outside in the winter (U = 5,760, p = 0.029), spent less time studying while standing (U = 10,371, p = 0.005), used elevators more often than stairs (U = 7,391, p = 0.015). Differences between patient-perceived Activity Index (U = 3,578, p = 0.061) and the total score on Activity Index (U = 3,334, p = 0.071) were on the tendency level. Patients in nHR group scored less on both indexes compared to HR patients. Negative correlation was found (t = -0.572; p = 0.026) between the number of YES answers in LOI-CV inventory and the time spent studying at school. Negative correlation on tendency level was found between the number of hours spent watching TV or playing computer and LOI-CV Interference Score (t = -0.458; p = 0.063). Positive correlation was found between the time spent on physical activities weekly and the number of YES answers. Conclusions: Results of the study showed that obsessiveness may be involved in the development of hyperactivity in AN patients.
Background: It has been shown that subjects with ASD have altered visuospatial processing and memory processing capabilities. The purpose of the present study was to examine both behaviorally and with neuroimaging methods the difference between adolescent ASD and TD controls during working memory task.

Materials and methods: 30 adolescent ASD cases and 30 age and gender matched controls was assessed with multiple tests (DSM-IV). Resting and activation scans were imaged with GE 1.5 T, ASSET x 2, TR 1800 ms, TE 40 ms, flip angle 90, 64 x 64 matrix, FOV 25.6 cm, 28 4 mm slices. We investigated whether attentional processing (0-back) or more stronger task load (2-back) during working memory (WM) task is altered in ASD.

Results: The memory load and task effects (2-back vs. 0-back) areas are in the right temporal regions S1 and insula. The power of deactivations, i.e. task <baseline activity, outside the default mode network during 0-back task was stronger in the ASD group and the activations were reduced compared to TD controls. There were deactivation during 0-back task in the right precentral and postcentral gyrus in ASD group. Activated areas were observed in the right Rolandic operculum, supramarginal gyrus and superior temporal gyrus. Conclusion: Our results show the differences between groups were largest in the cerebellum and they dominated compared to the differences in cerebral cortex. The cerebellum was the only area which had alterations in both 2-back and 0-back tasks in comparison to baseline. This was thought to be due to altered salience processing in the right insular/frontal region. In 0-back condition, the controls activated the cerebellum more strongly in the cerebellum lobules I, VII, VIIIb and in lobule IX. During 0-back task the brain is already de-activated and activated in excess and during the higher task load there is no reserve to take from and then the system overrides and gives un-controlled motor responses.
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KW - Interview
KW - Water

N2 - A healthy diet is the key to normal growth and development in infancy and childhood and is the foundation to adulthood. Communities have absorbed these children in extended families with the desire to help them. The responsibility of raising these children is not easy and provision of food and other basic needs is a daily predicament in Soweto slums and most parts of Uganda at large. Purpose of study: This paper will discuss the risks that children encounter in their daily struggle and that of their families to provide food in Soweto slums in Kampala Uganda. Methods: Direct observation of the daily activities revolving around the children in Soweto slums were observed for fourteen consecutive days of the week. Cluster and simple random sampling methods were used to select 40 willing participants. Questionnaires were administered to adults and children. Study design: cross-sectional descriptive study. Results: Observation results showed that major activities in Soweto were driven by the dire need to provide at least a meal at the end of each day. In the daily struggle to provide food children were directly exposed to hunger, diseases, injuries, child labour, neglect, drug abuse, sexual abuse and child sacrifice. The residents used water from tunnels and Nakivubo channel for daily domestic use. The interview showed that hunger, injuries and diseases were the greatest risks. Neglect and child labour was the second greatest risk followed by drug abuse, sexual abuse and child sacrifice. Conclusion: Majority of children
are at a high risk of contracting diseases, injuries, child labour, neglect, drug abuse, sexual abuse, and child sacrifice. These risks are as a result of the struggle to earn daily living. Recommendations: Collaborative approach in provision of safe water, food and community safe playgrounds. Strengthen Advocacy for the rights of children, draw attention to the possibility of a safe childhood in Soweto slums

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3598
T1 - Dog-assisted activities in Finland
A1 - Haapasaari, M.
A1 - Ikaheimo, K.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70489240
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Child
KW - dog
KW - Human
KW - Finland
KW - Society
KW - Child Psychiatry
KW - Aged
KW - Adolescent
KW - Mental Health
KW - disabled person
KW - patient
KW - psychiatric department
KW - pet animal
KW - mental deficiency
KW - Day Care
KW - Pleasure
KW - puppy
KW - Child Welfare
KW - breed
KW - behavior disorder
KW - social adaptation
KW - Self Esteem
KW - Aggression
KW - Hostility
KW - love
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S29
JF - European Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
N2 - Hali-Berni started in Finland in 1999. Who can be Hali-Berni dog? It does not depend on the breed but of the character of the dog. Dogs are trained pet dogs. The most important feature is that the dog likes people, comes actively to strangers, loves to be scratched and enjoys proximity. Dogs visit homes for elderly, mentally retarded, disabled people, mental health patients, children's homes, daycare centers. They give joy and pleasure just by their presence. They accept you as you are. Touching is very important. Hali-Berni holder must be committed to do this voluntary work, willing to give joy and good experiences to elderly, children and disabled and willing to share their own dog. Visits can be made from once a month to once a week. Amount of hugging portions (= one visit of a dog and a holder) has grown very rapidly from 72 in 2007 to 883 in 2010 in Turku and
to 1250 in Finland. Visits are free of charge. A dog and its holder are tested. The new holder must make some visits first without the dog and then with a dog with experienced Hali-Berni. Puppies are also accepted and they are welcome everywhere. In Finland Hali-Berni has taken part in many studies. In Turku area: how dogs can effectively be used in child welfare (Kallio and Rintamaa 2008). Newest is Luetaan koiralle-study. In Helsinki area there have been studies how they affect mental health patients (Tuunanen 2008) and elderly people (Lang in print). In Tampere area Hali-Berni dogs visit adolescent psychiatric department with very severe behavior disturbances (Reini in print). Studies have shown the same type of influence as other studies: positive results were related to behavior and affect, social skills, self-esteem, control and decreases in aggression and hostility especially in children and adolescents (Fine 2000; Kruger and Trachtenberg; Serpell 2004). You all are welcome to meet and feel our Haliberi dogs outside Finlandia Hall. They are waiting for you

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3599
T1 - The art of healing in health care-transforming lives through art
A1 - Devlin,B.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70481792
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Health Care
KW - healing
KW - brain
KW - neoplasm
KW - Human
KW - University
KW - Creativity
KW - Health
KW - non profit organization
KW - skill
KW - emotion
KW - Interpersonal Communication
KW - Photography
KW - United Kingdom
KW - general aspects of disease
KW - case study
KW - palliative therapy
KW - Consciousness
KW - ego development
KW - cognitive defect
KW - dysphasia
KW - Child
KW - Problem Solving
KW - neurobiology
KW - college
KW - brain function
KW - Self Concept
KW - Pleasure
KW - Language
KW - painting
KW - Quality of Life
KW - Philosophy
KW - patient
KW - Grief
Art work has been shown to be beneficial in health care. It can be used as a channel for communication. Art activity can bring to consciousness that which is unconscious. It is particularly helpful where individuals are unable to express feelings, due to cognitive impairment, dysphasia or because the person does not have the vocabulary to express their feelings. It addresses the existential dimension, in that it can also help in the search for meaning. This is especially important when one is faced with a health issue or life threatening condition. Art can improve one's sense of self-worth as creativity is enhanced. Examples of art work produced by those who have faced illness and its consequences clearly demonstrate some of the feelings and emotions they experienced. Art is very important in helping the brain reach its full potential. It introduces the brain to diverse cognitive skills that help us unravel intricate problems. It activates the creative part of our brain - the part that works without words and can only express itself non-verbally; the intuitive side of the brain. This is why art so important. It benefits the brain by training it to think outside the box. It helps children understand concepts more easily. It helps them to be greater achievers. In practice development of the artistic side of the brain helps in problem solving. It guides individuals to create solutions. It helps individuals to think beyond linear and logical thinking (Eckert accessed online 16-10-2010). Semir Zeki, a former professor of neurobiology at the University College, London detailed the relationship between the development of cognitive abilities and the creative process. He asserted that artistic expression is the key to comprehending ourselves. He also considered art and its expression as an expansion of brain function. In other words, art helps the brain in its search for knowledge. So what are the benefits of art on the brain? When individuals create art and reflect on it, the processes, increase self-awareness, initiate awareness of others and helps individuals cope with stressful, and traumatic experiences. Art enhances cognitive abilities and provides individuals with the ability to enjoy the life-affirming pleasures of making art (Zeki, 2001). In relation to cancer, Fallowfield (2003) asserts that it is necessary to use modes of expression other than language to capture what cancer really means to those affected by it. The power of the arts as a channel for communication has been clearly demonstrated through Michele Angelo Petrone’s (a professional artist) paintings of his cancer journey (Fallowfield, 2003; Richards, 2003). Health care must be holistic with emphasis on giving attention to the physical, social, emotional and spiritual domains of the individual. Art work helps address all domains. The emphasis on maintaining the quality of life for individuals in our current health care philosophy and mission statements is partly met through art work intervention. Qualitative findings through case studies of patients involved in art work demonstrate that clients regained a sense of control in their lives, after being given the opportunity to explore personal issues and emotions (Pratt, 1998). Art work may be completed alone or in groups. Completed alone it allows time for reflection; in groups it can be therapeutic for those with similar problems; for example a group who are experiencing grief through death or the thought of a loved one dying; or the losses individuals experience when faced with life threatening illness. Bonding can develop with individual group members helping, not only themselves but each other too as they identify and externalise common feelings. Facilitators of art work must be aware of the potential power of the art medium; just as any image, sound or smell can evoke a powerful reaction. It is important to highlight that it is the process of the art work that is important, not the artistic skill of the individual (Dalley, 1981). The environment must be psychologically safe. "Found images" may be used as a "safety net" that is, an image on a postcard or photograph which evokes some feeling for the individual. This is particularly helpful if art work seems threatening initially. It is important that a creative space is made in order to...

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3600
T1 - Healing journeys: Wellness retreats for aboriginal women living with HIV
A1 - Migwans, S.
A1 - Medjuck, M.
Y1 - 2011///<
N1 - 70476032
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Aborigine
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus
KW - wellbeing
KW - healing
KW - Health
KW - Canada
KW - traffic and transport
KW - Social Support
KW - health service
KW - Coping Behavior
KW - skill
KW - Child
KW - workshop
KW - catalyst
KW - gender
KW - Health Care
KW - Peer Group
KW - Quality of Life
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus infection
KW - school
KW - Poverty
KW - city
KW - genocide
KW - stereotypy
KW - Violence
KW - Fear
KW - Policy
KW - Social Isolation
KW - acquired immune deficiency syndrome
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 93B
The staggering rates of HIV infection among Canadian Aboriginal women are connected to the legacy of colonization and the enduring effects of the residential school system, entrenched poverty and cultural genocide. Aboriginal women who are living with HIV (AWLWH) often contend with sexual stigma and stereotypes, dispossession of their rights, multiple family roles, gendered violence, unequal economic power, fear of rejection when seeking services, an unsympathetic medical system and invisibility in HIV/AIDS research and policy. Consequently, AWLWH frequently experience social isolation, poor health, and barriers to accessing HIV support services.

DESCRIPTION: Since 1993, Positive Women's Network (PWN), a women-exclusive AIDS Service Organization in British Columbia, has organized weekend wellness retreats, allowing women living with HIV to come together safely. Given the number of Aboriginal women who are living with HIV and make up PWN membership, PWN has held an Aboriginal Women's Wellness Retreat every other year since 2004. Applicants who identify as having Aboriginal ancestry are prioritized. All costs, including transportation, are covered by PWN. Through workshops and activities facilitated by Aboriginal elders and diverse staff, there are opportunities to develop social support networks, discover personal strengths, health practices and coping skills, learn about HIV, and engage with Aboriginal history and culture.

LESSONS LEARNED: To date, PWN has organized 4 Aboriginal Women's Wellness Retreats, 1 retreat included participants' children. On average, 16 women attend each retreat, 40% have not attended a retreat before, 35% are from outside city centre, and 95% have Aboriginal ancestry. During the evaluation phase, participants continually report the retreat serves as a catalyst to begin, maintain or enhance their healing journey.

NEXT STEPS: Our results indicate a retreat program focused on culturally sensitive gender specific healthcare strategies, traditional practices and peer support significantly improves quality of life for AWLWH.

TY - JOUR
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T1 - Medication adherence and caregiver's health locus of control in sickle cell disease
A1 - Viswanathan,K.
A1 - Swaminathan,N.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70468306
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - sickle cell anemia
KW - oncology
KW - caregiver
KW - locus of control
KW - Health
KW - Patient Compliance
KW - hematology
KW - Society
KW - patient
KW - Child
KW - Multidimensional Health Locus of Control scale
KW - correlation coefficient
KW - health care personnel
KW - questionnaire
KW - screening
KW - Risk
KW - Health Behavior
KW - penicillin G
Background: Poor compliance with prophylactic penicillin administration and good compliance with hydroxyurea has been reported in children with sickle cell disease. This difference could be because the effects of hydroxyurea are tangible whereas the effects of penicillin are not evident to the caregiver. The concept of "locus of control" (LOC) deals with the extent to which a person expects that the outcomes in life are under the control of one's own actions (internal LOC) in contrast to being controlled by outside factors such as chance (external LOC). The multidimensional health locus of control (MHLC) measure is a modification of this concept applicable to health behavior. A person's health locus of control has three categories: internal, chance and powerful others (outside influences such as health care professionals.) Objectives: We wanted to study the difference in the adherence rate between penicillin and hydroxyurea; and the relationship of LOC to medication adherence, to see if we can identify which caregivers are more likely to be non-adherent and thus might need more intervention. Design/Method: The Multidimensional Health Locus of Control Scale (MHLC), an 18-item questionnaire, a self-reported 8-item scale for medication adherence developed by Morisky, were administered to caregivers of patients. Results: 30 caregivers of children taking penicillin and 15 caregivers of children taking hydroxyurea. 1. Medication adherence was high in 45% of patients taking penicillin and 46% of patients taking HU. 2. The Pearson correlation coefficients of penicillin adherence with LOC subscales: internal LOC: 0.024143; chance: >0.5976208; powerful others: >0.46023241. 3. The Pearson correlation coefficients of HU adherence with LOC subscales: internal LOC: 0.147447; chance: >0.7444194; powerful others: >0.2308007. Conclusion: There was no difference between adherence to penicillin and adherence to hydroxyurea in our patients. There is a very strong (inverse) correlations between chance/powerful others and adherence. MHLC could be used as a screening instrument to identify a subgroup of people who believe that neither they nor the providers play a role in the health of a person and are at greater risk for non-adherence. We can design studies to see if interventions can be developed to improve adherence in this group.

Educational experience of patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at an urban medical center

Levine, J.
Orr, C.
2011///
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English
Conference Abstract
EMBASE
patient
oncology
hematology
Society
acute lymphoblastic leukemia
school
Therapy
student
parent
African American
Hispanic
Education
ethnicity
Background: Survivors of leukemia are at an educational disadvantage compared to siblings as a direct result of both medical treatment and school days missed. For patients treated at the Columbia University Medical Center, this is of great concern as many attend NYC public schools where overall four year high school graduation rates are 63%, (51% for Hispanic students and 54% for African American students). Objectives: Define the educational experiences of patients with ALL focusing on minority patients compared with white patients. Design/Method: Educational experiences were assessed using a semi-structured IRB approved survey. Eighteen patients (11 female/7 male; mean age 12.7 years, range 7-19) and/or their caregivers were interviewed by a single researcher. Thirteen patients were on therapy, five off. Twelve patients were Hispanic, two African American, and four Caucasian. Thirteen/fourteen (93%) of minority patients attended NYC public schools; whereas three/four (75%) of white patients attended schools outside of NYC. Results: Seventeen of eighteen (94%) patients received home schooling during therapy. All white patients had home schooling established by school while nine minority patients had home schooling set up by the hospital and four by a parent or school. All cited individual attention as a positive aspect of being home schooled and lack of social interaction as a negative aspect. All white patients reported home schooling to be effective in keeping them on pace in school while one-third of minority patients did not. All white patients reported successful re-entry into school while on treatment. Four minority patients have or will have received home schooling for the entire duration of medical therapy. White parents were more likely to know about 504 plans while minority parents were more likely to be aware of Individual Education Plans. Conclusion: Minority students had less support from the school system in setting up home schooling and establishing a re-entry plan than non-minority students. It is unclear from this sample what role race, ethnicity and language played in this discrepancy. Further studies will be conducted in a larger patient sample to assess the best way to enhance the educational experience of all children with cancer in our population.
Introduction: Preschoolers spend a substantial portion of their day in child care; therefore, these facilities are an ideal venue to encourage healthy active behaviours. It is important that provinces/territories’ child care legislation encourages physical activity (PA) opportunities. The purpose of this study was to review Canadian provincial/territorial child care legislation regarding PA participation. Specifically, this review sought to: 1) appraise each provincial/territorial child care regulation for PA requirements; 2) compare such regulations with the NASPE PA guideline; and 3) appraise these regulations concerning required PA infrastructure. Methods: A systematic review of all provincial/territorial child care legislation was performed. Each document was reviewed separately by two researchers, and the PA regulations were coded and summarized. The specific provincial/territorial PA requirements (e.g., type/frequency of activity) were compared with the NASPE guideline. Results: PA legislation for Canadian child care centres varies greatly. Eight of the 13 provinces/territories provide PA recommendations; however, none provided specific time requirements for daily PA. All provinces/territories did require access to an outdoor play space. Conclusion: All Canadian provinces/territories lack specific PA guidelines for child care centres. The development and implementation of national PA legislation for child care centres may aid in tackling the childhood obesity epidemic and assist child care staff in facilitating PA participation.
KW - enteropathy
KW - duodenum biopsy
KW - duodenitis
KW - colonoscopy
KW - erythema
KW - sigmoid
KW - descending colon
KW - ileum
KW - Biopsy
KW - colitis
KW - dry skin
KW - wheezing
KW - laboratory
KW - Leukocyte Count
KW - erythrocyte sedimentation rate
KW - serology
KW - mucosa
KW - duodenum
KW - enteritis
KW - Paneth cell
KW - outpatient
KW - Adult
KW - disease predisposition
KW - autoimmunity
KW - Child
KW - polyendocrinopathy
KW - Prevalence
KW - epidemiological data
KW - Diagnosis
KW - chronic diarrhea
KW - malabsorption
KW - goblet cell
KW - T lymphocyte
KW - immune dysregulation
KW - Medical Staff
KW - Differential Diagnosis
KW - Female
KW - medical history
KW - hypothyroidism
KW - Hypertension
KW - hypercholesterolemia
KW - deep vein thrombosis
KW - emergency ward
KW - dehydration
KW - vomiting
KW - intestine biopsy
KW - family history
KW - international normalized ratio
KW - IPEX syndrome
KW - colon cancer
KW - mother
KW - lung embolism
KW - daughter
KW - Abdomen
KW - pelvis
KW - esophagogastroduodenoscopy
KW - Smoking
A 63-year-old white woman with a medical history of hypothyroidism, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, and recent deep vein thrombosis on Coumadin presented to the emergency department with dehydration because of intractable diarrhea and intermittent emesis. She had a 6-month history of daily greenish watery diarrhea with abdominal cramps. She also lost about 100 pounds. Her family history was remarkable for colon cancer in her mother and fatal pulmonary embolism in her daughter. She had a 30-pack-year smoking history. Her prior workup at an outside hospital included a CT of the abdomen and pelvis, which showed no definite inflammatory changes. Her esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) showed a small hiatal hernia and gastritis. Her duodenal biopsy showed duodenitis with villous atrophy. She also underwent a colonoscopy, which showed some erythema in the sigmoid and descending colon with a normal terminal ileum. Random biopsies throughout the colon were negative for active chronic colitis. Physical exam revealed very dry skin with decreased turgor, occasional expiratory wheezes, and mild left lower quadrant tenderness. Laboratory was significant for white blood cell count of 15, INR of 1.8, normal thyroid-stimulating hormone, erythrocyte sedimentation rate, and C-reactive protein, negative stool infectious workup, and negative celiac disease serologies. Her repeated EGD showed diffuse mildly scalloped mucosa in the entire duodenum, which was suspicious of celiac disease. Yet duodenum biopsy revealed intense active chronic enteritis with loss of Goblet and Paneth cells, which was suggestive of autoimmune enteropathy (AE). Her symptoms improved significantly after prednisone was started. Subsequently she was transitioned to azathioprine as an outpatient. Discussion: AE is a rare cause of intractable diarrhea in adults associated with circulating gut autoantibodies and a predisposition to autoimmunity. In children it can be a part of IPEX (immunodysregulation, polyendocrinopathy, enteropathy, and X-linked) and APS-1 (autoimmune polyglandular syndrome 1). The prevalence and incidence is unknown because of limited epidemiological data. The diagnosis of this disorder is based on proposed Mayo criteria: chronic diarrhea (>6 weeks), malabsorption, exclusion of similar disorders, the presence of specific antibodies such as antienterocyte and anti-Goblet cell antibodies, and specific histological findings including partial/complete villous atrophy, increased crypt apoptotic bodies, deep crypt lymphocytosis, and minimal intraepithelial lymphocytosis. It is caused by dysregulation of CD4/CD25 T cells, whereas the presence of antienterocyte autoantibodies seems to be secondary. Immunosuppressive agents such as corticosteroids, azathioprine, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, and mycophenolate have been used with apparent benefits. In refractory cases, infliximab, intravenous immunoglobulin, and cyclophosphamide can be used. Conclusions: Hospitalists should consider AE in the differential diagnosis of chronic intractable diarrhea. Because of its many similarities with celiac disease, small-bowel biopsy is a cornerstone of investigation.
TY - JOUR
ID - 3606
T1 - Tap water enema and cryptosporidium infection in acute HIV infection
A1 - Francis,G.
A1 - Perlman,D.
A1 - Rizk,D.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70423468
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus
KW - cryptosporidiosis
KW - Hospital
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus infection
KW - patient
KW - Diarrhea
KW - general aspects of disease
KW - immunocompromised patient
KW - oocyte
KW - Cryptosporidium
KW - feces culture
KW - ingestion
KW - AIDS patient
KW - cell count
KW - Mortality
KW - risk factor
KW - Male
KW - syphilis
KW - emergency ward
KW - fever
KW - nausea
KW - vomiting
KW - abdominal pain
KW - Travel
KW - laboratory
KW - leukopenia
KW - hyponatremia
KW - Kidney Failure
KW - acquired immune deficiency syndrome
KW - Clostridium difficile
KW - assay
KW - parasite
KW - stain
KW - anus intercourse
KW - Polymerase Chain Reaction
KW - follow up
KW - Child
KW - Water Supply
KW - swallowing
KW - chlorination
KW - Therapy
KW - African American
KW - tap water
KW - enema
KW - Water
Case Presentation: A 20-year-old African American man with a history of MSM (having sex with men) and previously treated for syphilis was admitted with 3 weeks of watery nonbloody diarrhea. Two weeks after symptoms started, the patient went to an outside hospital emergency room. At that time the patient was empirically started on ciprofloxacin and metronidazole and discharged home without stool cultures. The patient's symptoms did not improve, and subsequently he came to our institution. At that time the patient denied fever, nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain. The patient also denied any international travel, water park activities, or consumption of well water. The patient's current partner was HIV+. Physical exam was unremarkable. Patient's laboratory analysis was significant for leukopenia (3.4 x 10^3/μL), hyponatremia (131 mmol/L), and renal insufficiency (1.62 mg/dL). Stool studies including stool cultures and Clostridium difficile assays were negative. Stool for ova and parasites revealed Cryptosporidium by Ziehl-Neelsen stain. The patient reported that he and his partner routinely use tap water enemas prior to unprotected anal intercourse. HIV antibody was negative. The HIV RNA polymerase chain reaction was >500,000 copies/mL, and CD4 count was 399 cells/mL. The patient was prescribed nitazoxanide 1 g twice daily for a total of 14 days. Patient's diarrheal symptoms improved from 20 episodes down to 3-4 episodes of diarrhea per day at the time of discharge. Patient was sent home with plans for follow-up in the hospital's HIV clinic. Discussion: Cryptosporidium infection is responsible for causing persistent watery diarrhea in children as well as in immunocompromised patients, including HIV+ patients, but also causes self-limited disease in healthy exposed persons. Patients are usually infected via ingestion of oocysts from a contaminated water source. Common sources of Cryptosporidium ingestion are usually attributed to unpurified water or from swallowing recreational water despite chlorination. The incidence of Cryptosporidium infection has fluctuated over the years because of various outbreaks; however, it generally presents at an average rate of 2-3 cases per 100,000 per year. These rates may be underreported, as the diarrhea is generally self-limited in immunocompetent individuals. The introduction of highly active retroviral therapy has seen a decrease in HIV-associated cryptosporidiosis. It should be noted that cryptosporidial disease in AIDS patients with low CD4 cell counts has a high mortality. The literature of a possible association between tap water enema and Cryptosporidium infection is limited. Conclusions: Providers should remember to evaluate stool for cryptosporidia in acute diarrheal illness, especially with known risk factors and in immunocompromised patients. Cryptosporidium infection may be associated with the use of tap water enema and may be the initial presenting illness in acute HIV infection SN - 1553-5592 AD - (Francis, Perlman, Rizk) Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY, United States ER -
Aim: To verify the possibility of auditory habilitation and to present audiologial outcomes in four children with aplasia of the cochlear nerve, by direct stimulation of the cochlear nuclei (CN) using an Auditory Brainstem Implant (ABI). Material and Methods: Four children with cochlear nerve aplasia underwent retro sigmoid approach for placement of the ABI into the lateral recess. The correct positioning of the electrodes was monitored through the EABR. Results: No surgical or postoperative complications were observed. Auditory sensations were produced with the activation of the ABI. Patients have achieved speech detection and environmental sound awareness. They are showing auditory improvement in the MAIS Scale through the parents' opinion. All patients use the ABI in a permanent way. Active electrodes, audiological outcomes, free field and speech perception tests, will be reported separately. Conclusions: This study suggests that ABI in children with cochlear nerve aplasia is feasible, with variable results.
Aim: The aim of the study was to specify the indications for cochlear implantation in patients with rare genetic syndromes: Goldenhar and BOF and assess the results obtained after surgical treatment. Material and Methods: Two children with Goldenhar syndrome and one with BOF syndrome were operated on in our Clinic. Various cochlear implant systems were used to each of these patients. The technique of cochlear implantation was in all cases facial recess. Results: In all cases we achieved satisfactory hearing level. No early or late surgical complications were observed. Conclusions: We point that even in cases with very complicated anatomy and congenital malformations there is possibility to improve hearing using implantable devices. It is of crucial importance to focus on hearing improvement to maintain appropriate hearing level and to give chance for those children to be active society members.
N2 - Objectives: Our 20 bedded PICU attempts to provide supra-regional services as well as intensive care for the majority of a local catchment (1.3 million children). We sought to model demand because of high refusal rates. Methods: A conventional method based upon local catchment, using average length of stay and incidence and assuming a Poisson distribution, was used to find the number of beds required to cover 95% of the time. This was compared to the Monte Carlo method justified because: - supra regional referrals come from outside the catchment area - length of stay is a right skew distribution - refused admissions (exclusively referrals from other hospitals) would stay longer. Our data also shows marked increase in length of stay during winter. Using activity (admissions) and the refused admissions, we created 1,000 randomly sampled scenarios (with replacement) from 2 years data. Custom software established how many beds were occupied each minute. The maximum number of beds per calendar day under the worst scenario was compared to the percentage of time where this number of beds would accommodate all patients (i.e. percentage compliance). Results: Poisson suggested 27 beds covers 95% of the time. Monte Carlo showed 95% compliance with 35 beds. Conclusion: Methods using average length of stay for refused admissions underestimate required capacity compared to the Monte Carlo method. No additional capacity (required to meet the year on year increase in demand) was included

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3610
T1 - Impact of a new combined neonatal and paediatric transport service on the yorkshire and humber region
A1 - Rajah,F.
A1 - Hancock,S.W.
A1 - Ganguly,S.
A1 - Harrison,C.
A1 - Harness,C.
A1 - Murch,L.
A1 - Perring,J.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70418430
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - intensive care
KW - Child
KW - teaching hospital
KW - non profit organization
KW - data base
KW - Health
KW - Population
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - Hospital
KW - Pediatrics
KW - hospital personnel
KW - patient
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A16
JF - Pediatric Critical Care Medicine
JA - Pediatr Crit Care Med
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Aim: To examine the activity and impact of a new combined acute neonatal and paediatric transfer service, Embrace, on the Yorkshire and Humber region and to describe the evolution of a new service.
Background: Embrace is the result of a 3-year effort between Sheffield Children's Hospital, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust and regional commissioners of children's
services to provide a combined neonatal and paediatric transport service, aid in finding delivery suite and neonatal cots for in utero transfers and act as bed bureau for children's critical care. Methods: Retrospective analysis of transport database from Dec 2009-June 2010 to determine service activity, levels of care required, resources use within and from outside the service. Results and Discussion: Yorkshire and Humber is the largest of nine English regions, population 5.1 million, covering 15,413 sq miles. Embrace supports 23 hospitals within the Strategic Health Authority (SHA). Embrace started in a phased manner with paediatrics retrievals going online first followed by neonatal retrievals in April 2010. Table 1 shows the activity breakdown since Embrace's start. (Table presented) 2000 retrievals are predicted for the first full year of operation. As the service is now fully staffed and operates 24 hours a day, there is a decreasing reliance on assistance from outside services except in the case of time critical transfers. Transport teams of the tertiary NICUs and PICUs within the Yorkshire and Humber SHA no longer formally exist thereby allowing hospital staff of these units to concentrate on in-patients and not be called away for retrievals.

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AD - (Rajah, Hancock, Ganguly, Harrison, Harness) Embrace Yorkshire and Humber Infant and Children's Transport Service Barnsley, United Kingdom (Murch, Perring) Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Sheffield, United Kingdom
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3611
T1 - One profession - Two worlds of employment - One aim
A1 - Gruber, I.
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - 70408496
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Transplantation
KW - bone marrow
KW - occupation
KW - Employment
KW - Blood
KW - Child
KW - Rehabilitation
KW - nurse
KW - patient
KW - accident
KW - physician
KW - Hospital
KW - Motivation
KW - general aspects of disease
KW - teamwork
KW - Peer Group
KW - Aftercare
KW - Adolescent
KW - cancer therapy
KW - stem cell transplantation
KW - Hospitalization
KW - neoplasm
KW - groups by age
KW - psychologist
KW - psychotherapist
KW - leisure
KW - Therapy
KW - nursing
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - growth hormone
My tasks and experiences as a paediatric nurse caring for a rehabilitation camp for children and teenagers after cancer treatment. Since 25 years I am qualified as paediatric nurse at the St. Anna Children Hospital stem cell transplantation unit. An exciting but challenging profession. Everyone who works in it, has announced that after a hospital stay—of the daily life of patients is still far away from commonplace. Although we often expect that children return quickly to their normal life after successful treatment, the way back is quite stony for the whole family. They are fare beyond their expectations and the burden of late effects is still present. The "national organization for children's cancer care" aims to assist patients and their families with reintegration. The "rehabilitation camps" play a centrale role and offer tailord programs for the needs of various age groups. The professional team of educators, psychologists, psychotherapist, and a paediatric nurse offer the children a platform of a well-prepared 10-day-game history to exchange experiences and disease specific. For this purpose I was trained as a leisure educator for one year to accompany these camps. My duties at the camp are medical treatment, supervizign and supporting the children with nursing measures. (e.c. subcutane application of growth hormones) Minor "accidents" are first aided from me, and I indicate a doctor's visit. The work outside the hospital is much joy and motivation for me. It's nice to see how they make their own progressions during the post-care—camp after a long and serious illness by making experiences to handle a change in living conditions. We trie to show them posibilities of ways back from the daily routine to self-determination. One of the majorgoals is not only but also teamwork within the peer group handling the daily routine. I want to point of the importance and effectiveness of aftercare camps, and aware of all concerned groups of professionals. For me, working in a rehabilitation camp is a very satisfactory enrichment and it influenced my personal attention in the stationary everyday anew SN - 0268-3369
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - KEEPING children connected—bringing the classroom into the bone marrow transplant room
A1 - Drew,D.
A1 - Punch,D.
A1 - Ellis,S.
A1 - Wakefield,C.E.
Y1 - 2011///
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Child
KW - Transplantation
KW - bone marrow
KW - Blood
KW - bone marrow transplantation
KW - patient
KW - school
KW - teacher
KW - parent
KW - Hospital
KW - Technology
KW - neoplasm
KW - videoconferencing
KW - friend
KW - pediatric hospital
N2 - Children and adolescents with cancer may be hospitalised for long periods of time, leading to isolation from their family, home, school and peers. The protracted nature of some treatments can impact negatively on educational outcomes, including progress in the classroom, socialisation and acceptance by peers. Treatments such as Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) require the child to be isolated from weeks to months, thus imposing another layer of separation from the outside world. It is more important than ever, with available technology, that patients remain connected with their school for both school work and socialisation, yet there is a dearth of literature evaluating the impact of the use of interactive technology in this context. As part of a pilot program at Sydney Children's Hospital, a small cohort of patients "dialled in for lessons" at their home school and remained in contact with their school friends using Skype. The hospital school teacher was able to be present during the sessions, using either Skype or a video conferencing facility at the hospital school called 'Connected Classroom'. The aim of the program was to assist students to overcome the negative impact of prolonged absence and to assist their re-integration into the classroom post BMT. Teachers and parents both evaluated the program positively. Patients were able to join in lesson activities, teachers were able to successfully integrate the patient into the classroom from their bed and parents viewed the program as facilitating increased normality for their child. Classmates were able to see the physical changes in the patient as they occurred and being able to see the patient assisted with demystifying what was happening at the hospital. After discharge from the BMT unit but while still in isolation, patients continued with the program from their home. Data from a formal retrospective evaluation by patients, parents and teachers will be presented.
N2 - Objectives: This study aims to describe vitamin D status of Belgian children assessed by blood samples taken during winter and spring 2010 and to examine the influence of non-nutritional factors on the outcome observed. Materials/Methods: Participating children (n=357; 51.5% male, 4-11 years) were drawn from the Belgian control region (Aalter) of the EU 6th FP IDEFICS cohort. Blood was sampled between February and June 2010. 25(OH)D was measured using radioimmunoassay I125 (INCSTAR 25 (OH)D-<sup>125</sup>IRIA kit, Stillwater, MN, USA). Vitamin D status was categorized as deficient (25(OH)D<25 nmol/l), insufficient (25-50 nmol/l), sufficient (50-75 nmol/l) and optimal (>75 nmol/l). Height and weight were measured with standard clinical stadiometer and balance. The BMI z-score was determined using the LMS method (with British reference population). Skinfold thickness (triceps and subscapular) was measured using Holtain Tanner/Whitehouse skinfold calipers. Ethical approval was granted by the Ethical Committee of the Ghent University Hospital. Results: Serum 25(OH)D ranged from 13.6 nmol/l to 123.5 nmol/l (mean 47.2+14.6 nmol/l). Within the group, 5% was deficient, 53.1% insufficient, 39.7% sufficient and 2.2% optimal. No significant difference in vitamin D status was found between boys and girls and no significant correlation with age. However, a significant difference in 25(OH)D concentration between the months of sampling was found, as well as a significant correlation with the number of h playing outside (r=0.14) and the sum of skinfolds (r=-0.11). Two different multivariate models (ANCOVA) indicated that 68% of the variability of the 25 (OH)D concentration was explained by the month of sampling, the number of h playing outside and the BMI z-score or sum of skinfolds, respectively. Conclusions: The majority of Belgian children have a suboptimal vitamin D status, with more than half having an insufficient status in winter and spring. Month of the year, number of h playing outside as well as body composition (BMI or sum of skinfolds) were identified as important determinants of vitamin D status in this group of children.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Spreading awareness for prevention of obesity and diabetes in school age children [Project 'MARG': The Path]
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Background: Obesity, a natural consequence of over-nutrition and sedentary lifestyle, is increasing rapidly in children and adolescents of developing countries including India. This is leading to an increased risk of...
morbidity and mortality due to various metabolic problems such as diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases.

Objectives: To assess the prevalence of childhood overweight/obesity among 9-18 year old school children and to assess impact of educative intervention on them. Materials and methods: Project MARG is a school based intervention program for school children aged 9-18 years initiated in 8 cities (Agra, Allahabad, Dehradun, Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mumbai, and Pantnagar of India. Each city enrolled 10 schools with a 50-50 split in the type of schools. The Ethics Committee of the Institution, Diabetes Foundation (India), approved the study. Informed consent from the principals of the schools, and parents of the students were procured before initiating the study. Students not willing to participate were excluded from the study. Results: A total of 57 225 school children participated in the study. Prevalence of overweight/obesity was 24.1 and 7.0 percent in private and public schools, respectively across 8 cities in India. This data increased to 32.9 and 9.2 percent in private and public schools, respectively when calculated for children between 14-18 years of age (n=25 738). Dietary intake pattern among schoolchildren revealed that 1 in every 3 eats out once or more in a week, with 22-50 percent of the children eating calorie dense foods at least once in a week, coupled with spending less time in outdoor activities (68%). Baseline knowledge and behaviours indicated better scores in private as compared to public schools. Educatve interventions utilising locally appropriate innovative strategies showed improvements irrespective of the schools type. The percent increase in the score levels across all topics of assessment (health, nutrition, disease, physical activity, cooking practices) varied from 3.5 to 43 and 3.4 to 34.8 percent in private and public schools, respectively. Following intervention, more percent of children from public schools now identified chips as junk food (23.8%) and more than 80% of all children had improved knowledge in regards to cereals and fruits. Knowledge in regards to type-1 diabetes improved in 30 and 23.9 percent children from both schools, respectively. Dietary intake among children and young adults revealed a high total fat and saturated fat intake with a low intake of MUFAs and -3 PUFAs, predisposing them to an increased prevalence of obesity and insulin resistance. Biochemical parameters showed improvements as in decrease in fasting blood glucose levels and hs-CRP levels post educative intervention. Sustainability is being ensured by training volunteers for the initiative. Conclusion: Reports on educative interventions directed towards children and their parents show encouraging results, but large scale country wide programs need to be initiated.
Objective: To investigate the association between adiposity and urbanisation level in a sample of schoolchildren of the Italian cohort of the IDEFICS Project. Materials and methods: The sample was composed of 2256 children (boys=1167; girls=1089; age=6.1±1.7 yrs). The degree of adiposity was estimated as the sum of the four measured skinfold (SST): biceps, triceps, suprailiac and subscapular. Lifestyles were investigated by a questionnaire filled in by parents. The sample was divided in three categories of urbanisation level, estimated according to the population density in each municipality: rural n=716; suburban n=600; urban n=940. The analysis was performed separately for kindergartens (KG) and primary schools (PS). Data are mean (95% CI).

Results: A statistically significant linear increase in SST was observed going up across urbanisation categories (KG: rural=28.5 (23.5-33.5) mm; suburban=33.3 (28.8-37.9) mm; urban=37.1 (34.1-40.1) mm; PS: rural=46.1 (41.5-50.6) mm; suburban=48.6 (45.0-52.2) mm; urban=51.5 (48.6-54.2) mm; ANOVA P<0.0001). Children who lived in rural zone reported to spend significantly more time in outdoor activities (KG: rural=165 (149-181); suburban=96 (85-108); urban=89 (80-97) minutes/day; PS: rural=160 (149-171); suburban=98 (89-107); urban=93 (84-100) minutes/day; ANOVA P<0.001) but on the contrary they practiced less structured physical activity (% of children regularly practicing structured physical activity; KG: rural=24%; suburban=24%; urban=52%; PS: rural=21%; suburban=30%; urban=49%; P<0.001). Multivariate analysis showed that sex, education level of parents and urbanisation level were independent determinants of the degree of adiposity in KG children (P<0.001). In PS children, age and time spent in outdoor activities were other statistically significant determinants of adiposity (P<0.01). Conclusions: Our data show that children living in an urban area had a higher degree of adiposity in comparison to the peers living in suburban and rural areas. Differences in lifestyle, in particular in physical activity patterns, could explain these results and may have implications for paediatric obesity prevention.

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Objectives: A growing body of evidence is documenting the positive relationship between the built environment and physical activity. The aim of this presentation is to report on the evidence of this relationship and its impact upon obesity in children, adolescents, and adults, and to give a critical analysis on its similarities and differences.

Material and methods: Several key studies from Europe are presented. For adults, the Belgian Environmental Physical Activity Study (BEPAS) will be presented. In this study 24 neighbourhoods in Ghent were selected based on GIS-based walkability and SES; 1166 adults (aged 20-65) participated in this study. In adult research, high-walkable neighbourhoods are defined by high street connectivity, residential density and land use mix. For adolescents, a small pilot study in 2 neighbourhoods and the Youth BEPAS will be presented in which 32 neighbourhoods were used based on walkability, and 509 adolescents (aged 13-15) were included.

In children, the contribution of preschool playground factors in explaining children's physical activity was analysed in 39 randomly selected preschools (415 boys and 368 girls; 5.3±0.4 years old). Physical activity levels were assessed using accelerometers (7 days) or pedometers, supplemented with self-reports. Results: A clear association was found in adults between the built environment and physical activity. Adults living in a high-walkable neighbourhood reported more active transport and more leisure time walking than adults living in a low walkable neighbourhood. Physical activity mediated the associations of neighbourhood walkability with BMI. In adolescents, the relationship was less univocal. A first pilot study showed that, in contrast with results
in adults, lower walkability and larger distance to school were associated with more physical activity. However, the second study, which was larger, did show some positive relationships between the built environment and physical activity, but no relationship with overweight. In preschool children physical activity during outdoor play was associated with some modifiable playground factors, but not with others. Conclusion: The strength and the characteristics of the relationship between the built environment and physical activity are different across the life cycle.

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T1 - Extending the scope of pediatric palliative care
A1 - Davis, K.
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - palliative therapy
KW - Child
KW - school
KW - Child Care
KW - Pediatrics
KW - Diagnosis
KW - health care personnel
KW - Training
KW - Health Status
KW - clergy
KW - community
KW - model
KW - hospital patient
KW - outpatient care
KW - World Health Organization
KW - hospice care
KW - Education
KW - United States
KW - Adult
KW - terminal care
KW - healing
KW - Hospital
KW - Environment
KW - University
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A4
EP - A5
JF - Journal of Palliative Medicine
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N2 - Topic: Expanded inpatient and outpatient services Description: The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), in their respective definitions of pediatric palliative care (PPC), suggest that services should commence at the time of diagnosis of a child with a life limiting condition.
Despite these definitions, pediatric palliative care has traditionally been reserved for children nearing the end-of-life; those who are transitioning from curative treatment to hospice care. In the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Kansas Medical Center, a unique program is working to ensure that palliative supports begin at the time of diagnosis, and continues through cure, transition to adult care, or end-of-life care. The KU Kids Healing Place provides care for the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and educational needs of children with life limiting conditions, as well as traditional palliative care for youngsters nearing the end of life. The program initiates services within the hospital, and extends them into the natural environments of the youngster. As health care providers partner with schools, child care programs, extracurricular activities, athletics, places of worship and more, a system of support is developed that enables young people, regardless of health status, to continue to grow and develop normally. School professionals, peers, child care providers, coaches, clergy and other community members receive education and training which enables them to provide ‘palliative care’ in every facet of the youngster’s world. This poster presentation will chart the development of this innovative model of pediatric palliative care, from inception to implementation.
RATIONALE: This study evaluated the impact of exercise-related respiratory symptoms on physical activities of children with asthma. METHODS: A national survey was conducted with parents of 516 children (4-17 years) with asthma or taking medications for asthma in the prior year. Responses assessed whether up to 6 exercise-related respiratory symptoms influenced participation in exercise and school activities. Subgroup analyses (4-12 and 13-17 years) were also conducted. RESULTS: Majority (80%) of parents with children with asthma reported that their child experienced >1 and almost half (47.4%) experienced >4 exercise-related respiratory symptoms. Most commonly reported symptoms were coughing, shortness of breath, and wheezing. Older children were more likely to avoid activities because of exercise-related respiratory symptoms compared with younger children (31.9% vs 22.9%, respectively). Respondents felt that asthma limited their children's ability to participate either "a lot" or "some" in sports/recreation (30%), normal physical exertion (20.9%), and other outdoor activities (26.3%). A higher percentage of older children were reported to be limited "a lot" in sports participation compared with younger children (12.4% vs 6.4%, respectively). Only 22.2% of children with asthma took bronchodilators such as albuterol "always" or "most of the time" before exercise. CONCLUSIONS: Exercise-related respiratory symptoms substantially limit ability of children to participate normally and perform optimally in physical activities, with adolescents compromised to a greater extent than younger children. Many children are not using short-acting bronchodilators before exercise as recommended in national guidelines. Adherence to controller therapy and prevention with short-acting bronchodilators should be optimized per current treatment guidelines.
Sunscreens formulated with exclusively inorganic UV filters are ideal for baby and sensitive skin. The combinations of titanium dioxide and zinc oxide can provide excellent and balanced UVA and UVB protection with a high skin tolerance. Until recently, high protection levels of inorganic sunscreens were typically accompanied by undesirable aesthetic properties, such as skin whitening and poor skin-feel. Formulation advances have overcome these aesthetic challenges as indicated by sensory testing and consumer in use testing. A comprehensive assessment of an SPF 60 sunscreen containing only titanium dioxide and zinc oxide was conducted, including in vivo UVA (UVAPF) assessment, critical wavelength measure to assess the breath of the protection, clinical and in use studies. A double-blind, crossover clinical in infants and young children at Rady Children’s Hospital was conducted to compare the efficacy and tolerability of the inorganic sunscreen with a conventional organic sunscreen. A home use study involving about 200 babies and infants evaluated the aesthetic features and acceptability of the inorganic sunscreen. Finally, a double-blinded, randomized clinical eye-sting test was performed to assess the ocular irritation potential of a sunscreen product relative to the conventional organic filter product. The SPF 60 inorganic sunscreen had a PFA value of 20.8, higher than all other inorganic sunscreens tested, and a critical wavelength above 370 nm, indicating broad-spectrum protection. The SPF 60 sunscreen showed statistically better sunburn protection on the body and comparable sunburn protection on the face when compared to the organic sunscreen of SPF 50 in the baby clinical study with no adverse events. The majority of the mothers in the home usage study found the inorganic sunscreen nongreasy, nonwhitening, and easy to apply. The eye-sting evaluation showed that the inorganic sunscreen did not irritate the delicate tissue of the eyes or induce tearing in subjects after 30 minutes of outdoor activities during a hot summer day. The SPF 60 inorganic sunscreen demonstrates high protection and consumer acceptance, and has been clinically shown to be gentle and efficacious for use on babies and young children.
Background: The social and economic impact of asthma is substantial worldwide. Although current therapies targeting both airway inflammation and airway hyperresponsiveness (AHR) effectively relieve and prevent clinical symptoms in the majority of asthmatic children, some patients experience persistent symptoms and a progressive decline in lung function from early childhood. To date, there are many unanswered questions about the role of many factors in asthma progression and persistence. Purpose: This study was focused on finding possible risk factors for persistent asthma to allow better control of the illness from infancy to late childhood. Material and method: Sixty-eight children with persistent mild-to-moderate asthma: 23 early-onset (<2 years of age) and 45 late-onset (>2 years), according to GINA Guideline. Detailed information included personal or family history of atopy, breastfeeding, parental smoking, recent use of inhaled corticosteroid, and laboratory tests such as spirometry, body mass index, skin prick test, allergen-specific IgE, PB eosinophils and serum ECP. All the asthmatics were performed bronchial challenge by methacholine inhalation (BCM) and outdoor free running (ET). Results: Risk factors such as eczema and frequent wheezing were more common in early-onset asthmatics than in the late-onset (P < 0.05). On the other hand, there were no differences in overall incidence of AHR induced either by methacholine or by exercise as well as PC20 and postexercise decrease of FEV1 (P > 0.05) in both study groups. For the appropriate management, early-onset asthmatics required more frequent use of inhaled corticosteroid than the late-onset (P < 0.0001). Author also found a reciprocal relationship between FEV1/FVC and days of asthma in the study groups of persistent asthma (n = 68, r = -0.380, P = 0.004). Conclusion: One of the important risk factors for asthma persistence and lung function decline from early to late childhood was atopic dermatitis and frequent wheezing. In persistent asthmatics with AHR, early and proper treatment with inhaled corticosteroids is required for the support of better pulmonary function.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Sampling of fine particles in-door and out-door in two primary schools in Milan, Italy and evaluation of children's respiratory function and inflammation
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Background: Detrimental effects of pollution on children pulmonary function have been described, but few data relates the characteristics of air near and into schools. Methods: We selected two primary schools in Milan, one located near a large park (school 1) and the other downtown (school 2). For each school, from September 23th to October 3rd 2008, we sampled every 5 min in- and outdoor fine particles (PM1, PM2.5 and PM10, mg/m<sup>3</sup>) by Optical Particle Counters (OPC 1.107 environcheck and OPC 1.108 dustcheck). We compared the mean concentration during schooltime (7:30 am-18:30 pm) and during the rest of the hours (school empty). In the meantime we enrolled 232 children, mean age 8 years; 149 attending the first school, 83 the second school. All children underwent clinical evaluation, spirometry and exhaled fraction of nitric oxide (FeNO) dosage. Results: The mean concentrations of measured particles (SD) are summarized in the table. Fine particles are significantly higher in school 2 except PM10 indoor, during schooltime, which is higher in school 1. In both schools the concentration of indoor PM10 drastically increases during school activities. This increase is not observed for PM2.5 and PM1. Respiratory function measures were normal in all children. There are significant differences between the percentage values [mean (SD)] of FEV1, FVC and PEF in the two schools [106.1 (11.85) versus 102.1 (12.87) P = 0.007; 100.4 (10.77) versus 95.84 (11.45) P = 0.011; 92.8 (14.62) versus 88.6 (13.63) P = 0.31]. Mean (SD) concentration of FeNO (ppb) was normal in both school [14.5 (9.16) versus 17.1 (12.7) P = 0.456]. Conclusion: The higher value of PM10 in school 1 and its increase at the beginning of school activities show that the coarse fraction of particles depends on the location of the school but also on the presence/absence of children. PM10 could be not the most useful indicator of air quality and its effects on children pulmonary health. Further studies are needed to analyze the chemical composition of PM in schools.
TY - JOUR
ID - 3623
T1 - Epidemiology and treatment of severe burns in the intensive care unit of Zagreb Children's Hospital from 2003 to 2008
A1 - Skaric, I.
A1 - Barcot, Z.
A1 - Jakobovic, J.
A1 - Kondza, K.
A1 - Mikecin, L.
A1 - Vrtar, Z.
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N1 - 2011587668
Croatian Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Age Distribution
KW - article
KW - body regions
KW - body surface
KW - burn/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - burn/th [Therapy]
KW - Child
KW - Child Care
KW - child hospitalization
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - intensive care unit
KW - Length of Stay
KW - Male
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - preschool child
KW - school child
KW - sex determination
KW - Treatment Outcome
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 139
EP - 142
JF - Paediatria Croatica
VL - 54
IS - 3
CY - Croatia
N2 - Zagreb Children's Hospital is the institution in which most children with burns are treated in Croatia. Analysis over a six-year period revealed that on average one child with a severe burn is treated per month in the intensive care unit (ICU). Here we present the distribution of patients according to age, sex, cause of burn, surface area and regions of the body affected, as well as some indicators of how demanding intensive care and surgical treatment of these patients is. Within the timeframe analysed, over 60% of children were in the age group up to 5 years old and were most frequently scalded by boiling water in their family home in the presence of adults, but lacking their supervision. In the group over 10 years of age, boys were more frequently burned than girls and it would occur while playing outdoors. Burns were equally distributed among all regions of the body in severely burned patients. Over 60% of children had burns covering 10%-30% of their body surface. There were 4 children (5.6%) with burns covering over 70% of their body surface. The average length of stay in
the ICU was 0.61 days per percent of affected body surface, while the overall average length of stay in the hospital was 2.05 days per percent of affected body surface. The purpose of this study is to warn about the relatively high number of children receiving severe burns in the earliest period of life and in the family home, and to discuss the complexities and demands of treating these patients in the ICU and on the ward.

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Relationship between environmental exposures in children and adult lung disease: The case for outdoor exposures

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T1 - Relationship between environmental exposures in children and adult lung disease: The case for outdoor exposures
A1 - Soto-Martinez,M.
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Y1 - 2010///
N1 - 2010457917
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
KW - Air Pollution
KW - allergy
KW - antioxidant responsive element
KW - Asthma
KW - atopy
KW - behavior disorder
KW - bronchiectasis
KW - bronchus hyperreactivity
KW - cardiovascular disease
KW - Child
KW - chronic obstructive lung disease
KW - clinical assessment
KW - cognitive defect
KW - Diabetes Mellitus
KW - dietary intake
KW - disease association
KW - disease predisposition
KW - Educational Status
KW - Employment Status
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - exercise tolerance
KW - fetus lung maturation
KW - Forced Expiratory Volume
KW - Fruit
KW - genetic association
KW - genetic polymorphism
KW - genetic risk
KW - genetic variability
KW - homozygosity
KW - Housing
KW - Human
KW - Hypertension
KW - immune response
KW - Income
KW - Inflammation
KW - Influenza virus
KW - intrauterine growth retardation
KW - Low Birth Weight
KW - lower respiratory tract infection
KW - lung development
KW - lung disease/et [Etiology]
KW - lung function
KW - lung parenchyma
KW - maternal smoking
KW - maximal mid expiratory flow
KW - Mediterranean diet
KW - Metapneumovirus
KW - Nutritional Status
KW - Oxidative Stress
KW - Parainfluenza virus
KW - Particulate Matter
KW - perinatal mortality
KW - placenta previa
KW - premature labor
KW - priority journal
KW - Respiratory syncytial pneumovirus
KW - respiratory tract infection
KW - review
KW - Rhinovirus
KW - risk factor
KW - skin defect
KW - social status
KW - sudden infant death syndrome
KW - teratogenicity
KW - tissue injury
KW - upper respiratory tract infection
KW - vegetable
KW - very low birth weight
KW - virus infection
KW - vitamin supplementation
KW - Water Pollution
KW - wheezing
KW - alpha tocopherol
KW - arsenic/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - carbon monoxide/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - chemokine/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - cytokine/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - fibroblast growth factor/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - glutathione transferase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - glutathione transferase M2/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - glutathione transferase P1/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - house dust allergen
KW - nitric oxide/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - nitrogen dioxide/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - omega 3 fatty acid
KW - ozone/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - reactive oxygen metabolite/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - sulfur dioxide/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - tobacco smoke/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - transforming growth factor alpha/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - transforming growth factor beta/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - tumor necrosis factor alpha/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - vasculotropin/ec [Endogenous Compound]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 173
EP - 186
JF - Chronic Respiratory Disease
VL - 7
IS - 3
CY - United Kingdom
There is a growing understanding that chronic respiratory diseases in adults have their origins in early life. Adverse environmental exposures occurring in vulnerable periods during lung growth and development in the fetal period and in early childhood that alter lung structure and limit the growth in lung function may have lifelong consequences. Evidence is increasing that exposure to the ambient environment, including air pollutants, persistent toxic substances, water pollutants and respiratory viral infections, can inhibit lung function growth and predispose to chronic non-malignant lung diseases. These exposures generally interact with a genetic predisposition, and gene-environment interactions and epigenetic phenomena are attracting considerable study. An understanding of how ambient exposures impact on normal lung growth and development will aid in understanding of how chronic respiratory diseases of adults develop and may lead to new preventative strategies. 2010 The Author(s)

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T1 - Multiple sclerosis and solar exposure before the age of 15 years: Case-control study in Cuba, Martinique and Sicily
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KW - article
KW - autoimmune disease
KW - case control study
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - Cuba
KW - disease course
KW - dose response
KW - ethnic group
KW - eye color
KW - family history
KW - Female
KW - hair color
KW - Human
KW - Italy
KW - leisure
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
Few studies report a protective role of childhood solar exposure to multiple sclerosis. Our objective was to confirm the protective role of childhood solar exposure in multiple sclerosis in Cuba, Martinique and Sicily. This was a matched case-control study, and cases met Poser criteria for clinically, laboratory (definite, probable) multiple sclerosis. Controls were resident population, without neurological disorder, living close to cases (within 100 km), matched for sex, age (+5 years), residence before age 15. We recruited 551 subjects during a 1-year period (193 cases, Cuba n = 95, Sicily n = 50, Martinique n = 48; 358 controls). Some (89%) met definite clinical multiple sclerosis criteria (relapsing remitting form (with and without sequel) (74%), secondary progressive (21%), primary progressive (5%)). Odds ratios in a univariate analysis were: family history of multiple sclerosis (5.1) and autoimmune disorder (4.0); wearing shirt (3.5), hat (2.7), pants (2.4); sun exposure causing sunburn (1.8); sun exposure duration (1 h more/day; weekends 0.91, weekdays 0.86); bare-chested (0.6); water sports (0.2). Independent factors in the multivariate analysis were family history of multiple sclerosis (4.8 (1.50-15.10)), wearing pants under sunlight (1.9 (1.10-3.20)), sun exposure duration (1 h more/day, weekdays 0.93 (0.87-0.99), weekends 0.93 (0.87-0.99)), water sports (0.23 (0.13-0.40)). We conclude that outdoor leisure activities in addition to sun exposure reports are associated with a reduced multiple sclerosis risk, with evidence of dose response. 2010 The Author(s)
This study characterized the time-location pattern of 107 residents living in air pollution hotspots, the Waterfront South and Copewood/Davis Streets communities in Camden, NJ. Most residents in the two communities are minority and impoverished individuals. Results showed that employment status played the fundamental role in determining time-location patterns of this study population, and the variations of time-location pattern by season and by day-type were partially attributed to employment status. Compared to the National Human Activity Pattern Survey, the Camden cohort spent significantly more time outdoors (3.8 hours versus 1.8 hours) and less time indoors (19.4 hours versus 20.9 hours) than the general US population, indicating a higher risk of exposure to ambient air pollution for the Camden cohort. The findings of the study are important for understanding exposure routes and sources for the socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup and ultimately help develop effective strategies to reduce community exposure to ambient air pollution in hotspots. Copyright 2010 Xiangmei (May)Wu et al.

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T1 - Prevalence of overweight and obesity in six to ten year-old students from urban county schools
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Objective: To identify the prevalence of overweight and obesity and associated factors among six to ten-year-old students from public county schools in the urban area of Marialva in Parana, Brazil. Methods: Cross-sectional study that used a stratified random sample of 356 students. The following variables were evaluated: body mass index, gender, age, number of siblings, physical activity and sedentary activities. Descriptive statistics was used to verify the distribution of the sample in the strata. The chi-square test was used in order to verify the differences between the distribution of the sample for each category of variables. The association between variables was tested by univariate analysis. Results: Prevalence of overweight was 20% and obesity, 7%. Most students (72%) did not practice physical activity outside school and about half of them (53%) spent more than four hours a day in sedentary activities. The number of siblings was the only variable associated with excessive weight for those who had only one sibling (PR=1.64; 95%CI=1.10-2.45) and for those who had no siblings (PR=1.70; 95%CI=1.02-2.84), compared to those who had two or more siblings. Conclusions: There was a high prevalence of overweight and obesity in this sample. Further studies are needed in order to investigate the prevalence of this disease in children living in small Brazilian municipalities, as well as for research and actions to prevent and/or treat obesity.
Objective: The aim of the study was to investigate the pedometer-assessed physical activity of Singaporean youths using an objective measurement of physical activity. Methods and results: Pedometer step count was monitored over the entire week in 877 participants aged 9-18 years in three schooling cohorts [primary (age, 9-12 years; n=150 males; 156 females), secondary (age, 13-16 years; n=137 males; 138 females) and junior college (age, 17-18 years; n=140 males; 156 females)] in Singapore during July to September 2009. Analyses identified significant main effects for step count taken outside of school compared to within school (mean (SD): 5568 (4796) vs. 3881 (3149), p<0.05). However, no significant difference was found for steps accumulated within or outside school in boys and girls across the schooling levels (steps x sex x level interaction, p>0.05). Step counts were not significantly different between weekdays or weekends (9719 (6063) vs. 9483 (8056), p>0.05), across schooling levels and between male and female participants (sex x level and steps x level x sex interactions, all p>0.05). Conclusion: Step count decline is drastic for male adolescents after primary school but remains low across the schooling levels for female participants. Aggregated daily step count fell short by up to 35% of the 16,000 and 13,000 steps recommended respectively for male and female youths.

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T1 - Infectious morbidity in 18-month-old children with and without older siblings
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Background: Infections are the most commonly reported health problems in children. Younger age and day care outside the home are two factors of importance for infectious morbidity. The influence of siblings on infectious symptoms is not clear. Objectives: To compare families with one child and families with more than one child in terms of reported infectious symptoms, physician consultations and antibiotic prescriptions.

Methods: A prospective population-based survey was performed. During 1 month, all infectious symptoms, physician consultations and antibiotic prescriptions for 18-month-old children were noted by the parents. The 789 families also answered questions about socio-economic factors, numbers of siblings in the family and type of day care.

Results: No difference in number of symptom days was found between children with and without older siblings. Neither could we find any significance in terms of having older siblings in relation to physician consultations and antibiotic prescriptions.

Conclusions: The results of our study indicate that having older siblings not was important in relation to number of symptoms days, physician consultations or antibiotic prescriptions for 18-month-old children in Sweden today. Changes in social activities and attitudes towards antibiotic prescription may explain our different findings as compared with previous Swedish studies and studies from other countries. The Author 2010. Published by Oxford University Press. All rights reserved
Translation projects (implementation of evidence-based strategies) are desperately needed to get schools up to speed on what we already know about bullying. * School personnel can take numerous simple steps to make schools safer, such as increasing supervision in restrooms and on playgrounds. * Both students and teachers need to be taught the difference between tattling (telling an adult about bad behavior to get someone in trouble) and reporting (telling an adult about bad behavior to get help and stay safe). * Social-emotional education should be incorporated into the daily routine of all children both at home and at school. * Schools must be careful not to reward bad behavior by giving time off or special time with an adult to the bully, which inadvertently can reinforce bullying. * Some emotionally disturbed children are served best in special classrooms designed to meet their specific needs. * Adult indifference to bullying must end because it may be teaching young people to tolerate coercive and abusive behavior. * Parents, school personnel, and pediatricians can educate themselves by reading evidence-based literature on bullying. * Openness to feedback and discarding stereotypes about bullying may enable parents to respond constructively when their child has a behavior problem. * Parents can use community resources (eg, social skills and etiquette classes for children) to improve their children's social skills. * Pediatricians should advocate for parents with school personnel to make changes to stop bullying and should be open to supporting legal action if no change occurs.
T1 - Prenatal exposure to traffic-related air pollution and ultrasound measures of fetal growth in the INMA Sabadell cohort
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A1 - Garcia-Esteban,R.
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KW - air pollutant
KW - anthropometric parameters
KW - article
KW - bone growth
KW - Child
KW - Cohort Analysis
KW - exhaust gas
KW - Female
KW - femur
KW - fetus
KW - fetus echography
KW - fetus growth
KW - fetus weight
KW - Gestational Age
KW - growth curve
KW - head circumference
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - prenatal exposure
KW - priority journal
KW - aromatic hydrocarbon
KW - benzene
KW - ethylbenzene
KW - meta xylene
KW - nitrogen dioxide
KW - ortho xylene
KW - para xylene
KW - toluene
RP - NOT IN FILE
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EP - 711
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JA - Environ Health Perspect
Background: Few studies have used longitudinal ultrasound measurements to assess the effect of traffic-related air pollution on fetal growth. Objective: We examined the relationship between exposure to nitrogen dioxide (NO$_2$) and aromatic hydrocarbons [benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, m/p-xylene, and o-xylene (BTEX)] on fetal growth assessed by 1,692 ultrasound measurements among 562 pregnant women from the Sabadell cohort of the Spanish INMA (Environment and Childhood) study. Methods: We used temporally adjusted land-use regression models to estimate exposures to NO$_2$ and BTEX. We fitted mixed-effects models to estimate longitudinal growth curves for femur length (FL), head circumference (HC), abdominal circumference (AC), biparietal diameter (BPD), and estimated fetal weight (EFW). Unconditional and conditional SD scores were calculated at 12, 20, and 32 weeks of gestation. Sensitivity analyses were performed considering time-activity patterns during pregnancy. Results: Exposure to BTEX from early pregnancy was negatively associated with growth in BPD during weeks 20-32. None of the other fetal growth parameters were associated with exposure to air pollution during pregnancy. When considering only women who spent < 2 hr/day in nonresidential outdoor locations, effect estimates were stronger and statistically significant for the association between NO$_2$ and growth in HC during weeks 12-20 and growth in AC, BPD, and EFW during weeks 20-32. Conclusions: Our results lend some support to an effect of exposure to traffic-related air pollutants from early pregnancy on fetal growth during mid-pregnancy.

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T1 - A Generalizability Study of the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living Profile
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A1 - Rainville,C.
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KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - community care
KW - daily life activity
KW - disease duration
KW - disease severity
KW - environmental factor
KW - Human
KW - human relation
KW - Observer Variation
KW - reliability
Bottari C, Dassa C, Rainville C, Dutil E. A generalizability study of the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living Profile. Objective: To establish generalizability estimates of the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) Profile when administered to persons with a moderate or severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) within their home and community environment. Design: Generalizability theory was used to estimate generalizability and dependability coefficients as well as the relative contribution of identified sources of measurement error to total measurement error. Decision studies were used to enable the investigators to determine the optimal measurement design. Setting: The IADL Profile was administered in subjects' homes and community environments. Participants: Convenience sample of adults with a moderate or severe TBI (N=30, aged 16-65y). Interventions: Not applicable. Main Outcome Measures: IADL Profile scores include 6 factor scores (going to the grocery store/shopping for groceries, having a meal with guests/cleaning up, putting on outdoor clothing, obtaining information, making a budget, and preparing a hot meal) and 1 total score. Results: The greatest sources of measurement error were the subject-item interactions (3-random-facet design) and the subject-rater interactions (2-random-facet design). One hundred percent of generalizability coefficients of factor scores indicated acceptable to excellent reliability. Indices of dependability confirmed that 1 evaluator could reliably score the tool on a single occasion after having received a 3-day training workshop. Conclusions: The IADL Profile administered to persons with a moderate or severe TBI provides occupational therapists with a reliable set of measures of IADL independence capable of both capturing and analyzing the complex interactions between personal and environmental factors. 2010 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
In several campaigns we investigated the respiratory health of schoolchildren using questionnaires, clinical examinations and spirometry. The latter proved especially sensitive. The influence both of the outdoor air pollution and its improvement over time could be demonstrated. Among the indoor factors living in a smokers household as well as damp and mouldy homes were important as was the location of the home near a busy street. As protective factors we found breast feeding and sports activities of the children. 2010 Dustri-Verlag Dr. Karl Feistle

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T1 - Genome-Wide Association Analysis in Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis
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A1 - Rust,C.
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A1 - Henckaerts,L.
A1 - Weersma,R.K.
A1 - Stokkers,P.
A1 - Ponsioen,C.Y.
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A1 - Nothnagel,M.
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Background & Aims: We aimed to characterize the genetic susceptibility to primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) by means of a genome-wide association analysis of single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers.

Methods: A total of 443,816 SNPs on the Affymetrix SNP Array 5.0 (Affymetrix, Santa Clara, CA) were genotyped in 285 Norwegian PSC patients and 298 healthy controls. Associations detected in this discovery...
panel were re-examined in independent case-control panels from Scandinavia (137 PSC cases and 368 controls), Belgium/The Netherlands (229 PSC cases and 735 controls), and Germany (400 cases and 1832 controls).

Results: The strongest associations were detected near HLA-B at chromosome 6p21 (rs3099844: odds ratio [OR], 4.8; 95% confidence interval [CI], 3.6-6.5; P = 2.6 x 10^-26; and rs2844559: OR, 4.7; 95% CI, 3.5-6.4; P = 4.2 x 10^-26 in the discovery panel). Outside the HLA complex, rs9524260 at chromosome 13q31 showed significant associations in 3 of 4 study panels. Lentiviral silencing of glypican 6, encoded at this locus, led to the up-regulation of proinflammatory markers in a cholangiocyte cell line. Of 15 established ulcerative colitis susceptibility loci, significant replication was obtained at chromosomes 2q35 and 3p21 (rs12612347: OR, 1.26; 95% CI, 1.06-1.50; and rs3197999: OR, 1.22; 95% CI, 1.02-1.47, respectively), with circumstantial evidence supporting the G-protein-coupled bile acid receptor 1 and macrophage-stimulating 1, respectively, as the likely disease genes. Conclusions: Strong HLA associations and a subset of genes involved in bile homeostasis and other inflammatory conditions constitute key components of the genetic architecture of PSC.

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T1 - Clinical report - Injuries in youth soccer
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Injury rates in youth soccer, known as football outside the United States, are higher than in many other contact/collision sports and have greater relative numbers in younger, preadolescent players. With regard to musculoskeletal injuries, young females tend to suffer more knee injuries, and young males suffer more ankle injuries. Concussions are fairly prevalent in soccer as a result of contact/collision rather than purposeful attempts at heading the ball. Appropriate rule enforcement and emphasis on safe play can reduce the risk of soccer-related injuries. This report serves as a basis for encouraging safe participation in soccer for children and adolescents. Copyright 2010 by the American Academy of Pediatrics
Objective: To study the effectiveness of planning and management interventions for ensuring children in India are immunized at the appropriate age. Methods: The study involved children aged less than 18 months recruited from Haryana, India, in 2005-2006: 4336 in a pre-intervention cohort and 5213 in a post-intervention cohort. In addition, immunization of 814 hospitalized children from outside the study area was also assessed. Operational barriers to age-appropriate immunization with diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DPT) vaccine were investigated by monitoring vaccination coverage, observing immunization sessions and interviewing parents and health-care providers. An intervention package was developed, with community volunteers playing a pivotal role. Its effectiveness was assessed by monitoring the ages at which the three DPT doses were administered. Findings: The main reasons for delayed immunization were staff shortages, non-adherence to plans and vaccine being out of stock. In the post-intervention cohort, 70% received a third DPT dose before the age of 6 months, significantly more than in the pre-intervention cohort (62%; P = 0.002). In addition, the mean age at which the first, second and third DPT doses were administered decreased by 17, 21 and 34 days, respectively, in the study area over a period of 18 months (P for trend < 0.0001). No change was observed in hospitalized children from outside the study area. Conclusion: An intervention package involving community volunteers significantly improved age-appropriate DPT immunization in India. The Indian Government's intention to recruit village-based volunteers as part of a health sector reform aimed at decentralizing administration could help increase timely immunization.
Objective: Research has shown an association between depression and functional limitations in older adults. Our aim was to explore the latent traits of trajectories of limitations in mobility and instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) tasks in a sample of older adults diagnosed with major depression. Methods: Participants were 248 patients enrolled in a naturalistic depression treatment study. Mobility/IADL tasks included walking one-fourth mile, going up/down stairs, getting around the neighborhood, shopping, handling money, taking care of children, cleaning house, preparing meals and doing yardwork/gardening. Latent class trajectory analysis was used to identify classes of mobility/IADL function over a 4-year period. Class membership was then used to predict functional status over time. Results: Using time as the only predictor, three latent class trajectories were identified: (1) Patients with few mobility/IADL limitations (42%), (2) Patients with considerable mobility/IADL limitations (37%) and (3) Patients with basically no limitations (21%). The classes differed primarily in their initial functional status, with some immediate improvement followed by no further change for patients in Classes 1 and 2 and a stable course for patients in Class 3. In a repeated measures mixed model controlling for potential confounders, class was a significant predictor of functional status. The effect of baseline depression score, cognitive status, self-perceived health and sex on mobility/IADL score differed by class. Conclusions: These findings show systematic variability in functional status over time among older patients with major depression, indicating that a single trajectory may not reflect the pattern for all patients.
Equine-assisted therapy and autism

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KW - Behavior Change
KW - Behavior Control
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior
KW - Child Development
KW - clinical article
KW - communication skill
KW - Day Care
KW - emotionality
KW - hippotherapy
KW - horse
KW - Human
KW - imitation
KW - motor control
KW - outcome assessment
KW - Perception
KW - pet therapy
KW - social adaptation
KW - Social Interaction
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Equine-assisted therapy is used beside therapies realised at the Child Psychiatry Center and included into individualised therapeutic program. The goals are to adapt therapeutic principles outside hospital and with pony as mediator in order to exercise adjustment and control systems: Communication and relationships with others, cognitive regulation (attention, mental representation, understanding causality, anticipation), motor regulation (tonus, body consciousness, postural adjustment, balance, coordination), emotional regulation (self-esteem, relaxation, pleasure, coping emotionally with problems, expressing and sharing emotions), adjusting to change. Varied activities with tranquil and easy-going ponies were realised in a calm secure environment by three therapists with experience in horseback riding for a group of four children. An individual plan targeting specific goals was worked out for each child. Results were evaluated with standardized tools (Behavior Function Inventory and Behavior Summarized Evaluation Scale) for six children with autistic spectrum treated at the day-care hospital, which participated to equine-assisted therapy. Improvements are obtained since the first session and concerns all developmental functions, especially communication, imitation, perceptual, emotional and motor adjustment. With his/her pony the child is stable, calms down, adjusts his/her interactions, is more aware of the effects of his/her actions, and optimal sensory integration can take place. So, equine-assisted therapy is an
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T1 - PM2.5, soot and NO2 indoor-outdoor relationships at homes, pre-schools and schools in Stockholm, Sweden
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KW - clinical article
KW - combustion
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - Measurement
KW - microenvironment
KW - Particulate Matter
KW - preschool child
KW - priority journal
KW - school child
KW - soot
KW - summer
KW - Sweden
KW - winter
KW - nitrogen dioxide
KW - tobacco smoke
RP - NOT IN FILE
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N2 - In developed nations people spend about 90% of their time indoors. The relationship between indoor and outdoor air pollution levels is important for the understanding of the health effects of outdoor air pollution. Although other studies describe both the outdoor and indoor atmospheric environment, few excluded a priori major indoor sources, measured the air exchange rate, included more than one micro-environment and included the presence of human activity. PM<sub>2.5</sub>, soot, NO<sub>2</sub> and the air exchange rate were measured during winter and summer indoors and outdoors at 18 homes (mostly apartments) of 18 children (6-11-years-old) and also at the six schools and 10 pre-schools that the children attended. The three types of indoor
environments were free of environmental tobacco smoke and gas appliances, as the aim was to assess to what extent PM$_{2.5}$, soot and NO$_2$ infiltrate from outdoors to indoors. The median indoor and outdoor PM$_{2.5}$ levels were 8.4 mug m$^{-3}$ and 9.3 mug m$^{-3}$, respectively. The median indoor levels for soot and NO$_2$ were 0.66 m$^{-1} x 10^{-5}$ and 10.0 mug m$^{-3}$, respectively. The respective outdoor levels were 0.96 m$^{-1} x 10^{-5}$ and 12.4 mug m$^{-3}$. The median indoor/outdoor (I/O) ratios were 0.93, 0.76 and 0.92 for PM$_{2.5}$, soot and NO$_2$, respectively. Their infiltration factors were influenced by the micro-environment, ventilation type and air exchange rate, with aggregated values of 0.25, 0.55 and 0.64, respectively. Indoor and outdoor NO$_2$ levels were strongly associated ($R^2 = 0.71$), followed by soot ($R^2 = 0.50$) and PM$_{2.5}$ ($R^2 = 0.16$). In Stockholm, the three major indoor environments occupied by children offer little protection against combustion-related particles and gases in the outdoor air. Outdoor PM$_{2.5}$ seems to infiltrate less, but indoor sources compensate. 2010 Elsevier Ltd

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T1 - Examination of perceived neighborhood characteristics and transportation on changes in physical activity and sedentary behavior: The Trial of Activity in Adolescent Girls
A1 - Evenson,K.R.
A1 - Murray,D.M.
A1 - Birnbaum,A.S.
A1 - Cohen,D.A.
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - 2010424981
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior
KW - environmental factor
KW - Female
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Human
KW - human relation
KW - Physical Activity
KW - play
KW - priority journal
KW - school child
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Social Environment
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Walking
RP - NOT IN FILE
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N2 - We examined the association between perceived neighborhood characteristics and transport and 2-year changes in accelerometer-determined nonschool MET-weighted moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MW-
MVPA) and sedentary behavior of adolescent girls. Reporting that children do not play outdoors in their neighborhood, that their neighborhood was well lit, and that there were trails in their neighborhood were each associated with significant decreases in nonschool MW-MVPA. None of the neighborhood or transportation measures was associated with changes in nonschool sedentary behavior. Further work is needed to understand the determinants of the decline in physical activity and the increase in sedentary behavior among adolescent girls.

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T1 - Gender differences in personal, social and environmental influences on active travel to and from school for Australian adolescents
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A1 - Kremer,P.
A1 - Toumbourou,J.W.
A1 - Williams,J.W.
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English

Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - adolescence
KW - Adolescent
KW - article
KW - Australia
KW - bicycle
KW - Child
KW - community
KW - cycling
KW - environmental factor
KW - Family
KW - Female
KW - friend
KW - gender
KW - Home
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - medical research
KW - normal human
KW - peer counseling
KW - Perception
KW - Physical Activity
KW - play
KW - Recreation
KW - school
KW - school child
KW - sex difference
KW - social aspect
KW - sport
KW - Traffic
KW - Travel
Active travel (walking or cycling for transport) is an important contributor to adolescents overall physical activity (PA). This study examines associations between personal, social and environmental variables and active travel to and from school using data from a large observational study to examine active travel in 2961 year 6 and 8 students (48.7% male), aged 10-14 years (M = 11.4, SD = 0.8 yrs) from 231 schools. Participants completed an on-line survey and all reported living within 2 km of school. Data collected included mode of travel to and from school, self-reported health, and PA variables. Social environmental variables included having playgrounds, parks or gyms close by, feeling safe to walk alone, barriers to walking in the neighbourhood (e.g. traffic, no footpaths), peer and family support for PA, existence of sports teams/scout groups, community disorder and perceived neighbourhood safety. Results showed that while more girls (44.3%) than boys (37.4%) walked to school, lower proportions rode bikes (8.3% vs 22.4%) and hence fewer were active travellers overall. Logistic regression models, adjusted for age, location and socio-economic status were conducted for active travel to/from school, separately for boys and girls. Predictors for boys and girls being 'active travellers' to/from school included recreational facilities close to home, higher perceived safety of the neighbourhood and higher community disorder. For boys, social support from friends, scout groups available and higher enjoyment of physical activity was also important. These findings suggest areas for future research and may be used to guide strategies to increase active travel to and from school. 2010 Sports Medicine Australia

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T1 - Playing with fire and getting burnt-A retrospective analysis of injuries presenting to the emergency department during 'firework season'
A1 - Ahmad,Z.
Y1 - 2010
N1 - 2010431798
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - abdominal injury
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Age Distribution
KW - Aged
KW - arm injury
KW - article
KW - burn
KW - burn unit
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - conservative treatment
KW - emergency ward
KW - face injury
KW - Female
KW - foot injury
KW - hand burn
KW - Health Education
During firework season in the UK (October-January), many patients present to emergency departments across the country with firework-related injuries. These seasonal injuries can vary from minor skin trauma to major burns, inhalation injuries and even death in some cases. Governments have tried to improve public awareness and safety with education using multi-million pound national safety campaigns as well as clamping down on fireworks both from within and outside of the EU which fail to meet safety standards. Despite these measures, firework-related injuries are increasing (2005 census Royal Society of Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)). Reasons for this have been cited as new variations in firework design, antisocial behaviour and readily available cheap fireworks. The author conducted a retrospective study in the emergency department in Exeter from October 2006 to January 2007 highlighting 18 firework-related injuries. Of those, four patients needed referral to local burns centres and five needed admission for supportive treatment and specialty management. Prevention of firework injuries to the hand is of the utmost importance. It is hoped that an increase in public awareness will concentrate attention on precautionary measures to prevent these avoidable 'recreational' accidents. If and when accidents do occur, hand surgeons and therapists attempt to provide patients with the best possible return of hand function with a minimum disability and disfigurement. Further research together with national awareness is suggested to reduce these injuries, all for a tradition which can cost millions in healthcare and loss of earnings, but ultimately, it can cost peoples' lives. 2010 Springer-Verlag

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T1 - Association entre pollution particulaire et inflammation des bronches effet modulateur de l'asthme et de l'atopie
A1 - Hulin,M.
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A1 - Moreau,D.
A1 - Caillaud,D.
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N1 - 2010677902
French

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KW - EMBASE
KW - Air Pollution
KW - airborne particle
KW - article
KW - Asthma/et [Etiology]
KW - atopy/et [Etiology]
KW - bronchus hyperreactivity/et [Etiology]
KW - Child
The aim of the present study was to investigate, using exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO) as a marker of bronchial inflammation, the inflammatory effects of air-borne particles in children in the general population and to examine the role of asthma and atopy on any observed associations. FeNO was measured in 149 children at school in central Clermont-Ferrand participating in the Six Cities Study. Exposure to particles with a dimension of less than 2.5 micrometres (PM$_{2.5}$) was evaluated with a pump placed for one week in the classes and in the playground used by the children. Heavy exposure to PM$_{2.5}$ was associated with a greater amount of exhaled FeNO in both asthmatic and non-asthmatic children. The non-asthmatic children who were heavily exposed in class exhaled 18.3ppb (95 % CI 14.5-23.2), against 11.3ppb (95 % CI 10.0-12.2) for those weakly exposed. In this same population, the difference in the FeNO between the non-atopic children weakly exposed and those heavily exposed (8.9ppb vs. 12.9ppb) was significantly less than it was between the weakly and the heavily exposed atopic children (11.1ppb vs. 27.4ppb). Our study confirms the inflammatory effect of air-borne particles on children with respiratory allergies, not only in asthmatic children but equally in those without pre-existing bronchial inflammation. The results obtained in non-asthmatic atopics confirm the existence of the known adjuvant effect of certain PM$_{2.5}$ components on the intensity of the allergic inflammatory response. 2010 Elsevier Masson SAS

TY - JOUR
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T1 - Risk factors for Japanese encephalitis: A case-control study
A1 - Liu, W.
A1 - Gibbons, R.V.
A1 - Kari, K.
A1 - Clemens, J.D.
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English
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KW - article
Japanese encephalitis (JE) has been found to be endemic in Bali, Indonesia. A case-control study was conducted to identify factors associated with JE infection. All 94 serologically confirmed JE cases (cases) and 163 cases of encephalitis or aseptic meningitis without JE (controls) identified in Bali during 2001-2004 were included in the study. Potential risk factors were surveyed at hospital admission. Univariate analyses revealed the following factors to be associated with JE: older age, referral from sub-district health centre or private hospital, playing outdoors after dinner, use of mosquito repellent or spraying, proximity of the residence to rice fields, and pig ownership by the family or next-door neighbours. Multivariate analysis identified proximity to rice fields (OR 2.93, 95% CI 1.57-5.45), pig ownership (OR 2.24, 95% CI 1.17-4.26), and older age (OR 1.21, 95% CI 1.09-1.33) as being independently associated with the risk of JE. Because rice cultivation and pig rearing are essential to the economy of Bali, JE immunization is the best intervention for prevention of JE in Bali.
Little is known about the prevalence of Balamuthia mandrillaris amoebae and Balamuthia amoebic encephalitis in Africa. As an approach, relative concentrations of amoebae-binding serum antibodies (Ab) were assessed by flow cytometry using formaldehyde-fixed B. mandrillaris, Acanthamoeba lenticulata 72-2 and Acanthamoeba castellanii 1BU amoebae for specific Ab capture (B.m.-Ab, A.l.-Ab, A.c.-Ab). One hundred and ninety-two sera from West African (Cote d'Ivoire) donors aged 11-95 years (mean 38 a; 51% males), and living in villages surrounded by rainforest near the Liberian border, were tested and related to reference sera from Berlin. While B.m.-Ab tended to increase with donor age, A.l.-Ab and A.c.-Ab did not. Accordingly, B.m.-Ab correlated only weakly with A.l.-Ab or A.c.-Ab. Of the nine individuals with the highest B.m.-Ab
concentrations, most were elderly (mean 58 a), male (78%), and professed intensive outdoor activity (hunting, farming). Only three of these sera also showed elevated A.l-Ab, and none elevated A.c.-Ab. 2009

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Intervention to improve child care nutrition and activity environments
A1 - Wosje,K.S.
A1 - Sauers,H.
A1 - Norton,A.
A1 - Copeland,K.
Y1 - 2010///
N1 - 70546872
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Environment
KW - Child Care
KW - Nutrition
KW - Human
KW - Child
KW - Muscle
KW - Physical Activity
KW - follow up
KW - preschool child
KW - United States
KW - Interview
KW - Self Evaluation
KW - milk
KW - Public Health
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - FASEB Journal
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N2 - We determined the efficacy of a Southwest Ohio state-sponsored intervention to promote nutrition (Nu) and physical activity (PA) in preschool child care. We conducted baseline (7/08-4/09) and follow-up (9/09-12/09) phone interviews with child care center directors on Nu and PA environments of centers in an intervention (I, N=108 centers, Dayton area) and a demographically similar control (C, N=162 centers, Cincinnati area) county. A self-assessment was sent to the 108 I centers; 28 [active intervention (AI)] returned the application and received a Targeted Action Plan to address self identified deficiencies in Nu and PA environments. The 6mo (mean+SD) in global Nu (eg, meal environment, milk, juice, snacks, etc) and PA (eg, TV, outdoor play & muscle room features, etc) scores trended higher in AI than inactive intervention (II, N=80 centers) for Nu (0.86+1.71 v 0.10+2.74 p=0.21) and PA (0.96+3.74 v 0.00+3.35 p=0.18), but not C (Nu: 0.45+2.60, p=0.4; PA: 0.80+3.78, p=0.8). The trend in differences between AI and II remained after adjustment for race (25% and 27% primarily black in AI and II respectively) or % of children receiving meal subsidy (>75% of children for 39% of AI and 32% of II). These pilot data suggest the intervention could be effective as an annual state-wide public health initiative, but a larger study is needed
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Inhalation of DPM has been reported to shorten the life of 70,000 Americans each year and to increase the risk of developing brain tumors in children. Environmental radon progeny (ERnP) have been measured in human brain tissues, but how they entered the brain remains uncertain. We hypothesize ERnP may be incorporated in DPM during combustion and enter the body through inhalation. Therefore, we captured DPM on 30 nm filters. The DPM, containing polonium-210 (Po-210) came from a variety of diesel engines operating in normal outdoor atmospheres with radon concentrations from 7 to 33 Bq/m3. Initially, the Po-210 alpha emissions were measured directly from the nanofilters. However, the activity dropped dramatically, presumably due to the volatility of the DPM particles. Therefore, immediately after loading the nanofilters were soaked for approximately 12 hours in nitric acid. Po-210 from this solution was deposited onto silver disks and counted. The observed Po-210 activities were dependent upon the type of diesel engine and the atmospheric ERn concentration.
Background: A positive association between acetaminophen use and allergic diseases is suggested with impaired respiratory oxidant/antioxidant balance and promotion of atopy as proposed underlying mechanisms. The aim of the study was to explore the impact of frequent acetaminophen use on asthma and hay fever. Methods: Self-reported data obtained through the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood (ISAAC) Phase Three written questionnaires of 5507 children aged 12/16 years from eight cities in The Republic of Macedonia were used for the analysis. The frequency of current acetaminophen use was correlated to current and ever-diagnosed asthma and hay fever. Current intake of fruit, vegetables, cereals and fish as dietary antioxidants and truck passage through the residential street, second-hand tobacco smoke, gas/wood cooking and wood/coal/oil heating at home as parameters of outdoor oxidant exposure were all employed as confounders for acetaminophen use adjustment. The data were statistically analyzed by odds ratios (OR, 95%
CI) in binary logistic regression. Results: Current acetaminophen use at least once monthly, compared to its use at least once yearly/never, was associated with an increased risk of current wheeze (OR: 1.53; 95% CI: 1.21-1.94; P = 0.000), current speech-limiting wheeze (OR: 2.06; 1.36-3.12; P = 0.001), current sleep-disturbing wheeze (OR: 1.69; 1.26-2.28; P = 0.001), current night dry cough apart from chest infection (OR: 1.82; 1.55-2.15; P = 0.000), current rhinoconjunctivitis symptoms (OR: 1.80; 1.46-2.23; P = 0.000), interference of current rhinitis symptoms with daily activities (OR: 1.66; 1.41-1.96; P = 0.000) and ever-diagnosed hay fever (OR: 1.55; 1.21-1.98; P = 0.000). Conclusion: The findings suggest an increased risk of asthma and hay fever associated with frequent acetaminophen use in early adolescence. Until further epi-demiological and biological research results come, acetaminophen should be used only if it is physician-recommended, within therapeutic doses and not frequently.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3660
T1 - The clinical development of specific immunotherapies: Specific methodological issues and clinical interpretation of results
A1 - Devillier,P.
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A1 - Sastre,J.
A1 - Passalacqua,G.
A1 - Vervloet,D.
Y1 - 2010
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Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - Immunotherapy
KW - clinical immunology
KW - allergy
KW - Pollen
KW - season
KW - tablet
KW - disease severity
KW - Adult
KW - grass pollen
KW - patient
KW - Child
KW - allergic rhinitis
KW - rhinoconjunctivitis
KW - Population
KW - linear regression analysis
KW - exposure
KW - Safety
KW - meta analysis
KW - Patient Selection
KW - clinical trial
KW - placebo
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SP - 567

JF - Allergy: European Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Background: Historically, the safety and efficacy of specific immunotherapy (SIT) has been demonstrated in (mainly small-scale) studies and confirmed in meta-analyses. However, the inherent sources of heterogeneity (patient selection outside the pollen season, pollen count variations, long evaluation periods) observed in recent, large-scale studies of sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT) tablets mean that highly susceptible patients may not exhibit uniformly a sufficient level of symptoms during the study period to assess the efficacy of SIT. Methods: We performed randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multinational clinical trials of a 300IR pre- and co-seasonally administered 5-grass pollen SLIT tablet in adults and children with allergic rhinitis. The primary efficacy criterion was the mean average rhinoconjunctivitis total symptom score (ARTSS) over the pollen season, during which daily grass pollen counts were measured locally. To evaluate the potential relationship between disease severity and the treatment effect, investigating centres were divided in tertiles according to their mean placebo group ARTSS. Results: Pre-seasonal inclusion of patients on the basis of retrospectively severe symptoms in the previous pollen season did not produce such a severely affected population in the study season. The apparent treatment effect of SLIT tablet was partially masked by the highly variable severity of symptoms during the whole pollen season (mean ARTSS in the adult placebo group: 4.93 ± 3.229). For the adult trial, the mean active versus placebo ARTSSs and the relative difference versus placebo (%) were 15%, 26% and 37% for the low, moderate- and high-disease severity tertiles, respectively. In the paediatric trial, these values were 10%, 33% and 34%, respectively. Linear regression of individual daily RTSS scores and pollen counts in active and placebo groups also showed that the more severe the disease, the greater the treatment effect of SLIT tablet. Conclusion: Inherent sources of heterogeneity must be taken into account when interpreting the results of natural-exposure immunotherapy trials but none obscured the statistically significant treatment effect of SLIT. In a subgroup analysis, SLIT tablets' beneficial effect increased with disease severity SN - 0105-4538

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T1 - Importance of the IL-5 and eotaxin studies in children with the allergic diseases and eosinophilia
A1 - Vinogradova,T.
A1 - Potapova,O.
A1 - Smirnova,M.
A1 - Pampura,A.
A1 - Munblit,D.
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English
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KW - EMBASE
KW - eosinophilia
KW - allergic disease
KW - Child
KW - clinical immunology
KW - allergy
KW - patient
KW - Pollen
KW - eosinophil
KW - season
KW - serum
KW - sensitization
KW - exposure
KW - atopic dermatitis
KW - allergic rhinitis
KW - Asthma
KW - immunoassay
KW - hay fever
Background and research objective: In the recent years the essential role of IL-5 and eotaxin in eosinophilia occurrence in patients with allergic diseases has been raised. The goal of this study was to evaluate the importance of IL-5 and eotaxin in blood serum in children with allergic diseases and coexisting eosinophilia.

Materials and methods: We have studied a cohort of 27 patients from 3 to 17 years of age with allergic diseases (atopic dermatitis, allergic rhinitis and asthma) with a relative and absolute eosinophilia. IL-5 and eotaxin in blood serum has been detected using IFA method: Bender Med慷stem (Austria) and Biosource immunoassay kit (USA) (sensitivity 0-1000 and 0-500 pg/ml accordingly).

Results: Average value of relative quantity of eosinocytes was 7.65 ± 0.1%, absolute -0.65 ± 0.08 *10^9 In all patients we have detected eotaxin, and IL-5 in 11 children. Average level of IL-5 was 5.9 + 3.1 pg/ml, eotaxin - 84.1 + 7.8 pg/ml. Cytokines level depended on eosinophilia degree, in patients with the absolute eosinophils level <0.4, IL-5 level was 1.3 + 1.06, and eotaxin level was 77.7 + 19.76, in those patients with absolute eosinophilia >0.4 (n = 17) it was detected as 8.9 + 4.96 and 84.7 + 6.6 accordingly. We have found a positive correlation between eotaxin level and absolute quantity of eosinophils (r = 0.47, P > 0.05). In patients diagnosed with hay fever and coexisting eosinophilia IL-5 level was 2.07 + 1.05, and eotaxin - 82.1 + 8.6. Outside the pollen season (n = 8) IL-5 level was 1.92 + 1.06, and eotaxin - 67.6 + 8.8 while during the pollen season (n = 10) IL-5 level was 2.1 + 1.05, eotaxin - 88.9 + 13.8. Eotaxin level depended on a particular month: in February average eotaxin level was 82.9, while in May - 107.1. In patients sensitized to house dust mite and coexisting eosinophilia has been detected a higher level of IL-5 (10.8 + 7.02) compared to those patients who had a pollen sensitization, eotaxin level was 77.3 + 6.7. We haven't found any difference depending on the allergic disease. Conclusion: To summarise, IL-5 and eotaxin definitely play an important role in eosinophilia development in children with allergic diseases. Level of these cytokines depends on the type of sensitization and allergen exposure but it's requires further research.
Background: Related to the suggested different prevalence rates of allergic diseases in different nationalities living in the same country, the study was aimed to explore the impact of the nationality on asthma in R. Macedonia. Methods: The self-reported data obtained through the ISAAC phase three questionnaire from 5507 adolescents aged 12/16 years from eight cities in R. Macedonia in 2006 were analysed. Chi-square test and odds ratios (OR, 95%CI) in logistic regression were performed for statistic analysis of the data. Results: In Macedonian in contrast to Albanian respondents significantly higher prevalence rates of current wheeze (W) and current sleep-disturbing W (P = 0.000 for both of them), nonsignificantly higher prevalence rates of current exercise-induced W and inhalant corticosteroids use (P > 0.05) and nonsignificantly lower prevalence of ever-diagnosed asthma (P > 0.05) were established. In Macedonian nationality a positive association of frequent fast food intake, paracetamol, dog at home, >3 hrs daily TV watching with current W (OR 1.49, 1.11-2.00 P = 0.009, OR 1.39, 1.03-1.87 P = 0.033, OR 1.38, 1.03-1.86 P = 0.031 and OR 1.56, 1.17-2.08 P = 0.002, respectively) and of frequent paracetamol intake, trucks passage through the residential street with current sleep-disturbing W (OR 1.72, 1.17-2.52 P = 0.005 and OR 1.52, 1.05-2.20 P = 0.025, respectively) were determined. In Albanian nationality a positive association of fruit intake with current W (OR 0.26, 0.09-0.69 P = 0.007 and OR 0.16, 0.05-0.57 P = 0.004, respectively) and of cereal intake with current W (OR 0.37, 0.14-0.97 P = 0.043) were documented. Conclusion: It seems that the different lifestyle i.e. sedentary regimen, pets at home, frequent paracetamol and fast food intake and outdoor air pollution in Macedonian contrary to Albanian nationality may be responsible for frequent and more severe wheeze attacks.
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T1 - Particulate matter, allergic sensitisation and ISAAC questionnaire in schoolchildren of Milan, Italy
A1 - Sala, M.
A1 - Mandelli, M.
A1 - Rettani, G.
A1 - Palazzo, S.
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KW - EMBASE
KW - allergy
KW - Italy
KW - school child
KW - Particulate Matter
KW - questionnaire
KW - clinical immunology
KW - school
KW - Child
KW - Prevalence
KW - exposure
KW - girl
KW - boy
KW - sensitization
KW - skin
KW - prick test
KW - allergic rhinitis
KW - Asthma
KW - grass pollen
KW - Conjunctivitis
KW - respiratory function
KW - Rhinitis
KW - Pollution
KW - primary school
KW - respiratory system
KW - Air Pollution
KW - grass
KW - ragweed
KW - birch
KW - olive tree
KW - Pollen
KW - Dust
KW - mite
KW - dog
KW - cat
KW - dander
KW - Alternaria
KW - informed consent
KW - parent
KW - Spirometry
KW - Student t test
KW - Exercise
KW - allergen
KW - Nitric Oxide
Background: Air pollution may exercise a detrimental effect on respiratory system, also influencing the allergic sensitization. Methods: We enrolled 228 children (127 boys, 101 girls; mean age 8, range 7-10 years) from two primary schools in different sites for pollution exposure in Milan: the first located downtown (74 children; 47 boys, 27 girls), the second in a large park (154 children; 80 boys, 74 girls). One hundred ninety three children (73 in downtown school and 120 in park school) agreed to undergo skin prick tests to common inhalant allergens: grass, ragweed, birch, olive tree pollens, dust mites, dog and cat dander and alternaria. Written informed consent was obtained from parents. Daily in- and outdoor levels of PM2.5 and PM1 (diameter <2.5 mum and 1 mum respectively) were measured by two detection units for a week during the study (October 2008). Children underwent spirometry, dosage of exhaled nitric oxide fraction (FeNO), skin prick tests and were administered the ISAAC questionnaire. Results: Mean (SD) values of indoor particulates (mug/m$^3$) were significantly (P < 0.01) higher in the downtown than park school: PM1 48 (17.3) versus 21 (5.29), PM2.5 62.7 (20.5) versus 43.3 (17.9). The mean values of FEV1 (SD) and FVC (SD) were significantly lower in downtown school: 102.2 (12.8) versus 106.1 (11.8) (P = 0.02, t-test) and 95.8 (11.4) versus 100.4 (10.7) (P = 0.003). Mean (SD) concentration of FeNO (ppb) was 17 (12) in downtown school and 14.4 (9) in the park school (P = 0.456). Prevalence of sensitization to inhalant allergens did not differ between the two schools, both as a whole (downtown school 32.8% versus park school 27.5%; P = 0.427) and for any specific allergen. The prevalence of asthma exacerbations reported in the previous 12 months was higher in children from downtown school (8.4% in downtown school, 2.5% in park school; P = 0.05); in children allergic to grass pollen (16.4% in downtown school, 22.5% in park school), the prevalence of allergic rhinitis was higher in park school (30.8% in downtown school, 69.2% in park school P = 0.03) with more activity limitation due to rhinitis and associated conjunctivitis (0% in downtown school, 29.6% in park school; P = 0.03). Conclusion: Exposure to higher indoor levels of fine particulates could negatively affect respiratory function. The higher prevalence of allergic rhinitis and consequent activity limitation in the previous 12 months observed in park school might be related to allergen exposure.
The cingulate cortex is a key region involved in the understanding of consequences and in the selection of appropriate behaviour. We have previously shown that a single binge exposure to ethanol during early neonatal life results in the acute death of neurons in the cingulate cortex via apoptosis. This study investigated the long-term consequences of ethanol-induced cell death on the structure of the mature cingulate cortex and on play fighting behaviour during adolescence. On postnatal day (PN) 6, Long-Evans rat pups were randomly assigned to either an alcohol exposure group (E); with daily doses of either 6.0, 5.25 or 4.5 g/kg ethanol via intragastric intubation as two feeds two hours apart; a sham intubation (IC) or a suckle control (SC) group. For one cohort, beginning on PN30, play fighting in pairs (an SC or dose matched E rat) was video recorded for 20 minutes a day on 3 consecutive days. Data was then manually scored. For a second cohort, animals were deeply anaesthetised (sodium pentobarbital 100 mg/kg i.p.) and perfused (4% paraformaldehyde) on PN365. Brains were removed, cryo-protected, frozen and sectioned in the coronal plane at 60 lm. A random systematic set of sections was stained with thionin and unbiased stereological methods used to determine the number of neurons in the anterior cingulate cortex (Acc). The 6.0 and 5.25 g/kg E groups showed a 39.6 and 30.8% (p< 0.05) mean decrease respectively in Acc cells relative to the IC group. The 6.0 g/kg E group also had significantly less Acc neurons than the 4.5 g/kg E group (p < 0.05). Preliminary data indicates that alcohol exposed animals differ in their rate of initiation of attack and in their response to attack compared to control animals. Alterations in play-fighting behaviour, that is characteristic of adolescent rats, may have implications for the playground behaviour of alcohol-affected children. For children that have been exposed intermittently to alcohol during fetal life, altered social skills that are used in typical playground interactions, may be the result of neuropathology in the cingulate cortex.

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T1 - Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE) alters open field behavior in adult rats
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Objective: Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE) often leads to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Children diagnosed with FASD frequently display symptoms of hyperactivity and deficits in attention span associated with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Rodent animal models have been used to study biological and behavioral consequences of PAE. In the present study, we tested the hypothesis that PAE rats would exhibit hyperactivity when placed in an open field environment. Methods: Pregnant Sprague-Dawley dams (Alc) were intragastrically intubated with ethanol (6 g/kg/day) on gestational days 1-20 and compared to chow-fed (CF) and pair-fed (PF) controls. At sixteen weeks of age, rats were individually placed in a cylindrical gray open field arena (8 ft in diameter and 3 ft high) surrounded on the outside by white sheet curtains. Video tracking software recorded the coordinates of the rat's movements within the arena. SEE (Software for Exploring Exploration) was used to analyze these coordinates. Results: Alc rats had significantly larger average (p>.05) (i) total distance traveled [26,631.221 cm] than PF [19,959.641 cm] and CF [20,674.931 cm] controls, (ii) Median Segment Acceleration to Max Speed (the median of a movement segment's maximum speed divided by its duration) [17.5198 cm/sec^2] than PF [12.469 cm/sec^2] and CF [13.274 cm/sec^2] controls, (iii) Median of Move Segment Max Speed (the median of the maximum speed in progression segments taken over all progression segments) [48.831 cm/s] than PF [36.674 cm/s] and CF [41.708 cm/s] controls, and (iv) Quantile 95 of Move Segment Max Speed (the 95th quantile of the maximum speed in progression segments taken over all progression segments) [83.729 cm/s] than PF [58.877 cm/s] and CF [66.164 cm/s] controls. Alc rats also covered more distance in the arena center than the controls, which usually stayed near the arena's edge. Percent activity levels during lingering segments were significantly greater (p>.05) in CF [11.3% activity] and PF [12.0%] rats than Alc rats [7.9%]. Conclusion: These results suggest that Alc rats moved more rapidly, accelerated more quickly, covered a greater amount of distance, were less active in lingering segments, and were less confined to the arena's walls than the controls. We conclude that PAE greatly alters open field behavior in adult rats, and may reflect deficits in cognition and/or motor control.

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Objective: The safety of Crotalidae polyvalent immune Fab (Crofab) for copperhead envenomations has not been studied in pediatric patients. This report documents the safety of high dose Crofab in a toddler bitten by a copperhead. Case report: A 28-month-old female was bitten on her right knee by a copperhead while playing in her backyard. Her father positively identified the snake, and the patient was transferred to an academic medical center (AMC) after brief evaluation in an outside hospital. On initial evaluation at the AMC (about 4.5 hours after the bite), the patient's right leg was noted to be ecchymotic and swollen from the ankle to the hip, with a right thigh circumference roughly three times greater than the left. Peripheral pulses were diminished and capillary refill was delayed. She was immediately treated with four vials of Crofab and the leg was elevated. Her vital signs and initial laboratory studies were normal, with exception of fibrinogen (149 mg/dL) and WBC (19,800 u/L). She was admitted to the ICU where swelling of her right lower extremity progressed to her umbilicus and both labia. The patient received an additional 18 vials over 24 hours to impede swelling and improve right lower extremity perfusion. Her edema significantly decreased by day three and she was discharged on day seven. No adverse reactions to Crofab were identified. Conclusion: Crofab is effective in treating copperhead envenomation in adults. Limited data is available on Crofab use in children. This case
demonstrates uncomplicated use of high dose Crofab in a pediatric patient with progressive edema following copperhead envenomation

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KW - Puerto Rico
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KW - gynecology
KW - Society
KW - Education
KW - birth rate
KW - Child
KW - Motivation
KW - Risk
KW - maternal morbidity
KW - Mortality
KW - Infant
KW - adolescent mother
KW - United States
KW - health care system
KW - Prevalence
KW - social aspect
KW - Hospital
KW - questionnaire
KW - social status
KW - Yates continuity correction
KW - school
KW - Government
KW - Morbidity
KW - contraceptive agent

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N2 - Background: The birth rate for teenagers aged 15-19 years rose 3% in 2006, interrupting the long-term decline from 1991 through 2005. There are many risks associated with pregnancies among adolescents,
including increased maternal morbidity-mortality, infant morbidity, psychosocial and economical factors. In Puerto Rico, the birth rate to adolescent mothers 15 to 19 y/o, in 2000, (67 per 1,000) is higher than in the United States (49 per 1,000). The repeat births reported were 22% of a second child and 6% were of a third child. Adolescents that have repeat pregnancies have been through the health care system. The objectives of this research are to describe the profile of a group of Puerto Rican adolescents with a repeat pregnancy, identify the prevalence of psycho-social factors related to their repeat pregnancies and illustrate observed associations with psychosocial factors. Methods: An IRB approval, #9090109, was obtained for a cross sectional survey of adolescents younger than 21 years of age with a repeat pregnancy attending a prenatal clinic between November 2008 and February 2009. The questionnaire given included information related to: demographics, education, and socioeconomic status; support system; pregnancy history and reasons for not using contraception. The data was then gathered and analyzed using X^2_ Yates Correction with a significance of p< 0.05. Results: The total participants recruited were seventy (70). The ages of the participants were from 12 to 19 (12, 1%; 16, 12%; 17, 11%; 18, 27%; 19, 46%). Their partner's ages ranged from 16 to 38, with a mode of 19 and 21, while 33% are between 21 and 23, 23% between 24 and 29, and 11% between 31 and 38. Their main activity at the time of the study was house work (36%), studying (26%), not working in or out of the house nor studying (23%) and working outside the home (16%). Among all of them, 63% had left school before becoming pregnant and 60% received government help. Only 3% of the participants live alone, while 56% lives with their partner and 41% lived with their family, some including their partners. Of all the participants, only 10% were legally married. The use of contraceptives was significantly (p<0.05) associated to older partners. Partners wanted the pregnancy in 49% and adolescent wanted the pregnancy in 48% of the cases. Other results will be presented. Conclusions: Psychosocial factors are associated with failure to use contraception among adolescents with repeat pregnancies in Puerto Rico. The factor that was found that influenced the most was a partner over 20 years of age. It is important to take into account the age of the partner, the level of education and the motivation in pregnancy postponement programs.
Background: Schizophrenia (SZ) occurs throughout the world with a prevalence of 1%. As much as 80% can be attributed to genetic factors. Individuals with SZ reproduce at a lower rate: females produce 50% as many children as normal; males 25%. Genetic factors accounting for SZ should therefore behave like highly lethal genes. Laws of Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium predict that SZ should disappear from the human gene pool. How can we explain the persistence of SZ at a constant frequency of 1%? Methods: Clinicians appreciate that the natural course of SZ varies widely from patient to patient and cannot be predicted. The Clinical Antipsychotic Trial of Intervention Effectiveness (CATIE) concluded that the response of any individual with SZ to treatment with 2nd generation antipsychotic agents cannot be predicted: either the effectiveness of the treatment or the myriad of possible side effects. Each clinical intervention is a clinical trial. More than 50 candidate genes have been identified within kindreds with high frequencies of SZ. There is no identified candidate gene common to all afflicted patients. The development of nucleic acid hybridization technology has revised our understanding of the structure and function of the human genome. Several recent publications have identified chromosomal rearrangements of large coding and non-coding regions including certain candidate or neurodevelopmental genes. Structural variations such as microdeletions and/or duplications range from 100 KB to 15 MB. Microduplications may include copy number variants Importantly, these chromosomal variants were not found in parental genomes. They are post fertilization or in vivo mutations. In vivo mutations are found in control DNA at a frequency of 5%, in SZ DNA at a frequency of 15%, and among children with the most severe childhood-onset SZ (COS) a rate of 22%. Results: Balanced polymorphism is the hypothesis explaining how non-adaptive genetic factors are maintained in natural populations in combination with other genes to confer increased fitness to the entire population, thus insuring their preservation in the gene pool. Diverse evidence suggests a neurodevelopmental model of SZ, the autism spectrum, Asperger's Syndrome, and others. A family of genes has been identified that are activated by diverse extracellular mechanisms. They are the interface between the organism and its environment, at the cellular and organismic level. An example of such a regulatory gene is Disrupted in Schizophrenia (DISC-1) Neurodevelopmental genes account for the organization of complex neuronal networks that are analogous to organogenesis In vivo mutations are a normal part of the development of the brain but occur more frequently in patients with SZ and most frequently among
patients with COS. In vivo mutations are not passed on to the next generation. Discussion: Genetic elements which are adaptive must exist to account for the persistence of SZ as well as its familial pattern of inheritance. A different class of neurodevelopmental genes in SZ, must exist to increase the rate of in vivo mutations within the CNS and must, in combination with other genetic elements, be adaptive to account for their preservation in the human gene pool. Such a gene, operating outside the CNS, would be expected to be highly lethal by generating oncogenes. These hypotheses, in conjunction with the findings of CATIE raise the possibility that each patient with SZ may be genetically unique, a phenocopy.

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T1 - CTLA-4 haplotype associated with additional susceptibility factor in pediatric type-I autoimmune hepatitis
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KW - liver
KW - haplotype
KW - autoimmune hepatitis
KW - gene
KW - allele
KW - patient
KW - Child
KW - normal human
KW - Polymerase Chain Reaction
KW - restriction fragment
KW - Genotype
KW - statistical significance
KW - inflammatory disease
KW - Hepatitis
KW - lymphocytic infiltration
KW - hypergammaglobulinemia
KW - disease predisposition
KW - restriction fragment length polymorphism
KW - helper cell
KW - T lymphocyte activation
KW - autoimmune disease
KW - modulation
KW - T lymphocyte
KW - Inflammation
KW - cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4
KW - protein
KW - autoantibody
KW - messenger RNA
KW - CD4 antigen
KW - Receptor
RP - NOT IN FILE
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Background and Aims: Autoimmune Hepatitis (AIH) is a hepatocellular inflammatory disease characterized by interface hepatitis, portal lymphocyte infiltration, circulating autoantibodies, and hypergammaglobulinemia. In Brazilian patients HLA-DRB1*13 has been identified as the major susceptibility gene variant associated with the disease. Additional genes located outside of the MHC region may contribute to overall disease susceptibility. The cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen-4 (CTLA-4) protein is an inhibitory receptor expressed on the surface of activated CD4 T helper cells playing a key role in the downregulation of T-cell activation, and has been associated with several different autoimmune diseases. At least three polymorphisms (SNPs) have been described for CTLA-4. The G allele called CT60 in the 3'UT portion of the CTLA4 gene is associated to lower mRNA CTLA4 levels, and consequently to decreased CTLA-4 protein levels, which would result in defective modulation of T cell-mediated inflammatory responses. This study looked for the association of CTLA4-318C/T, +49A/G and CT60A SNPs, and CTLA4 haplotypes, with AIH-1 in Brazilian children. Methods: SNPs were analyzed in 105 Type 1 AIH Brazilian children (AIH1) and in 228 healthy subjects (CTRL) by the polymerase chain reaction restriction-fragment length method (PCR-RFLP). Results: The G allele at CTLA4 CT60 and the corresponding GG genotype showed slightly higher frequencies in AIH1 compared to CTRL, with borderline p values (p = 0.0540 and p = 0.0508). The CT60 G allele is also part of the CTLA4-318C, +49A, CT60G haplotype, which exhibited a significant association with AIH1 compared with CTRL (23% vs 15%, p = 0.0166). The other SNPs had similar distribution in the two groups, suggesting that CT60 is the primary susceptibility variant marking this gene. Conclusions: The CT60G CTLA4 allele and the CTLA4-318C, +49A, CT60G haplotype are associated with AIH-1 in a pediatric sample of Brazilian patients. Supported by FAPESP
Background: The use of stimulant drugs for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) has raised questions about the possibility of overtreatment. It is necessary to develop biologically-based criteria to adjust treatment appropriately. Near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) is a noninvasive neuroimaging method that can measure relative changes in the concentration of oxygenated hemoglobin ([Oxy-Hb]) in cortical tissue in natural settings. The stop signal task is suitable for detecting the dysfunction of response inhibition in ADHD. The aims of our study were to examine the bilateral prefrontal activation associated with response inhibition by using multi-channel NIRS in children with ADHD, and to develop a neurophysiological index which predicts the effect of continuous administration of methylphenidate hydrochloride (MPH) on the cognitive function evaluated by Das-Naglieri Cognitive Assessment System (DN-CAS).

Methods: Participants were 14 children with ADHD and 20 typically developing children. We defined the children with ADHD whose total score or subscale score of DN-CAS was improved after administration of MPH as responder (ADHD-R) and the children with ADHD whose score was not improved as non-responder (ADHD-NR). Results: ADHD-NR showed the lower [Oxy-Hb] increase than ADHD-R and typically developing children during the activation task in right dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) (p<0.01). Conclusions: The activation of [Oxy-Hb] in right DLPFC represented the difference of the frontal lobe function between responder and non-responder before administration of MPH. These results suggest that NIRS might be potentially useful as a neurophysiological index which predicts the effect of MPH in children with ADHD. Graph Presented
Introduction: School closure is often recommended for mitigating the impact of an influenza pandemic. Little is known, however, about the impact of school closures on students and families. Aim: To describe the behaviour of students excluded from school due to school closures and parental opinions of school closure as a pandemic influenza control strategy. Methods: Parents/guardians of all students at the three schools excluded from school attendance due to school closure were surveyed seven days after the closure ended to ascertain their child's age and illness status, childcare arrangements, whether the child went out of the home during the school closure, and parental opinions of school closure. Results: Surveys were returned for 233 (58%) of the 402 students (range 5-13 years, median = 11) affected by school closure. Twelve (5%) of the 233 responses were from confirmed cases, 143 (61%) from contacts and 78 (34%) from student peers (neither a case nor contact). Fourteen contacts (10%) and five peers (6%) developed respiratory symptoms during the closure. A total of 172 (74%) students went outside the home on >1 occasion during the week of closure, including 42% and 66% of cases and contacts. The mean number of outings was 3.7 (range: 0-24). Less than half the parents (47%) thought that school closure was appropriate. Cases and contacts, and children of parents who thought school closure was appropriate were less likely to report activities outside the home. Forty-five percent of parents of asymptomatic students reported taking time off work (range: 1-5 days; median = 3) to care for their child and 71 (35%) had to make additional special childcare arrangements. Conclusion: Nearly three-quarters of students undertook out-of-home activities during school closure. These findings can be used to predict more accurately the effectiveness of school closure as a disease control strategy.
Introduction: Cryoablation is an alternative to radiofrequency ablation of cardiac arrhythmias. In some circumstances it may be the treatment of choice, e.g. in small children. Temporary effects during cryoablation such as increases in effective refractory period and AV nodal block have been observed clinically but have so far not been explained. Methods: Hearts from healthy Yorkshire pigs (40-60 kg) pigs were isolated, Langendorff perfused and optically mapped with a voltage sensitive dye (di-4-ANNEPS). Cryoablation was performed with a 5 mm tip at -120° estimated at three endocardial ventricular locations for 8 min. Optical voltage mapping data was obtained using two high-speed CCD cameras and a custom 520nm light source. Epicardial temperature profile was imaged via an infrared camera at 1 frame/s. Both voltage and thermal mapping were performed during and for 15 min following cryoablation. Maps of activation time, signal magnitude, APD90, and conduction velocity were generated. Correlation between epicardial temperature and signal parameters was performed. Loss of tissue function was defined as regions where voltage magnitude was below 10% of baseline level. Results: Regions outside the visible ice ball experienced temporary conduction changes such as reduced action potential magnitude, reduced conduction velocity, slower de- and repolarization, and an increase in APD90. As a result, late activation of epicardium was observed proximal of the permanent lesion in relation to the pacing site, and disappeared after tissue warmed back to body temperature. APD90 increased from 262.1+/-12.2 ms at 36 degreeC to 295.0+/-7.1 ms at 22 degreeC, with no further increase at lower temperatures. Conduction velocity slowed by a factor of ~2.4 for every 10 degreeC, and regions of slow conduction correlated with locations of reduced epicardial surface tissue temperature. These changes were completely reversible and disappeared upon rewarming, approximately 4 min after the end of cryoablation. Conclusions: Temporary changes in cardiac conduction were observed surrounding the permanent cryo lesion and may explain temporary effects observed during clinical cryoablation procedures.
Objective. To compare a 6 week, recess-based, active video game intervention with traditional recess activity. Methods. Thirty, 10-11 year old children (12 boys, 18 girls, 16% overweight; 6% obese) were randomly allocated to intervention (N =15) or control (N =15) groups. The intervention group undertook twice weekly sessions of active video gaming during school lunch breaks. The control group took part in traditional recess activity. Height and body mass (from which BMI was derived) were assessed pre and post the intervention period. Heart rate and pedometer data, assessed during the first, third and sixth week, were used to quantify physical activity over time and between groups. The children also participated in focus group interviews pre and post the intervention to determine their lived experiences of active video gaming as a physical activity tool. Results. Repeated measures ANOVA indicated a significant steps by group interaction (F<sub>2, 56</sub> =3.88, P =0.02) with number of steps/min being greater for the intervention group on the first week of the intervention period but lower than the control group at the mid and end points of the 6-week period. The percentage of time spent in moderate and vigorous physical activity (F<sub>1, 28</sub> =15.6, P =.0001) was significantly lower in the intervention group across the intervention period. BMI was not significantly different across time or group (P > 0.05). Conclusions. These findings suggest active video gaming may not be a sufficient stimulus to enhance children's recess-based physical activity in the long term.
Objective. Assessment of physical activity habits and factors that can promote or inhibit activity in kindergarten age children. Methods. Self-administered questionnaires were filled in by the parents of 1063 children attending kindergarten in Italy, Poland and Denmark. Statistical analysis: X² test. Results. 50% of Italian parents as compared with 99% of Danish parents and 96% of Polish parents stated that, in the area where they lived, children could play outside their home. The most frequently reported obstacles were heavy traffic (52%), and the absence of a park/house yard (24.7%). On weekdays, only 19.8% of Italian children and 19.5% of Danish children spent more than one hour playing outside per day as compared with 35% of Polish children. 11% of Italian children never played outside (p > 0.0001). On weekends, 91% of Polish children and 86.7% of Danish children, but only 50% of Italian children played outside for more than one hour. 8.4% of Italian children never play outside (p > 0.0001). Conclusions. The urban environment in Italy, even in small towns, is not built according to children's needs or Italian parents perception of risk is higher than in other countries. For 3-6 years old children the most natural way to be active and to develop healthy and positive attitudes to physical activity is to play freely. Low levels of PA in Italian children can partially explain their higher rate of being overweight. Grants: Periscope (AN 2006341) EU Public Health Programme framework
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KW - Health
KW - childhood
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KW - Physical Activity
KW - school
KW - parent
KW - sport
KW - law
KW - Industry
KW - Policy
KW - Ireland
KW - baby
KW - Food
KW - Marketing
KW - machine
KW - Environment
KW - Prevention
KW - cacao
KW - consumer
KW - model
KW - body mass
KW - girl
KW - weight
KW - Public Health
KW - fitness
KW - Primary Prevention
KW - Health Care
KW - Health Care Policy
KW - Day Care
KW - juvenile
KW - Statistics
KW - blood sampling
KW - Infant
KW - Internet
KW - Recreation
KW - adolescence
KW - Exercise
KW - mother
KW - environmental change
KW - bicycle
KW - workshop
KW - Voice
KW - eating habit
KW - Sweden
KW - France
KW - high school
KW - primary school
KW - freedom
KW - money
KW - Behavior Change
Early Intervention: E. Poskitt: When one looks at policy and legislation it's relevant to make note that obesity is well established by the time the child gets to school. Research has indicated some of the things that happen in pregnancy or in the first weeks of life (rapid weight gain and fatness) are the things that contribute to the obesity later on. It is physiologically normal for a baby to be fat. In the past (30 years ago) 80-90% of fat babies slimmed down to normal five-year-old children. We have to get the environment right so that we can go back to this natural slimming down before they start school at age five. Audience-T.

Wilkin: It is important to remember that once children get to five they are set on a trajectory. Therefore the opportunity for intervention by implication lies before age five. M. Flynn: Recent work by our group found that in Ireland, by the time an infant is six-months they have already tasted chips, salty bacon, crisps and chocolate pudding. The fact that chocolate pudding exists for babies at 4-6 months raises questions regarding the type of message this gives parents. E. Roche: We need to intervene with education and advice on primary prevention before children are born and then at every healthcare meeting thereafter. M. Lordon Dunphy: In Ireland we have a national nutrition policy that specifically targets those less than five years. On the parental side, our national campaign looks at parents as role models for their children. We have seen a shift in parents' ability to identify their important role as role models to their children. E. Poskitt: Children need to be taught that "no" means "no" and that though the child is important in the family, he/she does not rule the family. Another important aspect is having a regular bedtime, which may be very important in the development of obesity. Finally, we must not send the message that parents of children who are obese are bad parents. R. Malina: We need to monitor daycare and pre-school more closely. Some centres want the child to sit and be quiet throughout the day. As such, we need to educate those people who take care of the child and this will require major changes. Activity: R. Malina: Physical activity peaks at ten-eleven years and then declines. If we look at the participation of children in youth sport, it increases in general from six to eleven years and then declines. Kids define physical activity as sport. As such, one strategy is to get local organisation to modify sport to meet the needs of our children. It might contribute to increased physical activity levels and may contribute to the prevention of obesity. Regarding research in the area of physical activity, papers focus on group means and the cult of significance. We need to be aware of individual differences, as some youngsters may gain weight and some lose weight. We need to do
our statistics carefully and not overlook variability as not all will respond to conditions in the same manner. Audience-T. Wilkin: There are two different aspects to physical activity. One is that physical activity is effective at improving cardiorespiratory and metabolic fitness. The other is whether we can indeed use physical activity to improve body mass. If we can, does it have a meaningful impact? These distinctions are important and at the moment they are being confused. If we use body mass as an outcome measure of physical activity intervention we may not see any change. We may need to shift our focus away from body mass and instead move toward the use of fitness testing or blood sampling to test the effect of physical activity interventions. Audience-ML. Frelut: When asking why people escape moving and choose sedentary pursuits we must remember that children live now in a world of major permanent constraint at school and elsewhere. Sedentary games at home are their space for freedom. Also, many children are lonely and competition is only another way for them to be lonely, while using the internet, watching TV and playing video games are ways to be with the others. Audience: It's vital to link these children with activities that they enjoy. M. Lordan Dunphy: Ireland's Participation Strategy aims to engage children at all levels with their local sports partnerships and there is a special focus on teenage girls. E. Roche: Girls are falling out of exercise early and these are the future mothers of future generations. Sport is very oriented toward team games and the Irish sports council has made the attempt to broaden this definition. Policy: T. Lobstein: If we are to think outside the box we need to think on a public health level rather than the individual level. Once the environment is altered then we can work on individual behaviour. Some environmental changes are very simple like providing healthy school meals and bicycle lanes. We need to make the opportunity to be active more secure and safe and also food policy and taxing need to be discussed. M. Flynn: Indeed laws on marketing exist as does good legislation from the EU on the regulation of health claims. However, having been involved in the legislation workshops since 2006, I'm dismayed to have seen this legislation picked apart. I do not know where the consumer group-voice is. It appears we are tiny and that the industry lobby are winning. Audience-A. Vazeou: It is clear that if we improve the eating habits of the masses then we will have better results on the individual level. Audience-H. Thibault: In France, there is a law since 2004 that vending machines must be banned in middle and high schools. It has been effective. At the same time morning snacks in primary school are not recommended. We are for individual liberty but sometime we need to recognise that law can be useful. Audience: Regarding that point, the schools are not happy that vending machines are forbidden as they usually yield a lot of money for the schools. Audience: We know that structural prevention by imposing rules works, and that influencing the individual's behaviour change is difficult as we are talking to archaic feelings within us. For example in the STOP programme in Sweden, bringing candy and unhealthy foods to school was banned. It is evident now that children are bringing this message home to their parents who in turn can modify the home environment with less resistance. E. Poskitt: We have to think hard about how we get people to do healthy things as imposing rules may not be successful Sometimes coming sideways at these issues by removing poverty and deprivation might be effective though this method is slow. In addition, similar to the case in developing countries, non-governmental organisations work in parallel rather than together. This leads to duplication of materials and wasted resources. M. Lordan Dunphy: I think that joint business planning across the various governmental departments is imperative as there is a lot of duplication of information, which can confuse the public and uses up resources. Industry: M. Caroli: Ted Kennedy once said "who is responsible for the control of advertising, marketing and promotional activities which market products in spite of public health consideration ". If we are honest that responsibility lies with everybody. C. Faenza: I work in the product's quality control department of COOP, the most important Italian retailer, and I can say that formulating recipes with fats and sugars is easier and cheaper from a technical point of view. Coop's actions are the concrete demonstration that it is really possible to find innovative solutions in terms of healthier product- formulation and still keeping in mind the need to achieve a positive budget at the end of the year. COOP is an ethical company and believes in social values; thus, with the aim to facilitate our consumer in making healthy choices, COOP has reformulated its children's products. We have developed a new specific range of healthy products for children. These have an increased fibre content, a lower content of sugar, sodium, and fats and use only natural flavourings. Secondly for all our existing products which cannot be feasibly re-formulated we have decided to discontinue their production altogether. This policy is very different from one which only adds a healthier line of products to an existing unhealthy one. J. Waligora: Regarding health regulation, the final legislation that we have for industry is not perfect. We have to realise that so many differences exist between each member state of the EU and what each would like to achieve. As such, it's difficult to find consensus. Secondly, we need to have dialogue with both the member states and industry if we want to achieve our aims

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KW - Health
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KW - Obesity
KW - childhood
KW - autoregulation
KW - Child
KW - Marketing
KW - Industry
KW - Food
KW - advertizing
KW - Persuasive Communication
KW - Internet
KW - Norway
KW - model
KW - Government
KW - World Health Organization
KW - nutrient
KW - computer
KW - market
KW - United Kingdom
KW - protection
KW - Writing
KW - telecommunication
KW - budget
KW - economic aspect
KW - Climate
KW - packaging
KW - Color
KW - flavor
KW - Europe
KW - audiovisual equipment
KW - consumer
KW - consultation
KW - solid
KW - Ireland
KW - public figure
KW - Sweden
KW - France
KW - nutritional value
KW - primary school
KW - Punishment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 49
EP - 50
In this presentation I shall focus on the issue of protecting children from commercially-led persuasions to purchase and consume unhealthy foods. This immediately raises a question - what foods are unhealthy? I shall return to that issue shortly. Before discussing how to protect children, we need to consider what is currently happening - what is the nature and extent of commercial persuasion. When we have an understanding of this, we can discuss what measures would be appropriate to protect children. The forms of persuasion are many: I can only show a few in this presentation. Key range from the familiar, such as TV commercials and advertising in cinemas, through to more unusual techniques, including internet sites, branded toys, packaging and the compositions of the foods themselves. Text messages to phones, viral marketing messages on Facebook, product placements in computer games, plus for younger children, product placement in story books and counting books. Free gifts with products, games and puzzles on product labels, and I would argue that the addition of colours and artificial flavours are really marketing methods, to make an object more appealing to children. The extent of marketing can be considered in terms of the amount of spending by industry on promoting their products. This is not easy to identify, especially as the available figures do not distinguish child-oriented and non-child-oriented commercial promotions. Further, the figures available do not include all the activities used by companies, such as internet sites, product labelling, and product composition. We can also get some feel for the problem by asking how many advertisements children are exposed to on TV, for example. The figures vary across countries and interestingly the variation matches to some extent the variation in obesity levels among children in those countries (Lobstein and Dibb, 2005). Advocacy organisations have been arguing for many years that children should not be exposed to junk food marketing messages. The Sydney Principles launched at the ICO in 2006 made a clear statement of the need to protect children. In Europe, the WHO organised a meeting on the issue in 2006 and launched a Network of governments sympathetic to the protection of children from marketing in 2007, chaired by Norway. The World Health Assembly in Geneva in 2007 called for its officials to prepare a draft set of recommendations on the issue, to be presented in 2010. IASO, with Consumers International, launched a set of recommendations in the form of an International Code in 2008 (see www.iotf.org/documents/Consumers-InternationalMarketingCode.pdf) and has contributed to the WHO consultation on the issue. The Network chaired by Norway has also drafted an international code (in press), with some very similar recommendations to the IASO-CI code. The European Commission has made some bold statements about the need to control marketing to children, but has been slow to take any solid action, preferring a voluntary model. Meanwhile there have been moves at Member State government level to exert some control over the types of ads and the numbers of ads seen by children. Ireland has banned specific techniques - such as the use of celebrities - and is considering further controls. Both Sweden and Norway have general restrictions on marketing of any products to children under age 12. France requires health messages to be included on any food product advertisement on TV or in print. The UK has perhaps gone the furthest, by banning ads in children's programmes or directed to children under age 16, and the UK has specified what it means by junk food: using a nutrient profile model based on positive and negative aspects of the nutritional quality of a product. It is now possible to say what is healthy and what is not, and to get industry to comply with this distinction, even if they dislike it. I believe this could not have happened if we had relied on a voluntary approach. I do accept that some food companies have taken steps towards recognising the need to restrict marketing to children, and have offered some new thinking in just the last year or two, including some nutrient profiling of their own (but this differs between different companies). Companies have also offered a higher age threshold, increasing it from 6 years to 12 years and in some examples 14 years. Companies have promised not to market to children in primary school settings. They have also promised not to advertise in programmes where children are over 50% of the audience (and some companies have strengthened this to 35% and even 30% of the audience). But big questions remain: what about the companies that do not join in the agreement? What happens to voluntary agreements after a few years when we have stopped making such a fuss? What penalties are there for a company if it breaks the rules it made? And what about all the loopholes in the voluntary agreements that allow a wide range of techniques to continue? The problems with a statutory approach are that legislation would have to be very detailed to cover all the possible methods for marketing to children. TV controls are relatively straightforward, but writing the same sort of legislation for all the different possible media would be extremely difficult. The other issue is the cross-border problem, where marketing is coming in from outside the jurisdiction of a country, thorough internet, satellite, and imported media such as Olympic Games broadcasting, computer games and so on. A compromise approach being tried in some countries is co-regulation which can take various
forms, but could include a tough set of standards set by government to which industry signs up. There has to be some persuasion to get industry agreement, such as the threat of tough legislation. Then the standards are monitored and enforced by a body including industry and non-industry stakeholders. There are problems with this model, and there will be loopholes that industry will exploit. But it may represent the best available compromise when large multinational corporations have advertising budgets greater than the economies of several countries, and in a political climate that is strongly pro-free market.
Several etiologies have been postulated for the childhood obesity epidemic, including genetics (e.g. "thrifty gene" theory), the "weight set point", and "low metabolism." Sedentary lifestyle (e.g. playing on the computer instead of the playground), less nutritious food at school, "supersized" portions, and consumption of soda and junk food' all contribute. However, none of these theories or factors adequately explains the meteoric rise in childhood obesity or why treatment is only marginally successful, with dismal long-term results. What does explain it? Kids do! This presentation will reveal what tens of thousands of overweight children say in nearly 130,000 bulletin board posts on an open access website for overweight teens and preteens over a nine-year period. Children come to the site mainly on their own via search engines, links on other sites, and links in books. Many children are from Europe, as well as the U.S. With stunning honesty, these children share their difficult lives, their shame and secrecy, and their struggles and successes. Most say they're too embarrassed to talk to their friends, parents, or even their doctor. Numerous messages express a striking struggle to lose weight. Many explicitly describe using the pleasure of food and the displacement activity of eating to cope with depression, stress, anger, loneliness, anxiety, and boredom. Even grief is described from giving up "my best friend", i.e. food. The majority of messages ask, "How do I lose weight?" If a child posts any degree of success, multiple replies immediately ask, "How'd you do it?" Success stories typically describe distractions from food, improvement in the happiness level of the child as a predecessor for losing weight, and tolerating withdrawal-type symptoms. These children use food to cope with life. They become hooked on this behavior and are unable to stop. They struggle to resist cravings for pleasurable food, particularly junk food,' in spite of full awareness of the negative impact that overweight has on their lives and the dreadful effects of further weight gain. Many say that their eating is "out of control." This is suggestive of an addictive quality, or psychological food dependence, which is further supported by the many explicit descriptions of using food as: 1) a stress coping mechanism (displacement activity similar to nail biting); 2) selfmedication for depression, loneliness, and anxiety (comfort eating); and 3) entertainment (to combat boredom). Some children explicitly state that they use food "like a drug." The professional community generally offers healthy diet and exercise as the solution to the overweight problem, however these children say that information is often unhelpful. A new paradigm will be explored in regard to what is really causing the childhood obesity epidemic and what should be done about it from a treatment, prevention, and policy standpoint. The perfect storm' of increasing youth stress levels combined with the rise of the Comfort Food' industry will be examined. Perhaps overweight and obesity in childhood should be treated similarly to forms of substance dependence, by: 1) sequential weaning from each abused food or excessive portion size; 2) management of resulting withdrawal' symptoms; 3) coping skill training; and 4) long-term support to prevent relapse. Public policy would control exposure of children to highly abused foods. Proposed weight loss techniques to combat psychological food dependence will be presented, e.g. getting through withdrawal-type cravings, substituting non-food ways to cope, combating stress, and generating healthy self-esteem and joy in living. The session also will include multiple, compelling video and audio clips.
Learning Objectives: a) Appreciate what the lives of overweight children are like and why they struggle to lose weight. b) Learn what overweight kids say about their parents and health professionals. c) Understand why the current theories on the causes of the childhood obesity epidemic do not fit. d) Realize the role of the "comfort food" industry in the childhood obesity epidemic. e) Comprehend what may be a little understood but substantial component of the childhood obesity epidemic, including fresh ideas on treatment and prevention.

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T1 - Are childbearing motivations getting in the way of STI prevention in young women?
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KW - Motivation
KW - Adolescent
KW - Medicine
KW - condom
KW - hormonal contraception
KW - Child
KW - child parent relation
KW - United States
KW - unplanned pregnancy
KW - contraception
KW - parenthood
KW - infancy
KW - childbirth
KW - African American
KW - family planning
KW - Risk
KW - health disparity
KW - adolescence
KW - questionnaire
KW - Urban Population
KW - sexually transmitted disease
KW - Prevalence
KW - household
KW - Interview
KW - reproductive history
KW - juvenile
KW - Adaptation
KW - Satisfaction
KW - Regression Analysis
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S6
Purpose: Urban communities with high sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevalence often have disparities in unplanned pregnancies among young women. Research using single measures of pregnancy desire and/or intention has not yielded guidance on dual prevention strategies. Exploring childbearing motivation (CBM), the first step in the psychological sequence to childbearing behavior, may enable us to better understand reproductive decisions. The objective of this study is to examine the relationship between CBM and use of hormonal contraception, condoms, and dual contraception. Methods: A cross-sectional household study was conducted from 2004-2007. Data was collected from 297 sexually active females 15-25 years in age residing in high STI-prevalent neighborhoods in Baltimore, Maryland. Participants completed audio-computerized assisted self-interviews eliciting demographic, reproductive history and behaviors, and CBM. CBM was measured using a youth-specific adaptation of Miller's childbearing questionnaire. Positive (P)CBM subscales included measures of satisfaction from raising a child, feeling needed/connected, value of children/parenthood, and positive aspects of pregnancy, birth, and infancy (alpha = .94). Negative (N) CBM subscales included discomforts of pregnancy and childbirth, fears/worries/stressors of parenthood, and negatives of caring for child (alpha = .85). The highest and lowest quartiles from each subscale were combined to create overall positive (high PCBM/low NCBM) and negative (low PCBM/high NCBM). Data outside of these groups was characterized as intermediate (I). Data were evaluated using multivariable regression analyses. Results: Participants were 90% African American with a mean age of 19.4 (SD 2.8). More than half (55%) had a history of pregnancy and 42% had children. 35% had a history of STIs. Using the quartile-based groups (21%; n = 64) were in the positive CBM group, 39.3 were in the negative group, and 39.7% (n = 118) were in the ICBM group. Those in the ICBM group were less likely to use condoms at last sex with main partner compared to the NCBM group (AOR: .54; 95% CI: .32-.93), controlling for STI history, pregnancy history, and age. Those in the PCBM group were 2.8 times more likely to use hormonal contraception (AOR: 2.75; 95% CI: 1.35, 5.62), and 3.3 times more likely to use dual contraception (consistent condom use with hormonal contraception) with their main partner (AOR: 3.31; 95% CI: 1.46, 7.50) compared with those in the NCBM group, controlling for STI history, pregnancy history, and age. Conclusions: Young women with overall positive attitudes about parenting are more likely to engage in simultaneous family planning and STI/HIV prevention behaviors than those with NCBM. Those in the intermediate group who appear to be ambivalent or indifferent about parenting are at highest risk for STIs due to inconsistent condom use compared with those in NCBM group. Given the health disparities associated with early childbearing and STIs, additional research exploring how CBM evolves over adolescence and the potential role of CBM in the prevention of STIs and unplanned pregnancy is warranted.

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Aim: Previous studies have shown a relationship between Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and psychological stress (PS); there is increasing evidence that PS can adversely affect the course of IBD in children and young adults. Emerging trials tend to demonstrate that psychological intervention is necessary as well as conventional therapy. Medical literature is not so rich about the role of psyche in biogenesis and maintenance of IBD in pediatric patients. Studies of Psycho-Neuro-Endocrine-Immunology (PNEI) have pointed out how stress can become disease, giving a scientific dignity to assumptions that in the past were only scientific speculation. PNEI studies have shown in gastrointestinal tract the presence of about 100,000 neurons secreting peptides, independent of Central Nervous System (CNS), that are however linked to CNS through the Autonomic Nervous System, today better known as Gut-Brain. Thus, our gut must be considered as a potent neuro-endocrine-immune complex, autonomous and in continuous contact with the outside (food) and the internal
(brain, emotion, disorders, diseases) world. Objectives: Our observation started from the relief of a high number of relapses in IBD patients already receiving medical therapy, after the devastating earthquake interesting Abruzzo (a region of Central Italy) in April 2009. Our study started with the objective of capturing the correlation between stress (triggering event) and relapse or first manifestation of the disease. We are also in charge of studying the relational dynamics of families with a child affected by IBD, to highlight any common relational mode. Another important objective was to motivate willing families to a path of individual or family psychotherapy and therefore to assess the evolution of the disease after a certain period. Material and methods: 70 families of children with IBD and treated in our Centre have been called for a psycho-diagnostic interview lasting 60-120 minutes (in any case all the necessary time to collect relevant information). The interviews were conducted by a doctor specialist in psychotherapy and a psychologist. Results: 80% of cases showed distrust and skepticism toward the initiative, a 10% refused the interview. There were no significance differences in the relationship of families of patients with Crohn Disease (CD) or Ulcerative Colitis (UC). It was always revealed a relationship between perceived stressful event and the onset of symptoms. The following transactional characteristics were common to 90% of households: 1. enmeshment; 2. hyper-protectiveness; 3. rigidity; 4. lack of conflict resolution. Particularly, three patterns of involvement have emerged, giving the impression to prevent the emotional disabling: a. triangulation; b. coalition; c. deviation. We were able to motivate 50% of households to undertake psychotherapy. Preliminary data are suggestive of hypothesis that relapses can be reduced by psychotherapy. Conclusion: It seems clear that in those families with a child affected by CD or UC, the family system is characterized by rigid and poor transactions and that the patient plays a major role in interactive models of avoidance of family conflict and of maintenance of family homeostasis. It seems also evident that this role is a source of reinforcement for his own symptoms. The study is still ongoing, rather we are just beginning: we intend to review the evolution of the disease after an appropriate psychotherapy path

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T1 - Development and validation of a short 31P cardiac magnetic resonance spectroscopy protocol
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KW - EMBASE
KW - nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
KW - cardiovascular magnetic resonance
KW - phosphorus nuclear magnetic resonance
KW - heart disease
KW - contamination
KW - patient
KW - validity
KW - thorax wall
KW - Muscle
KW - liver
KW - information processing
Introduction: Cardiac 31P-MRS is the only non-invasive in vivo technique for the determination of cardiac high energy phosphate metabolism. Changes in cardiac phosphocreatine to adenosine triphosphate ratios (PCr/ATP) occur in common cardiac pathologies and have diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic utility. However, long acquisition times (20 minutes or more, depending on heart rate) required to achieve sufficient signal to noise ratios for reliable interpretation have limited the clinical utility of 31P-MRS studies in patients with severe cardiac disease. We have developed an 8 minute 31P-MRS protocol and demonstrate the validity of this 'short' acquisition by comparison with a 'long' (at least 20 minutes) method of published reproducibility (Tyler, NMR Biomed:2008). Purpose: To design a robust, 'short' cardiac 31P-magnetic resonance spectroscopy (31P-MRS) protocol which facilitates acquisition within a clinically acceptable timeframe. Methods: Protocol development This 'short' protocol essentially incorporates a larger voxel (93 mls compared to 39 mls for 'long' protocol) but eliminates extra myocardial contamination by: * active suppression of chest wall muscle and liver signals, * raw data acquisition weighted to reduce contamination arising from outside the nominal voxel. The accuracy of the data and its interpretation is improved by: * optimised radio frequency (RF) pulse, * flip angle calibration (at voxel of interest) used during postprocessing to calculate and correct for subject variation to coil loading, * calibrated signal enhancement (Nuclear Overhauser Enhancement (NOE)), * rapid repetition time (with calibrated saturation correction). Validity: 22 healthy volunteers (age 42 + 16.5; 13 males, 9 females), were scanned (3 T Siemens Trio) with both the 'long' and 'short' acquisitions. Acquisition parameters for both protocols are summarised and compared in Table 1. (Table Presented) Results: There was no difference of derived PCr/ATP ratios for both methods ('short' 1.83 + 0.32; 'long' 1.78 + 0.27). Bland-Altman analysis demonstrates excellent agreement between the two methods (Figure 1) confirming equivalence for clinical purposes. Figure 2 shows an example of spectra acquired from one subject, using both methods. Conclusion: We have developed a novel 'short' cardiac 31P-MRS protocol of high data quality. This protocol allows cardiac spectroscopy to be measured in patients who are often intolerant of long acquisition times, such as those with severe cardiac disease and children. Hence this work provides a useful tool for the routine clinical assessment of cardiac 31P-MRS. (Figure Presented) (Figure Presented)
Background: Studies have questioned swimming, especially total hours swam in a lifetime (THS), and swimming in indoor chlorinated pools (ICP), to the development or worsening of asthma (A), based on chlorine chemical exposure. This study explored the frequency of active asthma (AA) among swimmers (S) based on: (1) THS; (2) and the frequency of AA versus THS of S using ICP compared to chlorinated outdoor (OCP) pool facilities. Methods: IRB approval was obtained from Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. 1500 surveys were distributed by coaches to the parents of S ages 5-18 y/o participating in a variety of Kansas City competitive swimming programs. Responses were collected by the study investigators. Each survey queried THS in ICP and OCP. Estimations of swimming hours spent in swim venues were given. THS were categorized as follows: 0-99 (A); 100-249 (B); 250-499 (C); 500-999 (D); 1000-1499 (E); >1500 (F) for each type of facility. Queried was whether S have health care provider diagnosed A and if A meds were used in the last year (criteria for AA). S gender and age were also noted. S were age bracketed by std USA swimming divisions. Results: An independent samplest test was used. For AA, there was a marginal difference overall between S in groups (grp) A-F t=1.73 (301), p=.085, and S in ICP in groups A-F t=1.68 (209), p=.094. There was a sig differences between S in OCP grp A-F t=2.48 (287), p=.014. There was no difference of AA between male S in ICP, OPC or overall in grp A-F. In female S, AA was significant in hours spend in OCP t=2.45 (139), p=.016 and ICP t=2.15 (104), p=.034. AA frequency by age bracket had a significant correlation between 9-10 y/o S in OCP t=2.039 (69), p=.045 (primarily driven by females at this age), and 11-12 y/o in OPC t=2.55 (60), p=.013. No differences in AA noted between age groups for A-F overall and ICP. Conclusion: Our study supports the notion that
increased hours of swimming may contribute to the persistence of AA in both ICP and OCP and female S may be more at risk for persistence of AA than males as THS increases. S ages 9-12y/o appeared to have an increased frequency of AA, particularly in females. Although the results are interesting, as swimming is often recommended as a sport for AA, further results are needed to validate the above conclusions. This study is ongoing. The specific role of inhaled chlorine products being responsible for the persistence of AA in S is yet to be determined.

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T1 - 24-h heart rate patterns in children with ADHD: A naturalistic approach
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KW - Attention Deficit Disorder
KW - Child
KW - Heart Rate
KW - clinical practice
KW - night
KW - Arousal
KW - Sleep
KW - Circadian Rhythm
KW - Physical Activity
KW - marker
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - European Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
N2 - Introduction and objective: Fluctuations in ADHD symptoms are theoretically explained by variations in arousal, a factor influenced by circadian rhythms. This study investigates whether 24-h patterns of heart rate (HR), an arousal-related marker, support differential circadian processes in children with ADHD. Mediating effects of physical activity, chronotypology and sleep-wake problems are explored. Methods: 30 children with ADHD and 30 sex-matched normal classmates, aged 6-12, were examined in their naturalistic setting during 5 days: HR and activity (24/24 h), chronotypology and sleep-wake problems. Results: Both activity and HR analyses showed significant group differences, with higher levels in the ADHD group, and significant day-night differences. Only for activity an interaction effect was detected, with no group differences during night but marked differences in the afternoon. Subjective evaluation revealed a later time-of-day preference in the ADHD group. Discussion: Raised HR in ADHD during night could not be explained by nighttime activity levels as these were only higher during day. Daytime HR levels did not follow daytime activity peaks in ADHD. Conclusion: Results revealed differential autonomic functioning in children with ADHD compared to controls.
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Background and objective Adverse drug reactions (ADRs) occur frequently in paediatric patients. Information about ADRs in children are often lacking or are insufficient. Frequently, they are not supplied by drug administration authorities or pharmaceutical industry. Many drugs used are unlicensed for the treatment of children or are prescribed outside the terms of the product license (off-label use). Occurrence especially of the preventable ADRs can by reduced by a monitoring performed by health care professionals (physicians, pharmacist and nurses). The ADRs are recorded and analysed by a physician and a clinical pharmacist. Design Spontaneous adverse reactions (ADRs) reporting in paediatric patients. Setting Paediatric Wards, Department of Pharmacy, Paediatric University Hospital. Main outcome measures Side effect monitoring and reporting. Case reporting to The State Institute for Drug Control. Results A 4 years survey of spontaneous ADRs is given. Among them one very serious-resulting in death (amphotericine B) and one world's first published adverse event (growth hormone somatrophepine). Conclusions Number of adverse drug reactions reported by our paediatrics wards was influenced by several factors. First, usually only severe or rare events were spontaneously reported by physicians. Second, the prolonged hospital stay, the pharmaco-therapeutic groups of drugs, and the
polypharmacy also play a significant role. Moreover, the reports are provided spontaneously. To increase
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KW - health care organization
KW - Autism
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Simulation
KW - nerve cell
KW - psychiatry
KW - inferior frontal gyrus
KW - Facial Expression
KW - Child
KW - Adult
KW - gaze
KW - taste
KW - social adaptation
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Remission
KW - adolescence
KW - adulthood
KW - laboratory
KW - patient
KW - Male
KW - gender
KW - intelligence quotient
KW - audiovisual equipment
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N2 - Introduction and Aims: Several studies have described an hypoactivity in the inferior frontal gyrus in
children with autism during the observation of facial expressions1,2,3. This hypoactivation has been interpreted
as evidence for a deficit of the mirror neuron system. The deficit is thought to have serious consequences on the
ability to simulate and understand the feelings of others4. We examined the outcome of the motor simulation
deficits in a large sample of adults with autism. In addition, we investigated the relationship between inferior
frontal gyrus activity and social functioning outside the laboratory. Patients and Methods: Twenty-one adult
males with autism spectrum disorders and 21 typically developing subjects matched for age, gender, and IQ
were scanned in three conditions: observing short movies showing emotional facial expressions, performing a
facial movement, and experiencing a disgusting taste. Symptom severity and level of social adjustment were
measured with the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule and the Social Functioning Scale. Results: Activity
triggered in the inferior frontal gyrus by the observation of facial expressions increased with age in autism, but not in controls. This age-related increase of activity was associated with changes in gaze behaviour, and improvements in social functioning, but not with the remission of autistic symptoms. Conclusions: The results suggest that activity in the mirror neuron system normalizes with age in autism, and this normalization is accompanied by changes in gaze behaviour and improved social functioning. Better simulation of facial expressions in the inferior frontal gyrus may contribute to the amelioration in social functioning commonly observed throughout adolescence and adulthood. It is the first demonstration of an age-related neurocognitive improvement in autism. This finding should encourage the development of new therapeutic interventions aimed at augmenting motor simulation of emotional facial expressions in children with autism.

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KW - type strain
KW - prophylaxis
KW - pregnant woman
KW - Child
KW - opportunistic infection
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus infection
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus
KW - dihydropteroate synthase
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KW - folic acid
KW - pyrimethamine plus sulfadoxine
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The antifolates sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP) and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX) have potent activity against wild type Plasmodium falciparum, but activity is decreased due to resistance-mediating mutations in many areas. However, SP remains the drug of choice for intermittent preventive therapy in pregnant women and children, and TMP/SMX is widely used to prevent opportunistic infections in those with HIV infection. Resistance to antifolates is mediated by a series of mutations in the target enzymes dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) and dihydropteroate synthase (DHPS), key enzymes in the folic acid biosynthetic pathway. In East Africa, parasites commonly harbor 3 DHFR mutations (S108N, N51I and C59R) and 2 DHPS mutations (A437G and K540E) that mediate an intermediate level of resistance. Additional point mutations, seen more commonly outside Africa, mediate higher-level resistance. We are studying the impact of various resistance-mediating mutations in DHFR and DHPS on the relative fitness of P. falciparum. To this aim, we are exploring the growth of parasites under different conditions and in competition assays. We are studying D10-strain parasites engineered to express DHPS with 1-3 mutations. In initial competition experiments, D10 wild-type and single mutant (A437G) strains outcompeted parasites with 2 (A437G + A581G or S436A + A437G) or 3 (S436A + A437G + K540E) mutations over 2 months of culture, as assessed by strain-specific PCR. Experiments to more stringently characterize relative growth of these strains utilizing folate-limiting culture conditions and quantitative PCR and to evaluate parasites with mutations in DHFR are underway. Our preliminary results suggest that resistance-mediating mutations in DHPS engender a loss of fitness compared to that of wild type strains of P. falciparum.
Introduction: High frequency oscillations (HFO) ranging between 80 and 500Hz recorded with intracranial electrodes have been linked to epileptogenic regions in patients with epilepsy. The removal of HFO-generating areas correlates with a good postsurgical outcome. Most studies have been performed with microelectrodes or custom made macroelectrodes. Data on children and different pathologies is limited. We here investigate HFOs in children with Focal Cortical Dysplasia (FCD) during a routine investigation with commercially available grid electrodes.

Methods: Patients under the age of 18 recorded in our centre between 2005 and 2009 and with pathologically confirmed FCD were included in this study. EEG was filtered at 450Hz and sampled at 1024Hz. HFOs (Ripples 80-200Hz, Fast Ripples 200-450Hz) were visually identified on bipolar montage in a five-minute segment of slow wave sleep using high-pass filters at 80Hz and 200Hz. Rates of HFOs in areas inside and outside the seizure onset zone (SOZ) were calculated for each channel and compared using ANOVA (p<0.05). Results: Six children were included (mean age 13.6 years), four had FCD type 2a and two type 1b (Palmini classification). Rates of ripples (19.1/min) and fast ripples (2.5/min) were similar to those described before. They were significantly higher inside the SOZ (R: 29.1/min; FR: 4.7/min) than outside (R: 15.8/min, FR: 1.8/min, p<0.001). Two patterns of HFO occurrence were seen: in pattern 1, channels had a flat baseline without high frequency activity and intermittently occurring higher voltage HFOs. Pattern 2 was defined as channels with a continuously oscillating baseline with intermittently occurring higher voltage HFOs. Of the SOZ channels 71.1% showed pattern 1 and 17.1% showed pattern 2. Of non-SOZ channels, 20.5% showed pattern 1 and 17.5% pattern 2. The remaining channels showed few or no HFO activity; nevertheless HFOs were generated in a large number of channels. Conclusion: Children with FCDs showed a large extent of areas generating HFOs. Rates of HFOs could distinguish between channels inside and outside the SOZ. Therefore, HFOs recorded during only 5 minutes in a routine clinical setting in children may help to further delineate epileptogenic areas. Two patterns of HFOs were distinguished, of which pattern 1 consisting of single high voltage HFOs may show a closer link to the SOZ. Whether these neocortical HFO patterns can be linked to FCD or its subtypes will have to be evaluated in larger studies.

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T1 - The European pediatric immediate life support (EPILS) course: Experience in an Italian hospital to implement quality in primary care setting
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Purpose of the study: The EPILS is a one day course and is aimed at the training attendee to recognise and manage critically ill children and children in cardio-respiratory arrest whilst awaiting the arrival of the Medical Emergency Team (MET) (1-5 min). The course also trained the candidate to work as a member of the Resuscitation team. In this paper we describe our experience of teaching EPILS to nurses and physicians of a Paediatric Unit. We have also measured the impact that EPILS has on the resuscitation knowledge. Methods: The EPILS course materials were translated by Italian EPLS instructors. From April to June 2010 nurses and physicians attended the Italian EPILS course. Candidate feedback was collected using an evaluation form. The change in knowledge of candidates was measured using a pre- and post-course test. Variables associated with candidate performance on course papers were investigated. Results: A total of 49 participants attended five EPILS courses. All candidates completed the course successfully and gave high evaluation scores. EPILS produced a significant increase from pre- to post-course test score (87.8+5.8 to 95+4.2,p<0.001). Only 8.1% of the participants obtain a post-test score under 90% (in contrast with 67.5% in pre-test). The pre-course score was higher for nurses and physicians working in Paediatric Emergency Unit compared with those coming from Paediatric unit, but this difference disappeared in the post-course evaluation. A detailed analysis of question evidenced the difficulty to understand when activate MET (limited availability in Italian actuality). Conclusions: This local Italian experience shows that the EPILS course format can be applied successfully outside the UK, and adapted to local needs. Better attention must be focalized to MET alert. The course improves knowledge scores and abolishes knowledge differences due to different working backgrounds of candidates.
Introduction and Aim of the Study: Retropubic tension-free vaginal tape (TVT) has become the gold standard in the surgical treatment of female stress urinary incontinence (SUI), with good clinical results and limited complications. Nevertheless, some severe complications have been reported, among which bladder and bowel perforation and vessel damages. For this reason, a novel route for the introduction of polypropylene sling has been proposed via the obturator foramen, both from the outside to the inside and from the inside to the outside, with similar cure rates. Finally, to further reduce invasiveness and complications (such as groin pain and urinary retention), single incision devices were produced. This continuous reduction of invasiveness leads to an increase of younger women suffering from SUI requesting surgical resolution of incontinence. Hence, a number of case reports on pregnancies after suburethral sling positioning. We here report on two cases of pregnancy after suburethral sling for SUI, one after TVT-O and one after the single incision TVT-Secur device - with different management of delivery. Materials and Methods: A 34-year-old woman (gravida 2, para 2) was referred on January 2007 to our Urogynecology Clinic with symptoms of SUI, appeared after her second delivery. After unsuccessful pelvic floor training, on May 2007 she underwent VT-O procedure as described by de Leval. After the procedure, the patient was continent, as well as at the sixth month follow-up visit. Soon after that follow-up visit, a third unplanned pregnancy occurred. After a thorough discussion of the mode of delivery, considering the pros and cons of vaginal delivery as opposed to cesarean section, the patient decided for the latter. A 41-year-old woman (gravida 3, para 3), suffering of SUI symptoms after her second vaginal delivery, on February 2008 underwent TVT-Secur after confirmation of SUI diagnosis with clinical evaluation and urodynamic testing. After the procedure she was continent, as well as at the three-month follow-up visit. Eight months after the procedure, the patient returned with a positive pregnancy test. Since no data on pregnancy after TVT-Secur positioning, and considering the presence of absorbable fixation tips instead of the tape passing out from the obturator foramen, the patient was advised to undergo a cesarean section. Ten days...
before the planned cesarean section, the patient was admitted to our Obstetric Ward with strong contractions, a 5 cm cervical opening, a complete effacement of the cervix and fetal index at the ischiatic spine level. Considering the favourable obstetric conditions, after receiving an informed consent by the patients, it was decided to let her complete her labour. Thus, a spontaneous vaginal delivery of a newborn weighing 3,250 g followed one hour later, without episiotomy. Results: During pregnancy, the first patient was continent and delivered a child with a birthweight of 3,560 g at 38 1 week gestation by means of cesarean section. One year after delivery, the patient is still continent as shown both by QoL questionnaires, clinical evaluation and urodynamic testing. After three months, the second patient did not show any incontinence symptoms. Clinical stress test, post-voidal residue and urodynamic findings were negative. Interpretation of Results: Reports of pregnancies following retropubic and transobturator TVT show successful outcomes both in case of cesarean section and vaginal delivery. The first reports are on deliveries managed with cesarean section due to the lack of information on the correct modality of delivery following TVT. Nevertheless, reports of vaginal delivery after TVT indicate that, at least in the short term, continence is not altered, as well as the tape position. We here report on two women, treated with two different types of slings, delivering with two different modalities. Both women were continent before, during and after delivery. In the case of TVT-O we have a follow-up at one year with no incontinence symptoms, both objectively and subjectively. In that case, the choice of the type of delivery was left to the patients, after having discussed all pros and cons. Our patient treated with TVT-Secur is, to our knowledge, the first case of a pregnancy and a delivery following single incision device positioning. For this patient, vaginal delivery was not planned, since too few information is available on the novel single incision device. The fixation system of this device is different from both retropubic and transobturator TVTs, thus the safest advice would have been to deliver by cesarean section. Nevertheless, she delivered vaginally without recurrence of SUI. Follow-up of this patient is quite short, so that no conclusions can be drawn from this case, even though it seems that no immediate harm to the urethra has been caused by vaginal delivery and, apparently, function of the tape was preserved. Unfortunately, we did not manage to perform ultrasonography to confirm tape positioning, but we can hypothesize that, since continence was preserved, tape positioning should have been preserved as well. Conclusions: In conclusion, primary treatment for SUI in younger patients should be conservative, but women suffering from persistent SUI and desiring further pregnancies should be offered TVT procedures, since pregnancy seems not to alter TVT-induced continence. The mode of delivery should be thoroughly discussed with the patients, and should be customized for each of them, not precluding vaginal delivery, at least for retropubic and transobturator TVTs. More data on the mode of delivery in case of the presence of a TVT-Secur device are needed to better counsel patients and thus cesarean section should be advised, at least for the moment.
High RA disease activity during pregnancy is associated with lower birth weight. Lower birth weight, even within the normal range, has been linked with cardiovascular diseases and metabolic syndromes later in life. Outside pregnancy, active RA is associated with high levels of circulating cytokines.

Purpose: To assess the levels of IL-10, IL-6 and TNFα in pregnant women with RA and to evaluate correlations between these levels, disease activity, and birth weight. Methods: Current study is embedded in the PARA-study, a prospective study on RA and pregnancy. 134 pregnant RA patients are enrolled in first and 168 in third trimester. 33 healthy pregnant women served as control. We analyse data using birth weight standard deviation scores (bwsds), a measure for birth weight adjusting for gestational age and sex of the child. Maternal disease activity is based on DAS28. IL-10, IL-6 and TNFα are determined by Immulite 1000. Results: Levels of IL-10, IL-6 and TNFα decrease during pregnancy. Strong correlations are found between these cytokines in first and third trimester and between DAS28 and IL-10, IL-6. First trimester patients with detectable IL-10 (n=12) show a higher disease activity than the IL-10 negative patients, a mean DAS28 4.4 (SD 1.2) and 3.6 (SD 1.1) respectively. To diminish the influence of disease activity on birth weight we match the IL-10 positive to an IL-10 negative group. Matching is on disease activity, parity and prednisone use. Mean bwsds is significantly higher (p=0.02) in the IL-10 positive group 0.92 (SD 0.7), than in the IL-10 negative match, 0.15 (SD 0.7). No such association is found in third trimester. To determine the additional effect of IL-6 to disease activity on bwsds stratification is done. In first trimester we stratify IL-6 and DAS28 in high and low group based on their median, resulting in 4 groups. In the two high DAS28 groups (defined median over 3.8), bwsds is significantly lower in high IL-6 than in low IL-6 (p<0.05). In the high IL-6 group bwsds is -0.19 (SD 1.12) in the low IL-6 group bwsds is 0.36 (SD 0.93). No such association is found in third trimester. TNFα is stratified the same way. In third trimester, only in patients with low disease activity, bwsds is lower in the low TNFα group than in the high TNFα group, bwsds of 0.05 (SD 0.97) and 0.52 (SD 0.96) respectively (p<0.05). Same trend is seen in the healthy cohort group, although not significant. No such association is found in first trimester or in patients with high RA disease activity. Conclusion: Circulating cytokines influence fetal growth in pregnant women with RA. In first trimester elevated IL-10 seems to protect against the negative influence of RA disease activity on birth weight. IL-6 seems to amplify this negative influence. Both cytokines create a bwsds deviation of more than 0.50 which is considered clinically relevant. In third trimester there is no influence suggesting an early critical window. Finally, our data might indicate a physiological role of TNFα in fetal growth during third trimester in healthy controls and patients with low disease activity. Underscoring that TNF-blockers should be used with caution during pregnancy.
Introduction: Cerebellum is not only involved in motor and articulatory control but also in higher cognitive functions. Studies with functional MRI in right-handed healthy volunteers show that cerebellar activation during language tasks is mainly localized in the right hemisphere, contralateral to the dominant cerebral hemisphere. Our purpose was to evaluate cerebellar lateralization of language by functional MRI in healthy children and to study the functional reorganization in children after cerebellar pilocytic astrocytoma resection. Subjects and methods: We performed fMRI studies in 12 healthy right handers children (mean 11.3, range 8-16) and 6 patients (mean 11.6, range 9-17), 5 right handers, 1 left, with surgical resection of vermal (3) and right
cerebellar hemisphere (3). The tasks chosen for the healthy subjects were: overt verbal fluency (OVF), silent verbal fluency (SVF) and silent verb generation (SVG). Patients underwent OVF and SVG tasks. All subjects were trained outside the scanner before the MRI exam. During the fMRI sessions also morphological T1 and T2 imaging was done for each subject. All acquisitions were performed using a 1.5T Siemens Avanto scanner. Imaging processing and statistical analysis were conducted using the Brain Voyager (Brain Innovation) and SPM (Statistical Parametric Mapping) software. Results: Both in OVF and in SVF 11 volunteers presented fronto-parietal activations lateralized in the left cerebral hemisphere, while the cerebellar activations were lateralized in the right hemisphere. In one healthy subject where the activations were right lateralized, the cerebellar activations were localized in the left hemisphere. In SVG, all subjects presented left fronto-parietal and left temporal activations, while the cerebellar activations were lateralized in the right hemisphere. Also a II level study group has been performed on the healthy subjects for all tasks. The random effect analysis gave the localization of the tasks in the right cerebellar emisphere. The 6 patients presented slightly more bilateral cerebral activations if compared with healthy subjects. Among these, 3 presented bilateral cerebellar activation, 3 more localized activations in the right cerebellar hemisphere. Discussion: Assessment of cerebellar fMRI lateralization of language is feasible in children, even with mild cognitive deficits. According to literature, both VF and VG are associated with significant activation in the cerebellar hemisphere, contralateral to the dominant cerebral hemisphere. The calculated cerebellar Asymmetry Indexes seem to anti-correlate with the frontal lobe Asymmetry Indexes and activations are significantly lateralized for silent tasks, probably due to the bilateral contribution of the mouth movements in overt tasks. Children with right cerebellar resections, especially of the lateral part and for wide lesions, present the most significant language deficits and bilateral cerebellar activations. This activation pattern is likely to be an attempt of compensatory reorganization. However the reorganization takes place also in the right damaged cerebellar hemisphere. Future analysis of correlation between cerebellar lateralization and language performance will disclose if this reorganization is successful to compensate the language deficit. The random effect analysis (study group) conducted on the healthy subjects gave the topology of the cerebellar activations, showing the differences between VF and VG

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Background: The aim was to compare the energy intake (EI), dietary habits (DH) and physical activity (PA) of mothers of children with obesity with mothers of children with healthy weight. Methods: Design: Case-control (cases: mothers of obese children, n=63; controls: mothers of healthy weight children, n=62). Setting: An elementary school at Guadalajara Mexico, 2009. EI was evaluated by a 24-hour recall questionnaire; HA and PA were evaluated with an ad hoc questionnaire. Analyses: OR, CI95%, logistic regression. Results: Overweight and obesity were significantly more frequent in the mothers of the obese children. They ingested a higher amount of energy and protein and with a significant higher frequency had lunch or dinner at work and watched TV at mealtimes. Their PA differed from controls mothers PA in outdoors or indoors moderate PA, less time of transportation to school and work and longer periods of sedentary activity. The regression models included the variables of the energy equation (energy and protein intake, active plus sedentary PA) plus specific DH and some socio-demographic characteristics (as families with one son and fathers job as independent professionals). Conclusions: The obese children's mothers' lifestyle seems to be obesogenic in variables related to energy intake and consumption -both as a part of the energy equation- as well as in dietary habits and the socio-demographic condition, underlining the multifactorial condition of childhood obesity.
Objectives: Regular physical activity (PA) decreases adiposity in children and benefit cardiopulmonary system. Aim of this study: To estimate frequency, duration and intensity of PA and the sedentary time outside school in Belarusian school children from urban area and to analyze their correlation with body mass index (BMI) and percent of body fat mass (%FM). Methods: The study was conducted in two randomly selected schools. Body weight and %FM were measured using foot-to-foot bioimpedance analyser Tanita. The level of PA and sedentary time outside school was assessed by a self-administered questionnaire. General sedentary time was estimated as screen time (spent at TV, computer) and time for home work and other sedentary activities. Results: Three hundred and eighty-five children and adolescents aged 10-17 years, M/F 165/220 with completed anthropometric data and questionnaires were included in analysis. Mean age (13.1 ± 1.85 years) and mean BMI (19.89 ± 3.34 kg/m²) were not statistically different between males and females, males had significantly lower %FM (P = 0.02). Thirteen percent of children reported undertaking PA every day, males more often than females (17% vs. 10%). 25% of children exercised more than 60 minutes per section (38% males vs. 16% females). Totally 6% of children reported recommended level of PA: every day and more than 60 minutes per section (11% males vs. 2% females). 33% of children had screen time more than 3 hours per day (35% males vs. 31% females) and 63% reported general sedentary time more than 4 hours per day. BMI and %FM showed weak positive correlation with screen time (r = 0.151, P = 0.003 and r = 0.104, P = 0.041, respectively), %FM in addition demonstrated weak negative correlation with frequency (r = -0.112, P = 0.028) and duration (r = -0.144, P = 0.005) of PA. Conclusion: Our study showed that level of PA did not influence BMI, however higher frequency and duration of PA decreased adiposity (%FM) in children. Generally Belarusian school children, especially girls, reported low levels of PA.
Motor performance of children with developmental coordination disorder is supported by different neural networks than in typical children.

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Background/Objectives: Children with developmental coordination disorder (DCD) struggle to learn new motor skills and demonstrate more variable motor performance than their typically-developing (TD) peers. Because no neuroimaging studies have been conducted to examine the mechanisms underlying motor learning deficits in children with DCD, the objective of this pilot study was to determine if patterns of brain activity differed between children with and without DCD while learning a motor task. We expected that children with DCD would demonstrate more accurate tracing of our trail-tracing task from early practice to retention, but that they would be significantly less accurate on the task as compared to TD children. We predicted that children with DCD would under-activate the cerebellum when tracing, and that they would show a compensatory pattern of brain activity in the prefrontal and posterior parietal cortices when compared with typical peers. Design: Behavioral and functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) blocked design. Participants and Setting: A volunteer sample of seven children with DCD (ages 8-12 y) and seven age-matched TD children in the Brain Behavioral Laboratory and UBC MRI Research Centre. Materials/Methods: Using fMRI, we mapped brain activity associated with learning of a trail-tracing task in children with and without DCD. We indexed motor
learning as a reduction of tracing error from early practice to retention on our experimental task. We assessed changes in brain activation across two fMRI sessions. Early task practice (Day 1) and a retention test (Day 5) took place inside a 3-Tesla Phillips MRI scanner. Three days (Days 2-4) of behavioral practice (tracing outside the fMRI) occurred in between the scanning sessions. Brain activity was represented by using fMRI as a summed-weighted threshold of percent signal change. Results: Consistent with their clinical presentation, children with DCD did not show an improvement in motor accuracy with equivalent practice to TD children. They also showed less blood oxygen level dependent response than TD children in a broad network of brain regions associated with motor learning and performance, including the right inferior parietal lobule, bilateral dorsolateral prefrontal cortices, right middle occipitotemporal area, lobule VI of the cerebellum, bilateral posterior cingulate, and left thalamus. In contrast, significantly greater activation of the caudate and putamen was apparent in children with DCD as compared to control children. Conclusions/Significance: Our results indicate that differences in motor learning may be related to differences in brain activation. Compared to TD peers, the DCD group demonstrated under-activation in the cerebellum and in brain areas associated with the cerebello-thalamo-cortical network. Findings suggest that children with DCD may have a deficit in updating internal models of movement and use the cortico-striatal network to support their motor performance.
Obesity is the new age epidemic and a slow killer with its roots predominantly in our lifestyle and behaviour. MATERIAL AND METHODS: Thirty overweight children who met inclusion criteria were evaluated over a period of 1 year. A detailed history physical examination was done in all. Body Mass Index Percentile (BMI % tile) for their age and sex as per the NCHS/CDC charts was used for classification. Relevant investigations to assess metabolic parameters were done. RESULTS: Thirteen of 30 patients had onset of obesity before one year of age, with 10 being obese and 3 overweight (P=0.036). No correlation was found between parental obesity and BMI of children. Fourteen of the obese children belonged to nuclear families (66.7%) as compared to 9 (100%) who stayed in a joint family (P=0.048). Poor level of motivation was observed in 22/30 children and average level in 8/30 (P=0.037). Excess carbohydrates and fats consumed and the decrease in protein intake by the children correlated significantly with the BMI (P values of 0.001, 0.002, and 0.003 respectively). Amount of protein consumed by those children who were overweight was significantly more than those who were obese (P value 0.001). 93.3% consumed food prepared using saturated fat as compared to 2 (6.7%) who used unsaturated fat (P=0.008). Sedentary hours spent correlated significantly with the BMI (P=0.01), with statistically significant hours spent outdoors by overweight group than in the obese group (P=0.007). Children with high BMI had increased Left ventricular mass index (LVMI). LV Mass showed a positive correlation with systolic and diastolic blood pressure readings. Total Chol/HDL ratio was found to be statistically significant in relation to BMI (P=0.032), CONCLUSION: Grade of obesity statistically correlates with age of onset, type of family, degree of physical activity, diet and raised total Cholesterol/HDL ratio and motivational level. Childhood obesity definitely has a significant correlation with the lifestyle factors.

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Extension of the mobile phone technology raises concern about the implications of electromagnetic radiation (EMR) on the central nervous system (CNS). Children are more sensitive to EMR due to developing phase of their brain. Generally Mobile phone radiates an average power of 0.2-0.6 watts when hand-held and operated close to the head, background levels are sharply distorted, with likely 40-50 percent of radiated phone energy absorbed into the brain. Our previous study has concluded that the extensive users, they hold cell phone for a period above 3 years, were more attentive for ‘headache’ symptom in comparison to normal users. In this study we assessed the spontaneous locomotors activity (SLA) of the mice after the acute exposure of cellular telephone (CDMA). 10 mice of the 30 days old (average weight 30gm) were grouped as control and EMR and they were habitualised for one week prior to start the experiment in well designed circular cellphone exposure (CCPE) cage. CCPE cage was specially designed for EMR exposure through the cellular phone over the mice in the natural environment and it was placed inside the exposure room where no electric appliances were exist. In the cage, cellular phone was placed in the center and mice were allowed to move around the device within 10 cm. radius. 3 hours/day exposure was applied to the mice of EMR group by the cellular phone in CCPE cage. Locomotor activity was assessed using computerized Optovarimax animal activity monitor, following the method Ali et. al., (1990). In this study Distance traveled, Time resting, Time moving and Stereotypic Time was measured with the help of the activity monitor. No significant changes were found in the EMR exposed mice in comparison of control mice. More laboratory research is essential to clarify the contradictions.
BACKGROUND: Obesity has risen dramatically in young people over the past two decades; this trend is especially prominent among minority populations, including African American (AA) youth. Schools represent a key venue in which to address the problem of obesity, through creative combination of curricular and environmental interventions. Given parental work demands and schedules and the need for safe and structured after-school opportunities for youth, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has developed an extensive after-school program that provides an ideal potential setting for a healthy nutrition and physical activity intervention for children and families. METHODS: Using Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) principles, we developed a partnership with Woodlawn Community School (WCS) on Chicago's South Side to implement and assess the feasibility of integrating into the after-school environment a behavioral intervention designed to decrease overweight and risk of obesity among AA youth and their parents. The Power-Up intervention, which comprises 14 interactive weekly sessions for children on various topics concerning nutrition and physical activity, was led by CPS teachers in the after school setting. Children were grouped by age, with approximately 15 children per group. Weekly parent discussion sessions held at pick-up time addressed similar topics in a discussion format, and families practiced Power-Up skills at home throughout the week by completing Power-Up 'homework' assignments. Data for participating families were collected pre- and post-intervention. Parent and child measures included BMI (BMI z-scores for children), blood pressure, self reported dietary intake and levels of physical activity, and health knowledge, beliefs and attitudes. RESULTS: 40 AA children (16 boys and 24 girls) and their 28 parents/guardians (all women) consented to participate in the Power-Up study. Children's ages ranged from 5 - 12 years (mean= 8). At baseline, over half of the children were either overweight (26%, 85<sup>th</sup>-95<sup>th</sup> %ile) or obese (28%, > 95<sup>th</sup> %ile). Post-intervention, children significantly reduced their mean BMI z-score from 1.05 to 0.81 (p<0.0001). Changes were more pronounced in the overweight children than in the obese category. CONCLUSIONS: Children, parents, teachers and school personnel enjoyed the Power-Up program, which was effectively integrated into school activities and culture through support of the Principal and other school leaders, presentations at Parent-Teacher events, and
participation in the annual All School Festival at the end of the school year. The after-school setting proved to be a feasible venue with promising pilot results for this obesity prevention program for children and families. Using CBPR principles in the development and implementation of the program was crucial to the success of this pilot project, and has led to long-term, sustainable impact in the environmental context at WCS; the school is working to install a green house to encourage healthier eating habits and new playground equipment to promote physical activity. Plans are underway for a larger, randomized trial to continue the Power-Up study in additional schools.

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KW - Pediatrics
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KW - Child
KW - childhood
KW - Risk
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Lifestyle
KW - blood sampling
KW - vitamin D deficiency
KW - dietary intake
KW - logistic regression analysis
KW - model
KW - Prevalence
KW - Adolescent
KW - Income
KW - risk factor
KW - Sunlight
KW - exposure
KW - supplementation
KW - autoimmune disease
KW - Diabetes Mellitus
KW - secondary analysis
KW - Diet
KW - Nutrition
KW - Male
KW - household
KW - field work
KW - Interview
KW - habit
Introduction: Vitamin D insufficiency (VID) may result in autoimmune diseases such as diabetes and multiple sclerosis. There is a lack of data on the relative importance of childhood VID predictors. Purpose: To evaluate predictors of childhood VID by undertaking a secondary analysis of the Great Britain National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS) of young people (YP) dataset. Material: One thousand one hundred and two YP aged 4-18 years (999 white, 570 male). Methods: Design: nationally representative survey of YP living in private households in Great Britain. Fieldwork covered 12 months (January 1997-1998). Interventions: interview and record providing information about; dietary habits; physical activity; lifestyle and socio-demographics; and blood sample. Outcomes: Vitamin D deficiency (<25 nmol/L) and VID (<50 nmol/L). Results: Vitamin D levels (mean = 62.1 nmol/L, 95% CI 60.4-63.7) showed deficiency = 7.4% and insufficiency = 35.1%. Levels were higher for those living between 53 and 59 degree latitude (compared with 50-53, P = 0.045). Dietary intake had no effect on vitamin D status. A logistic regression model showed the following significant (P < 0.05) associations for VID: (Table presented) Conclusion: We report the high prevalence of childhood VID and a previously under-recognised risk of VID in adolescents. The marked higher odds for VID in non-white children and those on income support suggest these groups should be targeted in preventative strategies. Marked seasonal differences and the association of higher risk of VID amongst children who exercised less outdoors and watched more TV highlights potentially modifiable risk factors. Clearer guidelines for safe sunlight exposure and an increased awareness are needed as there are no recommendations for supplementation in YP.

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KW - fitness
KW - baby
KW - pulmonary rehabilitation
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KW - Oxygen Consumption
KW - Exercise
KW - walking speed
KW - post hoc analysis
KW - college
KW - volunteer
KW - treadmill
KW - gas
Introduction: New mothers are often seeking professional advice about restarting or beginning a fitness program. Purpose: The aim of this study was to compare cardiorespiratory responses and energy expenditure of various walking speeds while pushing a baby stroller outdoors. Design: Descriptive (Observational) study. Methods: Eleven female volunteers (mean age 24 yrs; range 22 - 41) completed a treadmill VO2 max test to determine their aerobic capacity. Approximately one week later a portable gas analyzer was used to measure oxygen consumption while subjects performed 3 exercise sessions in random order pushing a baby stroller at 3.0, 4.0 mph and a self-selected speed to simulate the speed they considered walking for exercise. The stroller included an additional 35 pounds of weight to simulate the weight of a one-year old child plus a diaper bag. Oxygen consumption (VO2), heart rate (HR) and walking speed (GPS watch) were measured. Data were analyzed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) for each factor and pairwise comparisons were performed. Results: At steady state there was a difference (p < .001) between VO2 (ml - kg<sup>-1</sup> . min<sup>-1</sup>) for walk speed. Post hoc comparisons revealed differences between 3.0 mph (19.3 + 4.4 ml - kg<sup>-1</sup> . min<sup>-1</sup>; 43% of max) and both 4.0 mph (25.1 + 2.4 ml - kg<sup>-1</sup> . min<sup>-1</sup>; 55% of max) and self-select (26.6 + 1.6 ml . kg<sup>-1</sup> . min<sup>-1</sup>; 58% of max). Similar differences were observed for HR (p < .002) between 3.0 mph (103.2 + 18.1 bpm) and 4.0 mph (121.6 + 12.6 bpm) and self-select (128.7 + 16.2 bpm). Total caloric expenditure was also significantly greater during the 4.0 mph (7.5 + 0.6 kcal/min) and self-select (8.4 + 1.0 kcal/min) conditions compared to the slower walk (5.7 + 1.0 kcal/min). Pushing a weighted stroller at 4.0 mph and at a self-selected speed (mean speed 4.3 mph) was sufficient to meet the American College of Sports Medicine's threshold for improving cardiorespiratory fitness. Conclusions: These data suggest that walking at least 4.0 mph outdoors while pushing a baby stroller can be an effective way to obtain health and fitness benefits.

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Adolescence is defined as a period of biological, psychological, and social transition from a dependent child into an independent autonomous adult (1). It commonly occurs in the teenage years, but may extend well into the early twenties. During adolescence additional challenges emerge as the body and mind undergo rapid changes and care is transitioned from parents to the adolescent. The wishes of the young adult begin to surface and must be addressed. While adolescence can be difficult for healthy teens, the trials associated with having cystic fibrosis (CF) can magnify the struggles. Chronic health issues influence perception of body image and this is no less important in young women with CF. Few studies have addressed the impact of chronic diseases on sexual health in women with cystic fibrosis. What studies are available suggest that social and sexual development is delayed. The delay of puberty may be 2 years or more depending on nutritional status and results in a female (or male) of shorter stature with decreased bone density (2, 3). Zeitlin suggests that the onset of menarche in CF women may predispose them to impaired lung function as a result of the monthly menses; this may account for some of the gender differences in morbidity/mortality (4). Roberts and Green report that 60% of CF adolescents want to know about sexual health before the age of 16 years (5). CF adolescents engage in sexual activity at the same age as their unaffected peers. Lung function impairment may require alternative positions for sexual activity. Coughing during sexual intercourse can be particularly disturbing for teens. Even though the cervical mucus is thicker, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and unplanned pregnancy can occur. The incidence of STD and the response to therapy are unknown in this population. Contraception as part of a comprehensive sexual health program should be addressed early in CF affected women as many believe that they cannot get pregnant, but there are no guidelines to suggest an optimal method for all CF women. In addition, CF women who choose hormonal birth control pills must be cautioned about the interaction of antibiotics and oral contraceptives and the risk of venous thromboembolism which can further affect lung function. On another front is the social development of the young CF woman. Illnesses may restrict attendance at common social functions like sports events, homecoming and prom. Sometimes parents are overprotective and limit involvement of CF daughters. Exacerbations of coughing may occur at outdoor events in cooler weather or in smoke filled rooms. Recurrent sinus or lung infections causing coughing or foul breath may affect social intimacy like kissing and result in rejection by boyfriends. Changes in the physical appearance of CF women (such as clubbing, underweight, barrel chested, moon faces, small breasts) cause feelings of inadequacy and result in adjusting hair or clothing styles to hide inadequacies (6). Gastrointestinal disturbances, especially flatus, are particularly embarrassing for CF women, but may be a source of bravado for CF men. Adolescence is also a time of choosing a career path. Adolescents must be guided to choose appropriately. CF women should be steered toward careers in clean environments that pose minimal or no hazard to them or to the people they are around. Healthcare and child care may not be appropriate choices for many reasons (7, 8). The treatment of adolescent girls with CF poses specific challenges for promoting health and treating CF related diseases. At this point the relationship between the health care provider and the patient, not the parents, becomes more important. A safe environment separate from the parents to discuss confidential issues of importance to teens is required and can result in improved adherence at a difficult time.
Neurological abnormalities are complained by the cellular users from the corners of the globe in last few years. Our previous study has concluded that the extensive users, they hold cell phone for a period above 3 years, were more attentive for 'headache' symptom in comparison to normal users. Children are more sensitive to EMR due to developing phase of their brain. Generally cellular phone radiates an average power of 0.2-0.6 watts when hand-held and operated close to the head, background levels are sharply distorted, with likely 40-50% of radiated phone energy absorbed into the brain. In this study we assessed the spontaneous locomotors activity (SLA) of the mice after the acute exposure of cellular telephone (CDMA). 10 mice of the 30 days old (average weight 30 gm) were grouped as control and EMR and they were habitualised for 1 week prior to start the experiment in well designed circular cellphone exposure (CCPE) cage. CCPE cage was specially designed for EMR exposure through the cellular phone over the mice in the natural environment and it placed inside the exposure room where other electric appliances were not exist. In the cage, cellular phone was placed in the center and mice were allowed to move around the device within 10 cm. radius. 3 h/day exposure was applied to the mice of EMR group by the cellular phone in CCPE cage. Locomotor activity was assessed using computerized Optovarimax animal activity monitor, following the method Ali et al., (1990). In this study sub parameters such as Distance traveled, Time resting, Time moving and Stereotypic time was measured with the help of the activity monitor. No significant changes were found in the EMR exposed mice in comparison of control mice. More laboratory research is essential to clarify the contradictions.
Background: Suspected mass sociogenic illness (MSI) initially attributed to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Case series: Over 100 people at church on hot day when child fainted followed by another. No seizure activity and awoke normal and removed. Others then had various complaints and building evacuated. The fire department evaluated patients including: COHb and O2 sat with Masimo oximeter, several COHb reported up to 19%. Paramedics and Haz Mat to scene. After ambulances more children and two adults became symptomatic outside. No cyanosis at any time. Seventeen of twentytwo taken to tertiary hospital with HBO chamber and other five to local ED. All other attendees asymptomatic. All asymptomatic in ED after 15 min transport time with normal exams. Majority not treated with O2 en route. Mean age 13-year-old (7-50), seven males, complaints at scene: nine dizziness, six headache, three paresthesia, three loss of consciousness, seven nausea. All treated in ED 100% O2 at 15 L/min. VBG COHb immediately sent and different Masimo oximeter repeated. Mean blood COHb 0.6 (0.2-1.2), O2 sat 99.8 (99-100), Masimo COHb 0.2 (0-3), MetHb 1.5 (0-0.4). Discussion: MSI challenging diagnosis. Primarily seen in children, rapid onset and resolution, visual cues trigger, no illness in other persons sharing environment, no clinical or laboratory evidence of illness, hyperventilation and syncope common. None had elevated COHb. Haz Mat did not measure CO or other toxic
gases. No heater or air conditioner on at time. Haz Mat reproduced scenario, including running heater, over several hours and no toxic gases. Heater evaluated and operating normally. Other potential etiology includes simple asphyxiant. Unlikely as affected persons sitting in various areas and majority unaffected sitting near affected persons. Furthermore, several became symptomatic after leaving church. Escalation and increased persons affected with increasing ambulance presence is common in MSI. We suspect field COHb aberrant from inexperienced operator error. Conclusion: Clinicians should consider MSI following mass outbreaks of illness, particularly with the rapid onset and rapid resolution of symptoms coupled with normal physical examination and laboratory analysis. However, MSI should only be entertained after potential toxicologic etiologies have been excluded.

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KW - Prevalence
KW - Society
KW - continence
KW - Female
KW - vaginal delivery
KW - information processing
KW - Body Image
KW - Income
KW - sensation
KW - childbirth
KW - sexuality
KW - physician
KW - Child
KW - household
KW - Graduate
KW - orgasm
KW - sexual satisfaction
KW - data base
KW - patient
KW - sexual health
KW - pelvic floor muscle training
KW - hypothesis
KW - Evidence Based Practice
KW - sexual intercourse
KW - study design
KW - city
KW - health care personnel
KW - friend
KW - ethnicity
KW - Education
Hypothesis / aims of study: Laxity of the vaginal introitus may occur following vaginal delivery. However, this condition is infrequently discussed between patients and physicians, likely due to a paucity of evidence-based treatment options. We hypothesized that introital laxity leads to loss of physical sensation and the development of sexual dissatisfaction during vaginal intercourse. Therefore, a survey was conducted with two primary aims: 1) to better quantify the prevalence of vaginal laxity among parous women ages 25-55 years of age and 2) to explore the association between vaginal laxity and changes in physical sensation or sexual dissatisfaction. Study design, materials and methods: A cross-sectional survey was conducted utilizing focus groups and a national database of online registrants for women ages 25-55 who had experienced at least one vaginal delivery. This survey was conducted in two phases; a qualitative assessment survey utilizing focus groups from which directional information was collected followed by the second phase, a quantitative survey. For the qualitative phase, nine focus groups were conducted each comprised of six to eight women per group. Three groups per city were organized in Portland, Cleveland and Atlanta. Discussions were lead by a female moderator using a standardized script to explore perceptions and concerns of women presenting with vaginal laxity after vaginal childbirth and their attitudes toward resolution of this medical condition. Key areas for discussion included physical changes experienced since vaginal childbirth, confidence and relationship with partner, physical and psychological consequences specifically related to vaginal laxity, and barriers to discussion of vaginal laxity with health care providers, friends and family. Each focus group lasted approximately two hours; participants received $100 for attending. The second phase of the survey utilized a national database of online registrants of women aged 25-55 who had experienced at least one vaginal delivery. The survey consisted of five parts, namely (i) demographic data, e.g., age, ethnicity, education, employment status, household income, marital status and number of vaginal births, plans for future children, (ii) interaction with her obstetrician/gynecologist (OB/GYN) regarding sexual function, (iii) 16 questions on body image and sexuality following childbirth, (iv) body image procedures contemplated or had, and (v) potential benefits to improving vaginal laxity. Results: A total of 50 women participated in the focus groups. In the pre-selected age range of 25 to 45, slightly more than half were 25-35 years of age, predominantly college graduates, and evenly distributed amongst household incomes. Participants included a mix of women working outside the home or homemakers. They candidly described body image changes following childbirth and the complexity of physical and emotional consequences due to vaginal laxity (e.g., reduced vaginal sensation, difficulty reaching orgasm). Vaginal changes were equated with loss of sexuality, burdensome sexual performance, and a yearning for intimacy and sexual confidence experienced before having children. The participants acknowledged the impediments to discussing sexual concerns with their physicians. In the second, quantitative phase of the survey, 421 (69.8%) of the 635 women who received on-line questionnaires completed the survey. Surveys were collected from women in every state in the continental US (14% of all responses were from CA, 5-6% from NY, MI, TX and FL). The respondents were predominately white (81%), college graduates (55%), employed full or part time (59%), suburban living (57%), income $70K or greater (71%), and married (90%), and a median of two childbirths. Some of the survey responses related to concerns about self-image, sexuality and sexual satisfaction are presented in Table 1. (Table presented). Interpretation of results: Approximately half of the women in all age groups expressed a diminished interest in sex after having children, initiated sex less frequently and felt like it was more of an effort. However, half of the respondents also indicated satisfaction
with their sex life. Laxity of the vaginal introitus was expressed as a concern ("some" or "a little" or "a lot") by 48% (201 of 421) of respondents. Eighty percent of respondents (335 of 421) had not discussed the topic with their OB/GYN. Eighty-five percent (357 of 421) of women knew how to perform the Kegel exercises, 76% (318) had done them, 48% (204) thought they were effective in tightening the vagina, 15% (65) indicated they were not effective and 36% (152) did not know if the Kegel exercises were effective in improving their vaginal tone. Approximately 50% or more of women felt that improving the tightness of their vaginal introitus would have a positive effect on the relationship with their partner, both their sexual confidence and overall confidence, the orgasmic experience of both them and their partner, and sexual satisfaction. Concluding message The results from this cross-sectional survey on sexual health after vaginal birth provide a new focus on laxity of the vaginal introitus as an important medical concern after vaginal childbirth, one that is infrequently discussed between patients and physicians, and under reported in the literature. The surveys are unique in assessing women's attitudes about their body image, sexual health, and sexual relationships. Among the respondents who represented a 30-year age range from 25 to 55, approximately half expressed some degree of concern for "looseness" of the vaginal introitus. Potential treatment to tighten the vaginal introitus was considered to be positive for personal renewal, to improve orgasms and benefit the sexual relationship for both partners. (Table presented)
Background To identify the epidemiologic characteristics of HIV and AIDS in SETIF during the period between 1986, and 2009. Methods This report presents a descriptive analysis of HIV and AIDS surveillance data. The subjects of this study were all notified HIV and AIDS cases in SETIF diagnosed by ELISA and confirmatory Western blot, we worked with epi info 3.5.2. Results The HIV epidemic started in SETIF in 1986 with the first diagnosed AIDS cases. The number of cases slowly but steadily increased, to reach, by 2009, 152 cases. The median age of infected persons was 39.77 years. 40.8% were WOMEN; The most frequent mode of transmission is sexual (76.9% of all cases; with mainly heterosexual transmission 77.9 percent; with a strong correlation to travel and migration 37.20%). the proportion of persons diagnosed late (within 12 months before AIDS diagnosis) was 82.3%; 91.4% of married men (36) have sexual relationships outside marriage as compared to 0.0% of married women (27). We report also 13.60% discordant couples among married patients, Among documented HIV-positive mothers (36), their children were screened in 61.10%, and 95.5% of them were seronegatif, 55.9% of all cases were treated with ARV. HIV/ AIDS deaths 36.2% decreased markedly from 2002, associated with the advent of HAART. Discussion Gender distribution and distribution by mode of transmission among HIV-infected revealed an equal gender distribution of infection which contrary to sub-Saharan Africa, where women are more affected. a higher female prevalence of HIV infection might be expected in Algeria since heterosexuality is the prevailing mode of sexual transmission. Non-marital sex is the main risk factor, as it is worldwide for several reasons: Our data might be explained by the large number of males who travel to other countries, especially to areas with a high prevalence of HIV infection. Travel and tourism enhance the probability of having casual sex, a fact that increases the risk of exposure to sexually transmitted infections. The ever-decreasing religious values Adults 23- to 45-years old were found to constitute 65.8% of all cases, a fact that points to the serious social and economical impact of the disease The trend of mode of transmission by blood transfusion shows that most of the cases infected through contaminated blood were registered before 1995. These patients most probably received blood unscreened for HIV in the 1980s before blood safety measures were undertaken. However, the incidence of this type of transmission significantly declined after implementation of blood safety policies. 32.90% of infected had died, This high percentage can be explained by the fact that: most infections are detected among patients, who already have a bad prognosis 66.40% 68.6% of death occurs before 1996 it means before the introduction of highly active antiretroviral therapy
The purpose of the current study was to examine whether asthmatic children using multiple types of inhalers demonstrate poor inhalation technique scores in comparison to those patients using only one type of inhaler. The DPI inhalers investigated were Turbuhaler (TH; AstraZeneca), Diskus (DK; GlaxoWellcome), and Diskhaler. Subjects used one of these DPI inhalers alone or in combination with MDIS. The inhalation technique was evaluated during the clinic visit and scored using a modified inhaler-specific checklist adapted from the Dutch Asthma Foundation technique score. The total score was obtained by multiplication of all the scores then multiplying the total by 100 to get a percent score. This system incorporates the relative importance of each step in the inhalation technique. For each inhaler, items essential to the delivery of active drug into the lungs were identified. These key items involve preparing or loading the device prior to inhalation, which is performed differently for MDI and DPI, and the inspiration maneuver. In 97 asthmatic children (mean age 11.59±3.9 years) inhalation technique was assessed. Of these, 59 (60.8%) were males and 76 (78.4%) received instruction in the asthma clinic. Those who received teaching from outside the clinic (21 children) had asthma for a mean of 4.5 years. Twenty-eight patients (25 from within the asthma clinic and 3 from outside) used the Turbuhaler, with 12 of these 28 patients using it in combination with MDIS. Meanwhile, 40 children used the Diskus inhaler (35 from within the asthma clinic and 5 from outside), with 26 of these users combining the Diskus device with MDIS. Overall, there were 30 patients (30.9%) in the DPI treatment group and 38 patients (39.2%) using both DPI and MDI inhalers. The DPI alone group exhibited a significantly higher inhalation technique score (85.7% vs. 61.9%; p < 0.05). The inhalation technique scores associated with both the Diskus and Turbuhaler were significantly reduced when used in combination with MDIS. The mean of the Turbuhaler technique score was 87% when used alone, which decreased to 61.3% when used in combination with MDIS (p < 0.05). Similarly, the mean of the Diskus technique score was also significantly reduced (83.4% to 62%) under these same conditions (p < 0.05). We conclude that the use of DPI inhalers in conjunction with MDIS inhalers confuses patients and reduces the likelihood of proper inhalation technique. When prescribing asthma therapy for patients, we advise physicians to consider similar devices to reduce inhalation technique errors, which may improve the drug deposition and lead to better asthma control.

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KW - bronchitis
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KW - Child
KW - coughing
KW - airway
KW - bacterial infection
KW - Inflammation
KW - lung disease
KW - bronchiectasis
KW - pathogenesis
KW - lower respiratory tract
KW - Morbidity
KW - physician
KW - antibiotic therapy
KW - esophagitis
KW - parent
KW - microbiology
KW - neutrophilia
KW - Methodology
KW - Diagnosis
KW - neutrophil
KW - Society
KW - respiratory tract infection
KW - follow up
KW - innate immunity
KW - Asthma
KW - Risk
KW - prospective study
KW - Etiology
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - Infection
KW - Haemophilus influenzae
KW - Bronchoscopy
KW - clinical practice
KW - consultation
KW - New Zealand
KW - Australia
KW - sinusitis
KW - ear disease
KW - wheezing
KW - relapse
KW - community acquired pneumonia
KW - respiratory tract disease
KW - adaptive immunity
KW - gastroscopy
KW - stomach juice
What is PBB? PBB, long been recognized by pediatric pulmonologists worldwide, was only adequately characterized (clinically and BAL) recently [1-3]. PBB's original description was derived from a prospective study that evaluated the aetiology of chronic cough in children using a research protocol. The study [1] used a priori defined criteria and validated cough diaries to assess response with a clear time period relating to when medications were given. In the 108 young children with chronic cough in the study, bacterial infection of the airways (defined as growth of single pathogens of >10^5 cfu/ml) was the most common (40% of children) finding [1]. Airway neutrophilia was also present and the respiratory pathogens found in the endobronchial infection were H. influenzae, S. pneumoniae and M. catarrhalis [1,3]. The criteria for PBB in the research study were: (1) history of chronic moist cough, (2) positive BAL culture, and (3) response to antibiotic treatment with resolution of the cough within two weeks. Outside of research protocols, bronchoscopies cannot be routinely undertaken for uncomplicated chronic wet cough in clinical practice. Thus PBB, sometimes truncated to protracted bronchitis (PB) is clinically defined as (a) the presence of isolated chronic (>4 weeks) wet/moist cough, (b) resolution of cough with antibiotic treatment and (c) absence of pointers suggestive of an alternative specific cause of cough [2]. Hence while the diagnosis of PB can be suspected at the time of consultation, it can only be made down the track on review. PB has been officially recognized by the Thoracic Society of New Zealand and Australia and the British Thoracic Society [2]. The clinical profile of children with PB: Children with PB are typically young (<5 years of age, median age - 3 years [1,3]), do not have any other systemic symptoms including the absence of clinical sinusitis and ear disease. Some parents may report a 'wheeze' but it usually represents a misinterpretation of the sound [3]. Many of these children have been misdiagnosed as having asthma [1,3]. Their chest x-rays usually show peribronchiolar changes or may be reported as 'normal' [1,3]. Like children with chronic cough, children with PB have significant morbidity; parents typically have seen multiple medical practitioners for their child's chronic cough in the last 12 months. In PB the child's cough resolves only after a prolonged course of appropriate antibiotics (12-14 days). When a typical course (5 days) of antibiotics is used, the cough either relapses within 2-3 days, or slightly subsides but does not resolve completely. This is in contrast to the short course of antibiotics (5-7 days) required to treat community acquired pneumonia in otherwise well children. Children with PB also have higher Canadian Acute Respiratory Infection Scale (CARIKS) scores in subsequent respiratory illness. When compared with children with acute asthma and normal controls, children with PB, there was no difference between groups on day-1.
However days 7, 10 and 14 later, children with PB had significantly (p < 0.0001 for all) higher CARIFS scores [2]. Pathogenesis of PBB: PBB is associated with persistent bacterial infection in the airways [1,3] and it is widely accepted that persistent bacteria infection (with accompanying inflammation) is harmful to the airways. PBB is likely non-homogenous with neutrophilic airway inflammation developing by a variety of mechanisms. It is likely that an innate immune dysfunction or immature adaptive immunity is present, at least in a subgroup of these children. A group of children with bacterial colonisation, airway neutrophilia and protracted cough that was unrelated to the presence or absence of oesophagitis, was identified from 150 children undergoing gastroscopy [4]. In children without lung disease, cough was more likely to result from airway bacterial infection and not to oesophagitis [4]. The abnormal microbiology of the airways in children with cough, was not reflected in the microbiology of gastric juices. In a subset of these children (n = 69), bacterial colonisation of the lower airways was associated with neutrophilic inflammation and reduced expression of both the toll-like receptor (TLR) -4 and the preprotachykinin gene, TAC1, that encodes substance P [5]. Substance P has a defensin-like function which may explain the association between reduced TAC1 and persistent bacterial infection. In order to provide additional evidence for a dysfunctional host response to bacterial infection, chemokine receptor expression was assessed. Elevated gene expression for neutrophil chemo-attractant chemokine IL-8 cellular receptor, CXCR1, was detected, while the chemokine receptors (CCR3, CCR5) were similar between groups. In another cohort of children with established chronic cough who presented to respiratory physicians and had PBB, intense neutrophilic airway inflammation with marked inflammatory mediator response (IL-8, active matrix metalloproteinase 9 [MMP-9]) was present, compared to controls [6]. The median levels of IL-8 (0.69, IQR 0.30, 1.72 ng/ml) in the BAL was similar to those found in other studies that examined chronic airway inflammation in cystic fibrosis and other forms of chronic suppurative lung disease [6]. In contrast to above data, TLR-2 and TLR-4mRNA expression were significantly elevated in this cohort when compared to the control group [6]. However when corrected for neutrophil numbers (it remains unclear if values should be corrected), TLR-2 and -4 were reduced [6]. Furthermore when followed up those with recurrent PBB has significantly reduced TLR-2 and 4mRNA expression (adjusted values) compared to those who had did not have recurrent PBB in the 12-mo follow-up period (unpublished). Nevertheless there were other differences between these cohorts that include age (innate immunity is age-dependent), duration of cough and key presentation history. Thus the nature and duration of innate immune dysfunction remain undefined, nor it is clear whether the dysfunction is specific to the lower airways or is more generalised (ie systemic). Only a long term study will elucidate the pathogenesis and evolution of PB in children. Treatment and follow-up of children with PB: Both the Australian and UK groups have described the response of the wet cough to a prolonged (at least 2 weeks) course of antibiotics [1-3]. In a Cochrane review (albeit consisting of 2 limited studies with total number of 140 children), chronic wet cough in children responded to antibiotics with a number needed to treat of 3 (95% CI 2, 4) and the progression of illness, defined by requirement for further antibiotics, was significantly lower in the antibiotic group with a number needed to treat for benefit of 4 (95% CI 3, 5) [2]. However until a double blinded randomized control trial that specifically addresses this question is performed, it remains indefinite which children with wet cough should receive antibiotics. Children with PB may have recurrent episodes. In the Brisbane cohort’s preliminary study, approximately 35% of children have recurrent (>2 episodes a year) PB. Also whether PB is antecedent to chronic suppurative lung disease and bronchiectasis in some children is unknown and important to evaluate. It is likely that, at least in a small but significant number of children, PBB is an early spectrum of the same process leading to chronic suppurative lung disease and bronchiectasis [2]. Children with PB do not have established bronchiectasis as those with established bronchiectasis usually have a different clinical profile and are unlikely to recover after 12-14 days of oral antibiotics. It is suggested that children with recurrent PB (>2 episodes per year) are evaluated like a child with bronchiectasis. Summary: In summary, chronic wet cough in young children is common and causes considerable morbidity and health care costs. A clinical diagnostic entity called PBB is the most common cause of chronic wet cough on young children. Even though many children with PBB get better with 2 weeks of antibiotics, the long term consequences in young children whose pulmonary system are still developing, remains undefined. In published preliminary studies, reduced levels of receptors involved in innate immune recognition in the BAL cells of children with PBB and airway infection were described. It is likely that, at least some if not many, children with recurrent PBB have innate immune dysfunction and are at risk of chronic suppurative lung disease, which has been lately recognised to be not as rare as previously thought. Studies elucidating the determinants of chronic airway inflammation and bacterial colonisation in children, in particular the role of innate immunity dysfunction in children with recurrent PBB and their clinical outcomes are required.
The Forgotten Majority - Late preterm infants and their vulnerability to lung disease

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The frequency of late preterm births has generally increased in the United States over the past 2 decades [1]. Infants 34-36 weeks gestational age (wGA) comprise approximately 71% of all preterm births (in 2007 approximately 390,000 live births) [1]. Infants of this gestational age termed "late preterm" are often considered to be as physiologically and metabolically mature as term infants, and therefore at low risk for morbidity and mortality. The resulting early discharge from hospital may be a factor in an increased overall risk of re-hospitalization [2]. A growing body of literature has documented the broad range of complications that late preterm infants may experience [3]. They have a higher risk of developing a large array of medical complications, and mortality rate for late preterm infants are 3-5 fold higher than that for term infants. Each weekly reduction in estimated gestational age at birth was found to be associated with increased morbidity before hospital discharge and higher rates of hospital readmission in the first months of life [2]. A study involving 377,638 term and 26,170 late preterm (34-36 wGA) infants showed that 22.2% of the late preterm vs. 3.0% of term infants had newborn morbidity during their birth hospitalization. Preterm infants born at 34 wGA had 20-fold (relative risk [RR]: 20.6) and at 35wGA had 10-fold (RR: 10.2) higher risk of morbidity compared with infants born at 40wGA. Relative morbidity increased approximately 2-fold with every week of decreasing gestational age earlier than 38wGA [4]. A recent review on the respiratory consequences of preterm birth suggests that many adverse respiratory consequences of preterm birth are likely the result of persistent pulmonary structural abnormalities [5]. Retrospective analyses of records of infants born to US residents showed higher infant mortality rates in 34-36wGA infants compared with term infants [6]. All forms of respiratory morbidity affect late preterm infants at a higher rate than infants of more advanced gestational age, but in particular preterm infants (33-36wGA) who are outside of the typical bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) age range are highly susceptible to infection by such pathogens as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Boyce et al. [7] showed that infants born at 33-36wGA had similar rates of admission to the hospital for RSV infection as infants <33wGA, and that there were substantially higher rates of admission in these 2 populations compared with term infants. In other studies infants 33-35wGA had hospital outcomes that were similar to or worse than those of infants <32wGA, whether RSV infection was confirmed or they were hospitalized for nonspecific bronchiolitis. After RSV-hospitalization infants 32-36wGA experienced rehospitalization rates twice as high,
hospital stays 3 times as long, and outpatient visits twice as frequent as infants of similar gestational age who were not hospitalized for RSV [8]. Prematurity was also associated with an increased risk of bronchiolitis-associated death. The odds ratio for death related to RSV in 32-35wGA compared with full-term infants was approximately 5 [9]. The mechanisms explaining the morbidity in infants 34-36wGA are at least in part related to physiologic deficiencies related to their stage of lung development. Stages of lung development: Early growth and development of the human lung is a continuous process that is highly variable between individuals and has traditionally been divided into 5 stages. Premature infants are predominantly born in the saccular stage (28-36wGA) that precedes the final alveolar stage [10]. The saccular period, is a transitional phase before full maturation of alveoli occurs characterized by an increased number of primitive alveoli (saccules) that become gradually more effective as gas exchangers and may be sufficient in number and quality to sustain life in the preterm infant. The alveolar walls are more compact and thick than the final thin walls of alveoli and include an immature capillary system that is capable of carrying out the function of gas exchange and also fully matures in the alveolar phase. Mature alveoli are not uniformly present until 36wGA [10]. These structural changes not only affect gas exchange but have profound effects on the mechanical properties of the lung and hence the respiratory system as a whole. Impaired maintenance of FRC due to chest wall compliance, deficient airway tethering, and small lung volumes: The physiologic consequences of this early birth are that maintenance of a stable and adequate functional residual capacity (FRC) that secures stable gas exchange is impaired. FRC is determined by the balance between the opposing forces of the chest wall and lung and is thus a direct function of their respective mechanical properties. In early life, a compliant chest wall offers little outward recoil to the respiratory system and thus the elastic characteristics of the respiratory system approximate those of the lung with a tendency to decrease to lower lung volumes. Only within the first 2 years of life is this vulnerability corrected as the chest wall stiffens. To circumvent this limitation, infants actively elevate their FRC by modulating expiratory flow using laryngeal braking during tidal expiration and by maintaining inspiratory muscle activity into the expiratory phase. In addition they initiate inspiration early within the expiratory phase. Thus it is reasonable to assume that breathing with an overly compliant chest wall, high lung compliance, and reduced number of air-containing units is a challenge for infants delivered before term. The challenge of maintaining an FRC that permits stable gas exchange is likely compounded in the premature infant by apneic events, which have been shown to drive the system to critically low lung volumes and result in rapid desaturation. An additional crucial mechanism that secures airway patency and thus adequate maintenance of FRC is airway tethering. Tethering depends on a complex mesh-like elastic network within the alveolar walls that transmits tension from the pleural surface and exerts a circumferential pull on individual bronchi. Thus, tethering couples lung volume changes with airway caliber. Tethering of airways is less effective in infants born prematurely because alveolarization and the associated development of the parenchymal elastic network are still in the saccular stage of development at 32-36 wGA. The effect of reduced tethering is decreased airway stability, increased tendency to closure, increased airway resistance, and, ultimately, a tendency to collapse alveolar units in the lung periphery. Total lung volume undergoes rapid changes during the last trimester of gestation. At 30wGA, the lung volume is only 34% of the ultimate volume at mature birth, and at 34 weeks only reaches 47% of the final volume at maturity. This change parallels a marked thinning of air space walls associated with a dramatic increases in air space surface area from 1.0-2.0m<sup>2</sup> at 30-32wGA, to 3.0-4.0m<sup>2</sup> at term. These volume changes likely have direct mechanical implications in reducing the vulnerability caused by a low and unstable FRC. Altered lung development and function in association with preterm (30-36 wGA) birth: It is now recognized that postnatal hyperxia plays a key role in the development of BPD. Premature birth interrupts normal in utero lung development and results in an early transition from the hypoxic intrauterine environment to a comparatively hyperoxic atmospheric environment. There is increasing evidence to support the hypothesis that preterm delivery, even in the absence of any neonatal respiratory disease, may have adverse effects on subsequent lung growth and development, and that these alterations may persist during the first 5 years of life and possibly beyond. Using pulmonary function testing a number of studies have shown a direct association between premature birth and altered pulmonary function. These studies demonstrated reduced expiratory flows in premature infants of varying gestational ages, but born without clinical lung disease. Most convincing was a recent study using the raised volume rapid thoracic compression technique [11]. In this study healthy preterm infants (mean, 33.4wGA) were studied at 8 weeks and had reduced airway flows in the presence of normal forced vital capacity compared with term infants. In a follow-up analysis, the reduced flows did not normalize in these children by 16 months of age, thus demonstrating a lack of "catch-up" growth in airway function [12]. The long-term significance of reduced airway function early in life has recently been emphasized in a longitudinal study involving a large group of non-selected infants who had participated in the Tucson Children's Respiratory study [13]. In this study Stern et al. showed that infants whose pulmonary function was in the lowest quartile also had pulmonary function in the lowest quartile through
the years of follow-up until early adulthood. These findings in a normal unselected population, suggest that the level of pulmonary function in early life tracks and changes little with growth. Weiss and Ware [14] suggest that deficits in lung function during early life, especially if associated with lower respiratory illnesses, increase the risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in late adult life. Of particular importance in this context may be the role played by RSV, which affects most children during their first year of life.Conclusions: Long term prospective data are needed to elucidate the lifetime impact of birth in the late preterm stage and the consequences of the morbidities associated with such birth

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N2 - Introduction: Recent evidence suggests that the nutrition and physical activity behaviours learnt early in life are subsequently carried into adulthood. The aim of this study was to examine the nutrition and physical activity behaviours of elementary (primary) and secondary school students in schools across Victoria, Australia.

Methods: Students from 27 primary and 24 secondary schools (n = 1213 and n = 1413 students, respectively) completed a questionnaire regarding nutrition- and physical activity-related behaviours. Results: Compared to primary school students, on average in one day, secondary school students consumed less serves of fruit (mean + SE; 1.68 + 0.03 vs. 2.00 + 0.03; P < 0.001); more soft drink (249.30 mL + 12.71 mL vs. 203.46 ml + 13.47 mL; P = 0.014), more cordial/fruit juice/fruit drinks/sports drinks (385.07 mL + 12.63 mL vs. 310.84 ml + 13.38 mL; P < 0.001), watched more television (1.78 hour + 0.03 hour vs. 1.47 hour + 0.04 hour; P < 0.001) and spent more time playing electronic games or the computer (not for homework; 1.08 hour + 0.03 hour vs. 0.85 hour + 0.03 hour; P < 0.001). The amount of outside play after school was similar (2.09 hour + 0.04 hour vs. 2.19 hour + 0.04 hour). Additionally, there was an increased proportion of secondary school students whom missed breakfast 'yesterday' (15.1% vs. 6.3%; P < 0.001) and reported having a tv in their bedroom (42.5% vs. 38.5%; P = 0.034). Conclusion: Obesogenic behaviours are frequent in both primary and secondary students however they appear to be more prevalent in the older students. Creating consistent health promoting environments for children as they move from preschool, through primary and then into secondary school is an important strategy for reducing obesity both in childhood and in later life.
Introduction: The Kid's 'Go for your life' (KGFYL) intervention program aims to reduce the risk of childhood obesity by improving children's environments and promoting healthy eating and physical activity related behaviours. The program involves an award scheme whereby elementary and pre-schools join as 'members' and then implement health promotion initiatives to meet the KGFYL criteria and become 'awarded'.

The aim of this study is to examine differences in the environment between member and awarded preschools.

Methods: Teachers from 36 KGFYL preschools in Victoria, Australia (RR: 65%) completed a 244-item questionnaire examining the nutrition and physical activity environment (socio-cultural, policy and physical) of their preschool.

Results: Compared to member preschools, a greater proportion of awarded preschools had written physical activity policies (7% vs. 76%; P < 0.001); provided parents with a copy of their nutrition policy (64% vs. 95%; P < 0.05); had nutrition policies restricting sweet drinks and packaged snacks (73%, vs. 100% 64% vs. 100%; P < 0.05) and promoting fruit and vegetables (64% vs. 100%; P < 0.05). A significantly smaller proportion of awarded preschools reported lack of equipment (53% vs. 19%; P < 0.05) and lack of alternatives when weather prevents outdoor play (60% vs. 29%; P < 0.01) as barriers to physical activity. There was also a higher proportion of children who brought water for snack time (P < 0.05).

Conclusion: There is strong evidence that major differences exist between the nutrition and physical activity environments of KGFYL member and awarded preschools. KGFYL appears to be a positive, enabling and motivating program for making the preschool setting more health promoting.
Introduction: The purpose of this study was to assess the association among free time activities, body image perception and obesity. Methods: The sample included 588 children (269 girls and 319 boys) from elementary and secondary school. Obesity was estimated by BMI and the cut off points of Cole et al. A questionnaire was completed by parents and children to provide information about age, hours spent per week and weekend in screen activities (TV, electronic games, internet), playing, studying, doing physical activity, the use of public spaces (playground, gymnasium, swimming pool, gardens) and body image perception (Stunkard's silhouettes). Results: The results from binary logistic regression were only significant for age (OR=0.807; 95% CI 0.714-0.911), playing at weekend (OR=0.678; 95% CI 0.461-0.997) and body image perception (OR=11.219; 95% CI 6.988-18.010). The odds ratio of being obese were 0.678 times less for children that play more at weekend, and 0.807 times less for older children. In other hand body image is a risk factor for obesity and the odds ratio were 11,219 times more for children that have the perception of a more obese image.

Conclusions: Age and playing at weekend are preventive factors; meanwhile, the perception of body image is a risk factor for obesity. These results are very important to take into account in programs designed to combat obesity.
Objective: To identify at risk social and behaviours factors linked to obesity in Algerian school children living in an urban environment. Methods: A retrospective study was conducted in a random sample of 810 children (girls = 421, boys = 389) aged 6 to 12 years old, attending 9 schools of the city of Constantine, between April and November 2006. Data included anthropometric measurements, questionnaires about socio economic factors (SES), birth weight (BW), early feeding practices, eating habits, physical activity. IOTF criteria were used to assess overweight including obesity (OB). Statistics were performed using Statview software with statistical significance set at P = 0.05. The study was approved by the local ethical committee. Results: RR for OB is increased by parental OB (RR: 2.5, 95% CI[1.66-3.76]). Obese children have higher BW (3.51 + 0.59 vs 3.31 + 0.55 kg, P = 0.0008), are less breastfed (16 vs 20%, P = 0.0004). BMI is negatively correlated to time spent to outdoor activities (P = 0.002) and positively to energy intakes (P = 0.0003). Less OB children eat breakfast (69 vs 83%, P = 0.0004). Junk foods snacking is more common in OB children than in non OB ones (65% vs 56 %, P < 0.05). SES status does not differ among OB and non OB children. Conclusion: Recent changes in urban lifestyle in Algeria, but not SES, favour at risk behaviours leading to OB, starting from early childhood onward. Urgent preventive actions need to be undertaken.
Background: Romp & Chomp (R&C) was an intervention conducted in Geelong, Australia (2004-2008) which aimed to prevent childhood obesity and promote healthy eating and active play in 0-5-year old children through community capacity-building and environmental (policy, socio-cultural, physical) interventions in early childhood settings. This paper presents the intervention impacts in family day care (FDC): a government funded and accredited home-based childcare service. Methods: Evaluation of R&C was cross-sectional and quasi-experimental with a comparison sample. An environmental questionnaire was completed by FDC providers at follow-up in intervention (n = 28) and comparison (n = 347) samples. The 45-item survey captured information about the nutrition and physical activity environment. Results: Post intervention, children in the intervention sample spent significantly less time watching television (P < 0.001) and using computer/electronic games (P < 0.05). Intervention children spent significantly less time in organised active play (P < 0.001), and free inside play (P < 0.001), but were taken more often for active play at another location (P < 0.001) and minimum time in outside play was higher (P < 0.05) compared to the comparison sample. Related to healthy eating, FDC providers in the intervention area had significantly higher odds of: written guidelines related to appropriate foods/drinks for parents to send to care (OR:2.49, 95%CI:1.61-3.86), rules related to healthy eating (OR:1.46, 1.14-1.88) and, taking action if foods provided do not meet guidelines (OR:3.63, 2.63-4.99).

Conclusions: The improvements made in the FDC service through the R&C intervention have created more opportunities for children to be physically active and eat more nutritious foods during their time in care.
Introduction: Recombinant activated coagulation factor VII (rFVIIa) is currently a first-line treatment of bleeding episodes in patients with haemophilia A and B with inhibitors. Several studies have been published showing a new dosing schedule of a single dose of 270 ug/kg to be as effective and safe as the standard 90 ug/kg every 2-3 hours. Objective: To evaluate, outside the setting of a clinical trial, the efficacy and safety of single dose rFVIIa treatment in mild/moderate bleeding episodes. Methods: We reviewed 24 mild/moderate bleeds from 10 severe HA patients with inhibitors from our institution. Mean age was 9 years old (4-24), mean inhibitor title was 50.6 BU/mL (5-450). All patients received treatment with single dose rFVIIa and response was evaluated every three hours. If bleeding persisted, further doses were administered. Efficacy was evaluated according to the need of additional doses and re-bleeding within five days of the original episode. Results: The mean dose administered was 217.77 ug/kg (177-309). 20/24 patients (84%) responded to the initial dose, with only 4 (16%) requiring additional doses. Only 1 patient required a new treatment with rFVIIa 3 days after the original episode. No thromboembolic events were registered. Conclusions: Single dose rFVIIa proved to be an efficacious treatment for mild/moderate bleeding episodes in inhibitor patients. The efficacy showed in our patients (84%) was similar to that reported in the literature (81-92%). This treatment provided rapid bleeding control and could be a convenient option, especially for younger children and those with poor venous access.
Introduction: There is limited research on the use of exercise tests outside the clinical laboratory setting in children with CF. Aims: To assess reliability and acceptability of (a) cycle ergometry tests, and (b) using the LifeShirt to record cardiorespiratory responses during cycle ergometry tests, in children with CF. Methods: Children with CF and stable lung disease wore the LifeShirt during 2 cycle ergometry tests (intermittent sprint test (IST) measuring muscle power; continuous incremental test (CIT) measuring cardiorespiratory fitness) on 2 occasions 7-8 days apart. Acceptability data were collected by questionnaire. Results: 10 children with CF completed the study: (5M:5F), 9(2) y, FEV$_1$: 83(14)%. Peak power (IST) and peak work capacity (CIT) were reliable (bias p>0.05, CV < 10%). Tidal volume, ventilation, respiratory rate, fractional inspiratory time, heart rate and SpO$_2$ recorded by the LifeShirt demonstrated no significant bias (p>0.05). Respiratory rate, fractional inspiratory time, heart rate and SpO$_2$ demonstrated acceptable CVs (<10%). Acceptability questions indicated that cycle ergometer tests and the LifeShirt were mainly acceptable to the children. Conclusion: This is the first study to report reliability of cycle ergometry in children with CF. The LifeShirt may be useful for simultaneous measurement of respiratory rate, fractional inspiratory time, heart rate and SpO$_2$ outside the normal clinical laboratory setting, however, there is concern over volume components of breathing in children with CF.
OBJECTIVES: The aims of this pilot study were to test effectiveness of a supplemental curriculum intervention in nutrition and physical education in a summer Midwest MEP with the children of migrant farmworkers (MFWs), and to evaluate the study feasibility. Outcomes were: changes in body mass index (BMI), BMI percentile, weight, and knowledge. We hypothesize that students assigned to the intervention group will show greater improvement in outcomes in contrast to the comparison site. METHODS AND POPULATION: Two summer MEPs that support MFW children in remedial education were study sites: intervention group n = 138, comparison group n = 33. Students had 4 interventions a week (2 of each) and structured recess. Curriculum was ethnically-tailored with subject oriented, Latino themed children's trade books, cooking classes and a field day. RESULTS: Bivariate analysis showed that more MEP days attended, the larger change in wt (r = .24, p = .03, n = 78), and larger change in BMI (r = .27, p = .01, n = 78); the means of change in BMI and change in BMI % were negative(n = 110). The intervention site had marginal significance with change in BMI (Kendall Tau's, r = -0.16, p = 0.07, n = 110). In the nonparametric Wilcoxon 2 sample test, the intervention site was significant for change in wt (p = .05) with the comparison group being heavier in wt. When looking at change in BMI, the intervention group had a greater than 4-fold decrease in change in BMI (-.14 vs. -.03) with marginal significant (Wilcoxon 2 sample test, p = .06, n = 110). Increases in age-appropriate knowledge scores from baseline to intervention conclusion were seen in 2 assessments by 70% (n = 47) and 63% (n = 46) of the students. SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY: Summer MEPs can provide opportunities to instruct MFW children on healthy eating and activity with positive results.
Objective: This study investigated the impact of transition to high school on the range, frequency, enjoyment of, and preferences for participation in activities outside school. We hypothesised that activity preferences would be stable across the period that included transition to high school but that the range of activities adolescents with cerebral palsy engaged in would be reduced.

Design: A component of a longitudinal (3 waves, 12mo apart), population-based study of children born in Victoria Australia in 1994 or 1995 who had cerebral palsy. Method: Participants were 26 boys (53%) and 23 girls (47%), classified at Manual Ability Classification System levels I (22%), II (45%), III (19%), IV (8%) and V (6%) and Gross Motor Function Classification System levels I (35%), II (41%), III (6%), IV (10%) and V (8%). All 49 participants contributed wave-1 data in 2006 [mean age 11y 10mo (SD: 6mo)], and wave-2 data in 2007 when n=19 of the 49 had transitioned to high school [mean age 12y10mo (SD: 6mo)]. 30 participants contributed wave-3 data after transitioning to high school in 2008 [mean age 13y9mo (SD: 6mo)]. Participation in recreational, active-physical, social, skill-based and self-improvement activities outside of school was measured using the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE) and the Preferences for Activity of Children (PAC). Changes in diversity (number of activities) intensity (relative frequency), enjoyment and preference were assessed using paired t-tests between assessments conducted 12 months apart (before and after transition). Results: There was some evidence that participation in recreational activities (e.g. crafts, puzzles, pet play, computer games) was reduced after transition to high school in diversity (t<sub>48</sub>=-2.47, P=0.017; average reduction of one activity), intensity (t<sub>48</sub>=-1.97, P=0.055), and preference (t<sub>48</sub>=-3.06, P=0.004). There was no evidence that diversity or intensity of participation in active-physical, social, skill-based or self-improvement activities were different following transition (all P>0.05). Apart from changes in recreational preferences, preferences and enjoyment for all other activity types were stable (all P>0.05). Conclusion: In this study, participation in activities outside school was predominantly stable across the transition to high school. The slight reduction in participation in recreational activities more suited to younger children was similar to that shown previously, but was not balanced by an increase in participation in social activities as is expected in typically developing adolescents.
Objectives: To identify the source of a protracted Salmonella Paratyphi B biovar Java (S. Java) outbreak localized to a single local government area within metropolitan Sydney, Australia. Methods: From 2007 to 2009 S. Java cases notified under public health legislation to the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service were interviewed to collect clinical information and to identify likely sources of infection. Human isolates were classified by phage typing and Multi-locus Variable number tandem repeat Analysis (MLVA). Environmental samples were collected from various sources and isolates classified using both phage typing and MLVA. Contaminated sand from one playground was tested second monthly to assess environmental persistence of the bacterium. An age-matched case control study was conducted for outbreak cases identified in the first half of 2008 to test the hypothesis that close contact with playground sand was the source of outbreak. Results: A total of 69 cases of S. Java were notified among residents in a single local government area (population 57,000) between 2007 and 2009 with 41% aged less than 2yrs. Most cases had significant gastrointestinal symptoms (including bloody diarrhoea) lasting a median of 7 days. Of the 65 human isolates for which phage typing was available 72% were reported as Dundee with remainder typed as reacts does not co (RDNC). MLVA typing identified a specific outbreak strain with no variation at the first and fifth loci and only minor variation at the second locus. Case interviews implicated playground sand as a possible source and subsequent environmental testing isolated S. Java with the outbreak MLVA pattern from 5 of 13 playgrounds tested. Second monthly testing of sand from one playground left undisturbed and closed to public access demonstrated that the organism could survive for at least 6 months in sand. The case control study confirmed playground sand exposure as the source of the outbreak with cases being significantly more likely to have played with sand in known contaminated playgrounds (odds ratio 3.7, 95% ci 1.1 to 12.1). Conclusion: This research demonstrates that S. Java can survive in sand for a prolonged period and lead to a sustained community outbreak of human disease. The use of sand in playgrounds can pose a microbiological hazard especially to young children.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Functional neuroanatomy of working memory in children with ADHD: Dysfunction of neural circuits involving cerebro-cerebellar patterns
Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common childhood disorders characterized by three clusters of age inappropriate symptoms: inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity, with a high worldwide prevalence (around 5%). Several authors have hypothesized that deficits in executive function, behavioral inhibition, and working memory (WM) are considered as one of the key neuropsychological features in children and adolescents with ADHD. Although there is a strong evidence suggesting that frontostriatal dysfunctions is central to the pathophysiology of ADHD, there is now growing evidence in the most recent studies, of dysfunctions outside the frontostriatal circuity, including the cerebellum and the temporoparietal lobes. The purpose of the present study was to investigate in fMRI, the cerebro-cerebellar networks to verbal WM (n-back task) in prepubertal 8-12-years old, right-handed and medication naive children with ADHD combined type (n=18) in comparison with a control group (n=17). Because ADHD is associated to high rates of comorbidity, we decided to only include ADHD participants without comorbidity, to avoid their own impact on different brain regions and functions. In conclusion, functional data indicate significant different activation patterns in WM task between healthy controls and patients with ADHD suggesting less activity in ADHD in left occipital region (area 17/18), and in crus1 region in right cerebellum. These results will be discussed in light of recent literature in this field, and specially the cognitive contribution of the cerebellum in working memory.
Community-based occupational therapy services for children: A Quebec survey on service delivery

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A1 - Mazer,B.
A1 - Majnemer,A.
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - 19916826
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Canada
KW - Child
KW - community care
KW - Human
KW - Occupational Therapy
KW - Safety
KW - Statistics
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JF - Physical and Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics
VL - 29
IS - 4
CY - United States
N2 - Community-based occupational therapy (OT) services are intended to promote social integration and minimize disability. The objective of this study was to describe community-based OT services for children in the province of Quebec, Canada. Specific aims included (a) to determine the proportion of Centres Locaux de Services Communautaires (CLSCs) that provide OT services to children, (b) to describe the nature of the services offered, and (c) to identify factors that are associated with the availability of these services. Surveys were sent to all CLSCs where at least one OT was employed. The response rate was 80. Only 12 of CLSCs offered OT services to children on a regular basis (&ge; 1 day/week). Home adaptations were the most frequent service offered, whereas health promotion was rarely addressed. Perceived obstacles to servicing children included prioritization of services to the elderly, limited funding, and shortage of OTs. CLSCs in rural areas and those with a psychologist had significantly more dedicated OT time spent for services to children. The findings suggest that community-based OT services for children in Quebec are poorly developed, which may negatively impact upon timely access to specialized rehabilitation services and may increase activity limitations and family burden. © 2009 by Informa Healthcare USA, Inc. All rights reserved

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T1 - Does BMI impact activity level?
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Research has found that obese and overweight boys and girls are prone to less physical activity. In this study, we reinvestigate the relationship between physical activity and obesity among children. We examined the differences in physical activity between overweight and normal weight children. One-hundred and twenty six Hawaii school-system children participated in this study. The children were measured for height and weight, and answered questions about their activity level. Activity level was assessed by participation in physical education, active play during recess and lunch, and other activities during the past week. Children were divided into obese, overweight and normal weight based on their age and body mass index (EMI). Age-adapted EMI was used as overweight and obesity indicator. The hypothesis for this project is that physical activity will be greater with normal weight boys and overweight girls than it is with overweight boys and normal weight girls.
N2 - Two-hundreds and twenty-eight children (127 males and 101 females), mean age 8 years, were enrolled from 2 primary schools, which were located in different sites, for studying pollution related respiratory symptoms and/or diseases in different places of Milan with a different traffic related exposure. The former (School 1) was located near a large park, the latter was located downtown, close to main crossroads (School 2). Daily levels of PM10 and PM 2.5 (diameter < 10 mum and 2.5 mum, respectively) were measured using a mobile detection unit, which was placed either outside the schools (in the school garden) and within common places (corridors), for 7 consecutive days during 2 different campaigns (winter and spring-summer). Children underwent skin prick testing for inhaled allergens, analysis of exhaled nitric oxide and spirometry. The mean values of respiratory function measured by spirometry was within the normal limits in both schools. The mean value of Tiffeneau index (SD) was significantly lower in downtown school: 93.2 (5.5) vs 96.5 (4.1) (p=0.02). Mean (SD) concentration of FeNO (ppb) was higher in downtown school: 13.6 (14.6) vs 12.5 (14.9), and the distribution of FeNo concentration significatively differs between the two schools (p=0.02). 193 subjects (73 in downtown school and 120 in park school) agreed to undergo to skin prick tests. Prevalence of sensitization to inhaled allergens did not differ significatively between the two schools (downtown school, 32.8% vs park school, 27.5%; p=n.s.). Based on ISAAC questionnaire the percentage of asthma exacerbations in the previous 12 months was higher in children from school downtown (p=0.05); the prevalence of persistent allergic rhinitis in children allergic to grass pollen was higher in park school (p=0.03) with more activity limitation due to rhinitis and associated conjunctivitis (p=0.03). Present findings show that different degrees of respiratory function and bronchial inflammation were found in the 2 groups of children. Even if great caution is required when relating data from air quality monitoring to clinical outcomes in humans, it can be inferred that: 1) the different air quality in the 2 schools could have a role in determining observed differences; 2) traffic could be, at
least in part, responsible for the different air quality; 3) reduction of traffic related pollution should be a logical and suitable objective of policy makers.

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T1 - The prevalence of exercise-induced asthma among school children
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N1 - 2010075740

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Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - allergic rhinitis
KW - article
KW - Asthma
KW - Child
KW - exercise induced asthma.ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Female
KW - Heart Rate
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - peak expiratory flow
KW - Prevalence
KW - respiratory tract infection
KW - school child
KW - screening test
KW - South Africa
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 489
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JF - South African Family Practice
VL - 51
IS - 6

CY - South Africa

N2 - Exercise-induced asthma (EIA) is one of the major factors that affect optimal performance in sport. The prevalence of EIA is reported to be on the increase among school children worldwide. The aim of this study was to indicate EIA prevalence among primary-school children in South Africa. A field study determined the prevalence of EIA. A convenience sample of 127 children aged 8 to 16 years was selected. A health-screening questionnaire was used. The criteria for selection were that the subjects should be non-asthmatics and should not have any other illness during the screening that could interfere with the results. Peak expiratory flow rate (PEFR) was measured pre- and post-exercise using an ASSESS peak flow meter. The subjects did a six-minute run on a school playground. The post-exercise PEFR was measured within 10 minutes of exercise. The determinant of EIA was > 10% decrease in PEFR after exercise. A total of 112 (88%) subjects participated in the study. Fifteen subjects were excluded (eight had asthma, five had respiratory tract infection and two had other illnesses). The average exercise heart rate was + 80% of predicted maximal heart rate. The prevalence of EIA was 23% (n = 26). The incidence of a history of allergic rhinitis was statistically significantly increased among those with positive tests (p = 0.027). This study highlights the need to screen all children so that EIA can be determined and addressed appropriately. SAAFP

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Exposure of human population in developed countries to chlorination products has considerably increased during the 20th century especially after the 1960s with the development of public swimming pools. Swimmers, however, are mainly exposed when they actively inhale aerolised chlorination products in the air just above pool surface. Studies on elite swimmers has shown that the chlorine-laden atmosphere of indoor pools could be detrimental to the lungs, by increasing the risk of asthma, bronchial hyperreactivity and airways inflammation. Recent studies have suggested these adverse effects of pool chlorine on the airways and increased...
risk of asthma even in children with recreational swimming, especially with atopy who regularly attend indoor pools before the age of 5 years. Prospective follow-up studies are needed whether or not a cause-effect relationship really exists between recreational swimming and asthma development. Trichloramine, the gas that builds up in the air of indoor pools, giving them their distinctive chlorine smell, has been identified as a cause of asthma and respiratory problems in pool workers. Even frequent attendance of outdoor chlorinated swimming pool is associated with higher risks of asthma and airways inflammation.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3731
T1 - ADHD and problem-solving in play
A1 - Borg,S.
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - 2009613019
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Attention
KW - attention deficit disorder/di [Diagnosis]
KW - attention deficit disorder/th [Therapy]
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior
KW - clinical article
KW - Cognition
KW - controlled study
KW - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
KW - emotion
KW - Human
KW - human relation
KW - Male
KW - maturation
KW - Peer Group
KW - Play Therapy
KW - priority journal
KW - Problem Solving
KW - school child
KW - Self Control
KW - social adaptation
KW - Social Environment
KW - Social Interaction
KW - social status
KW - placebo
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 325
EP - 336
JF - Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
VL - 14
IS - 4
CY - United States
N2 - This paper reports a small-scale study to determine whether there is a difference in problem-solving abilities, from a play perspective, between individuals who are diagnosed as ADHD and are on medication and those not on medication. Ten children, five of whom are on medication and five not, diagnosed as ADHD predominantly inattentive type, were observed in school playgrounds in Malta during recess to verify any
differences in the ways real-life problem-solving situations are tackled. Results indicated that children on medication tend to avoid group situations and discussion more often than their non-medicated peers. Additionally, non-medicated individuals tend to jump more quickly from one emotional state to the other and resort to physical aggression more often compared with medicated individuals. Such findings suggest that medication has a negative effect on social interaction processes, while it helps to maintain self-control, at least from a physical standpoint. 2009 SEBDA
the degree and the permanence of the skills learnt from the virtual environment to other activities outside the training environment. The mode of evaluation applied during conventional wheelchair training could provide the basis upon which permanence of skills is determined after training in virtual reality. Thus, an induction factor is proposed as a measure of the transfer of powered wheelchair control skills from virtual reality to the functional activities of daily living by the learner. The outcomes show that virtual reality technology could offer an appropriate means of providing powered wheelchair training that can be tailored to the needs of the learner.

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T1 - ENT physicians' efforts to treat allergic diseases at schools
A1 - Shimada,K.
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - 2009551675
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Air Pollution
KW - allergic disease
KW - allergic rhinitis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child
KW - disease classification
KW - Human
KW - Hygiene
KW - medical information
KW - physician
KW - pollen allergy
KW - Prevalence
KW - review
KW - school
KW - Swimming
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 178
EP - 183
JF - Japan Medical Association Journal
VL - 52
IS - 3
CY - Japan
N2 - Recently Sinusitis is declining in severity, while allergic rhinitis is increasing in prevalence. Although improved nutrition and the spread of hygiene information have caused a decline of sinusitis, air pollution has caused an increase in rhinitis. Behind these changes, the first factor to consider is air pollution. While areas with no air pollution have more schoolchildren with infectious rhinitis, sinusitis and allergic rhinitis are both notably more prevalent among schoolchildren in air-polluted areas. In a nationwide survey, the prevalence of cedar and cypress pollen allergies was the highest at 26.9% in Yamanashi Prefecture, followed by Nagano, Kochi, and Shizuoka Prefectures. Although it is said that pollen allergies have come to affect children at younger ages, teenagers and younger children are also more likely to have perennial allergic rhinitis. Analysis of the association between allergic rhinitis and sports showed that the prevalence rate was higher among children playing indoor sports and lower among children playing outdoor sports or no sports. The prevalence rate was lower among children who received treatment, health management guidance, and hygiene management guidance. With respect to the association between allergic rhinitis and learning, healthy children had better academic performance records, while placebo-treated children performed worse, and those who received
medication showed varying results, with some children performing well depending on what drugs were administered.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Levetiracetam for managing neurologic and psychiatric disorders
A1 - Farooq,M.U.
A1 - Bhatt,A.
A1 - Majid,A.
A1 - Gupta,R.
A1 - Khasnis,A.
A1 - Kassab,M.Y.
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - 2009518967
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - accidental injury/si [Side Effect]
KW - add on therapy
KW - Aggression
KW - agitation
KW - Alzheimer disease
KW - anorexia/si [Side Effect]
KW - anticonvulsant activity
KW - Anxiety
KW - anxiety disorder/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - asthenia/si [Side Effect]
KW - ataxia/si [Side Effect]
KW - autism/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - automutilation/si [Side Effect]
KW - backache/si [Side Effect]
KW - behavior disorder/si [Side Effect]
KW - bipolar disorder/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Child
KW - clinical trial
KW - cognitive defect
KW - complex partial seizure/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - confusion/si [Side Effect]
KW - convulsion/si [Side Effect]
KW - depersonalization/si [Side Effect]
KW - depression/si [Side Effect]
KW - distress syndrome/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - dizziness/si [Side Effect]
KW - dose kidney function relation
KW - drowsiness/si [Side Effect]
KW - drug clearance
KW - drug distribution
KW - drug dose comparison
KW - drug elimination
KW - drug half life
KW - drug indication
KW - drug metabolism
KW - drug overdose/th [Therapy]
KW - drug protein binding
Purpose. The role of levetiracetam in different epileptic, nonepileptic, neurologic, and psychiatric disorders is discussed. Summary. Levetiracetam, an antiepileptic drug (AED), was first approved as an adjunctive therapy for the treatment of partial epilepsy in adults. It is currently being used in the treatment of multiple seizure disorders, including generalized tonic-clonic; absence; myoclonic, especially juvenile myoclonic; Lennox-Gastaut syndrome; and refractory epilepsy in children and adults. Data are emerging on possible uses of levetiracetam outside the realm of epilepsy because of its unique mechanisms of action. There is preliminary evidence about the efficacy of levetiracetam in the treatment of different psychiatric disorders, including anxiety, panic, stress, mood and bipolar, autism, and Tourette's syndrome. The most serious adverse effects associated with levetiracetam use are behavioral in nature and might be more common in patients with a history of psychiatric and neurobehavioral problems. Conclusion. Levetiracetam is an effective AED with potential benefits in other neurologic and psychiatric disorders. The benefit-risk ratio in an individual patient with a specific condition should be used to determine its optimal use. Levetiracetam’s use in nonepileptic conditions is not recommended until more data become available from larger trials. Copyright 2009, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Inc. All rights reserved.
The Ponseti method of treatment of congenital clubfoot - First experiences

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A1 - Frydrychova,M.
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KW - article
KW - brace
KW - Child
KW - clubfoot/th [Therapy]
KW - controlled study
KW - family attitude
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Infant
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - orthopedic shoe
KW - Patient Compliance
KW - plaster cast
KW - ponseti method
KW - preschool child
KW - splint
KW - technique
KW - therapy delay
KW - tibialis anterior muscle
KW - Treatment Outcome
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EP - 201

Purpose of the Study: To provide a detailed description of the Ponseti method and report the first results of its use, including factors that played a role. Material and Methods: In the 2005-2007 period, 91 patients with idiopathic rigid clubfoot (133 feet) were treated by the Ponseti method. The group comprised 62 boys and 29 girls. In most patients the Ponseti method was used as primary treatment, or by 3 months of age when previous treatment failed. In five children this treatment was started between the 3rd and 8th months of age. The result were evaluated by the criteria described by Richards et al., who distinguished four groups. The result was regarded as good when a permanent plantigrade foot was achieved (group 1). Plantigrade feet likely to require posterior release later were considered indeterminate results (group 2). Feet that needed posterior release, anterior tibial muscle transfer or lateral column shortening fell in the fair result group (3). Feet requiring complete subtalar release were classified as poor results (group 4). The results achieved in each year were statistically evaluated using Fisher's test (p<0.05). Results: The overall evaluation for 3 years showed good results in 70 %, indeterminate in 7.5 %, fair in 6.76 % and poor in 15.8 % of the treated feet. A detailed analysis for each year revealed that, in 2005, good results (50 %) were recorded in a significantly lower number of feet than in 2006 (72.2 %; p=0.032) and 2007 (93 %; p<0.001). On comparison of the years 2006 and 2007, good results in 2007 were found in a significantly higher number of feet than in 2006 (p=0.019). The poor results
were due to 1) very rigid feet (6%); 2) initial problems with availability of Denis-Brown splints (19 feet; 14.5%); 3) problems with shoes not made to custom and not fitting patient's little feet (20 feet; 15%); 4) faulty techniques of correcting the deformity (4 feet); 5) poor family cooperation in compliance with the bracing protocol (15 feet; 11.2%). Some of the factors were combined. A delayed beginning of the treatment had no significant effect on the results. DISCUSSION: Our 3-year results of clubfoot treatment, by which plantigrade foot position was achieved on average in 77.5% of the patients, are in agreement with those achieved outside Ponseti centres. However, there were clear differences, with the worst results in 2005. The results comparable with those of Ponseti and his co-workers were achieved by us only in 2007. In accordance with the findings of Richards et al. we suggest that the percentage of short-term good results can change insignificantly within 4 years because of increased recurrence of deformities. CONCLUSIONS: Although our initial results were worse than reported in the literature, it can be concluded that the Ponseti method of treating idiopathic clubfoot is more efficient that the methods used previously and can be recommended as an efficient, safe and economical technique. Good compliance with the protocol improves the therapeutic results

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T1 - Epidemiology of drowning in Isfahan province, center of Iran
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - accidental death
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - age
KW - Aged
KW - alcohol consumption
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - Demography
KW - drowning
KW - Educational Status
KW - Employment Status
KW - falling
KW - Female
KW - Health Care Policy
KW - health program
KW - Health Status
KW - Homicide
KW - Human
KW - Incidence
KW - Iran
KW - lake
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Morbidity
KW - Mortality
KW - pond
KW - preschool child
Background: Drowning is a preventable cause of morbidity and mortality. We studied drowning deaths in Isfahan province, focusing on the activity victims were involved in and the setting of the incident. Methods: Retrospective analysis was done on all drowning deaths referred to Legal Medicine Organization of Isfahan province over a period of 5 years from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2006. Results: During these 5 years, 355 persons suffered fatal drowning in Isfahan province. The annual incidence rate was 1.6 per 100000 population (2.6 & 0.4 for males and females, respectively). Mean age was 21.99 + 14.86 and M/F ratio was 6.5:1. Most victims were 15-24 and 5-14 years of age (172 and 62 decedents, 3.0 and 1.8 per 100000 population/year, respectively). Most incidents occurred in natural settings, of which rivers, canals, lakes and ponds were the most common sites, respectively. The most frequently connected activity was swimming and wading, followed by accidental fall into water. The manner of death was found as following: 85.1% accidental, 1.7% suicidal, 0.3% homicidal and 12.9% undetermined. Conclusions: Although the drowning related mortality in Isfahan province is comparable to developed countries, effective prevention of drowning with better programming and policies might reduce its rate.
Background: Sevoflurane is often presented as a near-perfect anaesthetic. After 10 years in the operating room, new uses are emerging outside. Objective: To remind readers of the principal characteristics of sevoflurane, to affirm its usefulness for day-case anaesthesia and to consider the recent new uses. Methods: The discussion of the physical properties, pharmacokinetics, metabolism, mechanisms of action and clinical effects is based on classic, essential papers. Recent literature concerning emerging utilizations of sevoflurane was analysed. Results: Sevoflurane presents many benefits with minimum inconvenience. It allows rapid inhalation induction, maintenance and rapid recovery. It has little toxicity and its haemodynamic and respiratory depressive effects are moderate and well tolerated. It is already widely use for sedation for magnetic resonance imaging in children. Its use in paediatric or adult intensive care could improve the management of pain and sedation. 2009 Informa UK Ltd. All rights reserved

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Increased activity of coxsackievirus B1 strains associated with severe disease among young infants in the United States, 2007-2008

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Background. Enterovirus infections are very common and typically cause mild illness, although neonates are at higher risk for severe illness. In 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) received multiple reports of severe neonatal illness and death associated with coxsackievirus B1 (CVB1), a less common enterovirus serotype not previously associated with death in surveillance reports to the CDC. Methods. This report includes clinical, epidemiologic, and virologic data from cases of severe neonatal illness associated with CVB1 reported during the period from 2007 through 2008 to the National Enterovirus Surveillance System (NESS), a voluntary, passive surveillance system. Also included are data on additional cases reported to the CDC outside of the NESS. Virus isolates or original specimens obtained from patients from 25 states were referred to the CDC Picornavirus Laboratory for molecular typing or characterization. Results. During 2007-2008, the NESS received 1079 reports of enterovirus infection. CVB1 accounted for 176 (23%) of 775 reported cases with known serotype, making it the most commonly reported serotype for the first time ever in the NESS. Six neonatal deaths due to CVB1 infection were also reported to the CDC during that time. Phylogenetic analysis of the 2007 and 2008 CVB1 strains indicated that the increase in cases resulted from widespread circulation of a single genetic lineage that had been present in the United States since at least 2001. Conclusions.
Healthcare providers and public health departments should be vigilant to the possibility of continuing CVB1-associated neonatal illness, and testing and continued reporting of enterovirus infections should be encouraged.

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**T1** - Childhood injuries seen at Emergency Department DHQ Hospital Rawalpindi in 2007

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Journal: Article

**KW** - EMBASE

**KW** - Adolescent

**KW** - Age Distribution

**KW** - arm injury

**KW** - article

**KW** - Child

**KW** - childhood injury

**KW** - controlled study

**KW** - emergency ward

**KW** - falling

**KW** - Female

**KW** - head injury

**KW** - Human

**KW** - Infant

**KW** - major clinical study

**KW** - Male

**KW** - Pakistan

**KW** - retrospective study

**RP** - NOT IN FILE

**SP** - 32

**EP** - 35

**JF** - Medical Forum Monthly

**VL** - 20

**IS** - 1

**CY** - Pakistan

**N2** - Objective: To determine the frequency & pattern of injuries in children less than 15 years of age. Material & Methods: 500 cases are studied in children less than 15 years of age at Emergency Department, DHQ Hospital Rawalpindi. Place of Study: Emergency Department DHQ Hospital Rawalpindi. Duration of Study: Retrospective study to determine the relative frequency and pattern of injuries in children less than 15 yrs of age. Results: A total number of 500 children were seen in ED and ages ranged from 1 month to 15 years. There were 321 males & 179 Females representing about 61.2% & 35.8% female respectively with ratio of about 2:1.
A total no of 210 children were injured by fall. In 0-5 year age group fall is either from stair furniture, beds or walker. In 5-15 years age group the playground injuries like fall from owings, slide & sea saws. The injuries were mostly on head and upper limbs

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Introduction: Unsuitable dietary habits and sedentary life are perhaps the main causes of the alarming increase in childhood obesity, and they are closely linked to eating disorders. The school is an ideal place to foster healthier lifestyles. Materials and methods: This is a community-based, interventional, longitudinal, prospective study for the purpose of measuring the improvement in eating habits and physical activity after a year of health education in two schools during the school year 2003-2004. Five hundred one school children ranging in age from 3 to 16 years took part in the project. Surveys were designed and were completed before and after the program. The intervention was designed for children, parents and teachers. Results: We must highlight the low intake of legumes, fruits, vegetables and fish. Of the children who took part in the project, 5.1% attended class without having had breakfast. The improvements achieved after the program were: at breakfast, a decrease in the intake of industrial bakery and pastry products (p <0.000); at lunch time, a decrease in the consumption of snacks (p <0.000) and, in mid-afternoon, the intake of industrial baked goods, soft drinks (juices not included) and snacks also decreased. In all, 40% of the children involved do not practice any physical activity outside of school and a large number of them watch TV for more than two hours. Despite this fact, we have observed a decrease in the time spent watching TV (p <0.005). Conclusions: After a year of health education in the school, we find little improvement regarding eating habits. It is necessary to promote physical
activity at an early age and reduce the time spent in front of the TV, video games and computers. The school is the best place to develop these programs, but getting parents involved in this task is difficult.

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ID - 3746
T1 - Six-year dialysis freedom in end-stage renal disease
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N1 - 2009525512
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Anemia
KW - article
KW - Body Composition
KW - Case Report
KW - Child
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - kidney failure/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Male
KW - Peritoneal Dialysis
KW - renal osteodystrophy
KW - school child
KW - uremia
KW - gum arabic/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Urea
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 494
EP - 500
JF - Clinical and Experimental Nephrology
VL - 13
IS - 5
CY - Japan
N2 - Background: Patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) cannot sustain life in the absence of renal replacement therapy (RRT). However, a 4-year dialysis freedom with improved well-being has been reported in ESRD using a new therapeutic approach combining conservative measures and acacia gum (AG) supplementation. The aim of this paper is to report the achievement of 6-year dialysis freedom. Patients and methods: During December 2001, six patients with ESRD and significant uremia that required at least one dialysis session to maintain life were enrolled in a clinical trial investigating the use of a new therapeutic approach combining conservative measures and AG supplementation aiming at improving well-being and providing patients with ESRD dialysis freedom. Three patients were treated with this approach. One patient complied with protocol for only 10 days and died after 6 months peritoneal dialysis. Two patients completed 1 year on this therapeutic regimen. Both patients reported improved well-being. Neither became acidotic nor uremic, and neither required dialysis during the 1 year of the study period. Both patients maintained serum creatinine and urea levels not previously achieved without dialysis. The other three patients were managed with intermittent peritoneal dialysis (IPD). All died within less than 6 months. Of the two surviving patients on AG supplementation, one patient stopped AG supplementation after 1 year and died within 1 month despite IPD. The other patient continued to be treated with this novel approach and continued to experience improved well-being and dialysis freedom. The aim of this paper is to report the achievement of 6-year dialysis freedom in this
patient. Results: During 6 years of therapy the girl continued in experiencing improved well-being and good participation in outdoor activities. Mild uremic symptoms occurred only during periods of noncompliance. Periods of decreased compliance with pharmacologic therapies were associated with anemia and renal osteodystrophy and some degree genu vulgum has resulted. Conclusion: It was possible to address ESRD in this particular patient as a disease process that can be treated by totally different medical treatment approaches without the use of either chronic dialysis or transplant. 2009 Japanese Society of Nephrology SN - 1342-1751 AD - (Al Mosawi) Department of Pediatrics, University Hospital in Al Kadhimiyia, PO Box 70025, Baghdad, Iraq ER -

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T1 - Removal of inhaled foreign bodies-Middle of the night or the next morning?
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A1 - Bailey,C.M.
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KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - airway obstruction
KW - article
KW - breathing exercise
KW - Bronchoscopy
KW - bronchus
KW - Child
KW - clinical feature
KW - conservative treatment
KW - coughing
KW - cyanosis
KW - epiglottis
KW - Female
KW - foreign body aspiration/di [Diagnosis]
KW - foreign body aspiration/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - foreign body aspiration/th [Therapy]
KW - hoarseness
KW - Human
KW - Infant
KW - larynx
KW - larynx surgery
KW - lower respiratory tract infection/co [Complication]
KW - lower respiratory tract infection/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - lung collapse/co [Complication]
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Morbidity
KW - Preoperative Care
KW - priority journal
KW - stridor
KW - surgical technique
KW - thorax
KW - Time
Objective: Foreign body inhalation is a potentially life-threatening emergency and is the commonest cause of accidental death in children under one year old. There is varying opinion regarding the urgency for removal of inhaled foreign bodies; most centres in the United Kingdom will take the patient to theatre as soon as can be arranged, regardless of the time of day. At Great Ormond Street Hospital for children it has been standard practice to perform rigid bronchoscopy and removal of an inhaled foreign body on the next available daytime operating list, providing the patient is clinically stable, even if this incurs a delay until the following day. We aimed to identify if any additional morbidity resulted from delaying removal of the foreign body.

Methods: Retrospective case note review of all cases of foreign body inhalation seen at our institution over an 11-year period between July 1996 and July 2007. Results: 165 patients were referred to our institution with a suspected inhaled foreign body in the study period. 14 patients were managed conservatively due to low clinical suspicion and 57 patients underwent a negative bronchoscopy: these groups were excluded from our analysis. Of the remaining 94 patients, only 7 were taken to theatre outside a scheduled daytime operating list. All of these patients had signs of severe respiratory distress and were operated upon within 4 h of their arrival. Of the remaining patients, 41 were taken to theatre on the day of presentation and 46 on the day after presentation; all within normal daytime working hours. No additional post-operative morbidity was identified as a result of our policy to delay bronchoscopy until the next available daytime operating list. Conclusions: It is our perception that delaying removal of suspected inhaled foreign bodies to allow optimal circumstances for manipulation of the paediatric airway is a safe practice at our institution. We have not identified any adverse outcomes related to delaying bronchoscopy to the next available daytime operating list in the clinically stable patient. This remains our preferred method of practice.

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T1 - Increasing play and decreasing the challenging behavior of children with autism during recess with activity schedules and task correspondence training
A1 - Machalicek,W.
A1 - Shogren,K.
A1 - Lang,R.
A1 - Rispoli,M.
A1 - O'Reilly,M.F.
A1 - Franco,J.H.
A1 - Sigafoos,J.
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KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - autism/th [Therapy]
KW - behavior disorder
KW - Behavior Therapy
We examined the effects of a teacher implemented playground intervention consisting of activity schedules and task correspondence training on the challenging behaviors and play of three school age children with moderate to severe autism. A multiple baseline design across participants was used to evaluate the intervention effects. Results indicated that each of the participants learned to use an activity schedule to follow a schedule of play activities and demonstrated improved play. Moreover, challenging behavior decreased for two participants during the intervention and remained at low levels for the third participant. The findings from this study provide support for the use of activity schedules and task correspondence training to reinforce appropriate play and decrease challenging behaviors during recess. 2008 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
Changes over recent decades in outdoor concentrations of air pollutants are well documented. However, the impacts of air pollution on an individual's health actually relate not to these outdoor concentrations but to their personal exposure in the different locations in which they spend time. Assessing how personal exposures differ from outdoor concentrations, and how they have changed over recent decades, is challenging. This review focuses on the exposure of children, since they are a particularly sensitive group. Much of children's time is spent indoors, and childhood exposure is closely related to concentrations in the home, at school, and in transport. For this reason, children's personal exposures to air pollutants differ significantly from both those of adults and from outdoor concentrations. They depend on a range of factors, including urbanisation, energy use, building design, travel patterns, and activity profiles; analysis of these factors can identify a wider range of policy measures to reduce children's exposure than direct emission control. There is a very large variation in personal exposure between individual children, caused by differences in building design, indoor and outdoor sources, and activity patterns. Identifying groups of children with high personal exposure, and their underlying causes, is particularly important in regions of the world where emissions are increasing, but there are limited resources for environmental and health protection. Although the science of personal exposure assessment, with the associated measurement and modelling techniques, has developed to maturity in North America and western Europe over the last 50 years, there is an urgent need to apply this science in other parts of the world where the effects of air pollution are now much more serious. 2008 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
Access to medicines in primary care for paediatric patients: Involvement of hospital clinical nurse specialists and advanced nurse practitioners

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Introduction and Objectives: Children and their carers may experience difficulties in obtaining continuing prescribed medicines whilst in primary care. Issues include who will prescribe continuing medication (general practitioner (GP) or consultant) and problems in obtaining appropriate medication from community pharmacies. These issues may be enhanced where the required medicines are unlicensed or used 'off-label', which is frequent in paediatrics. This study describes the role senior hospital nurses undertake in response to medication issues for patients residing in primary care. Methods An electronic survey tool was developed and created using LimeSurvey version 1.71+(5498). The development included discussion with clinical nurse specialist/advanced nurse practitioners (CNS/ANPs) and was piloted before use. The survey was tokenised to ensure that one invite elicited one response only. The invitation to participate was sent via e-mail with a link to the study to the CNS and ANP of Birmingham Children's Hospital commencing September 2008. Two reminders were sent if necessary at weekly intervals. Responses were entered into MS Excel 2003 for analysis. Results and Discussion A 78% response rate was obtained from study cohort of 100 nurses. Nurses from 23 specialties completed the questionnaire with 49 nurses (63%) working more than 30.1 h per week (0.8 whole time equivalent), nine as prescribers. A majority (n = 57, 73%) reported that in the 3 months preceding the study, they were called upon to organise repeat prescriptions at least once, with 28 (36%) doing so on 6 or more
occasions, and 55 (70%) of respondents organised repeat prescriptions for at least 514 patients over the 3-month period. Fifty nurses (64%) described the risk to patients if they did not assist patients in accessing medicines as significant or highly significant. Only 10 nurses (12.8%) considered that this activity was included in their job descriptions. The respondents indicated that the most common reason for such problems was prescriber issue(s). The respondents gave a range of responses when asked in what ways services can be better organised including require GPs to prescribe all continuing medicines (59% frequency) and require hospitals to prescribe and dispense unlicensed/uncommon medicines (46% frequency). Conclusions Hospital CNS and ANP report frequent interventions to assist patients outside hospital in obtaining the medicines they need. Prescriber-related issues were the most common reason cited for these problems. Further work will be required to identify the rational for this opinion. Hospital CNS and ANP provide an important service to patients in primary care although this may not be reflected in their job description. Pharmacists in all healthcare sectors will benefit from being aware of this activity. The findings of this study suggest that responsibility for prescribing between hospitals and GPs described in 1991<sup>[2]</sup> may benefit from review

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T1 - In vitro toxicity and molecular epidemiology of indoor Aspergillus versicolor
A1 - Majorosova,M.
A1 - Pieckova,E.
A1 - Pangallo,D.
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - 70114785
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - in vitro study
KW - toxicity
KW - Aspergillus
KW - molecular epidemiology
KW - health care organization
KW - toxicology
KW - metabolite
KW - organ culture
KW - fungus
KW - trachea mucosa
KW - species
KW - Environment
KW - Child
KW - Slovakia
KW - airway
KW - bioassay
KW - chick
KW - vulnerable population
KW - Clothing
KW - micromycete
KW - upper respiratory tract
KW - toxin
KW - chloroform
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S80
JF - Toxicology Letters
JA - Toxicol Lett
In vitro toxicity of complex chloroform-extractable endo- and exo-metabolites of 10 indoor, and related outdoor, A. versicolor isolates from a heavily mouldy kids' fashion store in Slovakia with complaints of occupants on irritation of their airways - has been evaluated by a bioassay with 1-day-old chicks' tracheal organ cultures (20 μg of toxicants per mL of cultivation medium). Searching for their possible source, molecular epidemiological study of the isolates was performed using RAMP PCR. Strains colonizing indoor walls of the shop were the highest correlated to the outdoor airborne ones (Pearson correlation 97%). While indoor airborne isolates correlated to the strains growing on retailed clothes at the levels of 90% or 86% according to Pearson. All micromycetes produced secondary metabolites that ceased ciliary beating in tracheal epithelium in the organ cultures already in 24 h of the activity, i.e. in the sense of the method used, they belong to strong toxicants. Two of the isolates tested so far produced also extrolites without toxic effects detectable by the method. It has been proven that toxin production in fungi depends not only onto the species but may vary between every single isolates as well. The most important outcome of the study is that microscopic filamentous fungi present in the dwelling indoor environment under Slovak (Central European) building/housing conditions might produce compounds even with a strong potential to damage upper airways of occupants, while children remain the most vulnerable population.
Background: Because most individuals spend about 85% of their time indoors, we investigated the health effects of indoor air PM$_{10}$. Methods: PM$_{10}$ was collected in five schools in Munich during teaching hours. Toxicity was assayed in human primary keratinocytes, human lung epithelial A549 cells and Chinese hamster V79 lung fibroblasts at concentrations from 3 ng/ml to 10 mug/ml. Toxicity after metabolic activation was assayed in cells expressing human cytochrome P450 1A1, 1A2, 1B1, 2A6, 2B6, 2C9, 2D6, 2E1, 3A4, or 3A5. Additional toxic effects were analyzed with affimetrrix genome wide gene expression analysis in BEAS-2B bronchial epithelial cells at 10 mug/ml PM$_{10}$. Results: In A549 and V79 cells no toxicity was observed. PM$_{10}$ was also toxic after metabolic activation by CYP1A1 or CYP2C9. PM$_{10}$ induced in BEAS-2B cells the expression of xenobiotic metabolizing genes (CYP1A1, CYP1B1) and inflammatory cytokines (IL-1A, IL-1B, IL-6, IL-8). Indoor PM$_{10}$ induced xenobiotic metabolizing genes less but inflammatory cytokines up to 6-fold more than outdoor PM$_{10}$. Conclusion: Direct cytotoxicity and toxicity after metabolic activation by cytochrome P450 1A1 and 2C9 were significant at a concentration of 10 mug/ml (about 100l indoor air/ml), which is more than 10,000 times higher than exposure encountered in classrooms. We therefore expect no toxic effects of these particles in school children. The induction of inflammatory cytokines in indoor PM$_{10}$ treated cells suggests that classroom particles have a higher inflammatory potential than outdoor air particles.
KW - Pediatrics
KW - weight
KW - childhood
KW - workshop
KW - patient
KW - Morbidity
KW - Exercise
KW - Health Care
KW - Chronic Disease
KW - Disease Management
KW - bariatrics
KW - psychiatry
KW - child parent relation
KW - Social Work
KW - protection
KW - social psychology
KW - Health
KW - general practitioner
KW - community
KW - Case Management
KW - planning
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - teamwork
KW - skill
KW - cultural competence
KW - nurse
KW - conductor
KW - physician
KW - dietitian
KW - Clinical Psychology
KW - social worker
KW - physiotherapist
KW - Music
KW - Hospital
KW - disabled person
KW - blood pressure cuff
KW - data base
KW - Medical Audit
KW - health practitioner
KW - vocational education
KW - Sleep
KW - endocrinology
KW - dermatology
KW - general practice
KW - gynecology
KW - orthopedics
KW - Medicine
KW - model
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 13
JF - International Journal of Pediatric Obesity
JA - Int J Pediatr Obes
IS - var.pagings
Despite the increasing public recognition of the problem of obesity in many countries, the planning for effective treatment services, especially for children, has lagged behind. Following are some personal reflections on the elements found useful on developing a bariatric medicine service within a large pediatric hospital.

Effective staffing is vital. Staff members should be flexible and willing to move outside traditional professional "silos" of knowledge; they should have good teamwork skills, cultural competence and a respectful attitude towards obese people. A multidisciplinary clinical team is required, and ideally should include senior nurse (often the "conductor of the orchestra"), pediatric physician, dietitian, clinical psychologist, social worker, and exercise professional (ideally a dual-trained exercise scientist/physiotherapist). The clinic facility should have disabled access and wide corridors and doorways, with chairs that are sturdy and can seat large people, weight scales that allow sensitive measurement of very large people (e.g., 250<sup>+</sup> kg) and large blood pressure cuffs. The service should be supported by a database that can also allow audit and research studies to be undertaken. In establishing such a service, it is important to make the issue of obesity the problem of the institution, and not just of a few enthusiastic clinicians, and hence senior management and clinicians need to be engaged with the issue early. Ongoing health professional training of many levels of staff is required, from undergraduate level through to continuing postgraduate professional education, and for many types of clinician. Coordination with services that manage co-morbidities (e.g., Sleep Unit, Hepatology, Endocrinology, Dermatology, Psychiatry, General Medicine, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, and Adolescent Medicine) is vital - shared protocols for assessment and management may need to be developed and key staff in the other services may require additional training regarding obesity. Families and young people with severe obesity may have significant family dysfunction, psychiatric co-morbidities and/or parenting concerns; hence the importance of effective links with Psychiatry, Social Work and even Child Protection Services, and the need for obesity clinical staff to have a good understanding of the psychosocial aspects of pediatric medicine. Finally, a tertiary pediatric bariatric medicine service should only be one part of a much larger coordinated system of delivering health care within a region or country to obese children and adolescents. The Kaiser Permanente Chronic Disease Management model recognises that three different levels of chronic disease care should be offered: Level 1 care, suitable for the vast majority of those affected, emphasises patients’ (or patients’ families’) central role in managing their health, supported by family doctors and community and other health system resources. Level 2 is care of highrisk patients by multidisciplinary disease management protocols and Level 3 is active case management of highly complex patients.
During the end of the last century, obesity was identified as a worldwide health care problem that is affecting the well-being of the population, previously known in the adult population, but in reality, studies are reporting an increasing problem in children too (1). The Gulf region is not exempt. Many surveys have reported the prevalence of overweight and obesity in Saudi children. All areas and provinces of the country have been affected through all ages (2,3). Governmental and local authorities have implemented education programs to help weight reduction or prevention. The abnormal weight in children is still considered by experts as an imbalance between diet and habit, although hormonal etiology in children is a diagnosis that should be ruled out first. In order to add valid information about the status of weight imbalance and child weight status in our region, this study has been conducted in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia with the following objectives: 1. To determine the prevalence of overweight and obesity in children from the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia and study its basic demographic distribution, and to compare it with the Gulf Countries and other areas of the
world. 2. To compare the prevalence with Non-Saudi children living in Saudi Arabia. 3. To propose a prevention and treatment plan for overweight and obesity. This study collected first 10,509 files, including 9,249 consultations done in OPD in Saad Specialist Hospital, from January to June 2006. After excluding follow-up consultations, repetitions and non-completed file data, a total of 7,497 files were enrolled in the study. According to our study findings, 42% of Saudi children in the present Eastern Province sample have a BMI greater than the 85th percentile. It was evident that Saudi children start developing overweight when they are 5-9 years of age, and continue to increase up to their precious adolescent years. Twenty-one percent of children at 5-9 years are overweight and 21% are obese. This could be attributed to the fact that children start going to school at that age, and hence, there is poor control of eating habits and nutrition at this stage. Moreover, children have been less active; few, or none, of them walk to school, spending more time in sedentary entertainment activities, including television viewing, and playing computer and video games. On average, a child spends 6 hours per day in front of screens (4). Our results agree with a previously published study in the country that obesity in both genders is lowest in pre-school children (31%), and highest among adolescents (50-76%) (2,5,6).

In our sample, the peak of obesity starts at 10-13 years of age (28%) and keeps the same high prevalence at age 14-18 years. Studies have shown that 80% of obese adolescents become obese adults (7). Adolescence has been addressed as the "critical period for the development for adult obesity" (8). Hence, if intervention before this stage is unsuccessful, intervention at this age becomes vital for both future health and ability to sustain long term weight control. We developed, in our institution, a plan of action for obesity prevention and detection (7). It is oriented towards the community in general and towards children particularly. In our opinion, prevention should start at birth by putting more emphasis on exclusively breast feeding for the first 6 months of age, and continue throughout school age with a special interest starting at the age of 10 years. Regarding screening for early detection and management of these cases, we propose a plan that is based on regular follow-up and supervision. Fifty percent of Saudi children from the Eastern Province in our sample have a body mass index (BMI) greater than the 85th percentile, being overweight or obese. Our study showed that obesity starts early in life (10-14 years), and continues all through the ages of adolescence. Prevalence of obesity is higher among males compared with females, who show a higher prevalence of overweight rather than obesity. Environmental factors seem to play more of an influence on the prevalence of obesity than do genetic factors, because there was no difference in obesity among Saudi and Non-Saudi children, as well as similar weight distribution between males and females in children below one year of age. It is difficult to reduce excessive weight once it becomes established. Children, therefore, should start prevention of obesity from birth by putting more emphasis on exclusively breast feeding for the first 6 months of life. It is becoming a priority to establish natural settings for pre-school, school and adolescent health programs with the emphasis on increasing physical educational hours, and incorporating health messages into school curricula. Integrated preventative measures, screening for early detection/management and educational programs towards a healthier lifestyle are required at the national level.

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T1 - An outdoor activity weekend for patients with a metabolic disorder - A novel approach to dietetic management of adult patients
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A1 - Wildgoose,J.
A1 - Ferguson,C.
Y1 - 2009///
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - patient
KW - Adult
KW - Metabolism
KW - metabolic disorder
The outdoor activity weekend is a popular method for supporting children with Phenylketonuria (PKU) but equivalent opportunities for adults do not exist in the United Kingdom. Given its success with children, we felt a similar activity for adults would prove valuable in their dietetic management. The weekend away was planned as an exciting opportunity to promote and support the continuation of the diet and was designed to give opportunities for patients to meet other people with the same condition, talk about their experiences in managing their diet, and to share ideas and support. The activity weekend was held over 3 days at an outdoor centre in the Lake District, England. Eleven adults with PKU and one adult with Homocystinuria from Glasgow, Newcastle, and West Yorkshire participated. They were aged between 17 and 37 years with an even mix of males and females. The weekend was split into discussion groups, cookery and leisure activities. For the discussion groups, we facilitated sharing of ideas and experiences on protein substitutes, their importance and the varieties available. They were informed of new low protein foods and how they could be incorporated into their diets. For the cooking activity, the patients were divided into teams for a low-protein cookery competition (there was a wide range of cooking skills in each team, some people's skills were very limited but all could obtain advice from ourselves and the chefs from the centre). The leisure activities such as the high ropes challenges and gorge sliding were designed to build teamwork, self-esteem, and confidence. At the end of the weekend the patients were asked to complete evaluation forms. The results of the evaluation and our own experiences during the weekend demonstrated that it was a success. The patients reported learning the importance of continuing on their diet. Many had the opportunity to try new foods, learn new cookery skills, and exchange practical tips and ideas about their diets with their peers. The cookery teams worked well together and produced some delicious food which inspired confidence amongst the patients. The discussion groups provided an ideal forum for participants to share ideas and discuss the practical aspects of dietary treatment. The leisure activities promoted friendship and sharing across the group. We intend to follow-up the patients in due course to see if they have made any changes in their diet. If the weekend did indeed lead to long-term changes in the patients' dietary choices then it demonstrates that such an event could prove to be a valuable treatment method for metabolic patients and for educating, engaging, and maintaining links with them. We thank the staff of the Derwent Hill Outdoor Education and Training Centre for their support through the weekend. Financial support was provided by the patients, Yorkhill Metabolic Fund, Vitafl, and SHS International.
Natural selection is a major force behind the shaping of patterns of human genome variability. Inferences concerning the action of selection in the human genome provide a powerful tool for predicting regions of the genome of major functional importance. Genetic variants influencing human susceptibility to disease are likely to affect the fitness of the organism, unless the disease concerned begins late in the life. There is therefore an intimate relationship between disease and selection that can be exploited for the identification of candidate disease loci. To date, some of the strongest evidence for selection in the human genome has been obtained for genes involved in the immune response or host-pathogen interactions. Indeed, before the advent of antibiotics and vaccines, infectious diseases have been paramount among the threats to health and survival for most of human evolutionary history. I will review our most recent studies searching for the footprints of natural selection in the human genome. These studies, which go from global genomewide scans to more fine-tuned analyses in specific genes, highlight how the identification of selected loci or variants may provide insight into host genes or pathways playing an important role in pathogen resistance. For example, we have shown that...
natural selection has significantly driven the processes of population differentiation in modern human populations. Specifically, we have identified a number of genes under strong geographically-restricted positive selection, some of them involved in host-pathogen interactions. In addition, I will present our most recent data on the Toll-like receptor (TLR) signalling pathway. Our evolutionary data indicate that the different members of TLR family differ in their ecological relevance and increase our understanding of how variation in these genes results in different contributions to the outcome of infectious diseases. More generally, I will show how the identification of the extent and type of selection acting upon human genes involved in host-pathogen interactions make it possible to define the redundant and nonredundant functions of individual immunity-related genes in the natural setting.

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A1 - Lader,M.
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N1 - 70090973
English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - insomnia
KW - anxiety disorder
KW - mood
KW - Sleep
KW - patient
KW - relapse
KW - night
KW - mental disease
KW - panic
KW - Drug Therapy
KW - Therapy
KW - Arousal
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KW - Anxiety
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KW - Schizophrenia
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KW - Sleep Deprivation
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KW - hypersomnia
KW - Etiology
KW - suicide attempt
KW - dyspnea
KW - Pain
KW - Early Intervention
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Insomnia has long provided a series of challenges to the various classes of physicians responsible for care of those with this complaint. I shall concentrate on the assessment and treatment of insomnia by psychiatrists.

One of the challenges is whether the insomnia is a primary symptom in itself, secondary to medical or psychiatric disorders, or a comorbid disorder, existing in conjunction with the primary psychiatric problem. The assessment of this factor is important as it has a major influence on the conceptual approach, management and type of therapy. Primary, secondary and comorbid insomnia: Primary insomnia is a specific disorder defined in the DSM-IV as a condition of at least one month's duration, not caused by a medical or psychiatric disorder. The insomnia can be a disturbed sleep initiation, problem maintaining sleep or early morning awakening; one or more or these must be associated with complaints of daytime dysfunction. Many psychiatric patients have chronic insomnia but in the general population primary insomnia occurs in about 10% of the population.

Secondary insomnia is found in a whole series of conditions. The most common is in association with physical disorders such as pain and breathing difficulties. An important recent State-of-the-Science conference focused on the role that comorbid conditions can have in association with insomnia. It was noted that insomnia usually appears in the presence of at least one other disorder. Particularly common psychiatric comorbidities are major depression, generalised anxiety, substance abuse, attention deficithyperactivity in children, and dementia. This concept of comorbid as opposed to secondary insomnia is becoming accepted as a valid model for understanding the relationships between insomnia and other concomitant disorders. If the insomnia is "secondary" to a psychiatric condition, treatment of the primary disorder would be expected to help the insomnia. However, if the disorder is comorbid, for example, with depression, successful treatment of the depression with antidepressants will not necessarily alleviate the insomnia complaint. Also, people with severe sleep complaints that occurs comorbidly, are less likely to respond than those with milder complaints and may need quite intensive therapy. The most important of these disorders is depression. Sleep difficulties are common symptoms in depressed patients. Insomnia is often the reason that causes depressed patients to seek help. Severe insomnia may lead to exhaustion, poor functioning during the day and accidents. About three quarters of
depressed patients complain of difficulties with sleep, in particular fragmented sleep with disturbing dreams. They wake feeling unrefreshed in the morning and feel tired during the day. Paradoxically, total sleep deprivation can help as a temporary expedient in depression but this lies outside my remit. In many cases the insomnia and depression can be conceptualised as comorbidities. One clue can be ascribed from the fact that in depressive disorder a proportion of patients show comorbid hypersomnia not insomnia. The relationship between sleep and mood are closely related. Insomnia can significantly worsen the disorder of depression and can increase the likelihood of a suicide attempt. Insomnia is often a prodromal warning sign of depression that will manifest itself in the next two years. After a depressive episode it is a predictive sign of an incipient relapse and can warn the prescriber not to withdraw the antidepressants while insomnia persists. Early intervention to improve sleep may help abort a possible relapse. Antidepressant treatment can help sleep in depressed patients. Many of the treatments used in depression are sedative. The classic examples are the tricyclic antidepressants, such as trimipramine, with antihistaminic actions. More recently, compounds such as trazodone and mirtazapine have been used to treat depression associated with insomnia. The use of such medication may result in an early amelioration of sleep problems and this can improve the morale of the insomniac depressive and also help improve compliance. An interesting compound is the antidepressant agomelatine but the relationship between its melatonergic properties, antidepressant efficacy and effects on sleep are still being worked out. Other conditions in which the insomnia appears comorbid include bipolar disorder where the manic phase is usually preceded by a shortened duration of sleep. This pattern can often be quite stereotyped. Generalised anxiety is also accompanied by sleep onset insomnia and increased night time awakenings. The sufferers may describe a sense of insufficient and unsatisfying sleep. Other anxiety disorders include post traumatic stress disorders in which there is not only insomnia but parasomnias. Panic disorder may be associated with night time panic attacks that awaken the patient. Patients with schizophrenia can suffer from insomnia at the time of acute symptoms. A circadian rhythm disorder with gradual delay of the sleep period relative to the day may ensue. Carers of schizophrenic patients may recognise this as the onset of a relapse. Dementia is also associated with comorbid insomnia with often fragmentation of the 24-hour sleep wake pattern or even reversal with more sleeping during the day and less at night. Such behaviour may be very difficult to manage and actually be a factor leading the carers to insist that the patient be admitted to full time care. Substance abuse includes alcohol problems, opiate detoxification and the use of sedative hypnotic drugs themselves. Various patterns are seen. One particular source of severe insomnia is withdrawal from psychotropic drugs, in particular sedatives/hypnotics and some antidepressants. Assessment and management: The complaint of insomnia needs assessment and treatment in its own right as the therapeutic approach will vary according to the comorbid psychiatric disorder, its severity and pattern, and the characteristics of the insomnia itself. The treatment of insomnia can be roughly divided into 2 major divisions - the use of medication and behavioural techniques. The latter are becoming more available with evidence that they can be effective when judiciously chosen and applied. The usual hypnotics used are essentially general depressants and have no specific effects on sleep itself. They lie along the sedative/hypnotic/deep sedation/anaesthetic continuum. More recently a series of new approaches have been applied. One of these is a variant of the depressant approach and is eszopiclone. This active enantiomer appears to have long-term efficacy without problems during withdrawal. 5-HT blockers have also been studied for some time and such blockade is part of the profile of action of drugs such as trazodone and mirtazapine. However, newer compounds are being studied. Melatonin agonists have been developed and one, ramelteon, is licensed in some countries. Melatonin itself is too shortacting for much efficacy but long-acting formulations (such as Circadin) have recently been licensed. Another set of compounds involved in sleep regulation are the orexins, and their antagonists are in development. In conclusion, a whole range of compounds are available to treat insomnia. These treatments can be applied symptomatically to primary, secondary and comorbid insomnia. As research progresses into both basic mechanisms and clinical features, distinctions between these aetiologies will become more apparent, and will lead to more focused therapies.
Background: Vascular access for long term extracorporeal photopheresis (ECP) therapy in post allograft or cutaneous T-cell lymphoma patients is a critical problem. Most patients, who have had solid organ transplants, have had their peripheral veins lost during the peri-operative period and thus require some form of central vein catheter. While the primary risk, namely sepsis, associated with percutaneous central line catheters (PCC) has improved over the decade, there are alternatives: either arteriovenous fistulas or subcutaneous infusion ports (SIP). In these alternatives there is no constant residual percutaneous entry way for bacteria, since each access occurs utilizing a needle that is removed at the procedure's conclusion. The use of a specific Vortex SIP has been previously described for long term use in children undergoing erythrocyte exchange. Methods: The records of patients requiring ECP during the past two years were reviewed to compare those requiring a PCC versus SIP. Specific procedures were followed for access and discontinuation with attention given to the volume and concentration of heparin dwelling in the catheter during non-use periods. We recorded the number of catheter associated infections, the number of occasions access occurred through the central line by individuals outside the treatment facility and the frequency with which blood flow problems occurred requiring the use of tissue plasminogen activator (TPA). Patients were also asked quality of life questions relevant to the central line device and their ability to enjoy certain activities. Results: Ten patients had a tangent conical SIP implanted with
244 (range 4-38) procedures performed and 10 patients had standard PCC lines with 246 (range 3-42) procedures performed. The current longest period for evaluation is 24 months for either access. During this time 3 SIP patients had admissions to other facilities, which used the SIP for fluid administration, and did not adhere to the procedures for post SIP use heparin dwell. These 3 patients had 8/11 (73%) of the TPA treatments for SIP blood flow problems occurring after such an admission. No SIP patient had a bacterial line infection. In contrast, there were 20 episodes of blood flow difficulty requiring TPA in 6 of the PCC patients. Two PCC patients had 3 separate line sepsis episodes requiring an exchange of the line each time for control of the sepsis. All SIP patients were able to shower/bathe as they desired, while PCC patients followed a restricted bath procedure. Conclusion: The use of an implanted subcutaneous port with a tangential design appears functional for vascular access, appears to have a reduced incidence in bacterial sepsis related to the time in place, has a reduced frequency for TPA antithrombotic treatment when specific procedures are routinely followed and permits an improved mobility and quality of life for patients.

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Background/Purpose: To examine the influence of indoor and outdoors air pollution on asthma in schoolchildren in Urmia, Iran. Although Urmia is not an industrialized city but similar to other Iranian cities popular use of worn out cars with high tailed-pipe emission leads to air pollution in this city. Methods: Parents of 3000 schoolchildren aged 6-7 and 3000 schoolchildren aged 13-14 years themselves filled of International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood (ISAAC) questionnaires. The influence of trucks passage, exposure to passive smoking, electricity/gas/wood cooking and electricity/wood/central heating at home on wheezing ever, current wheezing, number of attacks, disturbed sleep, limited speech, exercise induced wheeze, dry cough at night and asthma ever was determined. Odds ratios in logistic regression for statistic analysis of the data were used. Results: Among 13-14-year-old group, always or frequent trucks passage through the residential street, compared to seldom one, significantly increased the risk of wheezing ever OR 1.19 (95%CI 1.08-1.31); current wheezing OR 1.32 (1.18-1.47); speech limiting wheezing: OR 1.46 (1.26-1.70); wheezing during exercise OR 1.42 (1.30-1.55) and dry night cough OR 1.21 (1.10-1.34). In 6-7 years old group only exercise induced wheezing was significantly associated with busy roads OR 1.27 (95%CI 1.02-1.59). In both age group parent smoking was strongly associated with asthma symptoms. A significant influence of other investigated air pollutants on other asthma symptoms was not found. Conclusions: Our results suggest that outdoors air pollution significantly associated with asthma symptoms in older children but not younger group. This might be explained by progressive effect of long term exposure to air pollution.
Pulmonary TB caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis has traditionally been classified into primary (non-immune) and secondary (delayed hypersensitivity) reactivation. Delayed
hypothesis manifests 4-10 weeks after initial infection. Caseation necrosis consequent to development of delayed hypersensitivity is pathologic hallmark of pulmonary TB. Radiologic manifestations of pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) can vary according to several host factors, including prior exposure to TB and underlying immune status. M. TB has capacity to survive and replicate in human macrophages, by down-regulation of the host's antigen processing (latent infection). Continuous lifelong interaction between the individuals and the mycobacteria results in considerable variety of morphologic features. It is a matter of chance when the radiologist first sees the patient. Recently multi-drug resistance TB and increase in immune-compromised patients, including HIV epidemics, make the control of the pulmonary TB more difficult. Atypical manifestation of clinical and radiographic features is common in patients with decreased host immunity, and CT can play a role in this situation. PRIMARY PULMONARY TB No prior contact with bacilli in this form. Most infections are air-borne, so it manifests as a parenchymal consolidation in any pulmonary lobe or segment. The bacteria spread via lymphatics from parenchymal lesion to ipsilateral hilar and/or mediastinal lymph nodes. Combination of lobar pneumonia with lymphadenopathy is called the primary complex. REACTIVATION PULMONARY TB Reactivation in majority is reactivation of the dormant lesion at the apical portion of bilateral upper and lower lobes. Caseation necrosis is the pathologic hallmark in this type. It manifests as a heterogeneous, often cavitory nodules or consolidation. Then the bacteria spread via airway to the other healthy lungs. It typically manifests as tree-in-bud appearance, corresponding to the caseous material involving small bronchi and bronchioles. Radiographic stability for 6 months and negative sputum cultures is the best indicator of inactive disease. Activity may not be determined by plain radiography and CT may be more accurate when it can detect cavitation and tree-in-bud appearance, and differentiation of cavity from cystic bronchiectasis or paracatictricial emphysema. COMMON TO THE PRIMARY AND REACTIVATION PULMONARY TB TUBERCULOMA It most often originates from healed primary TB. Pathologically, it contains caseous necrosis and viable AFB in most healed lesion, so it has potential to reconvert sometime. The Inner wall consists of epithelioid and Langerhan's giant cells and the Outer consists of lymphocytes and fibroblasts. Stable tuberculosis The majority remains stable. Its typical findings are the size usually <2 cm in size, smooth or fine speculated outer margin or calcification. When it shows central, laminated, homogeneous Calcification, then the diagnosis is almost certain. CT is helpful in detection of calcification. The contrast enhance of tuberculosis is <20 HU in CT. Reactivated tuberculosis Any tuberculosis has potential to reactivate. When it reactivates, the nodule Enlarges and calcification disappears. Low attenuation area, thin enhanced capsule and cavitation, Bronchogenic dissemination to the lung adjacent to nodule, so called satellite nodules, can be and in CT. Cavitation means Seminal event in the life cycle of M. TB; aerobic Bacillary proliferation outside the macrophage's cytoplasm. Cavitation implies a high bacillary burden, high infectivity, and is associated with numerous complications including endobronchial spread. ENDOBRONCHIAL TUBERCULOSIS TB granulomatous change in the bronchial wall is defined as endobronchial TB. The Pathogenesis is usually Erosion from lymphadenitis in primary TB, but usually Lymphogenous spread through submucosal lymphatics or Implantation from infected sputum in reactivation TB. Plain film sometimes detects Narrowing or irregularity of the major airway and more frequently detects the secondary signs, such as Collapse of a lobe or segment or Blocked or tension cavity. CT on hyperplastic stage show Uniform thickening of bronchial wall, Concentric and long bronchostenosis and Lymphadenitis (56%). While CT in fibrostenotic phase, concentric and long bronchostenosis is main finding, and thinner bronchial wall. PLEURAL INVOLVEMENT A TB infection of the pleura is more common in teenagers and adults than in children. The pathogenesis of the effusion is the result of hypersensitivity to tuberculin in the majority. It usually resolves spontaneously, but it needs treatment to prevent pulmonary TB and fibrothorax. Rarely the effusion is empyema, with complication such as bronchopleural fistula or empyema necessitates. MILIARY TUBERCULOSIS This disease is more common in small children <2 years old, the elderly, and immunocompromised. Miliiary spread may evolve from lung or mediastinal infection eroding into a blood vessel. Typical finding are diffuse, random, subpleural small nodules, but in the early stage it may be subclinical, and seen as a diffuse GGO. BRONCHIECTASIS, CONSTRUCTIVE BRONCHIOLITIS, FIBROSIS Bronchiectasia and post-TB bronchiolitis obliteratorans are common as sequel of primary or reactivation pulmonary TB, these are secondary to tractions by parenchymal fibrosis, distal obstructive pneumonia following endobronchial-TB, or healing of bronchiolitis after bronchogenic dissemination of caseous material. NONTUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL (NTM) INFECTION NTM organisms are ubiquitous and infection arises from environmental exposure, not from human to human contact. M. kansasii, M. avium-intracellulare, M. xenop are commonest pathogen. This infection can be classified in to two groups. M. avium complex can complex can cause both types, but M. Kanssii & xenopii usually manifest as TB-like pattern. "Classic” pattern The one group is affection mainly of males > 50 years old with pre-existing lung disease. The constitutional symptoms and the radiographic findings are very similar to that of pulmonary TB. It is characterized by upper lobe cavitary lesion and bronchogenic dissemination. Cavities tend to be multiple,
smaller and thin-walled. More pleural reaction and less parenchymal infiltration "Non-classical" pattern. The other group is affected by mainly elderly women without pre-existing lung disease, and the radiographic findings consist of bronchiectasis, multiple small nodules and branching centrilobular nodules, involving right middle lobe and lingular segment. "Hypersensitivity pneumonia" pattern. The radiographic features are similar to the HP of other origin, such as diffuse ground glass attenuation, micro centrilobular nodules, and mosaic attenuation.

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KW - plasma
KW - childhood
KW - provocation test
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KW - marker
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N2 - Aim: Lymphocyte activation markers CD26 and CD30 are also present as soluble forms in circulating plasma. Serum soluble CD30 (sCD30) has been suggested to be associated with childhood asthma. We examined the association of serum soluble CD26 (sCD26) and sCD30 concentrations with asthma at school age. Methods: Serum sCD26 and sCD30 were measured in 34 children with clinical asthma (positive history and pathological lung function or challenge test finding), in 31 children with possible asthma and in 147 controls. In addition, the association of flow-volume spirometry, methacholine inhalation challenge and free running test results with serum sCD26 or sCD30 were analysed. The tests were taken at a non-acute phase (outside an acute infection). Results: The levels of serum sCD30 were significantly higher in children with asthma (mean 91.5 IU/ml, SD 23.0) than in children with possible asthma (85.0 IU/ml, 28.5) or the control children (78.8 IU/ml, 25.9) (P = 0.042). However, there was a considerable overlap between the groups in serum sCD30 levels. No significant differences were found in serum sCD26 levels between the groups. In flow-volume spirometry, there
was a significant negative correlation of mean mid expiratory flow values with serum sCD26 ($r = -0.22, P = 0.0018$) and of borderline significance with serum sCD30 ($r = -0.14, P = 0.054$). Neither methacholine inhalation challenge nor free running test results were associated with serum sCD26 or sCD30 levels.

Conclusions: Serum sCD30 levels were higher in children with clinical asthma. However, a marked overlap in serum sCD30 levels between asthmatic and healthy children may limit the usefulness of serum sCD30 as a diagnostic marker of asthma. The finding that neither serum sCD26 nor sCD30 was associated with bronchial hyperresponsiveness supports this notion.

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KW - Food
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N2 - The purpose of this study was to describe dietary habits, media use, and physical activity in 2 to 5-year-olds born to overweight (BMI = 25) mothers. Data were collected on 174 preschoolers, of whom 72.8% were white, 23.1% African-American, and 4.1% other races. Mothers reported the time their preschooler spent watching TV and videos and using the computer, the number of servings of certain food groups eaten, and the duration of outdoor play. Preschoolers spent 3.4 + 1.0 hours watching TV and videos and 1.4 + 0.7 hours using the computer each day. They spent 4.4 + 3.1 hours each week playing outdoors. In bivariate analyses, there was a positive relationship between hours of TV watched and servings of soda, sweetened beverages, fruit juice, fast food, and French fries; and a negative relationship between hours of TV and milk servings. Time spent using the computer was positively related to sweetened beverage and fast food intake. Outdoor play was positively related to fruit and sweetened beverage intake, but not to soda, fruit juice, fast food, or French fries. Media use and physical activity were not related to yogurt, dessert, or vegetable consumption. Results of this exploratory
analysis suggest that there is a relationship between increased media use by preschoolers and a higher intake of less healthy foods. Higher levels of physical activity are related to increased sweetened beverage intake.
Rationale: Children with generalized epilepsy may have a non-specific IGE syndrome (IGE NOS). They are intellectually and neurologically normal with generalized tonic-clonic seizures (GTC) and an interictal EEG showing generalized spike-wave without a known cause. The prognosis is not well described.

Methods: Children with IGE NOS were selected from the Nova Scotia Childhood Epilepsy Study - a population-based cohort including children with >1 unprovoked seizure with onset between 1977-1985. Follow-up was in 2007-
2008 by personal contact. Results: Of 692 in the cohort, 39 (5%) had IGE NOS. 5 had <5 years follow up and were omitted. Age at onset averaged 6.3 + 4 years. Follow-up averaged 22.5 + 7.5 years, at age 29.3 + 8.5 years. There were 18 females. 26 (76%) had a terminal epilepsy remission (seizure-free and off medication) for 16.7 + 8.3 years (range 1-31). Only 3 had an episode of status epilepticus but no one developed intractable epilepsy. Even though 41% had >10 convulsions, there was only one injury-related seizure. All patients had at least 4 years seizure-free during the follow up period (average 17.5 years, range 4-33). During the last year of follow-up, only 3 had any seizures (2 GTC). Of the 8 patients with persistent AED treatment at the end of follow-up, 4 had never received valproic acid, lamotrigine or topiramate suggesting suboptimal treatment. Only one developed Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy (JME) while no other patient changed epilepsy syndrome over time. There were no deaths. (For comparison 3.5% of the overall cohort had JME.) At the end of follow-up, of those >18 years of age (N=29), 22 (76%) had significant learning problems as evidenced by >1 school grade repeated (16), resource help (12) or special class (6). Only 17 (59%) completed high school with 4 attending university. 11 (38%) had mental health visits with 21% having depression sufficient for medication treatment. 17(59%) lived with a "life partner" and 7(25%) alone. 9 women had >1 pregnancy and 7 men fathered a child. Only 4 pregnancies were planned and 11 were outside a stable relationship. 35% were unemployed and 14% received government assistance. 60-65% were satisfied with their lives, friendships and social activities. We defined markers of poor social outcome as: a psychiatric diagnosis, no high school graduation, pregnancy outside of a stable relationship, living alone, unemployment. 7(24%) had no poor social outcome markers, 8 had 1, 7 had 2, 5 had 3, 1 had 4 and 1 had all 5. Conclusions: IGE NOS is a recognizable syndrome within the spectrum of IGE. The seizures are nearly exclusively GTC and are transiently problematic for most. Eventually 75% have complete epilepsy remission. 76% have learning difficulties and overall 75% have at least one major indicator of unsatisfactory social outcome.
Objective: To determine the relationship between aspects of participation and health-related quality of life (QOL) among youth with spinal cord injury (SCI). Design: Survey research. Participants/Methods: Youth ages 7-18 years who had been injured at least one year and were receiving care within 3 specialty hospitals completed the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment, Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory, and Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale. Caregivers completed a demographics questionnaire. Injury-related information was gathered from medical records. Analyses included hierarchical linear regression. Results: 175 youth were enrolled: mean age was 12.77 years (SD=3.12), 54% were male, 63% were Caucasian, 73% had paraplegia, 56% had complete injuries, and mean age at injury was 6.90 years (SD=5.30). Participating in more activities was related to increased school QOL (p=.028). As youth participated with others outside of family or participated further from home they experienced higher emotional (p=.023, p=.024, respectively), social (p=.046, p=.020, respectively), and overall psychosocial (p=.045, p=.016, respectively) QOL. After controlling for current age and youth anxiety, participating in more activities significantly predicted higher school QOL (p=.021), and participating with a broader group of people significantly predicted higher emotional QOL (p=.011). Conclusion: There are relationships between diversity of activities and with whom youth participate and aspects of QOL. Results suggest that exposure to more types of activities and increased social networks can increase QOL among youth with SCI.
Hydroa vacciniforme (HV) is a rare pediatric photodermatosis characterized by pruritic blisters which heal with scarring. The purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of HV on quality of life (QoL) and to compare our results with life quality indices reported for other dermatoses. A disease-specific questionnaire was developed, and participants recruited from a web-based, international HV support group. Impact of HV on QoL was measured using the Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) or the Children's DLQI. Fifteen HV patients participated: 9 (60%) males and 6 (40%) females. Median age at onset was 7 years, and 11/15 (73%) were younger than 18 years. Most patients self-identified as Caucasian (93%). The mean CLDLQI and DLQI scores for HV were 12.1 and 8.5, respectively, which suggests equal or greater impact on patient QoL compared to previously reported indices for childhood psoriasis (9.2) and generalized eczema (9.1), and atopic dermatitis in adults (4.5). Children cited QoL as being negatively impacted most by an inability to play outdoors while adults noted QoL influences due to limitations on choice of clothing. Embarrassment associated with their skin condition was also noted by children and adults surveyed, but personal relationships were not reported as being significantly impacted by either group. Patients with HV have significant impairment of QoL. When compared to other common childhood dermatoses, HV appears to have an equal or greater impact on patients' QoL. Dermatologists should be aware of the substantial psychosociologic impact of this disease.
Objective: Amanita phalloides, known as the death cap, is a poisonous fungus and when ingested it can have fatal consequences of poisoning. It has high toxic potential, so that even a small intake can cause serious toxicity. Children are considered more sensitive than adults. Besides early gastrointestinal decontamination, there are only a few effective treatment regimens, and a child should therefore always receive treatment if ingestion is suspected.\(^1\) Case report: A 14-month old female was found by the staff at a nursery playground with a mushroom in the mouth. The location was suburban and distant from a forest. Albeit the unusual place of growth, the preliminary identification by the poison centre arouse suspicion of an Amanita phalloides mushroom. Although there was no observation of the child swallowing the mushroom, which was broken in several pieces, she had been under no observation for minutes and could theoretically have ingested a toxic dose. She was immediately brought to the ER where she was aspirated and treated with activated charcoal. Simultaneously, the mushroom was identified by an expert as Amanita phalloides. Treatment with the antidote silibinin was started within 3 hours of ingestion and the child was moved to an intensive care unit for continued treatment. During the following day the child did not show clinical signs of poisoning including gastrointestinal symptoms and the liver parameters remained normal. Conclusion: The deadly Amanita phalloides may thrive in unexpected surroundings as in the presented case where it grew in the playground in an urban area. It grew together with several similar mushrooms close to a beech hedge. Thus the case represents an unanticipated and in some ways unpreventable risk for serious poisoning in a setting with expected high security standards. The child in our case underwent immediate and relevant treatment in collaboration with the Danish Poison Centre and showed no clinical signs of poisoning or rise in biochemistry. The child was discharged from the hospital on the second day of admission without sequelae.
A 50-year-old woman presented with a 10 year history of progressive back and right hip pain radiating to the ankle. After an MRI of the lumbar spine revealed fatty infiltration of her paraspinal muscles, she was referred to an outside neurologist. She reported spells of weakness, once or twice a year for the past 10 years, where her right leg would give out and she would fall. With further questioning, she admitted to mild leg and arm weakness causing difficulty in exercising at the gym in recent years. Family history was negative for neuromuscular disorders on the mother’s side, father side was unknown. Three half sibs and 2 grown children are healthy. Examination revealed relatively symmetric proximal > distal weakness of the legs > arms. She had an exaggerated lordosis with a waddling gait. There was equivocal calf hypertrophy. She was diffusely areflexic except for preserved triceps jerks. Sensory exam and cranial nerve exam was unremarkable. CK level was 288 IU/L (ULN 235). Nerve conduction study showed mild reduction in amplitude of the right peroneal compound action potential and bilateral absence of H reflexes, otherwise NCS were normal. Needle examination revealed occasional fibs and positive sharp waves and prolonged duration, polyphasic motor units some with satellite potentials in proximal leg and paraspinal muscles. Interference pattern was reduced. Given the neurogenic nature of her EMG and her clinical exam, genetic testing for SMA was done. The diagnosis of SMA was confirmed genetically with zero copies of SMN1 gene and more than four copies of SMN2 gene
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KW - consultation
KW - Resuscitation
KW - epidemic meningitis
KW - Simulation
KW - emergency
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Human
KW - workshop
KW - physician
KW - traffic and transport
KW - pediatric hospital
KW - ambulance
KW - helicopter
KW - fulminating purpura
KW - skin
KW - lower leg
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N2 - Introduction: Since 2000/2001 clear progress in the treatment of severe sepsis: immediate & aggressive therapy; mortality & morbidity decrease significantly in our unit, but non in our region. Objectives: to improve treatment of paediatric septic shock in children. Methods: Regional paediatric intensive care network (PIN) reference PICU & 25 children's hospitals in Lower Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt & Nordrhine-Westphaly, (2003): 3,000,000 inhabitants. Standardised treatment/training of septic shock including standard resuscitation courses EPLS with intraosseous access, fluid-/drug-management, recognition of critical ill child, septic shock scenarios & post resuscitation care. Highly advanced Simulation Training since 2008. Implementation of emergency training, diagnosis & treatment of Waterhouse-Friedrichsen syndrome with human protein C concentrate (PC) by symposia, workshops & 6-months training periods for physicians of the network in reference PICU. 24-h-Service for transport & consultation provided by central PICU. Results: Implementation of EPLS in own PICU & network with international cooperation: 24 courses, 2 instructor courses, 450 participants & 30 instructors inside the network, 8 courses outside the network. Treatment of 26 children with septic shock (herein 17 patients with Waterhouse-Friedrichsen syndrome WFS) within the network, 1 patient of non network hospital. Announcement-time: 15 min.-1 h (not network patient: 8 h.). Consultation was requested by hospitals via phone; treatment was induced immediately. Transportation-Team of tertiary centre went to patients by ambulance or helicopter. Continuation of treatment on site & after transfer, in the tertiary centre. All patients showed typical signs of WFS with purpura fulminans & severe multi organ failure. None of the patient died. One patient had necrosis of skin, already present at admission. The others had restitution ad integrum. The patient from outside presented several areas of necrosis, needed ECMO, 1 lower leg was amputated. No adverse effects submistrating PC concentrate. Patients were retransferred to network hospitals as soon as possible. Conclusions: EPLS is a significant factor for pediatric survival leading to active networking with high acceptance. EPLS it is an important tool for standard treatment and training. Survival rate & outcome after implementation of new treatments & trainings were excellent

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T1 - Adherence to the Mediterranean diet and albuminuria levels in adolescents: Emerging data from the Lyceum Leontio Albuminuria (3L) study
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A1 - Tsioufis,C.
A1 - Dimitriadis,K.
A1 - Syrseloudis,D.
A1 - Thomopoulos,C.
A1 - Tolis,P.
A1 - Selima,M.
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Y1 - 2009///
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English
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KW - EMBASE
KW - albuminuria
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KW - cardiology
KW - Mediterranean diet
KW - Society
KW - Male
KW - body mass
KW - habit
Purpose: Mounting evidence supports that Mediterranean diet has favorable effects on the cardiovascular system, while albuminuria is associated with atherosclerosis progression and increased risk. The aim of the study was to investigate the relationship of dietary habits with urinary albumin excretion, expressed as the albumin to creatinine ratio (ACR), in a cohort of adolescents. Methods: A total of 365 adolescents 12-17 years of age [212 males, aged 13.9 years, office blood pressure (BP)=115/67 mmHg] that were included in the Lyceum Leontio Albuminuria (3L) study were considered for analysis. In all participants ACR values were determined in a morning spot urine and for each adolescent a questionnaire was completed in order to retrieve information on dietary habits (through a semi-quantitative Food Frequency Questionnaire), lifestyle and socio-economic characteristics. Moreover, the Mediterranean Diet Quality Index for children and adolescents (KIDMED) was estimated and accordingly subjects were divided into those with optimal (>7), average (4-7) and low (<4) score. Results: Only 6.8% of the participants had optimal KIDMED score, whereas 51.2% had an average and 42% had a low score. Participants with at least average KIDMED score (n=187) compared to those with low KIDMED score (n=153) were more frequently males (64.5 vs 53.4%, p=0.029), had higher body mass index (22.2 vs 21.4 kg/m$^2$, p=0.043) and waist circumference (77.6 vs 75.4 cm, p=0.044), spent more frequently time for sports activities outside school (75.2% vs 58%, p=0.001), reported less consumption of foods outside home (3% vs 14%, p<0.001), less hours of watching television (1.75 vs 2.05 hours, p=0.013) and more hours of leisure time (5.4 vs 4.4 hours, p=0.026). Moreover, those with at least average compared to those with low KIDMED score exhibited higher systolic BP (117 vs 114 mmHg, p=0.039) and pulse pressure (49 vs 47 mmHg, p=0.01), whereas had lower heart rate (84 vs 87 bpm, p=0.014) and ACR levels (12.6 vs 20.5 mg/g, p=0.015). In the total population, ACR was associated with age (r=-0.11, p=0.044), male sex (r=0.160, p=0.003), body mass index (r= -0.131, p=0.016), systolic BP (r=0.144, p=0.008), heart rate (r=0.141, p=0.011) and KIDMED score (r=-0.111, p=0.041). Conclusions: In adolescents there is an inverse relation of KIDMED score with albuminuria and those who adhere to the Mediterranean diet exhibit lower levels of ACR. However, the paradoxical associations of both ACR and KIDMED score with obesity markers and BP levels suggest distinct mechanisms of albuminuria development in adolescents.
Purpose: to assess feasibility and effectiveness of extranodular no touch multipolar radiofrequency ablation of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Materials/methods: 26 patients (56-82 years, mean: 68+7 years) with cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A/B: 21/5) and one or two (22/4) HCC (1.5-5.5 cm, mean: 3+0.9 cm) were treated with no touch multipolar radiofrequency ablation consisting of simultaneous activation of two to four bipolar coaxial electrodes inserted just outside the tumors. Safety and effectiveness of the no touch technique were assessed. Treatment response was evaluated with CT scan. Results: to achieve complete ablation of all tumors (100%) one to two sessions (mean: 1+0.3) including one to two applications (mean: 1+0.2) of 16 min to 45 minutes were required. The mean number of electrodes used per tumor ablation was 3.1+0.6. 40 to 220 kJ were delivered per session into the tumors (mean: 119+43 kJ). Two deaths occurred within three months after the procedure: one at 82 days in a patient who experienced uncontrolled pneumonia and the other at 54 days in
patient who had infected ascites. Two other patient experienced minor complications: transient jaundice in one
and pleural effusion in other. After a mean follow up of 6.6±5 months, no local tumor progression was detected.
Distant multinodular recurrence occurred in one patient 2 months after the treatment. Conclusion: multipolar
radiofrequency ablation of HCC using no touch technique seems to be a very effective method in term of tumor
control. However, owing to the large volume of non tumorous liver tissue ablated, a careful selection of patients
is mandatory
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KW - EMBASE
KW - artificial embolism
KW - Europe
KW - Society
KW - patient
KW - Tumor
KW - Hypoxia
KW - survival
KW - multidetector computed tomography
KW - necrosis
KW - feeding
KW - Therapy
KW - ischemia
KW - hepatic vein
KW - injection
KW - catheter
KW - surgery
KW - Inflammation
KW - palliative therapy
KW - liver tumor
KW - shunting
KW - occlusion
KW - cancer cell
KW - liver
KW - microbubble
KW - follow up
KW - Chemotherapy
KW - Lung
KW - tumor necrosis
KW - tissue
KW - Abdomen
KW - Prognosis
KW - cancer staging
KW - liver function
KW - conservative treatment
KW - promoter region
KW - mitosis
KW - cell survival
KW - protein expression
KW - angiogenesis
KW - blood level
KW - stimulation
KW - blood vessel
KW - systemic circulation
KW - Cell Adhesion
KW - endothelium
KW - consensus
KW - Particle Size
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Biopsy
KW - liver disease
KW - Child
KW - gastrointestinal hemorrhage
KW - brain disease
KW - ascites
KW - artery
KW - angiography
KW - celiac artery
KW - superior mesenteric artery
KW - Catheterization
KW - meta analysis
KW - thrombosis
KW - ultrasound
KW - intraarterial drug administration
KW - scintigraphy
KW - hepatic artery
KW - artery blood flow
KW - analgesia
KW - minimally invasive procedure
KW - chemoembolization
KW - Fluoroscopy
KW - blood flow
KW - arterial blood
KW - relapse
KW - Imaging
KW - contrast enhancement
KW - liver scintiscanning
KW - pancreatitis
KW - breast cancer
KW - heart infarction
KW - liver surgery
KW - Autopsy
KW - embolism
KW - pulmonary artery
KW - liver blood vessel
KW - antiinflammatory activity
KW - pathologist
KW - Rupture
KW - liver cell carcinoma
KW - apoptosis
KW - microsphere
KW - survivin
devascularisation (i.e. necrosis) has been also evaluated: complete response (=devascularisation) was defined as the disappearance of treated target lesion. Moreover, post TAE amount of tumour parenchymal analgesia; then, microspheres were gently injected under fluoroscopy, until blood flow was stopped. Upper abdomen MDCT was performed 24 hours after treatment, for assessing early local result and for detecting any possible complication. MDCT scan was then repeated at 30 days, three and every six months. Local efficacy of the treatment was defined according to RECIST criteria on CT follow-up imaging: complete response was defined as the disappearance of treated target lesion. Moreover, post TAE amount of tumour devascularisation (i.e. necrosis) has been also evaluated: complete response (=devascularisation) was defined as
the absence of any contrast enhancement during arterial phases in MDCT, massive response as the necrosis of the huge portion of the lesion and partial response as the necrosis of a portion of the lesion. We considered a complication due to the treatment if it occurred within 3 weeks from TAE. Results: Patients received a total of 29 sessions of TAE. Technical success was achieved in all TAE procedures. Only one pt within the study had a 6% pulmonary shunting detected at MAA liver scintigraphy. Minor complications were observed in 2 patients: 2 pancreatitis restored in few days. Major complication occurred in one patient who died within 24 hr after TAE. This 74-y.o. patient had a previous history of breast cancer, CRC and heart infarction due to chemotherapy. She had even liver surgery for HCC two years before (S2-S3 resection), with early recurrence within S4, just between the right and the median hepatic vein. Post-mortem examination showed the presence of a large necrotic portion of the lesion and the presence of necrotic emboli in the right pulmonary artery. Microspheres were observed in arterial and portal liver vessels, but also into both lungs. Pathologists supposed that a massive tumor necrosis and wall rupture of the tumor involved hepatic vein occurred few hours after TAE with passage of necrotic tissue and microspheres to the lungs via the median hepatic vein. Complete necrosis (hypodensity) was observed in 30 nodules at 24 h CT, while 2 nodules showed poor response. All patients included have at least one month FU (average: 10 months) and evaluation based on RECIST criteria shown 2 progressive disease (PD), 13 stable disease (SD), 6 partial response (PR= ranging between 33 and 78% of diameter reduction) and 1 complete response (CR). Discussion: There is no standard therapy for patients with HCC unsuitable for surgical treatment. Cirrhotic patients with HCC have a poor prognosis, mainly influenced by hepatic reserve function and tumor staging. In these cases, TAE and TACE are the most used treatments with proven improvement on survival in selected patients with well preserved liver function. Actually, there is no absolute evidence that TACE is better than TAE. Six randomised trials of arterial embolizations, with or without chemotherapy, have shown a strong antitumoral effect, but none detected survival benefits in comparison with conservative management or suboptimum treatments. Some authors describe an important role represented by survivin, a member of family of inhibitors of apoptosis protein and promoter of mitosis and therefore cancer cell survival and growth. Theoretically, TACE, combining the effect of drug with hypoxia, should be more effective than TAE. Survivin expression, increase under anticancer drug and further increase over, after the administration of a combination of hypoxia and anticancer drug. No survivin protein expression is observed in the hypoxia condition without drug. There is no evidence of an additive or synergistic antitumoral effect of TACE vs TAE alone. Three different randomized trial studies have failed in demonstrating a significant difference in survival between the two different treatments. Probably, ischemia resulting from embolization might be the main factor inducing reduction in tumour size after TACE. Conversely, hypoxia and inflammation, as they are powerful stimulators of angiogenesis, might inadvertently promote tumour growth. Kobayashi et al. showed an increasing of serum concentration of vascular endothelial growth factor in patients who underwent TACE, suggesting a direct link between the degree of embolization, tumour hypoxia, and the stimulation of new blood vessel growth. Moreover, it has been suggested that TACE may facilitate the hematogenous dissemination of malignant cells in the systemic circulation by disrupting cell-cell adhesion, and by damaging the endothelium. In the major part of the studies concerning HCC treatment with TAE, the embolizing agent is gelatine sponge that induces hypoxia only temporarily. In some studies, polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) particles were used to cause a permanent or semi-permanent vessel occlusion. Nowadays, there are few studies on the new embolizing agents, such as resin or gelatine microspheres. There is no consensus about which is the most effective embolizing agent. Theoretically, an embolizing agent that has a st

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Precise and well calibrated small size and antinflammatory effect (due to the coating film with Polyzene-F) are the most important characteristics, which may allow for deep ischemia without inflammatory reaction of surrounding tissue. According to the RECIST criteria, we had one patient with complete response (tumor disappearance) at 14 months follow up.

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Previous exposure with cephalosporins and macrolides but not cotrimoxazole as a risk factor for colonization with MRSA in HIV-infected children

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English  
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KW - EMBASE  
KW - methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus  
KW - Child  
KW - risk factor  
KW - tropical medicine  
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus  
KW - exposure  
KW - Hygiene  
KW - Society  
KW - Infection  
KW - methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection  
KW - patient  
KW - Cambodia  
KW - Hospital  
KW - Risk  
KW - Asia  
KW - prophylaxis  
KW - high risk population  
KW - meta analysis  
KW - community  
KW - drug self administration  
KW - Orphanage  
KW - University  
KW - Prevalence  
KW - antibiotic therapy  
KW - highly active antiretroviral therapy  
KW - World Health Organization  
KW - cotrimoxazole  
KW - cephalosporin derivative  
KW - macrolide  
KW - antibiotic agent  
KW - quinolone derivative  
KW - glycopeptide  
KW - lactam  
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JF - American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
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N2 - MRSA infections in community accounted for 3-11% of S. aureus infections in resource-limited regions of Asia especially due to availability of over-the-counter antibiotics, their frequent self-administration for inappropriate indications and taken for irregular durations, low cost and substandard quality. We would like to expand those data by a small cohort of 102 HIV-infected children from Cambodia treated with HAART for 4 to 5 years. Of 102 HIV-infected children in the orphanage House of Family run by St. Elizabeth University, 62 were colonized within last 58 months with S. aureus, which caused 149 episodes of infection, 118 MRSA and
31 MSSA. Proportion of MRSA colonization was very high at the baseline (75-100%) without any previous known hospital contact as well as during first 24 months, then dropped to 57,1% and 43% after 27 respectively 30 months but then rose again to the level at baseline of 76% after 51 months. Meta-analysis which analyzed exposure of antibiotics as a risk factor for MRSA infection showed that risk of acquiring MRSA was increased by 1.8-fold in patients who had taken antibiotics. Quinolones increased risk 3-fold, glycopeptides 2.9-fold, cephalosporins 2.2-fold and other beta-lactams 1.9-fold. When looking for previous exposure with antibiotics one month before infection, children infected with MRSA were significantly more frequently receiving oral 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporins (67% vs. 23%, P<0.01) and macrolides (47% vs. 23%, P<0.05). However aminopenicillins, quinolones and cotrimoxazole were not significantly related with MRSA in HIV-infected children. Quinolones were less associated with MRSA in our group of children because of less frequent use in children. The prevalence of MRSA remained high but did not increase despite frequent antibiotic treatment of S. aureus infections during entire 58 months assessed period. Use of cephalosporins and macrolides were significantly related to the increased of MRSA infection but surprisingly despite children were receiving cotrimoxazole during the entire period of 4 to 5 years for prophylaxis as recommended by WHO, use of cotrimoxazole was not related to resistance selection. Emergence of MRSA in a resource-limited countries in Asia fuelled by uncontrolled antibiotic use outside hospital settings may pose a significant threat for risk group of patients such as our group of HIV-infected children from Cambodia.

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T1 - A living donor liver transplantation for uncorrectable intra- and extrahepatic biloma after transcatheter arterial chemoembolization
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A1 - Yun,I.J.
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KW - EMBASE
KW - biloma
KW - Liver Transplantation
KW - chemoembolization
KW - Society
KW - living donor
KW - liver
KW - Infection
KW - bile duct obstruction
KW - abscess
KW - Cholangitis
KW - peritoneal cavity
KW - outpatient department
KW - percutaneous drainage
KW - liver cell carcinoma
KW - patient
KW - biliary tract drainage
KW - Child
KW - Klebsiella pneumoniae
KW - adhesion
KW - recurrent infection
KW - Inflammation
KW - pus
We experienced a living liver transplantation of an unusual indication of uncorrectable intra- and extrahepatic biloma after transcatheter arterial chemoembolization (TACE) which could be a relative contraindication so that we are reporting it. A 45 year old patient was a carrier of HBsAg for more than 25 years. He was diagnosed to be hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in 2004. He then underwent TACE 6 times and had a complication of biliary stricture in Nov. 2007. At that time the problem was solved with an interventional procedure. In Apr. 2008, he underwent another TACE for HCC, and after that a long segment of biliary stricture was developed. With recurrent cholangitis, there developed two huge biloma, one in the liver and one outside the liver. Percutaneous transhepatic biliary drainage for the intrahepatic biloma and percutaneous drainage for the extrahepatic biloma with long standing antibiotics administration were done, but with all effort there was no improvement. The Child-Turcote-Pugh score was 6 and Klebsiella pneumoniae was detected in culture for the drain discharge. The CT shows two large biloma; one in the liver and one outside the liver. There was massive adhesion due to recurrent infection and inflammation in the abdominal cavity. Small amount of pus was inevitably spilled into the abdominal cavity. The extrahepatic biloma was found to be abdominal wall abscess which was covered with thick peritoneum. The total recipient operative time was 12 hours and 25 minutes and required transfusion was 8 units of packed RBC and 4 units of FFP. The biopsy showed HCC of 3.0 x 1.5 x 1.2 cm in the caudate lobe. Hepatolithiasis with chronic and active cholangitis and multiple abscess formation was also seen. He is now visiting the outpatient clinic without a problem. Although usually active and uncontrolled infection outside of the hepatobiliary system is thought to be an absolute contraindication to liver transplantation and chronic and refractory infection is thought to be a relative contraindication. In the present case, however, the localized, controlled infection and biloma did not cause the posttransplant septic complications. Therefore, a liver transplantation could be considered for uncorrectable, infected biloma if other treatment modalities failed.
Introduction: A 2 year old male presented to the ER after refusal to eat for the past 6 hours, gesturing to his mouth and saying "coin." Parents did not witness ingestion of a foreign body (FB) and denied any previous complaints of dysphagia or abdominal pain. ER vital signs were stable and physical exam was unremarkable, revealing a playful, interactive child with no drooling or distress. Review of symptoms did not identify any previous gastrointestinal (GI) complaints in this child. Initial evaluation: Chest X-ray (CXR) revealed a 2.0 cm radio-opaque FB in upper esophagus at the T3 level. Subsequent CXR taken 18 hours later showed no change in the FB location. Gastroenterology (GI) team performed an esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) and removed a coin from the upper esophagus by using forceps. Evidence of furrowing was found in the middle and lower thirds of the esophagus, of which biopsies were collected. Results: Pathologic evaluation of the biopsies
revealed more than 70 eosinophils (EOS) per high-power field (HPF) in both the middle and lower thirds of the esophagus. Epithelial reactive changes, spongiosis, and hyperplasia of the squamous epithelium were also appreciated. The patient was referred to GI and Allergy for further evaluation. Allergy evaluation revealed positive skin prick testing (SPT) to multiple indoor, outdoor allergens, and egg. Patch testing revealed numerous positives to multiple foods including: milk, soy, wheat, peanut, rice, beef, potato, turkey, and oat. Clinical Course: The patient was diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis (EE) by the GI team. He was started on a daily proton pump inhibitor medication in addition to an elemental diet. Subsequent EGD and biopsy 6 months later showed interval improvement in the mid and distal esophageal biopsies revealing 30 and 9 EOS/HPF, respectively. Conclusion: This case illustrates an unusual presentation for EE in a healthy child with no previous GI complaints. This case also highlights that failure of a FB to pass through the esophagus may reflect underlying pathology. Therefore, endoscopy to remove such a FB should include evaluation of the overall condition of the esophagus.

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T1 - Pet therapy: Study of effectiveness on childhood headache
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A1 - Calabrese,B.
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KW - EMBASE
KW - headache
KW - pet therapy
KW - Society
KW - childhood
KW - patient
KW - migraine
KW - Child
KW - Anxiety
KW - pathology
KW - Environment
KW - processing
KW - nerve cell plasticity
KW - longitudinal study
KW - experimental model
KW - Statistics
KW - Therapy
KW - marker
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 105
EP - 106
JF - Cephalalgia
IS - var.pagings
N2 - Objectives: The goal of this work is to evaluate the salient features of headache patients, to whom the Pet Therapy had long-lasting benign effect. Background: Pet Therapy effectiveness studies are rarely found in international publications, although in the common practice, also outside clinical environment, there exist very high statistics of well responding patients. Our group has been using for several years the Pet Therapy as child's headache first choice Therapy. In several works we authored, we noticed a reduction of headache-defining parameters, as well as of associated psychological markers. Methods: All patients which underwent Pet Therapy
in 2006 have been contacted and questioned. Out of the 74 patients, 65 patients have been reached; out of the group of questioned 65, 55 patients declared to not show anymore headache symptoms. Data from 2006 clinical charts of the responding 55 patients have been reanalyzed (35MWoutA, 7 MwA, 13FETTH,)36f, 19m, mean age 10,4±/3,4 range 6/15). Results: At birth, neuro-behavioral and developmental aspects in the first years of life there is no noticeable difference between the two groups. Regarding headache features outside TTH details and migraine, it has been found a precocious insurgency of migraine 3 years versus 1 year for TTH, as the presence of a traumatic psychological event in the pathology genesis in 75% of the migraine patients, versus 30% TTH. Differences have been spotted in the psychological features of the patients: 95% of migraine patients suffering from anxiety, out of which in 25% of those associated with depression; while in the TTH anxiety was present 69% of the times. Main difference was found in the duration of the Pet Therapy treatment: 22 + 3 sessions for TTH, against 37 + 12 in migraine patients. Conclusions: In the Pet Therapy, we found no specific characteristics in the two diseases, in addition to a significant difference in processing time. This once again suggests that the child's headache could be a continuum from one form to another; so that the Pet Therapy seems to elicit adaptive psychological structures that activate the unrealized potential of neuronal plasticity. This longitudinal study confirms the effectiveness of the stabilization of the results of Pet Therapy, paradoxically, without fail, even if we have not an experimental model explanatory

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T1 - Don't get cold feet-winter fun is for everyone! (2009 Fred P. Sage Award Winner)
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English
Journal: Conference Abstract
KW - EMBASE
KW - winter
KW - awards and prizes
KW - Cerebral Palsy
KW - Child
KW - disability
KW - Recreation
KW - videorecording
KW - wheelchair
KW - community
KW - consultation
KW - Risk
KW - Obesity
KW - Health
KW - skill
KW - volunteer
KW - juvenile
KW - Language
KW - health care personnel
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 85
JF - Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology
N2 - Participating in recreation is widely recognized by healthcare professionals as beneficial for all children. Meaningful activity contributes to a child's physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual growth. This is
even more important for children with disabilities because recreation is by its very nature, nurturing and restorative. Many studies, however, show that children with disabilities are often less involved than their peers. They have been found to be less active and more at risk of obesity and impaired health due to lack of activity (Steeles et al., 2000). Bloorview Kids Rehab's Therapeutic Recreation Life Skills program undertook a series of consultations with our families, clients, staff, volunteers and service providers to look at some of the reasons for diminished participation. One of the key findings was the need for engaging, easy-to-access information (e.g., appealing to youth; realistic; easy-to-understand for those whose first language is not English; available for viewing on our website and/or while waiting for appointments at Bloorview) about winter activities, especially for children with higher needs. As a result, we developed a 12-minute, open-captioned video inviting people with disabilities to get outside in the winter. Shot at WindReach, a wheelchair-accessible farm, the film demonstrates a variety of adapted winter equipment, tips and activities to promote healthy, active living in the community.

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KW - juvenile
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Energy Expenditure
KW - treadmill
KW - velocity
KW - gender
KW - leg length
KW - Exercise Test
KW - community
KW - ankle
KW - linear regression analysis
KW - accelerometer
KW - Adult
KW - gold standard
KW - case study
KW - volunteer
KW - boy
KW - girl
KW - weight
Background/Objectives: Studies testing methods to promote physical activity require accurate and precise measurements of both physical activity and energy expenditure in children. StepWatch (SW) accelerometer data has been found to accurately count strides across speeds and predict oxygen costs of walking in lean and obese adults. This project aims to test the accuracy and precision of the SW across walking speeds against the gold standard of manual stride counting and to pilot the prediction of oxygen consumption modeled from SW counts in youth developing typically (YDT).

Design: Instrument development and validation with a clinical case series. Participants and Setting: A volunteer sample of ten YDT (5 boys, 5 girls), average age of 14.1 (SD 2.2) years, average leg length 86.2 (SD 7.5) cm, weight 50.2 (SD 11.2) kg and BMI 18.3 (SD 2.2) participated with recruitment through (children of) employees of a tertiary care children's hospital. Materials/Methods: Two SW monitors were calibrated to individual walking patterns using SW software and leg length. A self-selected walking (100+ stride) sample with the SW was compared to manual count with accuracy of 99% (SD 0.47).

Participants underwent treadmill cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET) wearing two SW monitors (outside right, inside left ankles) at 1, 2, 3 and 4 mph for 3 minutes. Absolute disagreement, with a ratio and interclass coefficients (ICC) to manual counts were employed with hierarchical linear regression to develop a prediction equation. Results: Average sign-corrected disagreement for strides counted between the two SW monitors was 0.4 (0.51), 0.2 (0.42), 0.1 (0.32) and 0.1 (0.32) for 1, 2, 3 and 4 mph respectively. SW stride counts to manual counts (accuracy ratio) averaged 100.03 (0.10) with ICC=0.995 (precision) cross the four walking speeds. The derived prediction equation for oxygen consumption was: VO$_2$=-1.2* gender +0.58* age. (years) + 0.31* SW strides + 8.35 with $r^2=0.84$. Conclusions/Significance: The SW data demonstrates excellent accuracy and precision for treadmill walking across speeds in YDT. With SW data corrected for gender and age, acceptable prediction of walking oxygen consumption in youth 10-16 years of age appears possible within the context of day to day life versus the current lab based measures. Future work will explore prediction of oxygen consumption with the SW during selfselected walking speeds, with varying terrain and community based activity. Such information will allow testing of interventions to improve walking efficiency, physical activity and/or energy expenditure in children and youth.
Background/Objectives: Current StepWatch (SW) accelerometry data describes walking activity with the numeric variables of strides/day, % time active and peak strides/durations of time. Ambulatory activity curves allow interpretation of these variables in a combined format. The purpose of this study is to characterize community based daily ambulatory activity patterns in cerebral palsy as compared to non-impaired youth.

Design: Cross-sectional comparison cohort. Participants and Setting: Eighty-one children with CP, gross motor function classification system [GMFCS] levels I [n=31], II [n=30] and III [n=20]; seen for care at three regional pediatric specialty care hospitals and 204 youth developing typically (YDT), all ages 10-13 years.

Materials/Methods: Participants wore the SW on their lateral ankle for 7 days during waking hours. Five days of data were plotted for average minutes per day spend at each stride rate from one stride per minute to the highest rate per participant. Time spent at each intensity level (strides/min) was represented in log-scale with a Lowest curve fit for visualization of the youth with CP by GMFCS level and YDT. Y axis is the natural log and average strides taken with X axis the # of strides/minute. Results: Youth with CP at level I on average were as active, have similar stride/min rates between <20 and >60 strides and are capable of peak stride rates (85 strides/min) similar to YDT. Their primarily limitation appears in stride/min rates between 20 and 60 strides [Fig H1]. Participants at Level II were less active on a daily basis demonstrating rates consistently lower than the YDT peaking at 75 strides/min as documented by a initially steeper curve that remains flat. Youth at level III demonstrate a low level of daily activity with the average stride rates outside the confidence band for YDT between 10 and 50 with a peak stride/min of 70. Conclusions/Significance: Day to day walking activity of youth with CP demonstrates characteristic patterns of lower levels of walking activity, intensity levels across stride rates and peak stride rates than YDT as expected by GMFCS level. Youth with CP are more heterogeneous across stride rates than YDT. Ambulatory activity curves with the StepWatch have the potential to capture levels of daily ambulatory function temporally as well as in terms of intensity. This 'snapshot' analysis of average daily walking activity patterns may have application for clinical practice and/or outcome research (Graph presented)

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T1 - Evaluation of balance in youth with an acquired brain injury: Reliability of the community balance and mobility scale
Background/Objectives: Balance impairments are common following acquired brain injury (ABI). Children with ABI often have goals related to participation in sports and recess activities that require high-level balance skills. The community balance and mobility (CB&M) scale (Howe et al, 2006) is used by physiotherapists (PTs) at our pediatric centre to measure balance, and may be better at detecting changes in this area than the Gross Motor Function Measure (GMFM). While the CB&M's psychometric strength has been shown with adults, it has not been tested in pediatrics. The purpose of this study was to determine inter-rater and test-retest reliability of the CB&M in ambulatory youth who have an ABI. Design: Prospective, repeated measures design. Participants and Setting: Twenty-four ambulatory youth (13 females and 11 males) with an ABI, ages 8 to 17 years (mean age=14 year 1 month, SD=2.1) who were in-patients or day-patients at a pediatric rehabilitation centre. Materials/Methods: Six PTs were trained as assessors. Each passed the study’s CB&M criterion test. The PTs were assigned in pairs to do the CB&M assessment. At baseline, one PT assessor administered and scored the CB&M, while a second PT observed and independently scored it (inter-rater reliability). Children were reassessed 3-10 days later by the PT assessor who administered the baseline CB&M (test-retest reliability). Each PT had equal opportunity to serve as assessor or observer over the course of the study. Results: The participants' GMFM mean score at baseline was 93.4% (SD=7.8). CB&M baseline mean scores were 63.5% (SD=18.4) and 64.7% (SD=18.5) for PT assessors and observers respectively. The interrater reliability ICC was 0.93 (95% confidence interval [CI]=0.85-0.97), and a Bland-Altman plot revealed an indication of smaller inter-rater differences for lower CB&M scores (i.e., slightly greater agreement on lower scores). The assessor retest mean score was 68.7% (SD=17.0). The test-retest ICC was 0.92 (95% CI=0.84-0.96). No systematic bias was indicated in the test-retest Bland-Altman plot. The minimum detectable change
(MDC90) estimate was 12.6% points. Previous clinical CB&M follow-up at our centre of 17 youth with ABI with similar baseline scores to our reliability sample showed mean change score of 23.6% points [SD=13.5] from baseline to discharge assessment, suggesting that this study's MDC estimate is clinically realistic. Conclusions/Significance: The CB&M showed excellent inter-rater and test-retest reliability in youth with an ABI with estimates similar to those of the published reliability work by Howe et al (2006) with adults post-ABI. In our sample, there was little room for gain on the GMFM, while the CB&M showed scoring scope to detect improvement. Future work should focus on formal evaluation of the CB&M's responsiveness to change in rehabilitation centre and community intervention contexts.

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KW - Statistics
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KW - Eating
KW - Motivation
KW - Hospital
KW - clinical research
KW - planning
KW - Self Report
KW - physical disease
KW - quartimax rotation
KW - daily life activity
KW - Regression Analysis
KW - Drinking
KW - Locomotion
KW - skill
KW - friend
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Background/Objectives: The ASKp is a self-report measure of common physical activity for children 5-15 years of age with limitations due to musculoskeletal disorders. The ASKp measures how often a child performed specific activities over the past week using a five point Likert scale. Since the original psychometric properties were published, the ASKp has appeared in 30 and 38 item versions. The objective of this study was to perform exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses of the 38 item ASKp and determine model and item fit statistics. Design: Instrument Development and Validation. Participants and Setting: The ASKp38 was administered to 200 children (mean age 12.2 ± 2.3 years) with a variety of physical impairments. Administration of the ASKp occurred during IRB approved home or center based research visits. Materials/Methods: Confirmatory (CFA) and exploratory (EFA) factor analyses were done in MPlus. Item fit statistics were calculated using the Rasch partial credit model in Winsteps. Results: EFA with unweighted least squares and Quartimax rotation was done. Five factors with eigenvalues >1 were identified, but only two factors explained >5% variance. Comparison of one and two factor models indicated better fit for the two factor model based on higher communalities and higher factor loadings. There was good separation between the two factors with three cross-loaded items (Figure 1). CFA fit statistics for a two factor model were acceptable (CFI=0.974, TLI=0.991, RMSEA=0.049). Fit statistics for higher factor models were better but exhibited significant item cross-loading. The first factor consisted of "physical activities of daily living" (ADLs): all Personal Care, Dressing, Eating and Drinking, Miscellaneous, Locomotion, Standing Skills, Stairs, and Transfers items, with the exception of #19 "kept up with friends outside" , and #28 "sat on the floor". The second factor consisted of the one Play item, the eight sports-focused Additional items, and items 19 and 28. Rasch analysis created a hierarchy based on the frequency of successful performance of items. "ADLs" showed a range from-0.67 (least frequently performed: stood still for 10 minutes) to 0.85 logits (most frequently performed: got around inside my home). For the "sports" activities, the range was from-1.19 (least frequently performed: ran in a race) to 0.63 logits (most frequently performed: sat on the floor). Infit (range 0.42-1.56 logits) and outfit statistics (range 0.13-1.59 logits) were acceptable. Conclusions/Significance: Factor analysis reveals a two-factor model underlying the ASKp38 instrument indicating two different constructs. One factor consists of 27 "ADLs" and the other factor consists of 11 sports-related physical activities. Clinicians should consider other factors such as motivation, opportunity, inability, and lack of need when interpreting this performance measure. Acknowledgement: Research Supported by NIH Grant S01AR052171 (D. Amtmann, PI), NINDS F31-NS048740, Staheli Endowment Fund, Seattle Childrens' Hospital and 2008 AACPDM Clinical Research Planning Grant. (Graph presented)
Background/Objectives: To accurately assess the long term impact of orthopedic interventions, more information is needed about changes in the walking abilities of people with cerebral palsy (CP) that occur from adolescence to young adulthood. Additional information about current levels of activity and participation can document the interrelationships among walking abilities and other aspects of health. The purpose of this study was to document changes in walking abilities from adolescence to young adulthood in people with CP, and current level of activity and participation. Design: Outcomes research. Participants and Setting: Thirty-three (50/191 located, 17 cancelled or refused) people with spastic CP who had a previous motion analysis evaluation (3DGA) at a tertiary care hospital (initial gross motor functional classification system [GMFCS] levels I [n=1], II [n=14], III [n=14], IV [n=4]; ages: 20-36 years; time between evaluations: 5-19 years). Materials/Methods: Follow-up evaluation included GMFCS level, functional abilities (FIM), Gillette Gait Index (GGI), living arrangements, employment, level of education, Canadian occupational performance measure (COPM), short form health survey (SF-36), and 5 year goals. Results: Thirty out of 33 maintained or improved GMFCS Level since initial evaluation; 22/26 maintained or improved GGI. Sixteen out of 33 were living with parents, 15/33 apart from parents, and two in skilled care facilities. Twenty-two out of 33 had education or specialized training past high school. Nineteen worked outside the home for pay, eight were students, six were not employed. Family values, medical issues, and lack of personal care attendants were reasons for unemployment. Lack of transportation, employment, socialization, and personal care attendants were the most frequently cited perceived problems. No relationships were found among changes in GMFCS levels or GGI with FIM scores, SF-36 subdomain scores, COPM barriers, level of education, employment, or living arrangements. The two subjects with the greatest declines in walking abilities were either working full time or married, with children. Subgroup analysis of subjects who did not decline demonstrated an association of orthopedic interventions with maintained or improved walking abilities (R^2=0.82, F=35.0, P=0.000). Conclusions/Significance: The majority of the subjects maintained walking abilities into young adulthood, and the relationship between changes in walking abilities, orthopedic interventions, personal and environmental characteristics, and participation in society requires additional investigation.
Assessing changes in tumour metabolism using magnetic resonance spectroscopy

Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) is a technique which can be readily combined with conventional magnetic resonance imaging to measure the levels of various metabolites, lipids and macromolecules in a...
specified volume of tissue. The most clinically available form is 1H MRS which provides a broad metabolite profile with approximately 15 metabolites being quantitated in brain tumours. Due to the comparative ease of performing 1H MRS in the brain, brain tumours have been the most widely studied tumour group, however, there have also been many studies of prostate cancer and breast tumours. It is well established that 1H MRS metabolite profiles are a powerful characteristic of brain tumours and the use of 1H MRS as a non-invasive diagnostic tool is well investigated. The most impressive results have been obtained by coupling 1H MRS with pattern recognition techniques and large multicentre prospective studies have shown a high level of diagnostic accuracy for many tumour types but a lower accuracy when trying to distinguish between glioblastoma and metastases. Fewer studies have been published in children but small studies indicate that the accuracy is similar. Total choline and mobile lipids have been noted as indicators of tumour aggressiveness and a decrease in choline has been used as an indicator of tumour response to drugs. Similarly, myo-inositol correlates with lower grade in gliomas and is a good prognostic marker in pilocytic astrocytomas in children. Animal and cell line studies show particular promise for mobile lipids as early indicators of cell death, however these findings are yet to be verified clinically. MR spectroscopic imaging allows MRS to be collected from several locations at the same time with a spatial resolution down to 1 cubic cm in the brain using a 1.5T clinical scanner and much higher resolution in the prostate using endorectal coils. Using choline as a marker of active tumour, often as a ratio to another metabolite, has allowed accurate targeting of biopsies and is used commonly in some centres for improving the accuracy of prostate biopsies. MR spectroscopic imaging is also useful for identifying tumour invasion and has detected diffuse tumour outside the regions delineated by conventional MRI. This shows promise in radiotherapy planning. 31P MRS can detect phosphorous containing metabolites and phospho-lipids. It is technically more demanding than 1H MRS but is useful in certain circumstances. Phosphocholine and glycerophosphocholine can be quantitated individually rather than the combined value usually provided by 1H MRS. The ratio of these two metabolites is a powerful discriminant of some tumour types such as medulloblastoma and of response to treatment with the phosphocholine/glycerophosphocholine ratio decreasing in responding tumours. Dynamic Nuclear Polarisation (DNP) is an exciting new technique for the production of tracer metabolites which can be detected by MRS and has the particular advantage that the parent molecule and its metabolites can be detected separately. The first clinical studies of DNP using pyruvate as a marker of apoptosis are about to start.

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KW - actimetry
KW - night
The objective of this study was to investigate the effect of seasons on sleep in 22 pairs of healthy preschool children and their mothers. They were informed of the study protocol and provided their written consent. The study was performed at the subjects' homes during spring, summer, fall, and winter. Wrist actigraphy and temperature and relative humidity (RH) outside and within the bedroom were measured for 7 consecutive days. Bedroom illumination and subjective sleep evaluation were determined on 2 nights. The bedroom temperature significantly increased in summer and decreased in winter as compared to fall or spring, while no significant difference was observed in the humidity. Bedroom illumination was significantly higher in the morning in summer and spring than in fall or winter. Among the mothers, the sleep efficiency index increased and the wake after sleep onset decreased in spring as compared to the other seasons. The mean activity during sleep increased and the sleep time decreased in summer as compared to the other seasons in the preschool children. Among the mothers, the subjective sleep evaluation was improved in spring as compared to the other seasons. The subjective sleep onset was delayed in summer in preschool children. These results indicate that effect of season on sleep may differ between preschool children and their mothers. Furthermore, care should be taken to prevent disturbed sleep in preschool children in summer.

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The cytotoxic and inflammatory effects of PM10 in classrooms

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Outdoor particulate matter (PM10) is associated with a wide range of health effects and a European threshold limit of 50 lg/m3 was established in 2005. However, most individuals spend at least 85% of their time indoors where particle concentrations are mostly higher than outdoors. Since children represent a vulnerable group, we investigated the health effects of indoor air PM10 collected in classrooms compared to outdoor air PM10. PM10 was collected in five schools in Munich during teaching hours. Cytotoxicity was assayed as a decline of cellular ATP concentration in human primary keratinocytes, human lung epithelial A549 cells and Chinese hamster V79 lung fibroblasts at concentrations up to 10 mug/ml. In addition, toxicity after metabolic activation was assayed in V79 cells expressing human cytochrome P450 1A1, 1A2, 1B1, 2A6, 2B6, 2C9, 2D6, 2E1, 3A4 or 3A5. For a genome wide expression analysis BEAS-2B bronchial epithelial cells were incubated with 10 mug/ml PM10. RNA was isolated and analyzed on Affymetrix HG U133A 2.0 expression arrays. While in A549 and V79 cells no toxicity was observed, in human primary keratinocytes PM10 at a concentration of 10 mug/ml caused a slight decrease in vitality. This cytotoxic effect was also found in V79 cells after metabolic activation by CYP1A1 or CYP2C9. Genome wide analysis of PM10 from outdoor and indoor air showed the overexpression of xenobiotic metabolizing genes (CYP1A1, CYP1B1) and of inflammatory cytokines (IL1A, IL1B, IL6, IL8). Indoor PM10 caused a lower induction of xenobiotic metabolizing genes but a up to six fold higher induction of inflammatory cytokines compared to outdoor PM10. Direct cytotoxicity and metabolic activation by cytochrome P450 isoforms 1A1 and 2C9 were statistically significant at a PM10 concentration of 10 mug/ml, which is about 10 000 times higher than exposure encountered in classrooms. We therefore expect no toxic effects of these particles in school children. The reduced induction of xenobiotic metabolizing genes but increased induction of inflammatory cytokines in indoor PM10 treated cells suggests that classroom PM10 is less toxic but has a higher inflammatory potential than outdoor PM10.
Cerebral palsy (CP) describes a group of disorders of posture and movement that occur early in life. Although the disturbance in the developing brain is non-progressive, motor function may change over time. From the outset, parents want to know whether their child will walk. Although walking is valued by individuals of all ages, youth with CP may be more concerned with mobility; getting from place to place in a safe and efficient manner to do things with other people. The objective of this presentation is to provide a lifespan perspective of gross motor function of individuals with CP. The perspective is informed by two longitudinal studies, the Ontario Motor Growth Study and the Adolescence Study of Quality of Life, Mobility and Exercise, completed at the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research. The rate of gross motor development among children with CP is highest at younger ages. Children approach the upper limit of their motor capacity at approximately 3-6 years of age depending on Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS) level. Children and youth in Levels I and II maintain motor capacity: while children in Levels III, IV, and V demonstrate peak motor capacity at 7-9 years of age before declining an average of 5-8 points on the GMFM-66. By 3 years of age, almost all children in Level I walk at home, school, and outdoors. By age nine, the probability of walking is high in all settings for children and youth in Level II. Children and youth in Level III demonstrate variability in usual method of mobility in all settings. For children in Level IV, the probability of using powered mobility increases with age. Only a small percentage of children and youth in Level V mobilize (powered mobility) without physical assistance of a person. Youth spoke of constantly adapting to situations that often reflected a lack of control over the environment and having to plan ahead to go places and do things. The findings provide evidence of prognosis for gross motor function and have implications for decisions on goals, outcomes, services, and supports. Personal and environmental factors are important when making decisions on mobility including attitudes and beliefs regarding walking and wheeled mobility. The preferred method in one setting may not optimize participation in another setting. Task accommodations, environmental modifications, and assistive technology are interventions that have the potential to optimize activity and participation. Implications for adulthood are discussed.
Background: There are various instruments designed to measure activity limitation in children with cerebral palsy (CP) that rely on self-report to measure performance. Performance can be described as what a child 'does do' and differs from capability which describes what a child 'can do'. Performance instruments are often more relevant to the child and family because they assess function in everyday life, however they are used with the assumption that what is reported accurately reflects what is really happening. Objective: The aim of this study was to determine if a self-report instrument, the Functional Mobility Scale (FMS), truly measures performance by correlating it with direct observation of mobility of a group of children with CP. Design: A prospective study of instrument validation. Participants/setting: Included were children with CP aged 4-17 years, classified as GMFCS levels I-IV. They were recruited from a special school and were clients of a tertiary care facility. Materials/Methods: Participants were rated on the FMS by an independent experienced physiotherapist. The same children were observed directly at home and at school by a different physiotherapist and their various mobility methods were recorded. These observations were used to generate an 'observed' FMS score which was correlated with the usual self-report FMS score using unweighted kappa statistics. Results: 18 children (11 males, 7 females) of 27 eligible to enter were included. The age range was 8-17 years (mean 12.7 years). Direct observation showed that many children used more than one method of mobility, particularly those classified as GMFCS III. Seven children used more than one method at home and 13 used more than one method at school. Correlations between 'observed' and self-report FMS ratings were fair to moderate with unweighted kappas of 0.27 for 5 m (home), 0.45 for 50 m (school) and 0.29 for 500 m (community). Conclusions/clinical implications: The fair to moderate correlation of self-report and direct observation using the FMS was lower than expected. This is potentially the result of the multiplicity of mobility methods children with CP are observed to use. Because it is not always practical for clinicians to measure children in their natural environments, self-report measures remain the most convenient method of assessing performance. Further investigation of this clinically
important issue with other self-report measures is required to ensure that it is a valid and clinically relevant method of reporting

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KW - Cerebral Palsy
KW - Australia
KW - school
KW - Environment
KW - book
KW - Motor Performance
KW - Classification
KW - gender
KW - Population
KW - model
KW - multiple regression
KW - childhood
KW - Gross Motor Function Classification System
KW - child health care
KW - Policy
KW - United States
KW - independent variable
KW - handicapped child
KW - skill
KW - Interpersonal Communication
KW - Temperament
KW - parent
KW - linear regression analysis
KW - girl
KW - Family Size
KW - Physical Activity
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N2 - Background: Active and pleasurable involvement of disabled children in activities outside school is a key measure of successful participation. Participation is influenced by many factors including the skills and interests

Objective: This study investigated the extent to which selected individual, family and environmental variables were associated with participation of Australian children with cerebral palsy in formal and informal activities outside school.

Design: Prospective population-based survey. Participants: All children born in 1994 or 1995 in Victoria and diagnosed with cerebral palsy were eligible for inclusion. Complete data were available for 108 of 114 participating children (49.3% of the known living population) in Gross Motor Function Classification (GMFCS) levels I:23%; II:37%; IV:9%; V:20%.

Methods: Participation was measured using the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE) (King et al. Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment and Preferences for Activities of Kids. San Antonio, Texas: PsychCorp 2004). Independent variables included gender, child's activity preference, motor function measured by the GMFCS and the Manual Ability Classification Systems (MACS), child's temperament and communication ability. Family variables included family type (single or two-parent family), background (Australian-born or not) and socio-economic advantage/disadvantage. Environment variables included living and school environments. Linear regression analysis was used to assess associations between these variables and diversity of participation in informal and formal activities. Results: Other than where children lived, all variables had univariate associations with informal participation. The variables with the strongest multivariate associations with informal participation were manual ability (MACS level independently accounted for 22.6% of the variance), a preference for informal activities (accounted for 7% of the variance) and gender (2.6% of variance - girls participated more). Only two variables were important in the multivariate model for participation in formal activities: preference for formal activities (2.9% of the variance) and attendance at mainstream school (7.1% of the variance).

Discussion/Conclusion: Child characteristics were more strongly associated with informal participation than environment or family characteristics. The explanatory power of the multiple regression model for formal participation was very limited but attendance at mainstream school was important. It is likely that MACS level is relatively stable, although improved manual ability may influence participation. Preference for activity in childhood may be more amenable to change. Being exposed to a range of activities within supportive environments may provide the opportunity to develop preferences, especially in activities where children with cerebral palsy have reduced participation, such as in physical activities (Maher et al. Dev Med Child Neurol 2007; 49(6): 450-457)

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Excessive sunlight exposure in early childhood is associated with an increased risk of developing cutaneous malignancies (Masso M. Policy and practice in preventing skin cancer in children. Public Health Nurs 2006; 23: 361-5). In 2004, Cancer Research UK's SunSmart campaign produced guidelines on developing sun protection policies for day nurseries and preschools. We devised and distributed a postal questionnaire to 137 local day nurseries to assess awareness of the SunSmart campaign and evaluate its impact on sun protection policy development. Of the 137 surveys sent, 68 were received back (50%). Of all the nurseries that returned their surveys, 53 (78%) were aware of the SunSmart campaign. Fifty-five nurseries (81%) had a sun protection policy in place and only eight of these (14%) stated that their policy was in place before 2004. Comparing policies with the SunSmart guidelines, 93% of nurseries stated that they asked parents to provide sun hats for their children and 38% asked parents to provide long-sleeved tops. Parents were asked to provide suncream for their children by 84% of nurseries and a further 10% of nurseries provided their own suncream. Of these, 55% suggested a minimal SPF of at least 15. No nursery stated that staff were not permitted to apply suncream to children. Usually, written consent was obtained (63%) before staff would undertake this activity. Outside activities during sunny weather were restricted by 82% of nurseries. Almost two-thirds (61%) of these were in line with the SunSmart guidelines of staying in the shade between 11am and 3pm and 48 (71%) had a designated shady area for activities. Of the nurseries surveyed 90% aimed to educate their children about sun protection and 72% of nurseries hoped to inform parents about the importance of sun protection. A nursery without a sun protection policy may be less likely to return their questionnaire, which would obviously introduce bias in our results. From these data however, it is apparent that nurseries who are aware of the SunSmart campaign have often taken steps towards introducing sun protection policies in line with the guidance provided and the campaign therefore has had a positive effect. The number of policies and the timing of their development would suggest that other sources of information must also be involved in influencing childcare providers into introducing sun protection policies. Cancer Research UK continues to redevelop its guidelines for this public sector. More active targeted campaigns may be beneficial in raising awareness and influencing policy in the remaining nurseries.
Many patients with liver transplant in poor countries have difficulties to follow medical prescriptions due to economical and social problems; that may have some influence in rejection rates. Our objective was to evaluate the impact of a new social policy that gives educational and economical support to liver transplanted patients in the Uruguayan Liver Transplant Program. Methods: We conducted a descriptive and retrospective study including 40 liver transplanted patients (24 children and 16 adults). All of them have post-transplant medical assistance in the Uruguayan Liver Transplant Unit. Data on two periods of time were compared: from January to June 2008 (6 months) and to July 2008 to June 2009 (12 months). During the first period, there was not a specific social assistance program for transplanted patients. During the second period, a policy of social and educational support was conducted by the Social Assistant and the Pediatricians of our team. The policy included: regular telephone supervision, educational activities, economical help (for bus tickets and food) and hosting (for patients living outside the city of Montevideo). The total cost of the social program (for the 40 patients) was 100 dollars per month, 36 hosting nights per year and the 400 dollars per month (Social Worker salary). We evaluate the rate of assistance to the scheduled postoperative medical controls, the incidence of rejection and the correct immunosuppressant drug administration. Results: In the second period, the patients followed the immunosuppressant treatment much better than in the first period (p<0.0001); they also had a tendency to go to scheduled postoperative medical controls than in the first period. In the first 6 month of the study, 5 patient had rejection (confirmed by biopsy); while in the following 12 months, only 3.

Conclusions: social work was an inexpensive and very effective policy to improve immunosuppressant treatment adhesion in liver transplanted patients in Uruguay. This might help to reduce the rate of graft rejection.
Introduction: Although per capita crime has generally fallen over the period which coincides with the obesity epidemic, it has not fallen uniformly across communities. It also has not fallen enough to allay fears on
the part of parents. Over the past 30 years, technological changes have made the indoor alternatives to playing outside, where children are more vulnerable to criminal activity, more enjoyable (cable TV, video games, and the internet) and comfortable (the spread of air conditioning to low income neighborhoods). We determined whether indoor sedentary behavior patterns are associated with community crime statistics. 4th graders in the U.S. are typically 9 or 10 years old. Methods: We used data from the 2004-2005 Texas School Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) survey linked with U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics data for the years 2000 through 2005 and Texas State data on sexual offenders. The probability-based sample included a total of 7,907 children in grade four. Multistage probability sampling weights were used. The dependent variables included were hours of TV watching, video game playing, computer use and total indoor sedentary behavior after school. Incremental Relative Rates were computed for community crime rates including robberies, all violent crimes, murders, assaults, property crimes, rapes, burglaries, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts as well as for sexual offenders living in the neighborhood. The neighborhood refers to the areas where the students at each school live. In the case of sexual offenders, sexual offenders per capita are estimated using the per capita rate in the zip code of the school attended; all other crime statistics are estimated by the crimes per capita in the police department jurisdiction covering the school attended. After controlling for sex, age, and African-American and Hispanic, cross-sectional associations were determined using multivariate Poisson regression. Results: 4th grade boys were more likely to play video games in communities with increased per 100 population rates of larceny and burglary as well as in communities with increased per capita sexual offenders; 4th grade girls were more likely to watch television in communities with increased per capita sexual offenders. While 4th grade girls were more likely to watch TV in communities with increased per capita sex offenders, they were less likely to use computers. Per capita sexual offenders were negatively related to computer use amongst 4th grade girls. Conclusion: By combining community crime and cross-sectional individual level data on indoor sedentary behavior, we found that there is an association between community crimes/sex offender rates and certain types of indoor sedentary behavior. The development of technologies in recent decades which makes supervising children easier indoors, where children are much less vulnerable to crime, may be contributing to the epidemic of childhood obesity.
Background: An appropriate measurement of physical activity (PA) in children is useful, since inactivity is associated to obesity, cardiovascular and metabolic risk. Aim: To assess me reliability of the INTA questionnaire of PA, to compare the derived PA score with accelerometry and to assess its ability to identify excessively inactive children. Material and methods: One hundred eighty children aged 8 to 13 years answered an interviewer-administered questionnaire about their usual PA, consisting in 5 items (recumbent, seated, walking, playing outdoor, sports). The answers were converted to a PA score with a 0-10 points scale. Reliability was tested in 87 children by test/retest conducted 3-5 days apart. The PA score was compared with 3-day accelerometry in 77 of 93 children (35 obese and 42 non obese). Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were used to determine the optimal cutpoint for identify an excessively sedentary child. Results: The test/retest reliability of the questionnaire was 0.69 to 0.93 (Lin coefficient). Accelerometry was significantly associated with PA score (RHO: 0.60, p =0.008), outdoor plays (RHO: 0.37, p =0.0009) and practicing of sports (RHO: 0.33, p =0.003). Obese children were less active than non obese children, according both to PA score and to accelerometry. The optimal cut-point for classifying a child as too sedentary was a score of 5 (sensitivity =0.89). Conclusions: The INTA-test is a valuable instrument for measuring usual PA in clinical practice and is easy to administer.
Introduction. Antiretroviral therapy for treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) infection has improved steadily since the advent of combination therapy in 1996. Objective. The pharmacological therapies of the infection by HIV/AIDS were documented in order to determine if effective treatment regimes were prescribed. Materials and methods. Pharmacological therapies of the human immunodeficiency virus infection were compared in 997 patients affiliated with the health security system, of both sexes and all ages. All had been in treatment for more than three months (July-September 2006) and were distributed in 15 Colombian cities. The data were retrieved from medication consumption files which were maintained by the institutions that had distributed medications to the selected patients. Results. The average age of patients was 37.7±13.2 and 82.6% were men. All the patients received between three to five antiretrovirals. The medications most commonly prescribed were nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (96.4%), nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (54.9%), protease inhibitors (39.8%) and others (0.4%). All of the doses were at recommended levels. The most common combinations were lamivudine-zidovudine-efavirenz (35%), lamivudine-zidovudine+lopinavir/ritonavir (8.4%), abacavir+lamivudine-zidovudine (5.5%), lamivudine-zidovudine+nevirapine (5.2%) and others (45.9%), consisting of 65 different combinations. Conclusions. All agents were used at internationally recommended doses and rational prescription patterns prevailed in the initial therapy. However, the use of 69 different associations suggested that after the beginning of treatment, clinicians do not have adequate criteria to prescribe in accordance with international guidelines of antiretroviral therapy; they adopt a variety of options that may be outside of established recommendations.
Experiencing invasive medical procedures can be a devastating experience for some children and their parents. The potential impact on staff who perform the procedure and who may have to restrain the child who is unwilling to have an essential procedure is a neglected area of research. Children's distress and their coping are affected by those around them so it is important to understand how nurses react in these situations. AIM: To explore the experiences of nursing staff involved in facilitating invasive procedures for children who do not want them. METHOD: Participants were selected at random from staff lists of one hospital in the West Midlands. Data collection was undertaken using unstructured qualitative interviews with ten paediatric nurses and in two focus groups. Theories generated from each interview were tested and validated with participants in subsequent interviews and then in the focus groups. FINDINGS: The most common experiences reported by the participants were 'getting upset' and 'getting stressed' by some aspect of the medical procedure, either because the child or parents became upset or the procedure had gone wrong in some way. Procedural protocols that exist to protect children, for example, by limiting the number of unsuccessful attempts to undertake the procedure, also protect staff by providing a framework to manage emotions during the procedure. Being able to explain the process and need for the procedure to the child and parents, obtaining consent where possible for the use of certain techniques, such as restraint, and having the time to adequately prepare a child for a procedure, all helped minimise the likelihood of an unsuccessful procedure, thereby reducing the risk of the nurse being emotionally affected by a distressed child. CONCLUSION: Nurses working with children who are unwilling to undergo invasive procedures experience negative emotions but these are short lived due to a combination of protective factors and coping strategies. Further research is needed to understand the experiences of medical staff and of nurses working outside paediatric environments who may not experience the same support and protection as those in paediatric settings.

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Aim: To compare the prevalence and characteristics of bullying between two towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Stolac, which was exposed to firearm conflict during the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Posusje, which was outside of the active combat zone. Methods: In this cross-sectional study, we included 484 primary school pupils attending 4th-8th grade of elementary school, 217 (44.8%) of them from Stolac and 267 (55.2%) from Posusje. The pupils were interviewed using a standardized questionnaire on the experience of bullying. Results: Every sixth pupil (16.4%) experienced at least one form of bullying almost every day, while 34 (7.0%) pupils constantly bullied other children. Sixth-eighth graders were more often bullies than 4th-5th graders (P = 0.044). Girls were most often victims of bullying, while boys were most often bullies (P = 0.036). The expected difference in bullying between the two towns was not observed, except for older pupils in Posusje, who were more violent than their peers in Stolac (P = 0.044). Among the analyzed variables of sex, age, town, and school achievement, only male sex was significant predictor of bullying (P = 0.010), increasing the relative risk by 3.005 times. Conclusion: Bullying among primary school pupils did not differ between areas that experienced war activities in 1992-1995. Our results could be useful in the introduction of specific prevention measures against bullying in postwar situation.
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KW - artery thrombosis/et [Etiology]
KW - artery thrombosis/pc [Prevention]
KW - artery thrombosis/su [Surgery]
KW - balloon dilatation
KW - Blalock Taussig shunt
KW - bleeding/si [Side Effect]
KW - bleeding/th [Therapy]
KW - Blood Transfusion
KW - catheter thrombosis/co [Complication]
KW - catheter thrombosis/pc [Prevention]
KW - Child
KW - childhood mortality
KW - clinical feature
KW - clinical trial
KW - computed tomographic angiography
KW - congenital heart disease/cn [Congenital Disorder]
KW - continuous infusion
KW - contrast enhancement
KW - disease association
KW - disease course
KW - Doppler echography
KW - drug contraindication
KW - drug dose increase
KW - drug efficacy
KW - drug hypersensitivity/si [Side Effect]
KW - drug response
KW - drug safety
KW - drug substitution
KW - drug withdrawal
KW - gene mutation
KW - heart catheterization
KW - heparin induced thrombocytopenia/di [Diagnosis]
KW - heparin induced thrombocytopenia/si [Side Effect]
KW - hepatic artery
KW - Human
KW - hyperhomocysteinemia/cn [Congenital Disorder]
KW - hyperhomocysteinemia/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - hyperhomocysteinemia/et [Etiology]
KW - hyperlipidemia
KW - Incidence
KW - international normalized ratio
KW - loading drug dose
KW - low drug dose
KW - magnetic resonance angiography
KW - maintenance drug dose
KW - mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - optimal drug dose
KW - pathophysiology
KW - plethysmography
KW - recommended drug dose
KW - renal artery thrombosis/co [Complication]
KW - renal artery thrombosis/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - renal artery thrombosis/pc [Prevention]
KW - renal artery thrombosis/su [Surgery]
KW - review
KW - Risk Assessment
Arterial thromboembolism is rare in children. The frequency of arterial thromboembolisms has paralleled the advances in pediatric tertiary care with increasing numbers of children surviving life-threatening primary illnesses and, paradoxically, developing previously rare complications. The pathophysiology of thrombosis in children differs from that of adults, underscoring the need for a unique diagnostic and therapeutic approach in pediatrics.

This review is a summary of the available data on the etiology, diagnosis and management of arterial thrombosis, occurring outside of the CNS, in children.
We present the results of an outbreak investigation on a Cryptosporidium parvum outbreak among 35 people, (27 students and 8 teachers), who participated in a school excursion to an outdoor adventure farm in South West England, from 22 to 26 May 2006. A cohort study was implemented to investigate possible sources of infection during the farm visit. The most likely transmission route was contact with faecally contaminated surface water following heavy rainfall, or consumption of water from the private well. Disinfection of the water reservoir was by chlorination, to which cryptosporidium is resistant. Supplemental disinfection or filtration methods of private water supplies on livestock farms may be needed. This study highlights the fact that epidemiological investigations of outbreaks as a result of environmental exposures are complex but important to inform the public and health professionals of the risks posed by private water supplies and outdoor activities. This is particularly so after heavy rainfall, as this may result in an increased effluent from faecally contaminated land, causing a wide variety of pathogens to wash into surface water and potentially, private wells. This poses risks for public health. IWA Publishing 2008
Background: Many health promotion interventions rely on active participation, if uptake is low the impact of the intervention is diminished at population level. This study aimed to identify the main reasons for non-participation in a modelled health promotion programme. Methods: A classification for eligibility and for participation in a modelled health promotion intervention was applied to a database of all 3-5 year olds in 3 PCTs in Manchester, UK. This identified which children would have been participants and which non-participants. Results: Of the 29,220 children in the cohort, 90% would have been eligible to have received the model intervention as they were resident in Manchester before they became 24 months old. Of these, 75% would have participated by having either of the required contacts with health care personnel in the Manchester PCT area. Of these only 43% were attending Manchester LEA schools or pre-schools at the age of 3-5 years when the health benefits would be evaluated. Population churn, uptake of health services outside of the intervention area and non-uptake all accounted for a high level of 'non-participation'. Conclusions: The success of public health interventions are seriously threatened by high levels of non-participation due to population transience in some areas.
Objective: To identify the most common causes of death during sports activity in the population of Hamburg, Germany, and to identify which groups of sportspeople are particularly in danger of dying during sports and in which types of sport most fatalities occur. Design and setting: We performed a 10-year autopsy-based retrospective study of all 48,335 fatalities in Hamburg and the surrounding areas that were subjected to police investigations between 1997 and 2006 and screened for sports-related deaths. The main outcome measure was cause of death depending on form of sport, age and risk factors. Results: Most of the fatalities were male. In natural deaths, cardiac causes were the most frequent causes found, with running and football being the most frequent forms of sport in which death had occurred. In some of the cases, sports medical examinations had been performed before death, certifying eligibility for the respective activity. Traumatic deaths were found in all age groups, with younger age groups more likely to have traumatic than natural deaths, and as expected, occurred more commonly in "risky" outdoor activities. Conclusions: Although exercise can have beneficial effects on health, fatalities related to sports activity occur. Cardiac disease is the main cause of sudden death from natural causes. In patients with pre-existing coronary heart disease, left ventricular hypertrophy constitutes a risk factor for exercise-related sudden death. Traumatic deaths often happen on holiday outside the person’s country of dwelling, and are most commonly attributable to drowning and blunt trauma. Preparticipation medical screening cannot always prevent fatal incidents during sports activity. Postmortem macroscopic and histological examination can clarify the cause of death and legal issues.
Few dog bite risk factor studies have been conducted. This veterinary clinic-based retrospective cohort study was aimed at identifying human-canine environmental risk factors for non-play bites in Kingston, Jamaica (660) and San Francisco (SF), USA (452). Data were analysed using modified Poisson regression with confounders selected using directed acyclic graphs (DAGs) and the change-in-estimate procedure. Dogs acquired for companionship were more likely (RR = 1.66; 95% CI 1.02-2.70) to bite than those acquired for protection. Routinely allowing a dog into the presence of visitors was also positively associated with it biting. A dog sleeping in a family member’s bedroom was a risk factor for biting in Kingston (RR = 2.54; 95% CI 1.43-4.54) but not in SF, while being able to leave the yard unaccompanied was a risk factor for biting in SF (RR = 3.40; 95% CI 1.98-5.85) but not in Kingston. Overall, dogs which were less restricted in their interactions with humans were at elevated risk for biting. An observed association with dog bites in one cultural setting might not exist in another. 2007 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved
COPD is an important cause of morbidity and mortality in both high- and low-income countries. While active cigarette smoking is the most important preventable risk factor globally, outdoor and indoor air pollutants can cause or exacerbate COPD. In high-income countries, historic air pollution events provide clear evidence that exposure to high levels of outdoor air pollutants is associated with increased mortality and morbidity due to COPD and related cardiorespiratory diseases. Studies in the last 20 years continue to show increased risk associated mainly with particulate matters, even at much lower levels. Populations in low-income countries are largely exposed to indoor air pollutants from the combustion of solid fuels, which contributes significantly to the burden of COPD-related diseases, particularly in non-smoking women. Effective preventive strategies for COPD may vary between countries, and include continued improvements in air cleaning technology, air quality legislation and dissemination of improved cooking stoves. A joint effort from both society and governments is needed for these endeavors.
Asthma is children's foremost chronic disease. If the medicinal progress is unambiguous, therapeutic education as well as rehabilitation efforts are integral parts of asthmatic children's global care. Initiated and proposed by the Association asthme et allergies, a protocol that defines place, dates, purposes and means, received the agreement of the French ministry for Youth and Sports. Thirteen children (eight boys, five girls, with an average age of eleven) who suffer from persistent asthma, from moderate to severe and/or exercise-induced asthma, were selected by two Parisian hospitals. The children spent fourteen days on vacation in Ardeche (altitude, 1400 m) during the month of July and were supervised by a medical and an animation team. Motivating children to engage in sports activities and strengthening therapeutic education trained in asthma's schools (ecoles de l'asthme) were the dual purpose of the stay. An educational diagnosis and an evaluation of the knowledge of each child were realized at the beginning and at the end of the stay. A flexible program was set up and combined outdoor games, role-playing, educational workshops on breathing, techniques of inhalation and measurement of breath... associated with tests and coupled with physical or sportive activities practiced individually or collectively. Climatic conditions did not provoke any asthma attack or intercurrent affection. The questionnaire dispensed at the end of the stay reveals the children's global satisfaction. In terms of health, preliminary results are promising, particularly regarding their aerobic capacity and physical performances. A medium-term evaluation is in progress, but consequences of this experience - shared by children coming from different social milieus and in a less polluted environment - seem to confirm the interest for promoting educational and sportive stays supervised by health professionals specialized in therapeutic education and spent in specific places which correspond to the standards of allergens' eviction. 2008

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Aim: To determine the prevalence of metabolic syndrome in children and adolescents in Crete (Greece) and examine associations with diet quality and physical fitness. Subjects and Methods: A representative sample of 1,209 Cretan children and adolescents aged 3-17 1/2 years participated in this cross-sectional survey. The study took place in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in the cities of Heraklion and Chania and kindergartens and schools in semi-urban and rural regions outside Heraklion. The metabolic syndrome was defined as the presence of >3 of: impaired fasting blood glucose, hypertension, abdominal obesity, hypertriglyceridaemia, and low HDL-cholesterol. Diet quality was assessed by the Healthy Eating Index score (USDA) and physical fitness by the 20-m shuttle run test. Results: Approximately 4% of Cretan children and adolescents assessed (4.2% of boys, 3.6% of girls) had three or more metabolic syndrome factors. Over 25% of the subjects had a “poor” diet, defined as Healthy Eating Index <51, and higher diet quality scores correlated
with decreased mean body mass index, waist/height ratio, systolic blood pressure, total cholesterol, and number of metabolic syndrome risk factors present. Clustering of metabolic syndrome risk factors was also associated with decreased physical fitness, as well as increased body mass index, waist/height ratio and total cholesterol/HDL-cholesterol ratio. Conclusions: Presence of three or more factors related to the metabolic syndrome was strongly associated with poor diet quality and low physical fitness, as well as overweight, in Cretan children and adolescents. Health promotion strategies in childhood should encourage weight control, the establishment of healthier dietary patterns, and adequate physical activity, as a means of preventing the increase in the prevalence of this public health issue. 2008 Springer-Verlag
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KW - Morbidity
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KW - Pregnancy
KW - Prevalence
KW - questionnaire
KW - respiratory tract infection
KW - Rickets/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - rickets/et [Etiology]
KW - risk factor
KW - sampling
KW - urban area
KW - Calcium
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Aim: To assess the current prevalence and influencing factors of rickets in children of Shanghai city.

Methods: In Spring of 2005, the cluster and stratified random sampling study was used to examine 821 children under 6 years of age living in Shanghai to evaluate the living environment, feeding patterns, outdoor activity, nutrition, past history of disease, and pregnancy of mother by questionnaires. Rickets was defined as the guideline of "Prevention and Treatment of Rickets in Nurseling" by the State Ministry of Health in 1996.

Results: Totally 769 cases were included in the analysis, consisting of 396 boys and 373 girls; 456 collective residences and 313 scattered livers. 1 The morbidity rate of rickets aged from 0-6 years in Shanghai was 17.3% (133/769), 17.4% in boys and 17.2% in girls. 2 The morbidity rate of rickets in children was associated with feeding patterns (breast feeding, mix feeding and bottle feeding were 13.0%, 17.5%, 25.2%), supplement of cod liver oil (regular supplement, occasional or no supplement of vitamin D was 13.5% versus 32.5%), living environment (living in urban, suburb was 23.6% versus 10.56%; collective residences, scattered liver were 13.8% versus 22.4%), time of outdoor activity (do out door activity often, occasionally was 12.9% versus 31.8%), repeatedly respiratory tract infection (with or without infection was 26.9% versus 12.9%), and the deficiency of calcium in the duration of mother's pregnancy (the morbidity rate of rickets in their children was 33.2% versus 12.0% who with or without the deficiency of calcium (P < 0.01). Conclusion: The morbidity rate of children rickets in Shanghai increases recently, and is associated with multiple factors, such as pollution of city, reduction of breast feeding and insufficient knowledge of child care by Parents.
N2 - Aim. Human activity generates mixtures of pollutants and outdoor air pollution has been known to cause clinically significant adverse effects. Methods. We studied the possibility of associations among long-term exposure to environmental air pollution and respiratory symptoms, and pulmonary function and atopy in a cross-sectional study. The target population was a sample of 744 adolescents living in an industrialised town and a sample of 287 adolescents living in mountain valleys in the Alps. Notes on respiratory symptoms were obtained from a questionnaire; all the subjects performed a lung function test, skin tests and plasma levels IgE determinations (PRIST). Results. Significant lower values of forced vital capacity (FVC) and even lower values of forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV$_1$), of FEV$_1$/FVC and of maximal expiratory flow at 25% of FVC (MEF 25%) were detected in the metropolitan population. The tests resulted pathological in a significantly higher number of clinical silent subjects of this group. About atopy, high plasma IgE levels were significantly more frequent in the metropolitan group, while PRICK tests more frequent in the mountain group. Conclusion. This study seems to provide evidence that long-term exposure to air pollution in adolescents may be associated with lower lung volumes, and especially expiratory flows. The lack of a concordance between anamnestic respiratory symptoms from questionnaires and pulmonary functions may point out the suitability for periodical controls of them in young subjects of air polluted areas.
Background. Successful malaria vector control depends on understanding behavioural interactions between mosquitoes and humans, which are highly setting-specific and may have characteristic features in urban environments. Here mosquito biting patterns in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania are examined and the protection against exposure to malaria transmission that is afforded to residents by using an insecticide-treated net (ITN) is estimated. Methods. Mosquito biting activity over the course of the night was estimated by human landing catch in 216 houses and 1,064 residents were interviewed to determine usage of protection measures and the proportion of each hour of the night spent sleeping indoors, awake indoors, and outdoors. Results. Hourly variations in biting activity by members of the Anopheles gambiae complex were consistent with classical reports but the proportion of these vectors caught outdoors in Dar es Salaam was almost double that of rural Tanzania. Overall, ITNs confer less protection against exophagic vectors in Dar es Salaam than in rural southern Tanzania (59% versus 70%). More alarmingly, a biting activity maximum that precedes 10 pm and much lower levels of ITN protection against exposure (38%) were observed for Anopheles arabiensis, a vector of modest importance locally, but which predominates transmission in large parts of Africa. Conclusion. In a situation of changing mosquito and human behaviour, ITNs may confer lower, but still useful, levels of personal protection which can be complemented by communal transmission suppression at high coverage. Mosquito-proofing houses appeared to be the intervention of choice amongst residents and further options for preventing outdoor transmission include larviciding and environmental management. 2007 Geissbuhler et al; licensee BioMed Central Ltd
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The psychological sequelae of thermal injury on children and adolescents: Part 1

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The psychological effects of thermal injury and children and their mothers were investigated in a three-part study; Part 1 concerned with group comparisons regarding the psychological effects of thermal injury on children; Part 2 with aspects of the thermally injured group and Part 3 with psychological effects on their mothers. A total of 44 thermally injured (aged 11-16 years) injured 3-14 years previously, were matched according to age, sex, burn percentage and site of injury. In-depth interviewing and questionnaire responses on measures of psychological disturbance indicated that thermally injured children were differentiated in terms of psychopathology from matched Fracture Controls and Normal Controls. Such differences embraced many
aspects of social and recreational functioning, and group differences emphasised depression, anxiety (particularly situational anxiety) and anti-social disorder as being particularly prominent in the thermally injured group. Therapeutic approaches are briefly discussed.

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JF - Human Vaccines
JA - Hum
VL - 3
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CY - United States

N2 - Large meningococcal group A epidemics occur periodically in the Sudan, a country within the "meningitis belt" of Sub-Saharan Africa. Immunization with meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine induces protective serum bactericidal titers but little information is available on the duration of protection. Serum samples were obtained from 20 subjects, aged 11-47 years, who resided in the Sudan, and who had participated in a meningococcal polysaccharide immunogenicity study five years earlier. Persistence of serum group A bactericidal titers (measured with human complement) was compared to that of 12 immunized adults in North America with no known exposure to group A organisms. One month after vaccination, there were no significant differences in the serum bactericidal titers of the two groups. By five years the respective reciprocal geometric mean bactericidal titers had declined in both groups (82 to 34 in Sudanese, and 69-11 in North Americans, p <
0.03). However, the proportion of sera with protective bactericidal titers (>1:4) at five years was higher in the Sudanese than North Americans (80% vs. 42%, p < 0.05). Recommendations for periodic meningococcal polysaccharide vaccination every 3-5 years to maintain group A immunity may be more appropriate for persons living outside of endemic areas than for persons residing in endemic regions since immunity in endemic areas can be maintained by periodic exposure to group A organisms, even during periods between epidemics. 2007 Landes Bioscience

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3817
T1 - Participant and parent experiences in the parenteral insulin arm of the diabetes prevention trial for type 1 diabetes
A1 - Johnson,S.B.
A1 - Baughcum,A.E.
A1 - Hood,K.
A1 - Rafkin-Mervis,L.E.
A1 - Schatz,D.A.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - 2007434258
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - alternative medicine
KW - article
KW - blood sampling
KW - controlled study
KW - Decision Making
KW - Diet
KW - distress syndrome
KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - glucose blood level
KW - health hazard
KW - Human
KW - hypoglycemia
KW - insulin dependent diabetes mellitus/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - insulin dependent diabetes mellitus/pc [Prevention]
KW - low drug dose
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Patient Participation
KW - school child
KW - glucose/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - insulin/do [Drug Dose]
KW - insulin/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - insulin/pa [Parenteral Drug Administration]
KW - vitamin
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2193
EP - 2198
JF - Diabetes Care
OBJECTIVE - To assess participant and parent experiences in the parenteral insulin arm of the Diabetes Prevention Trial for Type 1 Diabetes (DPT-1). RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS - Before trial results were publicized, surveys were completed by 82 intervention participants (the intervention group) (who received annual 4-day insulin infusions and daily insulin injections), 81 closely monitored control subjects (the closely monitored group), and 135 parents of children in the trial. RESULTS - Survey results suggest that participant perspective (adult, child, parent, and sex), study procedures, and group assignment have important implications when planning clinical trials. Parents rated the trial more favorably but worried about hypoglycemia and diabetes onset. Children had the least favorable reaction to the study. Parents preferred assignment to the intervention group; child/adult participants preferred assignment to the closely monitored group. The intervention group rated the annual 4-day insulin infusions more negatively than all other study procedures. Intervention group participants/parents reported poorer insulin injection adherence over the course of the study. Intervention group participants, parents, and female subjects expressed an interest in additional psychosocial support during the trial. Random assignment was viewed negatively by both study groups. Close observation for diabetes onset was viewed as the most favorable aspect of the study. Behaviors outside of the study protocol to prevent or delay diabetes onset were common and should be monitored in future prevention studies. CONCLUSIONS - Overall, most participants were positive about the trial, and many expressed optimism about the intervention’s potential for success. These results have implications for study design, recruitment, and retention procedures in future prevention trials. 2007 by the American Diabetes Association

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Childhood obesity: Contributing factors and consequences in Indian children
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A1 - Kumar,S.
A1 - Mishra,O.P.
Y1 - 2007///
N1 - 2007375816
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Body Height
KW - body mass
KW - Body Weight
KW - caloric intake
KW - Child
KW - child nutrition
KW - cholesterol blood level
KW - clinical article
KW - controlled study
KW - diet restriction
KW - environmental factor
KW - enzyme blood level
Introduction: Childhood obesity is a risk factor for adult morbidity and mortality, independent of body mass index (BMI) in adulthood, family history of cardiovascular disease or cancer, and smoking. The present study was designed with the objectives to study contributing factors of childhood obesity and its metabolic consequences. Material and methods: Forty-nine obese and 13 normal children in the age range of 5-12 years were recruited. Subjects with hypothyroidism, Cushing's syndrome and any other disease contributing to endogenous obesity were excluded. Weight and height were recorded and BMI was calculated (weight in kg divided by square of height in meters). Children with weight above 90th percentile for age and sex and BMI > 28.5 or >95th percentile for that age were defined as obese. After an overnight fast (10-12 h) blood was drawn for the determination of plasma glucose, serum insulin, lipid profile and free fatty acids. Observations: The calorie intake in obese children was significantly higher than controls and fatty meal contributed significantly to high calorie intake. Obese children indulged less in outdoor activities than controls. Liver enzymes were significantly higher in the study group. The levels of hepatic enzymes were raised above normal in 26 (53.06%) children. Total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol were higher in the study group, but only the LDL values reached statistical significance. Fasting plasma glucose in the study and control groups were 75.25 ± 13.57 and 66.07 ± 9.52 mg/dL respectively and it was significantly higher in the study group (p = 0.009). Fasting insulin and fasting free fatty acid levels in study group were 31.66 ± 17.58 μU/mL and 379.35 ± 148.00 μmol/L and in control group were 8.6 ± 4.98 μU/mL and 263.84 ± 71.00 μmol/L respectively hence both are significantly higher in the obese children. The mean insulin glucose ratio in the study group was 0.41 ± 11.20. Sixteen (32.65%) children had values of more than 0.4, suggesting insulin resistance but none of the control group had insulin glucose ratio above this level. Insulin free fatty acid ratio was also higher in the study group 8.58 ± 6.34 than control group 3.10 ± 1.19. The mean HOMA-R in the study group and control group were 6.08
+ 3.83 and 1.37 + 0.73 respectively indicating significant insulin resistance in the obese children. Conclusion: The environment influence like increased calorie intake and decreased physical activity are major determinants of childhood obesity. The biochemical consequences of childhood obesity are hyperinsulinemia, increased LDL, FFA levels and increased hepatic transaminases. The triglycerides, HDL, fasting hyperglycemia and hypertension do not seem to have association with metabolic syndrome in children as seen in adults. Therefore it is proposed that the diagnostic parameters of metabolic syndrome should be redefined in children with population-based values of these new biochemical parameters. 2007 Diabetes India

TY - JOUR
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T1 - An assessment of the applicability of a test to measure physical activity in Indian school children
A1 - Srivastava, A.K.
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Y1 - 2007///
N1 - 2007312694
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child Care
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Human
KW - Indian
KW - Jumping
KW - Physical Activity
KW - physical capacity
KW - psychological well being
KW - Running
KW - school
KW - school child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 67
EP - 68
JF - International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
VL - 45
IS - 2
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - Objectives: To assess the applicability of a test to measure the physical activity of Indian school children in the school environment. Subjects and Method: 2,008 school children aged between 9 and 12 years were included. The test used to measure physical efficiency included four items: standing long jump, cricket ball throw, 60 yard run (54.86 metres) and chin-ups. All children completed the four components of the test. Results: The majority of children in the three age groups studied managed to reach the standard norm values for the standing long jump (77%), 60 yard run (90%) and the chin-up tests (86%). However, only just over half (51%) of the children managed to qualify in the cricket ball throw test. Conclusion: The majority of the school children achieved the standard norms of the physical activity test which was practical to use in the school environment
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Comparison of global positioning system (GPS) tracking and parent-report diaries to characterize children's time-location patterns

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A1 - Yost, M.G.
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Respondent error, low resolution, and study participant burden are known limitations of diary timelines used in exposure studies such as the National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS). Recent advances in global positioning system (GPS) technology have produced tracking devices sufficiently portable, functional and affordable to utilize in exposure assessment science. In this study, a differentially corrected GPS (dGPS) tracking device was compared to the NHEXAS diary timeline. The study also explored how GPS can be used to evaluate and improve such diary timelines by determining which location categories and which respondents are least likely to record "correct" time-location responses. A total of 31 children ages 3-5 years old wore a dGPS device for all waking hours on a weekend day while their parents completed the NHEXAS diary timeline to document the child's time-location pattern. Parents misclassified child time-location approximately 48% of the time using the NHEXAS timeline in comparison to dGPS. Overall concordance between methods was marginal (=0.33-0.35). The dGPS device found that on average, children spent 76% of the 24-h study period in the home. The diary underestimated time the child spent in the home by 17%, while overestimating time spent inside other locations, outside at home, outside in other locations, and time spent in transit. Diary data for time spent outside at home and time in transit had the lowest response concordance with dGPS. The diaries of stay-at-home mothers and mothers working unskilled labor jobs had lower concordance with dGPS than did those of the other participants. The ability of dGPS tracking to collect continuous rather than categorical (ordinal) data was also demonstrated. It is concluded that automated GPS tracking measurements can improve the quality and collection efficiency of time-location data in exposure assessment studies, albeit for small cohorts. 2007 Nature Publishing Group All rights reserved
Several studies have investigated the health of children attending schools located near busy roads. In this study, we have measured personal exposure to traffic-related pollutants in children to validate exposure classification based on school location. Personal exposure to PM$_{2.5}$, soot, NO$_x$ and NO$_2$ was measured during four 48-h periods. The study involved 54 children attending four different schools, two of which were located within 100 m of a major road (one ring road and one freeway) and the other two were located at a background location in the city of Utrecht, The Netherlands. Outdoor monitoring was conducted at all school sites, during the personal measurements. A questionnaire was administered on time activity patterns and indoor sources at home. The outdoor concentration of soot was 74% higher at the freeway school compared to its matched background school. Personal exposure to soot was 30% higher. For NO$_x$ the outdoor concentration was 52% higher at the freeway school compared to its background school. The personal concentration of NO$_x$ was 37% higher for children attending the freeway school. Differences were smaller and insignificant for PM$_{2.5}$ and NO$_2$. No elevated personal exposure to air pollutants was found for the children attending the school near the ring road. We conclude that the school’s proximity to a freeway can be used as a valid estimate of exposure in epidemiological studies on the effects of the traffic-related air pollutants soot and NO$_x$ in children.
The relationship between fundamental motor skills and outside-school physical activity of elementary school children

The purpose of the present study was to examine the association between fundamental motor skill development and various types of outside-school physical activity. Outside-school physical activity of 133 elementary schoolchildren was measured using a modified observational method validated by O'Hara et al. (18) and Caltrac accelerometers (Hemokinetics, Madison, Wisconsin). Developmental level of overhand throwing and jumping was assessed using total-body developmental sequences. The results revealed that developmental levels of both overhand throwing and jumping were significantly correlated with the skill-specific physical activity (r = .44 and .55 for overhand throwing and jumping, respectively). Caltrac score was not significantly related to jumping and overhand throwing skills. Skill-specific physical activities accounted for 20% of the variance (adjusted $R^2$) in overhand throwing and 17% of the variance in jumping performance. Findings supported the hypothesis that developmental level of fundamental motor skills would be related with skill-specific outside-school physical activity but not with general level of physical activity of elementary schoolchildren. 2006 Human Kinetics, Inc
You can’t wrap them up in cotton wool!’ Constructing risk in young people's access to outdoor play

T1 - 'You can’t wrap them up in cotton wool!’ Constructing risk in young people's access to outdoor play
A1 - Jenkins,N.E.
Y1 - 2006
N1 - 2006627267
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Accident Prevention
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - Child Behavior
KW - child parent relation
KW - child safety
KW - controlled study
KW - Decision Making
KW - expectation
KW - falling
KW - family study
KW - Female
KW - hazard assessment
KW - health care organization
KW - Health Care Policy
KW - Human
KW - leisure
KW - Male
KW - normal human
KW - paranoia
KW - parental behavior
KW - play
KW - Responsibility
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Risk Management
KW - risk reduction
KW - school child
KW - semi structured interview
KW - Social Behavior
KW - sport injury
KW - United Kingdom
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 379
EP - 393
JF - Health, Risk and Society
VL - 8
IS - 4
CY - United Kingdom

N2 - Policy approaches towards risk in relation to young people's leisure activities are characterized by uncertainty. While some organizations have sought to emphasize the need to reduce or even eliminate the risk of 'unintentional injuries' in outdoor play, others highlight the dangers in excessively restricting young people's access to the outside world. Drawing on semi-structured interviews with families in the South Wales area, this
paper argues that while parents are not in the grips of 'paranoia' (Furedi 2001) they are wrestling with competing sets of social expectations, as well as their own rational and emotive judgements. Young people tended to respond to their parents' concerns by demonstrating their street-wisdom, claiming sanctuary behind the notion of 'accident' and asserting their moral right to access the outside world

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T1 - Mercury exposures in informal gold miners and relatives in southern Peru
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A1 - Steenland,K.
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - 2006599907
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - Mining
KW - Peru
KW - priority journal
KW - relative
KW - smelter
KW - urine level
KW - amalgam
KW - gold
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 340
EP - 345
JF - International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health
VL - 12
IS - 4
CY - United States
N2 - Subjects working in or living near informal gold mining and processing in southern Peru were studied to determine mercury exposures from two tasks: amalgamation and amalgam smelting. The authors collected 17 airborne and 41 urinary mercury levels. The mean urinary levels were 728 (range: 321-1,662) and 113 (45-197) mug/L for working in smelters and living near smelters, respectively. A third group working in amalgamation had a mean 18 mug/L (range 8-37). People living in the mining town but with no mining activities had 8 mug/L (5-10), while a control group outside the town had 4 mug/L (2-6). Mean airborne mercury exposure was 2,423 mug/m<sup>3</sup> (range 530-4,430) during smelting, 30.5 mug/m<sup>3</sup> (12-55) during amalgamation, and 12 mug/m<sup>3</sup> (3-23) in the mining town. Smelters are highly contaminated with mercury, as are the people living around smelters
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Early summer meningoencephalitis in children and adolescents. A prospective study conducted over 10 years in Baden-Wurtemberg and South Hessen

Background. The purpose of this study was to investigate the frequency and course of tick-borne encephalitis (TBE) in children and young adults (ages 1-15 years) in southwestern Germany. Patients and methods. Clinical and epidemiological data from children were recorded by means of a questionnaire by Departments of Paediatrics in Baden-Wurtemberg and Southern Hessen. Results. Between 1994 and 2003 a total of 124 children with TBE were recorded. Seventy-seven children (62%) had noticed a tick bite, and the first symptoms occurred an average of 7 days later. The disease had a biphasic course in 89 (72%) of the 124 children. TBE presented as meningitis in 80 children (64%), as meningoencephalitis in 43 (35%), and as encephalomyelitis in 1 child (1%). The most frequent neurological symptoms of meningoencephalitis were impaired consciousness (35%), ataxia (4%), and paresis of the extremities (2.4%) and cranial nerves (2.4%). Laboratory investigations revealed leukocytosis in the peripheral blood in 102 of the 124 patients (82%), elevation of the sedimentation rate in 102 (82%), and increased C-reactive protein in 92 (74%). Conclusion. Even though the course of TBE is less dramatic, and its prognosis better, in children than in adults, there is just...
as much reason to protect children against TBE by active immunisation as there is to immunise adults in any area where any cases of TBE are known. The beginning of a vaccination course should be linked to the frequency of exposure through outdoor activities in areas where there is a risk of TBE. 2006 Springer Medizin Verlag
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3827
T1 - Skin cancer primary prevention programme for schoolchildren. Analysis of behavioural practices
A1 - Correia,O.
A1 - Barros,A.M.
A1 - Rocha,N.
A1 - Quirino,P.
A1 - Fernandes,J.C.
A1 - Tavares,C.
A1 - Robalo,Cordeiro M.
A1 - Rebelo,C.
A1 - Baptista,Rodrigues J.
A1 - Pereira,A.
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - 2006416277
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - cancer incidence
KW - cancer prevention
KW - Child Behavior
KW - controlled study
KW - Human
KW - medical education
KW - medical practice
KW - Physical Education
KW - questionnaire
KW - risk factor
KW - school
KW - school child
KW - skin cancer
KW - skin sensitization
KW - sun exposure
KW - sunburn
KW - sunscreen
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 67
EP - 76
JF - Skin Cancer
VL - 21
IS - 2
CY - Portugal

N2 - The incidence of skin cancer has been increasing steadily, and a direct correlation with sun exposure has long been recognised. Primary prevention actions, mainly directed at children, are important to promote behavioural changes regarding sun exposure. A questionnaire-based enquiry, followed by a sensitisation action, with distribution of didactic material, was carried out in several private and public schools, in June 2003. A significant number of children reported the existence of only a few trees at their schools' playground and the practice of outdoor gymnastics during risky hours. Although they admitted to usually applying sunscreens when
going to the beach, this was not a normal practice when going to school on sunny days. A history of sunburn was reported by 53% of the children. We found some changes in behaviour after the summer holidays following the sensitisation action, which emphasizes the importance of this type of campaigns.
running (P = 0.002), and fishing (P = 0.03). Canadian adolescents with migraine are therefore overall more active than their peers without migraine. 2006 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

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T1 - Management of procedure-related pain in children and adolescents
Y1 - 2006///
N1 - 2006313160
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - airway obstruction/si [Side Effect]
KW - allergic reaction/si [Side Effect]
KW - Anxiety
KW - artery catheterization
KW - artery puncture
KW - Australia
KW - Behavior Therapy
KW - bone marrow biopsy
KW - burn dressing
KW - Child
KW - clinical practice
KW - Cognitive Therapy
KW - computer assisted tomography
KW - Coping Behavior
KW - diagnostic procedure
KW - distress syndrome/co [Complication]
KW - distress syndrome/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - distress syndrome/pc [Prevention]
KW - dizziness/si [Side Effect]
KW - dysphoria/si [Side Effect]
KW - endotracheal intubation
KW - euphoria
KW - feedback system
KW - foreign body/th [Therapy]
KW - fracture/th [Therapy]
KW - general anesthesia
KW - heart arrest/si [Side Effect]
KW - heart arrhythmia/si [Side Effect]
KW - Human
KW - hypnosis
KW - hypotension/si [Side Effect]
KW - hypoxia/si [Side Effect]
KW - Immunization
KW - informed consent
KW - injection
KW - intracranial hypertension/si [Side Effect]
KW - intraocular hypertension/si [Side Effect]
KW - intravenous regional anesthesia
KW - kidney biopsy
KW - laceration/th [Therapy]
KW - larynx spasm/si [Side Effect]
In the last decade, several bodies (American Academy of Pediatrics 1,2, American College of Emergency Physicians 3, United States Department of Health and Human Services 4, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health 5,6) have published guidelines for management of acute pain, including procedural pain. 3 In 2003, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians recognized the need for a local document to:* Raise awareness that the treatment of pain is essential and should be a priority. * Invite paediatricians and other child health professionals to reflect on their own attitudes, beliefs and practices. * Make recommendations relevant to clinical settings in Australia and New Zealand which can then be a resource for individuals and institutions developing local protocols. * Bridge the gap between research and clinical practice. Significant advances have been made in the field of pain management in recent years. The essential question is no longer whether children feel pain but how best to treat and prevent it.<sup>7</sup> However, despite the established efficacy of pain management techniques, multiple studies and reviews show that pain and distress is poorly managed and that children, in particular, continue to suffer unnecessarily.<sup>8,10</sup> The values and attitudes of society, family members and health care professionals, together with health care practices within an organizational system, all present obstacles to optimal pain control.<sup>8,11-13</sup> Preventing pain is not only humane, it can also reduce the risk of subsequent morbidity<sup>14</sup> including delayed healing.<sup>15</sup> One of the consequences of untreated pain is that children of all ages become sensitized to pain.<sup>16,17</sup> This is because pain may activate the physical, biochemical and cellular processes that change the future response to pain. This central plasticity or sensitization may cause previously non-painful stimuli to be painful.
or may enhance the response to painful stimuli. As health care providers, we have a clinical, moral and ethical obligation to minimize pain and suffering in children. There are a number of ways to achieve this, with regard to procedures: * Adopt a child-centred approach (listening to the needs of the child and family) rather than a procedure-focused ‘get-it-over-with’ approach. * Make the child and their family active participants and members of the team, rather than passive recipients. * Use parents for positive assistance, not negative restraint. * Ensure that all procedures undertaken are necessary that is, the benefit outweighs any negative impact caused by the procedure. * Ensure that all procedures are carried out in order to maximize safety for the child. * Perform procedures in a child friendly environment, away from the bed. * Use pain assessment routinely. * Use the least invasive equipment where possible. * Ensure that the person performing the procedure has appropriate technical expertise, or is closely supervised by someone who does. * Use appropriate combinations of non-pharmacological and pharmacological interventions to manage pain and anxiety. Sedation alone does not provide pain relief. * Optimize waiting time: too little time increases distress but too much time increases anticipatory anxiety. Time required for preparation is child-specific. * Ensure that the development of anticipatory anxiety is prevented as far as possible by maximizing the intervention to alleviate pain and distress for the first procedure (e.g., general anaesthetic for bone marrow aspirate). The guideline statement associated with this executive summary is an evidence-based approach to procedural pain management, outside of the operating theatre and neonatal intensive care unit environments, for all children. The document integrates both non-pharmacological and pharmacological approaches to common childhood procedures. In addition, specific information is available on pain assessment, pre-procedure preparation, resources required for procedural pain management, special situations unique to the care of children, a consumer's perspective, and details of common techniques, including non-pharmacological techniques.
These bioethical reflections review the comparative arguments surrounding specific responsibilities raised by prenatal diagnosis: i) in the face of a risk pregnancy, attested by precise medical documentation, should recourse to prenatal diagnosis figure as a moral obligation or, conversely, is unconditional acceptance of the child incompatible with all prior "quality control"? (parental responsibility) ii) if so, does the final decision rest with the parents, and is a completely neutral attitude by the doctor justified even when the foetus has a complaint for which adequate forms of treatment are available? (medical and professional responsibility) iii) is it right to promote health campaigns introducing compulsory screening for risk categories with the prospect of automatically selecting out foetuses bearing genetic anomalies? (social responsibility). After analysis and discussion of the conflicting arguments over responsible management of prenatal diagnosis, there is a review of the stages through which the diagnostic process passes when a couple go for prenatal diagnosis under the shadow of a risk pregnancy. The aim is to assess the role that may be played by specific ethically-oriented support within the counselling process. For such support to be properly framed, the following suggestions are made: i) Helping towards an aware decision: the consultant should help the couple take a sufficient distance from the outside world and face up to the situation in personal terms. They must be able to decide by criteria they see as their own, worked out as a couple and not absorbed from outside (which mostly means ratified by hearsay). As part of helping the couple to an authentic decision, one notes the concern not to reduce prenatal diagnosis to an automatic stage in a medical routine. Being referred for diagnosis by one's G.P. does not dispense with the need for the parents involved in the first person to size up the position for themselves, ii) Helping to pinpoint the responsibilities that can in all conscience be shouldered: amid the ambivalence that most couples experience, it is important that some outsider should let them know the difficulties that await them, but also the resources they can draw on. Though it is up to the couple to decide whether to terminate or go on with the pregnancy, the process of talking, confiding, reflecting and judging nonetheless gives its own weight of humanity to the decision that will come of it. At the same time it creates the right space in which to identify the real responsibility that one can in all conscience take upon oneself; iii) Creating the conditions for authentic ethical discernment: prenatal diagnosis puts the couple in a paradoxical situation precisely because every pregnancy lives in the hope of a child as its achievement and outcome; the handicap that one learns of through prenatal diagnosis just when the investment is at its ideal height may prove to be something truly intolerable. There are two particular ways of imaging the "blow" of a positive outcome which strongly condition the ethical discernment or even make it impossible: seeing it as an "error"; seeing it as a "horror". The real alternative to these lies in configuring limitation and impairment as an integral part of our human condition, through which discerning attitude one can come to identify with the handicapped child and recognise the right it has to lead "its own" life
Background: The objective of this study was to evaluate a competitive voucher program intended to make sexual and reproductive health care (SRHC) accessible to adolescents from disadvantaged areas of Managua. Methods: A quasi-experimental intervention study was performed in which 28,711 vouchers that gave free access to SRHC in 20 health centers, were distributed to adolescents. To evaluate the impact, community sampling took place in markets, neighborhoods, and outside schools where self-administered questionnaires were distributed. The study comprised a random sample of 3,009 female adolescents, ages 12 to 20 years old, 904 voucher receivers and 2,105 nonreceivers. Their use of SRHC, and knowledge and use of contraceptives and condoms were measured. Results: Voucher receivers had a significantly higher use of SRHC compared with nonreceivers, 34% versus 19% (adjusted odds ratio, 3.1; 95% confidence interval, 2.5-3.8). The highest influence was seen among respondents at schools, where use was 24% relative to 6% in nonreceivers (adjusted odds ratio, 5.9; 95% confidence interval, 3.7-9.5). Voucher receivers answered significantly more questions correctly that were related to knowledge of contraceptives and sexually transmitted infections than nonreceivers. At schools, sexually active voucher receivers had a significantly higher use of modern contraceptives than nonreceivers, 48% versus 33% (adjusted odds ratio, 2.3; 95% confidence interval, 1.2-4.4); and in neighborhoods, condom use during last sexual contact was significantly greater among voucher receivers than nonreceivers (adjusted odds ratio, 2.5; 95% confidence interval, 1.4-4.5). Conclusion: The voucher program succeeded in increasing access to SRHC for poor and underserved girls. The needs of adolescents were met with a relatively simple intervention through existing health facilities. Many adolescents appeared willing to protect themselves against the risks of sexual intercourse. This suggest that access to SRHC can play an important role in changing youth behavior and increase the use of contraceptives and condoms. 2006 Society for Adolescent Medicine. All rights reserved
Aim: To explore how children's self-consciousness would change after outward bound training in order to provide a theoretical reference for effectively optimized children's self-consciousness. Methods: In June 2002, 78 children aged 8-16 years from the primary or middle schools in Xi'an city were randomized into experimental group (outward bound training group) and control group (without training group) for randomized control observation. Before outward bound training, children in the control group were measured with the Piers-Harris children's self-concept (PHCSS). After training, children in the experimental group were measured, the experiment content was part of field programs (hiking, camping, fieldwork, outdoors survival) and ground programs (stop bridge, top tightwire, buttocking, one wood bridge, game of across river, debutton hand in hand, blind man phalanx, electrical net, etc.), and it cost 48 hours. Results: (1) Comparison of the total score between the control group and experimental group: The average total score of PHCSS in the experimental group was 61.05, increased by 2.70 as compared with that in the control group (58.70). The lowest and highest total scores in the experimental group were 11 and 1 point higher than those in the control group respectively. The total score of self-consciousness level was above 58 points in 60% and 71% of the children in the control group and experimental group respectively. (2) Comparison of the scores of the corresponding dimensions of self-consciousness between the experimental group and control group: The least scores of all six dimensions in the experimental group were increased as compared with those in the control group, which were more obvious in
the dimensions of behavior, gregariousness and anxiety (13.39+1.84, 12.10+2.92; 10.08+1.48, 9.23+2.03; 11.37+2.07, 9.75+2.49). Conclusion: Outward bound training plays an improvement role in enhancing children's self-consciousness, especially the children with low self-consciousness. Outward bound training affects the six dimensions of children's self-consciousness more or less, which is especially significantly embodied the dimensions of anxiety, gregariousness and behavior.

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Objectives. - The objectives of this study were to identify the number and types of recreational injuries sustained by visitors to Mount Rainier National Park and Olympic National Park in Washington State and to compare the nature of injuries sustained by children compared with adults. Methods. - We retrospectively reviewed case incident reports obtained by rangers in Mount Rainier National Park and Olympic National Park between 1997 and 2001. Data collected included victim age, gender, date of injury, activity preinjury, type of injury, and mechanism of injury. Results. - There were 535 cases of recreational wilderness injuries (including 19 total deaths), yielding a rate of 22.4 injuries per million visits. The mean age of injury victims was 34 years. Males were more likely to sustain injury than were females (59% vs 41%). Most injuries occurred during summer months between noon and 6:00 PM, and 90% occurred during daylight hours. The most common preinjury activities included hiking (55%), winter sports (15%), and mountaineering (12%), and the most common types of injuries included sprains, strains and soft tissue injuries (28%), fractures or dislocations (26%), and lacerations (15%). A total of 121 (23%) of the injuries occurred in children (<18 years of age). There were 19 deaths in the 2 national parks (18 men, 1 woman); all victims were adults. Hiking (58%) and mountaineering (26%) were the most common activities at the time of death. Mechanism of death included falls (37%), medical (eg, myocardial infarction) (21%), drowning (5%), and suicide (5%). Conclusions. - The most common type of injury was soft tissue injury, and injuries occurred most commonly while hiking, during daylight hours, and in the summer. Preinjury activities and types of injuries were different in children compared with adults. Knowledge of how and when injuries occur in national parks can assist in determining what resources are needed to help provide a safer environment for park visitors. This study may also aid prevention strategies in the national parks, guide training of rangers, aid in the preparation of first aid kits, and further the education of people who participate in wilderness activities
Background: As the most common cause of severe diarrhea among children, rotavirus has a significant economic impact. Previous studies focused on the direct medical costs of rotavirus infections; however, nonmedical costs account for the majority of the financial burden from this disease. Herein, we report the results from the largest prospective study in the United States determining the nonmedical costs of severe rotavirus infections. Methods: Prospective, active, gastroenteritis case surveillance was conducted between November 1997 and December 1999 at 3 pediatric medical centers. Rotavirus infection was identified for 548 children admitted between 2 weeks and 5 years of age. Detailed information about nonmedical costs during the prehospitalization, hospitalization and posthospitalization periods was obtained through interviews. Results: The average nonmedical cost per case of rotavirus disease was $448.77, including $359.04 for missed work, $56.66 for transportation, $11.90 for oral rehydration solutions, $9.59 for diapers, $6.83 for child care changes, $3.82 for special foods and $0.93 for formula changes. More than one-half of these expenses (53%) occurred outside the hospitalization period, and 80% of the cost was attributable to missed work. Conclusions: With an estimated 50,000 hospitalizations attributable to rotavirus each year in the United States, the nonmedical costs of severe rotavirus infections may exceed $22 million annually. Previous cost effectiveness analyses of rotavirus vaccines substantially underestimated this burden, suggesting that the nonmedical costs associated with mild to moderate rotavirus disease have been similarly underestimated. These findings are needed to assess accurately the cost effectiveness of future rotavirus immunization strategies. Copyright 2005 by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
The role of health care providers in the prevention of overweight and type 2 diabetes in children and adolescents

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KW - Obesity/th [Therapy]
KW - physiotherapy
KW - psychosocial environment
KW - Psychotherapy
KW - Religion
KW - review
KW - Treatment Outcome
KW - anticonvulsive agent/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
KW - antiinflammatory agent/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
KW - gabapentin/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
KW - medroxyprogesterone acetate/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
KW - prednisone/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
KW - psychotropic agent/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
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KW - valproic acid/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JF - Diabetes Spectrum
Extreme measures, such as ketogenic diets and surgery, have been tried to deal quickly with obesity, but recidivism is high. There are no quick preventions or cures. The answer—permanent behavior change—is amazingly simple in description but formidable in implementation. Obesity prevention will require radical lifestyle change across the lifespan. Such change takes time, discipline, perseverance, and daily effort. And if it is not viewed as permanent, the efforts will be in vain. So what do we know, and what can we do? We know that overweight adolescents are at high risk of becoming obese adults. We know that this is a problem that may begin in utero, and insulin resistance and oxidative endothelial cell damage are basic to the disease. We know that obesity is a disease of all ages and all nationalities, not just those with thrifty genes. The morbidity and mortality associated with this pandemic and their concomitant costs are monumental, with the potential of bankrupting the health care delivery and Social Security disability systems if the situation is not curbed. Human suffering associated with obesity further feeds the epidemic through depression, resulting lack of motivation to change, increased emotional eating and social isolation, and decreased physical activity. Hopelessness prevails among health care professionals trying to care for these patients. Their lament: "Nothing works." And indeed, there is little evidence thus far for success, at least not in the long term. There is an extreme paucity of evidence-based study, but the few trials reporting success, albeit short term, are multidisciplinary, involving psychological, dietary, and exercise components. We at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center are encouraged by our experience to date using our "Guidelines for Rearing Healthy Children," and we are now collecting data as to its effectiveness, both short term and with the intention of longitudinal follow-up. The American Academy of Pediatric policy statement on prevention of childhood overweight and obesity focuses on health supervision and advocacy in bringing about desperately needed societal changes. This statement calls for individualization of the plan for each child within the broader context of societal reforms related to issues ranging from vending machines to safe playgrounds to sound public health policies. Also suggested are advocacy efforts to obtain reimbursement for delivery of preventive medical care and education and funding for further research. The power of health care professionals to impact the lives of their patients cannot be overstated. When careful compassionate words create an informed, positive environment, this voice is heard above the media din, and the self-fulfilling prophecy of hope can begin its mission. We must be optimistic enough to believe in the ability of people to change and heal. Despite occasional steps backward, meaningful and permanent lifestyle changes can be effected. If we do not believe this to be so, neither will our patients.
Background: At present, most general hospitals in China treat patients with neurosis and mental diseases merely by means of clinical psychological consultation, which cannot meet the requirements of social service for mental disorders. Is it feasible to establish open psychology wards? Objective: To investigate the feasibility of establishing open psychology ward in general hospitals for patients with neurosis and mental diseases. Design: Case analysis based on patients. Setting: Department of Psychology of Guangdong Medical College Affiliated Hospital. Participants: Totally 900 patients with various types of neurosis were admitted to the Department of Psychology of Guangdong Medical College Affiliated Hospital between July 2000 and March 2003. There were 688 patients with different kinds of psychoneurosis and 112 cases of mental diseases. Of them, there were 523 men and 377 women aged from 11 to 80 years with the mean age of (42±8) years and hospitalization duration of (17.0±6.5) days. Methods: Open management consisting of open ward, supporting system, humanized restriction, collective physical exercise and psychological support was adopted. Symptom checklist (SCL-90) was used by trained psychological doctors to assess the therapeutic effects in the 900 patients with neurosis and mental diseases after two-month rehabilitation. Meanwhile, 169 patients with depression were examined with Hamilton rating scale for depression (HAMD) at 2, 4, 8-weeks of treatment. Main outcome measures: 1 The results of HAMD in the 169 depressive patients after treatment; 2 The therapeutic effect in the 900 patients. Results: Open psychology ward could provide an environment for patients to live and make free contact with the outside world. Of the 900 patients with various neurosis and mental diseases, 531 (59.0%) had recovery to normal, 264 (29.4%) had obvious improvement, 81 (9.0%) had improvement, and 24 (2.6%) had no therapeutic effect, with the total effective rate of 97.4%. None of the patients had any accident. HAMD score of the 169 patients with depression was (32.3±3.6) before treatment, was obviously lower at 2, 4 and 8 weeks of treatment [(17.4±4.2), (11.5±4.8) and (5.8±3.6), respectively] (P < 0.01). Conclusion: The therapeutic effect of the open psychology ward in the general hospital on various neuropathies and mental diseases was 97.4% in the 900 cases, with no accident occurring during hospitalization. Depression of the 169 patients was obviously improved, indicating that it is feasible to establish open psychology ward in general hospitals.
Aim: The reinforcement method of psychological behavior therapy combined with the interests actuating in the treatment of amblyopia of children, and to observe its effects. Methods: 1 172 amblyopic children (287 eyes) who were diagnosed in Outpatient Ophthalmology Clinic of Kaifeng Children's Hospital between January 2000 and June 2003 were selected, based on the awareness of patients and parents. They were randomly divided into two groups: Control group with 87 cases (141 eyes) and psychotherapy group with 85 cases (146 eyes). 2 The commonly used complex treatment (wearing glasses + covering + red light scintillation and meticulous exercises training, once for 15 minutes in each day) were applied in control group; The reinforcement therapy of psychotherapy and interest actuating were added to psychotherapy group on the base of the commonly used complex treatment. The different grade prizes or outside activities were awarded to children in time to irritate children's synergic motivation and enhance their acclimatization. 3 The sight changes of the children in the two groups were observed, and review and eyesight examination were conducted once every 4 months respectively and the effects were compared. Inefficiency was retrogress, immobility or increase of 0.1 of sight; Utility was increase of 0.2 or over 0.2 of sight; Significant utility was that the sight increased to > 0.9 (The effective rate=significant utility + cases of utility/the total cases of the group). 4 The difference of enumeration data was detected by chi^sup 2^ check. Results: 172 children patients (287 eyes) with amblyopia were all involved in the result analysis. The effective rate of intervention: It bacame higher as the prolongation of intervention time in the two groups. At the intervention for 3 months, it was similar in control group and psychotherapy group (46.1%, 49.3%, P > 0.05); But at the intervention for 6, 9 and 12 months, it was significantly higher in psychotherapy group than that in control group (71.3%, 78.8%, 83.5%; 55.3%, 59.6%, 64.5%,
Conclusion: The reinforcement method of psychological behavior therapy which is suitable for the psychological character of children combined with the interests actuating can effectively enhance more effectively the therapeutic efficacy of the sight level of amblyopia children patients.

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N2 - Recess offers primary-school-age children the opportunity to engage in physical activity, though few studies have detailed the physical activity levels of children in this environment. The physical activity levels of 270 children ages 6-11 years from 18 schools were monitored on 1 school day using heart rate telemetry. Data revealed that boys engaged in higher levels of moderate-tovigorous and vigorous physical activity (MVPA) than did girls during recess (26 and 20 min, respectively). These results suggest that recess can make a worthwhile contribution to the recommended 60 min of MVPA per day. 2005 Human Kinetics, Inc
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Background: Chronic urticaria (CU) is an autoimmune process in some patients. An association between CU and autoimmune thyroid disease has also previously been proposed. Our group has identified functionally significant histamine-releasing autoantibodies in one subset of CU patients (subset 1), predicted by positive autologous intradermal serum tests and positive histamine release from donor basophil leucocytes in vitro. Sera from a second subset of patients (subset 2), all of whom had positive autologous intradermal serum tests, failed to release histamine from donor basophils. A final disease subset (subset 3) has no identifiable skin reactivity (negative autologous serum skin test) or in vitro histamine releasing activity.

Objectives: In order to examine further the possible relationships between thyroid autoimmunity, thyroid dysfunction and CU, we have examined thyroid autoantibodies and thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) levels (an indirect measure of thyroid dysfunction) in the three CU subsets.

Patients/methods: We studied 182 patients (69% female), of whom 90 had a positive autologous intradermal serum test. Results: Eighteen skin test-positive and four skin test-negative patients had thyroid microsomal antibodies (TMA). TSH outside the normal range was found in 13 skin test-positive and one skin test-negative patient. These findings represent clustering of TMA positivity [risk ratio (RR) 4.06, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.56-10.6] and of abnormal thyroid function (RR 15.5, CI 2.07-11.6) among the skin test-positive patients. However, in the overall study group an elevated TSH was present in seven patients (3.8%, CI 1.6-7.8) comparable to the 5% expected prevalence in the community. Thyroglobulin antibodies (TGA) were present in two of 182 patients. Conclusions: There were significant differences between skin test-positive and skin test-negative patients with regard to autoimmune thyroid disease. Evidence for...
autoimmune thyroid disease and abnormal thyroid function was largely found among the skin test-positive patients, supporting the theory of an autoimmune aetiology in this group. 2005 British Association of Dermatologists
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KW - controlled clinical trial
KW - controlled study
KW - emotion
KW - Female
KW - follow up
KW - health maintenance organization
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - major depression/di [Diagnosis]
KW - major depression/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - major depression/th [Therapy]
KW - Male
KW - outpatient care
KW - Patient Compliance
KW - primary medical care
KW - priority journal
KW - randomized controlled trial
KW - relapse
Objective: To test a collaborative-care, cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) program adjunctive to selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) treatment in HMO pediatric primary care. Method: A randomized effectiveness trial comparing a treatment-as-usual (TAU) control condition consisting primarily of SSRI medication delivered outside the experimental protocol (n = 75) versus TAU SSRI plus brief CBT (n = 77). Participants were identified by a recent dispense of SSRI medication followed by telephone screening. Adolescents with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder (n = 152) were enrolled. The CBT program employed cognitive restructuring and/or behavioral activation training. Therapists consulted with prescribing pediatricians to improve medication adherence. Results: Through 1-year follow-up, the authors found CBT advantages on the Short Form-12 Mental Component Scale (p = .04), reductions in TAU outpatient visits (p = .02), and days' supply of all medications (p = .01). No effects were detected for major depressive disorder episodes; a nonsignificant trend favoring CBT was detected on the Center for Epidemiology Depression Scale (p = .07). Conclusions: The authors detected a weak CBT effect, possibly rendered less significant by the small sample and likely attenuated by the unexpected reduction in SSRI pharmacotherapy in the CBT condition. Small, incremental improvements over monotherapy, such as observed in this study, most likely represent the new norm in adolescent depression treatment research. 2005 by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Objective. To explain the increase in the number of deaths due to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) that occurred while the infant was in a playpen or on a playpen mat placed outside of the pen. 13 deaths were reported in the period 1 September 1996-31 August 2004, in contrast to 0 deaths in the years 1984/96. Design. Descriptive. Method. Data on the 13 infants that were reported to the National Study Group on SIDS were analysed and the presence of risk factors for SIDS was assessed. Results. Of the 13 infants, 9 were male and 4 were female. 12 were aged less than 12 months and 1 was aged 13 months. Known risk factors for SIDS were often present and frequently occurred in combinations: male sex (n = 9), higher birth order (n = 9), age 1-8 months (n = 12), parental smoking (n = 6), primary prone sleeping position (n = 4), secondary prone (n = 6, often the first time), face down (n = 9), no adult present (n = 13). Conclusion. There was no clear explanation for the observed increase in SIDS that occurred in a playpen or on a playpen mat placed outside of the pen.
It has been shown that acute exposures to particulate matter (PM) may exacerbate asthma in children. However, most epidemiological studies have relied on time-integrated PM measurements taken at a centrally located stationary monitoring sites. In this article, we characterized children's short-term personal exposures to PM$_{2.5}$ (PM with aerodynamic diameters <2.5 mum) and separated them into ambient and nonambient components. The personal DataRAM without a size-selective inlet was used to estimate real-time PM$_{2.5}$ concentrations on 20 asthmatic children, inside and outside of their residences, and at a central site. The personal and indoor pDRs were operated passively, while the home outdoor and central site instruments were operated actively. The subjects received 29.2% of their exposures at school, even though they only spent 16.4% of their time there. More precise personal clouds were estimated for the home-indoor and home-outdoor microenvironments where PM concentrations were measured. The personal cloud increased with increasing activity levels and was higher during outdoor activities than during indoor activities. We built models to predict personal PM exposures based on either microenvironmental or central-site PM$_{2.5}$ measurements, and evaluated the modeled exposures against the actual personal measurements. A multiple regression model with central site PM concentration as the main predictor had a better prediction power (R$^2$=0.41) than a three- microenvironmental model (R$^2$=0.11). We further constructed a source-specific exposure model utilizing the time-space-activity information and the particle infiltration efficiencies (mean=0.72±0.15) calculated from a recursive mass balance model. It was estimated that the mean hourly personal exposures resulting from ambient, indoor-generated, and personal activity PM$_{2.5}$ were 11.1, 5.5, and 10.0 mug/m$^3$, respectively, when the modeling error was minimized. The high PM$_{2.5}$ exposure to personal activities reported in our study is likely due to children's more active lifestyle as compared with older adult subjects in previous studies. 2005 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved

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Air pollution is a current and growing concern for Canadians, and there is evidence that ambient levels that meet current exposure standards may be associated with mortality and morbidity in Toronto, Canada. Evaluating exposure is an important step in understanding the relationship between particulate matter (PM) exposure and health outcomes. This report describes the PEARLS model (Particulate Exposure from Ambient to Regional Lung by Subgroup), which predicts exposure distributions for 11 age-gender population subgroups in Toronto to PM$_{2.5}$ (PM with a median aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 μm or less) using Monte Carlo simulation techniques. The model uses physiological and activity pattern characteristics of each subgroup to determine region-specific lung exposure to PM$_{2.5}$, which is defined as the mass of PM$_{2.5}$ deposited per unit time to each of five lung regions (two extrathoracic, bronchial, bronchiolar, and alveolar). The modeling results predict that children, toddlers, and infants have the broadest distributions of exposure, and the greatest chance of experiencing extreme exposures in the alveolar region of the lung. Importance analysis indicates that the most influential model variables are air exchange rate into indoor environments, time spent outdoors, and time spent at high activity levels. Additionally, a "critical point" was defined and introduced to the PEARLS to investigate the effects of possible threshold-pathogenic phenomena on subgroup exposure patterns. The analysis indicates that the subgroups initially predicted to be most highly exposed were likely to have the highest proportion of their population exposed above the critical point. Substantial exposures above the critical point were predicted in all subgroups for ambient concentrations of PM$_{2.5}$ commonly observed in Toronto after continuous exposure of 24 hours or more.
Comparison of physical activity levels between children with and without autistic spectrum disorders
The purpose of this study was to compare daily, physical education, recess, and after school moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) levels between children with and without autistic spectrum disorders (ASD). Children ages 5 to 12 years wore a uniaxial accelerometer for five days (four weekdays, one weekend day). There were no differences between children with and without ASD at any physical activity setting. Both groups were more active during recess compared to after school, and children with ASD were similarly active in recess and physical education. Although many children with ASD acquired 60 min of physical education per day, this may decrease with age as opportunities for recess and physical education are eliminated. 2005 Human Kinetics Publishers, Inc
Objective. To determine the epidemiology of mild head injury by means of a study carried out among children treated in hospital emergency services. Material and methods. We evaluated 153 cases of pediatric head injury diagnosed in our institution. The data were analyzed using descriptive statistics. Results. The series consisted of 95 boys and 58 girls (94.1% were white). In 68.6% of cases, the mother worked outside the home. The socioeconomic conditions were poor in 6.5%. The most prevalent number of siblings per family was two. Injuries were more frequent between 11:00 and 13:00 hours (24.9%). A large majority of the injuries were produced outside the home (64.7%), with 19.6% occurring at the school playground, while 35.3% occurred at home. Frontal region injury accounted for 26.1% of the cases and 52.9% were treated by medical procedures and/or minor surgery. Conclusions. Mild head injuries were most prevalent among children under 5 years of age and occurred more frequently in boys (62.1%) than in girls; 32.7% of the children had had a previous head injury, while 19.7% had had more than one. The accidents occurred more frequently outdoors, mainly at the school playground and parks. The frontal region was that most often involved. The children received medical attention within 2 hours in 68% of cases. Neuroimaging was not necessary in our series.

TY - JOUR
ID - 3852
T1 - A long-term rehabilitation programme for children with all severities of TBI
A1 - Rehn,P.
A1 - Gotthard,M.
A1 - Hagberg,M.
A1 - Weiland,A.-L.
Purpose: To define a comprehensive, long-term, child- and family-centred rehabilitation programme for patients following TBI. Methods: Patients are treated by three integrated multi-disciplinary teams, according to stage of recovery. The programme offers a continuous follow-up, from the acute phase until the patient reaches the age of 18. In addition to teams' own neurologists, team members may consult specialists such as neurosurgeons, ophthalmologists and psychiatrists on demand at any stage of the rehabilitation. The hospital team: In the acute phase post-injury, focus is put on informative and emotional support of the family and early multi-sensory therapy to achieve initial consciousness. Sub-acutely the rehabilitation is intensified, still located in the in-patient ward. When medical stability is reached, the patient is transferred to day-care therapy. Assessment weeks are held regularly, during which progress is evaluated by all therapists. Standardized instruments are used for evaluation. These instruments offer the teams a reliable baseline status, help form adequate therapy programmes and offer the possibility to evaluate progress over time. Feedback and recommendations are given to family and social network on a continuous basis. The school rehabilitation team: After the day therapy programme the patient is offered continued physical rehabilitation as well as cognitive and social therapy in a school-like environment, outside the hospital. The school rehabilitation team stays in close contact with patient's home school or a more appropriate school alternative. The outreach service: This team
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offers an outpatient rehabilitation programme for patients following mild TBI, suffering mainly from cognitive impairments. The team provides psychological and cognitive screenings in order to give adequate advice to home and school. The team activates networks and local resources close to the patient's home. Conclusions: The rehabilitation programme at Astrid Lindgren Children's Hospital improves the patients' chances to: (1) leave the hospital at an earlier stage of recovery, (2) return to their home school and succeed academically and socially and (3) minimize secondary consequences, physical as well as social. The programme offers the patients' families continuous support throughout childhood and adolescence.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3854
T1 - Indoor air pollution and airway disease
A1 - Viegi,G.
A1 - Simoni,M.
A1 - Scognamiglio,A.
A1 - Baldacci,S.
A1 - Pistelli,F.
A1 - Carrozzi,L.
A1 - Mnesi-Maesano,I.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2005021771
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Acute Disease
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - air pollutant
KW - Air Pollution
KW - Asthma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - asthma/pc [Prevention]
KW - biomass
KW - bird
KW - Bronchitis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - bronchitis/pc [Prevention]
KW - cat
KW - Child
KW - Chronic Disease
KW - chronic obstructive lung disease/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - chronic obstructive lung disease/pc [Prevention]
KW - cleaning
KW - cockroach
KW - Cooking
KW - coughing
KW - Day Care
KW - Dermatophagoides
KW - dog
KW - domestic animal
KW - dyspnea
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Female
KW - fungus
KW - heating
Scientific interest in indoor pollution has been increasing since the second half of the 1980s. Growing scientific evidence has shown that because people generally spend the majority of their time indoors, indoor pollution plays a significant role in affecting health and is thus an important health issue. Indoor environments include dwellings, workplaces, schools and day care centres, bars, discotheques and vehicles. Common indoor pollutants are environmental tobacco smoke, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and biological allergens. In developing countries, relevant sources of indoor pollution include biomass and coal burning for cooking and heating. Concentrations of these pollutants can be many times higher indoors than outdoors. Indoor air pollution may increase the risk of irritation phenomena, allergic
sensitisation, acute and chronic respiratory disorders and lung function impairment. Recent conservative estimates have shown that 1.5–2 million deaths per year worldwide could be attributed to indoor air pollution. Approximately 1 million of these deaths occur in children aged under 5 years due to acute respiratory infections, and significant proportions of deaths occur due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer in women. Today, indoor air pollution ranks tenth among preventable risk factors contributing to the global burden of disease. Further research is necessary to better evaluate the respiratory health effects of indoor pollution and to implement protective programmes for public health.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3855
T1 - Experimental evaluation of the impact-absorption properties of rubber tiles for the playground
A1 - Chang, L.-T.
A1 - Tsai, K.-H.
A1 - Shiau, J.-S.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2005010941
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Absorption
KW - Acceleration
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - childhood injury/po [Prevention]
KW - falling
KW - head injury/po [Prevention]
KW - Human
KW - materials
KW - play
KW - protective equipment
KW - Safety
KW - solid
KW - standard
KW - thickness
KW - Rubber
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 244
EP - 250
JF - Biomedical Engineering - Applications, Basis and Communications
VL - 16
IS - 5
CY - Taiwan (Republic of China)
N2 - Rubber tiles are popular in playgrounds as protective surfacing to reduce the incidence of head injuries caused by children falling from equipment. However, Taiwan has not yet established a test code for assessment of the shock-absorption properties of such surfacing. For this study, an experimental model was established to evaluate the behavior of various rubber tiles. A hemispherical headform was dropped from a set height to strike the center of the specimen tile. The peak acceleration and Head Injury Criterion (HIC) were measured to assess the impact absorption of and critical height for a given rubber tile. The results show that utilization of the HIC index provides a more conservative assessment of the shock absorption and, ultimately, protection from head injuries than peak acceleration. The maximum critical heights of the rubber tiles used in this study for tile thicknesses of 45, 60 and 80 mm were 1.6, 2.0 and 2.2 m, respectively. Two-part rubber tiles with a base
structure consisting of a box-like core offer superior protection from head injuries relative to analogous cylindrical, square pillar and solid structures. The maximum differences in peak-acceleration and HIC values comparing the box-like core and solid structures at a thickness of 45 mm were 21% and 44%, respectively. The results of this study suggest a minimum of rubber thickness of 60 mm, based on probable maximum fall heights of more than 1.6 m. Moreover, incorporation of an appropriate cushioning structure in the base of the rubber tile could further improve protection.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3856
T1 - Psychometric characteristics of CES-D in a sample of Mexican rural adolescents in areas with a strong migratory tradition
A1 - guilera-Guzman,R.M.
A1 - Carreno Garcia,M.S.
A1 - Juarez,Garcia F.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2005001290
Spanish
Journal: Conference Paper
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Child
KW - conference paper
KW - data analysis
KW - depression
KW - Female
KW - geographic distribution
KW - Hispanic
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Mexico
KW - migration
KW - psychometry
KW - rating scale
KW - rural area
KW - sampling
KW - Self Esteem
KW - symptomatology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 57
EP - 66
JF - Salud Mental
VL - 27
IS - 6
CY - Mexico
N2 - Introduction. Mexico has a long migration tradition: thousands of Mexican farm laborers and, more recently, industrial and service workers, constitute an essential sector of the US economy. The effects of this geographical movement on the physical and mental health of adults who participate in this process and the changes it produces in the familial and community sphere have been widely documented. Little is known, however, about the impact of these social processes on the mental health of members of the following generations, i.e., the offspring of international migrants who remain in their communities of origin. Various
international studies report that the psychosocial malaise that this process causes in children and teenagers is reflected in behavioral problems during childhood and identity conflicts and constant mood changes during adolescence, which may or may not turn into symptoms of various psychological disorders such as depressive symptomatology. In Mexico, authors such as Lopez and Moctezuma have pointed out that there is a culture of migration in the communities of origin of these children and teenagers which makes them view migration as "something natural", since this process has been part of the family history of their inhabitants for several generations. In Mexico, the adolescence of the children of migrants takes place in social contexts where the father's physical absence as a result of international migration is expected. Studies have also shown that migrants' wives may display high rates of depressive symptomatology associated with the numerous responsibilities and new tasks they perform as a result of their husbands' absence. All these circumstances may make these teenagers more vulnerable. It is therefore important to determine whether the father's physical absence due to international migration is in any way linked to the presence of possible depressive symptomatology in these teenagers.

Method: The aim of this study was to report the psychometric characteristics of a sample of rural adolescents from communities with a strong migratory tradition from the State of Zacatecas on the Radloff Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (1977) and to provide new analytical tools to determine the effects of international migration on their mental health. The CES-D was applied to a sample of 310 adolescents from primary schools, during school hours, with the consent of the school authorities. It formed part of a questionnaire students could answer on their own, including an assessment of self-esteem and suicidal ideation. Its general objective was to study psychological malaise and well-being through everyday Stressors and compensators associated with the father's physical absence due to international migration. Schools were selected through intentional, non-probabilistic sampling to ensure that semi-urban and rural schools were equally represented. Students were assured that the information provided would be confidential. The data were statistically analyzed using SPSS, version 10. Results: The age range of the sample was 11 to 14 years (mean=11.51, s=.72), 51% of the participants were male and 34.2% were the children of migrant fathers. In addition to studying, 37.7% contributed to the family income. The group mean of depressive symptomatology was 19.3 (s=7.6) and no differences were observed between males and females or between the children of migrant fathers and non-migrant fathers. The scale had a .76 Alpha Cronbach, which increases to .84 without the positive affect items that had a low correlation with the total scale. Although factor analysis yielded four factors, the configuration of the latter failed to confirm the factorial structure reported by Radloff. A total of 15.8% of the sample was located above the cut-off point (the mean plus a standard deviation =27). Being the child of an emigrant was not linked to greater depressive symptomatology, although having to work outside the home was: a higher proportion of adolescents who, in addition to studying, engaged in economic activities to contribute to the family income, had greater depressive symptomatology. At the end, an analysis was carried out of the Pearson correlation between the overall CES-D score and Coopersmith self-esteem scale, yielding a negative significant correlation (r=-0.341, p< 0.01), meaning that the higher the level of depression, the lower a person's self-esteem. Analysis of depressive symptomatology with suicidal ideation showed a positive, significant correlation through the Pearson coefficient (r= .501, p<0.001): the greater the symptomatology, the greater the presence of suicidal ideation.

Discussion: Results confirm that the CES-D is a valid, reliable scale for measuring depressive symptomatology in this population. Further research, however, is required on the behavior of items concerning the positive affect factor, since its low correlation with the total scale and its lack of correlation with negative affect, psychosomatic complaints and interpersonal relations factors indicate that, as suggested by Iwata and collaborators (1998), these items are not measuring depressive symptomatology in this population. Two results call for further comment: 1. In this study, it was not the offspring of migrant fathers who obtained high scores in depressive symptomatology, but rather 2. teenagers who studied and worked who obtained scores of "possible cases" of depression. These results can be analyzed from various angles and as a consequence of the interaction of various factors: 1. Although paternal absence due to international migration has been cited as a predictive factor of emotional malaise, particularly among young teenagers, the culture of migration present in these communities may restrict its negative influence by regarding it as "normal"; 2. it is possible that certain characteristics of the mothers of these teenagers may act as a resilience factor to paternal absence and 3) regardless of whether or not teenagers lived with their fathers, there are certain structural situations that directly influence their emotional malaise, such as the conditions of everyday poverty in which they are raised and the lack of real opportunities for development (such as employment, agricultural training, and middle school education), which affect all the population sectors of these rural communities. It is essential to determine the specific importance of each of the various situations outlined here and their interaction in order to obtain the elements that will enable health professionals to deal with the emotional malaise detected in these adolescents as well as providing a satisfactory response to the structural conditions in which they are raised.
Otherwise, "going North" will continue to be their preferred life choice and Mexico will continue to lose a key element of its productive development: its youth population.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3858
T1 - Measuring by hand. Arsenic picked up from the playground
A1 - Fields,S.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2004447137
English
Journal: Note
KW - EMBASE
KW - carcinogenic activity
KW - Child
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Hand
KW - hand washing
KW - health hazard
KW - Human
KW - Inhalation
KW - leaching
KW - note
KW - priority journal
KW - Skin Absorption
KW - soil analysis
KW - statistical significance
KW - Wood
KW - arsenic/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - arsenic derivative/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - chromium/to [Drug Toxicity]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A824
EP - A825
JF - Environmental Health Perspectives
JA - Environ Health Perspect
VL - 112
IS - 14
CY - United States
SN - 0091-6765
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 3859
T1 - Lung cancer epidemiology and risk factors in Asia and Africa
A1 - Lam,W.K.
A1 - White,N.W.
A1 - Chan-Yeung,M.M.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2004388142
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
In industrialised countries, lung cancer is the most common form of cancer among males and it is growing among females. For both sexes, rates reflect smoking behaviours. The pattern appears to be different in Asia, particularly in China, where lung cancer rates in men reflect high smoking rates but high rates among non-smoking women appear to be related to other factors. The incidence of lung cancer is low in most African countries, but it is increasing. In addition to tobacco smoking, a number of etiological factors have been identified for lung cancer: indoor exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, cooking oil vapour, coal burning, or radon, outdoor air pollution and occupational exposure to asbestos and other carcinogens. Recent studies have shown that dietary factors may be important, with high consumption of vegetables and fruits being protective while preserved food and fatty food are harmful, and certain infections such as Mycobacterium tuberculosis, human papilloma virus and Microsporum canis are associated with a high risk of lung cancer. Among non-smokers, the probable role of genetic predisposition in lung cancer by increasing the individual's susceptibility to environmental carcinogens is currently being studied actively. As the single most important cause for lung cancer is tobacco smoke and, with increased sales, a major epidemic is predicted for both Asia and Africa, all health care professionals, government health authorities and national and international health organisations must join in a concerted effort against tobacco.

Will is an Amish school-aged boy with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. After reading about attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in the local newspaper, his mother asked Will's pediatrician, "Do you
think my son has this (condition)?” She noted that Will fidgets in different settings and has difficulty focusing on his work when in school. She also reported that his teacher in the Amish school does not want him in her classroom because he is disruptive and noncompliant. The teacher tried incentives to encourage Will to complete his schoolwork but without success. Subsequently, his teacher prevented Will from participating in recess activities; at other times, she sent him home as punishment for noncompliance in the classroom. During the past week, Will did not attend school while his teacher sent assignments home with his sister. Will's mother reported that he seemed to be happy with a normal appetite and sleep pattern. She was not aware of any behavior problems with other children. Will's father, who also attended the pediatric appointment, added that he did not feel that the teacher was patient with Will. He stated that Will has friends, but may have a difficult time keeping up with them due to his physical weakness secondary to muscular dystrophy. He also believed that due to motor limitations, writing was difficult for Will. The parents did not provide consequences for Will's insistence on not attending school nor did they positively reward him for school attendance. When at home, Will did his work and kept to himself. Will was quiet and motionless in his seat. He stated that he liked school and playing with friends and that the schoolwork was not too difficult. Copyright 2004 by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Inc

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3861
T1 - Auditory discrimination training for the treatment of tinnitus
A1 - Flor,H.
A1 - Hoffmann,D.
A1 - Struve,M.
A1 - Diesch,E.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2004322542

English

Journal: Article

KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - auditory cortex
KW - auditory discrimination
KW - auditory system
KW - clinical article
KW - controlled study
KW - disease severity
KW - emotion
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Infant
KW - Male
KW - Prediction
KW - preschool child
KW - statistical significance
KW - tinnitus
KW - tonotopy
RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 113
EP - 120
JF - Applied Psychophysiology Biofeedback
VL - 29
This paper presents a series of 12 cases of chronic tinnitus patients who participated in 4 weeks of auditory discrimination training either close to or far removed from the tinnitus frequency. The training was based on the assumption that tinnitus is related to a shift of the representation of the tinnitus frequency in auditory cortex outside of the normal tonotopic map and that training close to but not removed from the tinnitus frequency should result in a reduction in the severity of the tinnitus. Tinnitus severity was measured 4 times per day during the entire treatment and other tinnitus-related variables were assessed 1 week before and 1 month posttreatment. The comparison of the training close to as compared to remote from the tinnitus frequency did not yield a statistically significant difference. However, a post hoc analysis revealed that patients who engaged in regular training as compared to those who practiced irregularly were significantly more successful in reducing tinnitus severity independent of the trained frequencies. Treatment success was best predicted by days of training and general activity levels. The data suggest that auditory discrimination training shows a dose response effect irrespective of training location and that treatment success is also related to psychological variables. For more substantial changes in multiple variables an extended training period with additional consideration of emotional variables would be necessary. In addition, controls for nonspecific training effects need to be implemented.
N2 - A pedometer is a practical, inexpensive tool used to measure physical activity. Bassett et al. (1996) found that interinstrument consistency of the Yamax Digi-Walker was higher than four other pedometers when measuring distance walked in adults. The purpose of this study was to investigate the interinstrument consistency of the Yamax pedometer in children. Seventy-one children in Grades 3 to 5 wore one Digi-Walker on each hip during school hours for 1 week. Time and counts data were recorded separately for (a) regular classroom, (b) recess, and (c) physical education class times. Interinstrument reliability for total counts was estimated using one-way analysis of variance intraclass coefficients, adjusted for a single pedometer. Intraclass correlation coefficients were .96 for the whole week, .94 for classroom time, .98 for recess time, and .92 for physical education time. For applied use and research with children, the Yamax Digi-Walker provides a reliable estimate of physical activity.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3863
T1 - Psychosocial correlates of physical activity in children-A study of relationships when children have similar opportunities to be active
A1 - Welk,G.J.
A1 - Schaben,J.A.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2004296339
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - accelerometer
KW - article
KW - athlete
KW - Child Behavior
KW - Competence
KW - correlation analysis
KW - Female
KW - fitness
KW - Human
KW - human relation
KW - Male
KW - normal human
KW - Physical Activity
KW - rating scale
KW - school child
KW - Self Concept
KW - social psychology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 63
EP - 81
JF - Measurement in Physical Education and Exercise Science
VL - 8
IS - 2
CY - United States
N2 - Children's daily physical activity patterns are influenced by many factors outside of their immediate control (e.g., school, parents' availability, time allowed outdoors). Because all children do not have an equal opportunity to participate in physical activity, investigating the relationship of psychosocial variables and actual voluntary activity has been problematic. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to determine the relationships among psychosocial correlates and physical activity levels when children have an equal and optimal opportunity.
to be active. Participants were 25 children (ages 10-12) who participated in a summer fitness camp. The structured and repeated nature of the camp provided a unique opportunity to study variability in children's activity patterns over an extended period of time. Participants completed Harter's Perceived Athletic Competence Scale, the Children's Attraction to Physical Activity Scale, and the Children and Youth Physical Self-Perception Profile during the first 2 weeks of the camp. They wore an accelerometry-based activity monitor for 3 subsequent weeks. Physical activity was evaluated by computing T scores for their activity levels for distinct time periods and then averaging these T scores across the 3 weeks. Correlations between the activity levels and the Perceived Athletic Competence Scale were high for all 3 weeks (mean r =.72); however, correlations were consistently weak with the other correlate measures. The average pairwise correlation for the physical activity scores across the 3 weeks of the camp was high (r = .72), indicating that some children seek out ways to be active whereas others consistently choose to be less active. The consistently strong correlations with the Perceived Athletic Competence construct suggest that this may be an important mediator of children's physical activity behavior.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3864
T1 - Bronchial reactivity in students from moisture and mold-damaged schools: Changes in relation to changes in exposure
A1 - Immonen,J.
A1 - Taskinen,T.
A1 - Pekkanen,J.
A1 - Korppi,M.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2004286895
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - article
KW - Asthma [Epidemiology]
KW - bronchus reactivity
KW - controlled study
KW - Environmental Exposure
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - moisture
KW - mould
KW - priority journal
KW - provocation test
KW - risk factor
KW - school
KW - school child
KW - Spirometry
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 116
EP - 125
JF - Pediatric Asthma, Allergy and Immunology
VL - 17
IS - 2
There is epidemiological and preliminary clinical evidence that exposure to moisture and mold growth is associated with wheezing and asthma in children. Lung function and challenge tests may find obstructive changes in the airways before clinically evident symptoms. The aim of the study was to evaluate lung function and bronchial reactivity in school children in a follow-up setting, and relate them to changes in mold exposure over a 3-year observation period. We performed flow-volume spirometry and an exercise challenge test by outdoor free running 3 years apart to the same 139 students from moisture-problem and control schools. The subjects were classified into four exposure groups: exposure continued, eased, started, and no exposure. There were no significant differences in spirometry or in the exercise challenge test among the children in the four different exposure groups. However, there was a trend that, on average, bronchial reactivity increased when exposure started, and decreased when exposure eased. Spirometry and exercise challenge offer no benefits over symptoms in the follow-up of symptomatic children exposed to moisture and/or molds.

This study focused on the physical activities of 228 children over 3 years. Children were divided into control (n = 112) and intervention (n = 116) groups. Parents of intervention-group children received information and concrete suggestions on how, when, and where to encourage their child's physical activity. Children in the
intervention group spent more time playing outdoors ($p = .041$) than did children in the control group, and play in the high-activity category increased with age ($p < .001$), whereas no change occurred in the control group. Our study showed that children's physical activity could be increased via family-based intervention.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3866
T1 - Chicken consumption is a newly identified risk factor for sporadic Salmonella enterica serotype enteritidis infections in the United States: A case-control study in FoodNet sites
A1 - Kimura, A.C.
A1 - Reddy, V.
A1 - Marcus, R.
A1 - Cieslak, P.R.
A1 - Mohle-Boetani, J.C.
A1 - Kassenborg, H.D.
A1 - Segler, S.D.
A1 - Hardnett, F.P.
A1 - Barrett, T.
A1 - Swerdlow, D.L.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - 2004191240

Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - chicken
KW - controlled study
KW - disease association
KW - Education
KW - enteritis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - enteritis/et [Etiology]
KW - Female
KW - Food Handling
KW - Food Intake
KW - food safety
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Multivariate Analysis
KW - population research
KW - priority journal
KW - prophylaxis
KW - risk factor
KW - Salmonella enterica
KW - salmonellosis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - salmonellosis/et [Etiology]
KW - school child
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S244
The sources of sporadic Salmonella enterica serotype Enteritidis (SE) infections in the United States are unclear. To determine risk factors for sporadic SE infection, we conducted a population-based case-control study in 5 Foodborne Disease Active Surveillance Network surveillance areas. During the 12-month study, 396 cases of SE infection were ascertained. Among the 182 case patients and 345 controls, SE infection was univariately associated with international travel (matched odds ratio [MOR], 61; 95% confidence interval [CI], 8-447), eating undercooked eggs (MOR, 2.2; 95% CI, 1-5), and eating chicken prepared outside of the home (MOR, 2.2; 95% CI, 1.3-3.4). Multivariate analysis revealed that eating chicken outside of the home remained the only significant risk factor for illness (MOR, 2.0; 95% CI, 1.1-3.6). Chicken consumption has not previously been identified in the United States as a risk factor for SE infection. Measures to prevent SE infections include educating consumers and food handlers about food safety and interventions to decrease contamination of eggs and poultry.
This study compared physical education and recess physical activity levels of elementary school age students with mild mental retardation (MR) and students without disabilities who possessed either high or low cardiorespiratory fitness. For this study, the System for Observing Fitness Instructional Time (SOFIT), a measure of physical activity, was validated for students with mild MR. A significant difference for moderate to vigorous physical activity was obtained between settings. Findings suggest that students with MR and those without disabilities were more active during recess than during physical education. Students with mild MR and those with low cardiorespiratory fitness performed similarly in both the physical education and recess settings.
Objective: Protocols for monitoring patients with differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC) include measurement of serum Tg and, for most patients, whole-body scan (WBS) with low radioiodine activities ('diagnostic' WBS). Recently, recombinant human thyroid-stimulating hormone (rhTSH) has become available to provide the TSH stimulation necessary for these procedures, whilst avoiding thyroid hormone withdrawal and hypothyroid complications. In addition, the inclusion of diagnostic WBS in DTC follow-up has recently become controversial. We have assessed the compliance with withdrawal-aided monitoring and the informative value of diagnostic WBS in consecutive tertiary referral center patients. Design: Forty-eight patients received rhTSH (0.9 mg) in two consecutive daily injections, with radioiodine administration 24 h, diagnostic WBS 48 h, and serum Tg testing prior to and 72 h later. Methods: Compliance with withdrawal-aided monitoring was assessed with a questionnaire provided by the referring physician, patient record analysis, and patient interview. The informative value of diagnostic WBS was assessed by comparing findings against serum Tg measurements in light of physical and other radiological examinations. Results: Forty of the forty-eight patients were female, the mean age was 43.9 years and the median follow-up from diagnosis was 4.5 years (range 1-19 years). Twenty-seven (56%) patients were compliant and 12 (25%) were non-compliant; compliance was not known in nine. Of 17 patients with clinically suspicious or significant findings on any available modality, four had uptake outside the thyroid bed on WBS but stimulated Tg <2.5 ng/ml on immunometric assay, while five had a negative WBS with serum Tg >2.5 ng/ml. Conclusions: Thyroid hormone withdrawal substantially impairs, and rhTSH administration substantially promotes, compliance with DTC monitoring. rhTSH-aided WBS is informative and should be included in the follow-up of unslected patients with DTC. 2004 Society of the European Journal of Endocrinology
This study examined the association between self-reported physical activity and a number of potential correlates in a sample of 256 Grade 6 children. Physical activity was assessed in both summer and winter, and children and parents completed questionnaires assessing potential correlates of physical activity. Analyses revealed that gender, time spent playing outside, self-efficacy in overcoming barriers, and number of items of exercise equipment at home were variables associated with physical activity in both seasons. School location was a variable associated with physical activity only in the summer, whereas private-lesson attendance, sports club attendance, and best friend's physical activity were variables associated with physical activity only in winter. Variance explained in physical activity were 42% and 51% in winter and summer, respectively.

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Otitis media with effusion (OME) is a common and important condition that may result in developmental delay in children, and significant health care resources are devoted to its management. Newer techniques including polymerase chain reaction are implicating organisms not previously considered important in etiology. The role of gastroesophageal reflux as a cause of OME is likely to receive greater research attention. Regarding prevention, more is being learned about potentially modifiable risk factors such as environmental smoke, care outside the home, and breast feeding. Although immunization may play a role in the future, existing evidence suggests that the general population of children should not be immunized in order to prevent OME. Several major studies have recently added to the understanding of epidemiology and management. Large trials in the United States, the Netherlands, and the UK suggest that OME is not an appropriate condition to include in a screening program. In addition, the advantages of early treatment with ventilation tubes over watchful waiting in terms of language development tend be modest and diminish by about 18 months. Treatment with hearing aids should be further evaluated. The search for effective medical management continues, and better ways are being identified of targeting interventions to those children with OME who are most likely to benefit. Copyright 2003 by Current Science Inc

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TY - JOUR

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The aim of this research is to learn the percentage of teenagers aged among 12 to 16, that regularly do some kind of physical activity and sedentary, to learn the percentage of smokers and to establish a connection between the smoking habit and the different types of physical exercise (individual, collective, aerobic and anaerobic), as well as other variables such as sex, age, smoking habits within the families... 367 teenagers aged among 12 to 16, belonging to the three current educative models (Public, Semi-Public and Private) have been questioned in this research. The measures and assistance to obtain the result were an epidemiologic inquiry about tobacco consumption and dependence, together with the sport activity practised by teenagers. As most interesting data we may say that the 61.9% of the inquired teenagers have never tried tobacco (65.4% of the boys and 57.6% of the girls); the 18% declared to have smoked at least once (5.6% of the boys and the 4.1% of the girls), a 4.9% consider themselves as ex-smokers; and 15.1% smoke regularly, the 6.8% only at weekends and the 8.2% everyday (7.1% of the boys and 9.4% of the girls). The average age to start smoking in this survey...
has been 12, 2 years old +1, 84. 31, 5% of the students do physical activity only in their P.E. classes, whereas 68, 1% usually practice a sport outside their school (44,1% are even federacy). We find a statistical relationship between smoking and practice a sport (p<0, 01) and within those who do sport smoke less those who are federacy (p<0, 01). It is not of significance smoking with the kind of energetic system used (aerobic, anaerobic or mixed), neither with the type of sport (individual or collective), but it is connected with the fact of sharing a house with smokers (p<0, 01). Therefore we can affirm that the students asked are active and little smoker. We can say that physical activity has a great influence on teenager's attitude towards tobacco, and to great extend it prevents from taking to smoking and even more among the federacy group. The smoking habit in the teenager family is directly connected to the acquisition of the smoking habit by the teenager.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3872
T1 - Structural defects and variations in the HIV-1 nef gene from rapid, slow and non-progressor children
A1 - Casartelli,N.
A1 - Di,Matteo G.
A1 - Argentini,C.
A1 - Cancrini,C.
A1 - Bernardi,S.
A1 - Castelli,G.
A1 - Scarlatti,G.
A1 - Plebani,A.
A1 - Rossi,P.
A1 - Doria,M.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - 2003276755
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - allele
KW - Amino Acid Sequence
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - childhood disease/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - childhood disease/et [Etiology]
KW - clinical article
KW - disease course
KW - DNA sequence
KW - gene structure
KW - genetic variability
KW - highly active antiretroviral therapy
KW - Human
KW - human cell
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus 1
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus infection/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus infection/et [Etiology]
KW - molecular cloning
KW - mononuclear cell
KW - nef gene
KW - nucleotide sequence
KW - Phylogeny
KW - Polymerase Chain Reaction
KW - priority journal
Objectives: Evaluation of sequence evolution as well as structural defects and mutations of the human immunodeficiency virus-type 1 (HIV-1) nef gene in relation to disease progression in infected children. Design: We examined a large number of nef alleles sequentially derived from perinatally HIV-1-infected children with different rates of disease progression: six non-progressors (NPs), four rapid progressors (RPs), and three slow progressors (SPs). Methods: Nef alleles (182 total) were isolated from patients' peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs), sequenced and analysed for their evolutionary pattern, frequency of mutations and occurrence of amino acid variations associated with different stages of disease. Results: The evolution rate of the nef gene apparently correlated with CD4+ decline in all progression groups. Evidence for rapid viral turnover and positive selection for changes were found only in two SPs and two RPs respectively. In NPs, a higher proportion of disrupted sequences and mutations at various functional motifs were observed. Furthermore, NP-derived Nef proteins were often changed at residues localized in the folded core domain at cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTL) epitopes (E<sub>105</sub>, K<sub>106</sub>, E<sub>110</sub>, Y<sub>132</sub>, K<sub>164</sub>, R<sub>200</sub>), while other residues outside the core domain are more often changed in RPs (A<sub>43</sub>) and SPs (N<sub>173</sub> and Y<sub>214</sub>). Conclusions: Our results suggest a link between nef gene functions and the progression rate in HIV-1-infected children. Moreover, non-progression-associated variations in the core domain of Nef, together with the genetic analysis, suggest that nef gene evolution is shaped by an effective immune system in these patients.
Background: Marathon runners and elite swimmers showed increased inflammatory cells in the airways at baseline. Although airway neutrophils increase further after a marathon race, the airway response to swimming is unknown. The aim of this study was to assess the effects of swimming on airway cells. To avoid the concomitant effects of chronic exposure to chlorine, the study was conducted in seven nonasthmatic swimmers (mean age (SD): 23.3 ± 7.7 yr, training: 32 ± 15 km.wk⁻¹) habitually training in an outdoor pool (OP), i.e., a low-chlorine environment. Methods: Spirometry, exhaled nitric oxide (NO), induced sputum, and peripheral blood samples were obtained at baseline, after a 5-km trial in OP, and after a 5-km race in the sea (S), i.e., hypertonic airway exposure. Results: Airway neutrophil differential counts at baseline were higher in swimmers than in sedentary controls (N = 10), but cell counts, neutrophil elastase, and eosinophil cationic protein were unaffected by 5-km swimming. After swimming, L-selectin expression on airway cells decreased, suggesting exercise-induced cell mobilization into the airways and/or direct effects of hyperventilation on airway cells. After S, airway eosinophil differential counts increased slightly. Exhaled NO concentration was 19 ± 6 ppb at baseline, 8 ± 4 ppb after OP, and 21 ± 7 ppb after S (P < 0.005 for OP vs baseline and S).

Conclusions: In swimmers not chronically exposed to high chlorine concentrations, data obtained at baseline
suggest a direct relationship between airway neutrophilia and endurance training. The low L-selectin expression by airway cells postexercise suggests hyperventilation-induced cell recruitment or modulation of cell function. Hypertonic exposure of airways during exercise may slightly increase airway eosinophils and exhaled NO. Overall, 5-km swimming exerted smaller effects on airway cells than running a marathon.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3874
T1 - Assessment of sun exposure in adolescent girls using activity diaries
A1 - Sullivan,S.S.
A1 - Cobb,J.L.
A1 - Rosen,C.J.
A1 - Holick,M.F.
A1 - Chen,T.C.
A1 - Kimlin,M.G.
A1 - Parisi,A.V.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - 2003207151
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - article
KW - bone mineralization
KW - calcium blood level
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - daily life activity
KW - dosimetry
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - nutritional requirement
KW - priority journal
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - Self Report
KW - skin flora
KW - sun exposure
KW - ultraviolet B radiation
KW - vitamin metabolism
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 631
EP - 644
JF - Nutrition Research
VL - 23
IS - 5
CY - United States
N2 - The objective was to test a method of assessing sun exposure for use in stratifying adolescent girls according to potential for vitamin D<sub>3</sub> synthesis in the skin. Thirty-five girls wore polysulphone ultraviolet (UV) dosimeters and kept diaries of their activities on August 17, 2000. Minutes spent outdoors during each hour of the day were tabulated and adjusted for the fractional strength of ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation relative to peak hour. Total adjusted minutes outdoors were compared with UV dosimeter readings. A
series of ampules containing 7-dehydrocholesterol were exposed on a flat plane to further investigate the potential for skin synthesis of previtamin D<sub>3</sub> with a given sun exposure. The correlation between measured UVB exposure and self-reported minutes outdoors adjusted for the time of day was r = 0.64. In vitro previtamin D<sub>3</sub> synthesis at midday was reduced by 50% on a cloudy day compared with a sunny day. 2003 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved

TY - JOUR
ID - 3875
T1 - Increasing children's school time physical activity using structured fitness breaks
A1 - Scruggs,P.W.
A1 - Beveridge,S.K.
A1 - Watson,D.L.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - 2003200598
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - article
KW - body mass
KW - controlled study
KW - Female
KW - fitness
KW - Heart Rate
KW - Human
KW - Locomotion
KW - Male
KW - normal human
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Physical Education
KW - school
KW - school child
KW - Telemetry
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 156
EP - 169
JF - Pediatric Exercise Science
JA - Pediatr Exerc Sci
VL - 15
IS - 2
CY - United States
N2 - Fifth-grade students' physical activity levels were examined via heart rate telemetry and pedometry during school fitness and recess breaks. Twenty-seven students with a mean age of 11.03 (+.32) years participated in morning recess (MR), lunch recess (LR), and fitness breaks (FB) for three days. Structured FB's consisted of students engaging in locomotor and nonlocomotor activities within an obstacle course framework, while recess breaks followed a traditional model. Results from repeated measures ANOVAs indicated students engaged in significantly more physical activity during FB than MR and LR. Fitness breaks provided a viable method for increasing children's school time activity levels
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T1 - Brief probes: A method for analysing the function of disruptive behaviour in the natural environment
A1 - Aikman,G.
A1 - Garbutt,V.
A1 - Fumiss,F.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - 2003193057
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - behavior disorder/th [Therapy]
KW - Case Report
KW - clinical feature
KW - developmental disorder/th [Therapy]
KW - disruptive behavior/th [Therapy]
KW - environmental factor
KW - escape behavior
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - leisure
KW - priority journal
KW - school child
KW - task performance
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 215
EP - 220
JF - Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy
VL - 31
IS - 2
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - The present study illustrates the use of brief functional analysis probe conditions to verify the results of a descriptive assessment. An initial descriptive assessment of the disruptive behaviour of an 8-year-old student with severe developmental disabilities showed that levels of disruptive behaviour (screaming and throwing equipment) were higher in some lessons than others and suggested that the behaviour might be maintained by escape from task demands. An intervention in which work demands were alternated with 5-minute periods of free activity reduced levels of screaming to under 50%, and of throwing to under 25%, of baseline levels. Brief experimental variations of demand level in some lessons confirmed that levels of disruption were generally higher under high demand conditions. We conclude that brief probes provide a method by which experimental analyses can be conducted in the client's natural environment, reducing the problem of non-occurrence of the target behaviour that can pose problems for analogue assessments and facilitating ongoing assessment during initial intervention. We note also, however, that the consequent reduction in control over establishing operations may reduce the precision of the analysis and that ethical considerations limit the range of behaviours for which the method is appropriate
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3877
T1 - A comparison of the traffic-related benzene, toluene, xylene, and platinum exposure of children living in Eastern and Western German states
A field study was performed to assess the internal exposure of 149 five- to seven-year old children to traffic-related pollutants. The study was carried out in areas with high and low traffic density located in Western Germany (Essen/Ruhr, Borken, Northrhine-Westphalia) and Eastern Germany (Halle/Saale, Osterburg, Saxony-Anhalt). The benzene, toluene, o-,
m-,p-xylene (BTX) concentrations in blood and the platinum excretion in urine served as markers for a traffic-related exposure. The parents were asked to answer a questionnaire, which asked for such information as traffic density in the vicinity of the dwelling, redecoration activities inside the rooms, exposure to solvent containing household products, passive smoking, etc. The results of this study show, that emissions from traffic have a significant influence on the internal BTX burden of children. The internal benzene exposure is mainly a result of the benzene concentration in outdoor air, which as a result of the absence of indoor sources is reflected in indoor air. Regarding toluene and xylene indoor air concentrations were generally higher than those outdoors indicating that several relevant indoor sources exist. The urinary platinum (Pt) excretion of the children from both high traffic areas (Essen/Ruhr, Halle/Saale) tended to higher values when compared with the Pt excretion of those children from the low-traffic areas. However, this differences were statistically not significant. The results of this study do not definitively prove whether emissions from automobile catalysts are responsible for the slightly higher Pt exposure of these children.
The active surface of suspended particles as a predictor of lung function and pulmonary symptoms in Austrian school children

At a central elementary school in the capital of Upper Austria children aged 7-10 years underwent repeated respiratory health checkups (questionnaires, diaries, spirometry). Between March and May 2001 the...
daily means of the signals of a diffusion charging sensor, measuring the "active surface" of suspended particles, and a photoelectric aerosol sensor, measuring the particle-bound polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, were related to spirometric results of the total 164 children examined and to the daily symptom scores of a susceptible subgroup. Significant reductions of forced vital capacity (p=0.006) and forced expiratory volume in the first second (p=0.001) and significant increases of wheezing (p=0.001), shortness of breath (p=0.041), cough in the evening (p=0.031) and at night (p=0.018) were found with increase of "active surface" of suspended particles measured at the adjacent outdoor monitoring station, but not with the increase of particle-bound polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Monitoring "active surface" of particles with diameters of about 10nm-1nm by means of a diffusion charging sensor might provide additional information in surveillance of particulate matter for prevention of acute effects on respiratory health. 2003 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3879
T1 - Fostering generalization and maintenance in school settings
A1 - Scott, Yaruss J.
A1 - Reardon, N.A.
Y1 - 2003
N1 - 2003115445
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Comprehension
KW - daily life activity
KW - Human
KW - Interpersonal Communication
KW - language ability
KW - Learning
KW - Motivation
KW - school child
KW - school health service
KW - Speech Therapy
KW - Stuttering/th [Therapy]
KW - Treatment Planning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 33
EP - 40
JF - Seminars in Speech and Language
VL - 24
IS - 1
CY - United States

N2 - One of the most challenging aspects of therapy for school-age children who stutter is generalizing the skills learned in the therapy room to other settings such as the classroom, lunchroom, playground, or home. An additional challenge is seen in maintaining gains over the long term. This article reviews common roadblocks to generalization and maintenance, including the goals of therapy, the nature of the treatment strategies that require generalization, the scheduling and implementation of generalization activities within the overall therapy process, and the child's understanding of the treatment goals. Specific strategies for overcoming these roadblocks include: desensitizing children to both stuttering and treatment strategies designed to improve fluency, using hierarchies as a way of structuring treatment and moving children toward success in their daily activities, integrating the child's real world and clinical settings, and using structured practice activities to help children solidify all of the lessons they learn in treatment. This article highlights the importance of taking a broad-based view of stuttering to help children improve their overall communication across a variety of settings and over time.
TY - JOUR
ID - 3880
T1 - Dental anomalies of the permanent lateral incisors and prevalence of hypodontia outside the cleft area in complete unilateral cleft lip and palate
A1 - Ribeiro, L.L.
A1 - Das Neves, L.T.
A1 - Costa, B.
A1 - Gomide, M.R.
Y1 - 2003
N1 - 2003113541
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - cleft lip palate
KW - congenital disorder
KW - controlled study
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - hypodontia
KW - incisor
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - panoramic radiography
KW - premolar tooth
KW - Prevalence
KW - priority journal
KW - sex difference
KW - tooth malformation
KW - tooth size
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 172
EP - 175
JF - Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal
JA - Cleft Palate Craniofac J
VL - 40
IS - 2
CY - Canada
N2 - Objective: To determine in complete unilateral cleft lip and palate (UCLP) subjects the characteristics (location, shape) of the cleft-side lateral incisor. The presence of a supernumerary tooth at the cleft side and the prevalence of hypodontia outside the cleft area were evaluated. A comparison was made of the shape of the cleft side lateral incisor to its contralateral incisor. Setting: Hospital for Rehabilitation of Craniofacial Anomalies (HRCA), Sao Paulo, Brazil. Patients: Orthopantomograms of 203 subjects with UCLP and without syndromes were chronologically selected from the HRCA data bank, within an age range of 5 to 10 years. Outcome Measure: Orthopantomograms were analyzed by the same observer according to established criteria. Results: There were no statistically significant differences between sexes for any of the criteria studied. The cleft-side lateral incisor was present in 50.2%, and it was more commonly located at the distal side (76.5%). The congenital absence of the cleft-side lateral incisor was observed in 49.8% of the sample, and its antimere was congenitally missing in 10.9%, this difference being statistically significant. The most commonly missing tooth outside the cleft area was the maxillary second premolar. Conclusions: The high prevalence of hypodontia of the
permanent lateral incisor in the cleft side showed that the cleft could play an important role in this absence. There were different patterns for the presence of the cleft-side lateral incisor.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3881
T1 - Important issues in the care and evaluation of bilingual/multilingual children
A1 - Chavda, U.
A1 - Kao, R.
A1 - Soldatou, A.
A1 - Gardner, A.
A1 - Knudson, P.
A1 - Su, H.
A1 - Schoon, Eberly S.
A1 - Van, Dyke, D.C.
Y1 - 2003///
N1 - 2003109203
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Child
KW - Child Care
KW - Education
KW - emotion
KW - environmental factor
KW - Family
KW - Human
KW - information
KW - Language Development
KW - learning disorder/di [Diagnosis]
KW - mental deficiency/di [Diagnosis]
KW - nurse
KW - pediatrician
KW - physician assistant
KW - review
KW - social worker
KW - Speech
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 8
EP - 13
JF - International Pediatrics
VL - 18
IS - 1
CY - United States

N2 - The number of children in the United States who are bilingual or multilingual is both significant and increasing. Pediatricians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners need to understand the processes of language development in bilingual children in order to support the families of bilingual children, provide accurate educational information, and prevent potential of misdiagnoses in these children as having such conditions as mental retardation, learning disabilities, or speech-language disorders. Evaluation of a child's development begins with a careful review of home, social, educational environments, and medical history. Gathering an accurate history may require the use of resources such as an interpreter, social worker, education consultant, psychologist, or speech-language pathologist. Pediatricians, physician assistants, and nurse
practitioners can have a positive impact on the educational and heath care environment of these children by using this information, assessing the development of these children, and by sharing their knowledge with others who play a role in the lives of these children. Bilingualism/multilingualism does not lead to ongoing language delays. Bilingualism/multilingualism can play a positive role in a child's emotional development. In families that place a high value on tradition, speaking the language of parents and grandparents offers a way for the child to better understand the family's heritage even though it is not the dominant language of the child's environment outside the home. Speaking the language of a surrounding culture also provides insights into that culture. Bilingualism is an important resource; it has the potential to increase employment and offer other opportunities in the child's future especially in this rapidly globalizing world.

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T1 - CD4 and Major Histocompatibility Complex Class I Downregulation by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 Nef Protein in Pediatric AIDS Progression
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Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - acquired immune deficiency syndrome/et [Etiology]
KW - Amino Acid Sequence
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KW - antigen expression
KW - article
KW - cell surface
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - controlled study
KW - disease course
KW - down regulation
KW - Human
KW - human cell
KW - Human immunodeficiency virus 1
KW - in vitro study
KW - nef gene
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The human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) nef gene is a crucial determinant in AIDS disease progression. Although several in vitro activities have been attributed to the Nef protein, identifying the one critical for in vivo pathogenicity remains elusive. In this study, we examined a large number of nef alleles derived at various time points from 13 perinatally infected children showing different progression rates: six nonprogressors (NPs), three slow progressors (SPs), and four rapid progressors (RPs). The patient-derived nef alleles were analyzed for their steady-state expression of a Nef protein, for their relative ability to downregulate cell surface expression of CD4 and major histocompatibility complex class I (MHC-I) and for their capacity to bind the clathrin adaptor AP-1 complex. We found that NP-derived nef alleles, compared to nef alleles isolated from SPs and RPs, had reduced CD4 and MHC-I downregulation activities. In contrast, SP- and RP-derived nef alleles did not differ and efficiently downregulated both CD4 and MHC-I. AP-1 binding was a conserved function of primary nef alleles not correlated with clinical progression. Defective Nef proteins from NPs, rather than sharing common specific changes in their sequences, accumulated various amino acid substitutions, mainly located outside the conserved domains previously associated with Nef biological properties. Our data indicate that Nef-mediated downregulation of cell surface CD4 and MHC-I significantly contributes to the expression of the pathogenic potential of HIV-1.
The increased incidence of childhood thyroid cancer in areas heavily contaminated by the accident at Chernobyl is now well established. Initial studies outside the former USSR showed no evidence of changes in this incidence. France received much less fallout than did the former USSR, but deposition was highly heterogeneous in eastern France, particularly in the region of Franche-Comte. Under the auspices of the Union regionale des medecins liberaux de Franche-Comte (regional association of private practitioners), the general practitioners of this area decided to assess the health consequences in children living in Franche-Comte at the time of the accident of Chernobyl. Method. Incident cases from 1980 through 1998 among children younger than 15 years were collected from general practitioners, specialists, and hospital staff physicians in the Franche-Comte and surrounding regions. A Poisson test was used to analyse temporal heterogeneity (including a 4-year latency period) and spatial heterogeneity (between the 4 administrative areas composing the area) separately. Results. During the 19-year study period, 8 cases of childhood thyroid cancer were identified. The sex ratio was 1.67, and 7 of the cases were diagnosed in children in the 10-14 age group. The standardized incidence rate was 0.15/100,000. The incidence rate increased from 0.13/100,000 (95% CI: 0.03-0.37) in 1980-1989 to 0.26/100,000 (95% CI: 0.08-0.60) in 1990-1998. No variations were significant, however, either in space (p = 0.44) or time (p = 0.48). Conclusions. Although this study did not observe a significant increase in the incidence of childhood thyroid cancer after Chernobyl, it highlights two needs: first, for the assessment of the consequences of the accident at Chernobyl in France among a wider population, and second, for an extension of the follow-up period. This study also illustrates the role that private practice physicians can play in the field of public health.
Objective To perform a pilot study that evaluates the nutritional and dietary habits of primary school children in a socioeconomically disadvantaged area prior to and following a healthy eating intervention programme. Design A quantitative study whereby the food intakes of 20 boys and 20 girls aged 8 to 9 years old were recorded for five days prior to, and for five days after the intervention. Discussions with the children to ascertain their attitudes towards healthy foods were carried out and parental support was encouraged. Setting A primary school in a socioeconomically disadvantaged area in the city of Limerick, Republic of Ireland. Method Food intake data was collected using food diaries and analysed using the computer package Diet 5 for Windows. Paired t-tests were performed to assess any significant changes in the dietary intakes. Results Following intervention, there were significant increases in the consumption of energy (P<0.001), protein (P<0.001), fat (P<0.01), and calcium (P<0.0001). Whilst most of the nutrients were consumed in appropriate amounts, the percentage energy from fat was higher than recommendations, whilst iron intakes were below recommendations. Conclusion Although, the changes in food consumption were positive, future interventions should emphasise the need to monitor fat intakes, improve iron status and encourage discussion outside the classroom environment. Similar interventions based on this pilot study could also be used with respect to other areas of health promotion, for example, activity, anti-smoking and so on.
Current national demographic data based on the National Health Survey states that 20.6 million or approximately 25 per 100 children in the United States are injured each year. There are about 56,000 nonfatal injury episodes in children each day that require medical attention. Eight common recreational activities: baseball/softball, basketball, bicycling, football, playgrounds, roller sports, soccer, and trampolines, led to most injuries in children ages 5 to 14 years old. These injuries accounted for more than 2 million medically treated musculoskeletal injuries costing over $33 billion. Caring for children with orthopaedic injuries requires an awareness of their unique mechanism of injury, associated injuries, and healing and remodeling rates. The focus of this chapter is to review the past year's literature with a discussion of prevention, epidemiology, evaluation, treatment, and complications of pediatric orthopaedic injuries. 2002 Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Inc
Status epilepticus is a medical emergency, if not treated in time and effectively may cause significant mortality and morbidity. Medical therapy has been the mainstay of treatment but in refractory status surgical resection, multiple subpial transection, electroconvulsive therapy, caudate stimulation and acupuncture play important role. The present operational definition for adults and older children considers status as > 5 minutes of continuous seizure or two or more discrete seizures without regaining of full consciousness. Status epilepticus accounts for 1-8% of all hospital admissions for epilepsy. Physiological changes in generalised convulsive status epilepticus include transient or early (0-30 minutes) and late (after 30 minutes) changes. Temporal changes occur as tonic-clonic status epilepticus progresses. Management can be considered in two ways - out hospital management and inpatient management. Benzodiazepine is considered 1st line of treatment outside hospital. Emergency/inpatient management includes basic life support (0-10 minutes) and pharmacological management (10-60 minutes). Drugs used in pharmacological management are lorazepam, midazolam, propofol, phenobarbital, phenytoin, fosphenytoin, IV valproate, rectal diazepam, etc. The classical definition of refractory status epilepticus includes seizure that has not responded to sequential treatment of lorazepam, phenytoin or phenobarbitone or seizure continuing >60-90 in spite of adequate treatment.
Environmental factors are usually considered as risk factors for increase of asthma prevalence. They may act isolately but are frequently associated. They act either directly by inducing asthma or more likely by increasing allergenic sensitization. Geographic situation is a well known risk factor. Important differences are noted between countries. The western lifestyle is evocated, including type of alimentation, small size of siblings, increased allergen exposure in homes. Intrauterine environment may play a role, particularly tobacco smoke during pregnancy and its respiratory effects on infant. Maternal allergenic exposure during pregnancy is an important factor because of maternofetal immunologic interactions. Outdoor pollution acts by enhancing bronchial responsiveness, allergenic sensitization and worsening respiratory diseases. Its effect is probably less important in infants and small children who are living indoor most of the time. Infections seems to have a complex action. Some virus, including respiratory syncytial virus, act to induce asthma or sensitization. Other type of infections (viral ou microbial) have a protector effect. Exposure to tobacco smoke, particularly maternal smoking, is identified in all studies, as one of the most important factors to be considered in childhood asthma. Exposure to allergen increases the risk of sensitization. Its direct responsability to induce asthma is not established. Some of recent studies are suggesting the concept of a protective effect of early exposure. As far as preventive intervention is concerned, the recognition of these factors is important to limit the prevalence of childhood asthma. 2002 Editions scientifiques et medicales Elsevier SAS

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T1 - Risk and proactive factors for aggressive behavior, and its generalization in a sample of Mexican school children
Aggressive behavior in childhood has become a socially relevant problem demanding special attention from researchers, as a sharp increase has been reported in the aggressive and antisocial behavior of children and adolescents. Especially disturbing is the high participation of underage individuals in crimes such as robbery, drug trafficking and homicide, while numerous studies have shown that aggressive behavior evolves into more severe antisocial behaviors in adolescence and young adulthood. Research studies conducted on childhood aggressiveness has shown that these behaviors tend to become habits across time, and furthermore to progress into more complex and serious behaviors such as delinquency. For example, a high correlation has been reported between childhood aggressive behavior and antisocial behavior in adolescence and early adulthood. In an effort to prevent and stop the evolution of childhood aggressive behavior, efforts have been made to identify and describe those factors associated with the emergence of these behaviors in the developmental stages that comprise childhood and adolescence. Some researchers have coined terms such as risk and protective factors, reporting that it is highly probable that an individual might develop problem behaviors as the number of risk factors increases and exceeds the number of protective factors. It has been suggested that risk factors may be classified into four large groups: 1) the child's characteristics, 2) the parent's characteristics, 3) the contextual factors, and 4) the parent-child interaction. In a similar fashion, the protective factors that seem to ameliorate the occurrence of antisocial behaviors are classified into 5 main types: 1) parent-child support relations, 2) positive disciplinary styles, 3) monitoring and supervisory skills, 4) child centered families, and 5) parents seeking information and support. Based on the identification of risk and protective factors associated to antisocial behavior in children, other indicators that explain the progression and generalization of these behaviors across settings have been reported though they are less reliable. In particular, it has been reported that aggressive
behavior develops within the family unit, however, it has been also reported that as the child comes into contact with other settings and agents, his aggressive behavior generalizes. The generalization of aggressive behaviors in other settings seems to appear to be the antecedent of its progression to antisocial behavior through developmental stages ending in adulthood. It has been reported that before this behavior progresses toward a more severe type, antisocial behavior generalizes across settings and agents. Furthermore, lack of control of the new agents promotes the increase and maintenance of antisocial behavior. Based on the results of numerous studies conducted in other countries that have identified and described those factors associated to aggressiveness in children, and the relative absence of longitudinal research studies in Mexico that might shed reliable information on this topic, it is necessary to conduct research for identifying the existing relationships between those factors described in the bibliography and the development, evolution and maintenance of antisocial behavior in Mexican children. With these considerations in mind, the purpose of the present study is to identify and describe those factors that are associated with the occurrence and maintenance of aggressive behaviors in a sample of school Mexican children, as well as to attempt to describe the process of generalization of these behaviors to other settings, specifically the school environment (the classroom and the playground). A group of 345 children from seven public grammar schools in Mexico City were studied through a three-year longitudinal cohort design. The sample was divided into two main groups: those whose reported level of occurrence of aggressive behaviors fell below the 25th percentile (non-aggressive) and those whose level of reported aggressive behaviors was above the 75th percentile (aggressive), based on the use of an Aggressive Behavior Checklist. The primary data for this study was gathered by using a direct observation system to record and classify parent child interactions in the home setting, teacher-child interactions in the classroom, as well as child-peer interaction in the playground. Additional data was gathered through the application of a series of psychological assessment instruments that measured childrearing processes such as: parental stress, disciplinary styles and family social environment as well as the child's anger control, peer preference, and types of friends maintained by the child. Results seem to identify those risk factors associated to the children's aggressive behavior, as well as those risk factors that are predictive of the aggressive behavior of the parents such as the use of an explosive irritable disciplinary style. Additional protective factors associated to reduced rates of aggressive behaviors by the child were also identified, as well as factors that seem to promote the generalization of childhood aggressive behaviors to other settings. In other words, the data shows that certain risk factors are related to the child's or parent's characteristics, while others are related to the type and quality of the parent-child interaction. The most important child characteristics were inadaptability, high levels of physical anger and disobedience, all of which predicted higher rates of aggressive behaviors in those children. In relation to parental characteristics, results seem to indicate that when parents perceive themselves as barely competent in childrearing, there are more probabilities of showing higher rates of aggressive behavior in their interactions with their offsprings. In a similar fashion, higher rates of aggressive behavior in the parents seem to be associated to their perception of their restricted parental role. The type of parent-child interaction which has been emphasized by other researchers, appears in the results of this study to confirm the findings that lack of childrearing skills is a risk factor significantly associated with the child's aggressive behavior. In particular, the use of unspecified instructional commands by the parents, an explosive irritable disciplinary style, as well as higher rate of their aggressive behavior, are reliable predictors of the child's aggressive behaviors. In a similar fashion, results appear to indicate that within family interactions, the parents' aggressive behavior predicts their child's aggressive behavior in concordance with Patterson's Coercion Theory, which states that coercive parent-child interactions increase the overall level of aggressive behavior in those families. Other risk factors were identified as a product of the analysis of the longitudinal data. They were those that reliably predict the parents' aggressive behavior, and which can also be classified into three general categories: child's characteristics, parental characteristics, and parent-child interaction. In terms of the child's characteristics, data shows that child's aggression and disobedience at home promote parental aggressive behavior. The parents' perception of certain child characteristics (problems in adaptability, demandness, distractibility and hyperactivity) is a risk factor that predicts parental aggressive behavior towards the child. Another risk factor were the parents vague and nonspecific instructions to the child with no opportunity for his compliance. Both risk factors reliably predict parental aggressiveness. Parental perception of his highly restricted parenting role is also reliably associated with higher levels of parental aggressive behavior. One of the identified risk factors in this study refers to parental disciplinary styles, specifically of an explosive irritable type. Results indicate that when a child is perceived by the parent as distracted, hyperactive, demanding, humorless, with adaptability problems, and non reinforcing for the parent, there is a significant increase of the probability that the parent will use an explosive irritable disciplinary style which, in turn, will be significantly associated with the child's aggressive behavior. Parental characteristics are also predictive of the parent's explosive irritable disciplinary style, in particular low childrearing competency, social isolation, reduced parental bonding family health problems.
perceived parental role restriction, depression, and low levels of spousal support. The findings also identified those factors associated with reduced levels of childhood aggression which seem to protect them against other child behavior problems. These factors include certain family characteristics and parental disciplinary styles that are reliably associated with reduced levels of childhood aggression, specifically, family environment with adequate levels of organization, goal orientation, religiousness and cohesiveness linked to a consistent and flexible disciplinary style not affected by emotional states. Appropriate levels of supervision of the child's activities outside the home setting favor the child's social and family development. The identification of these risk and protective factors points towards the relevance and need of developing specific interventions geared not only at the reduction of risk factors, but also towards the development of intervention strategies that promote the development of familial protective factors such as parent training in skills such as: childrearing, communication, supervision, social interaction, planned activities and incidental teaching. Additionally child-focused interventions in social skills, anger management and problem solving skills are also required along with setting-based intervention packages such as classroom and playground behavior management.

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T1 - Expectancies, values, and perceptions of physical competence of children with and without learning disabilities
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English
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KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
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KW - Human
KW - learning disorder
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Motor Performance
KW - Perception
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Physical Education
KW - psychometry
KW - questionnaire
KW - school child
KW - Self Concept
KW - sex difference
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 318
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JF - Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly
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N2 - This study examined the relationship between components of Eccles' (Eccles et al., 1983) expectancy-value model and perceptions of physical competence of children with and without learning disabilities (LD) across three physical activity contexts (physical education class, outdoor school recess, and at home).
Participants, 60 children with and without LD between 10 and 13 years, completed the Modified Pictorial Scale of Perceived Physical Competence (Ulrich & Collier, 1990) and an expectancy-value questionnaire measuring perceived importance, usefulness, enjoyment, and gender orientation of selected motor skills. Gender differences in perceptions of physical competence were found in recess and home settings. No significant group differences were observed in perceptions of physical competence. Expectancy-value subscales contributed differently to understanding competence judgments of boys and girls across context. Results are discussed with implications for improving self-concept and expectancy-value among girls toward sport and physical activity.
Background: Brodifacoum is the major rodenticide used in the United States today. It is similar to warfarin but has more potent and prolonged effects. Large overdoses and chronic intoxication have been associated with significant coagulopathies and death. Currently, the management of acute unintentional ingestions by young children is controversial. Methods: American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) data from 1993 to 1996 were retrospectively searched for acute, unintentional brodifacoum exposures without coin ingestions followed-up to a known outcome in children aged 6 years and younger. The cases were analyzed by management site, symptoms, therapy, and outcome. Cases coded as having clinical or laboratory evidence of coagulopathy were further evaluated for severity. Results: Our study reviewed 10,762 cases that involved single, acute, unintentional ingestions of brodifacoum. All of the patients were followed-up to a known outcome as defined by AAPCC data collection standards. In this cohort, there were no deaths or major effects reported. Although 67 patients reported evidence of coagulopathy, no major effects or deaths were reported. Minor and moderate effects were reported in 38 and 54 children, respectively. Management occurred outside of a healthcare facility in 5404 (50.2 %) cases. Approximately half of all the children received some form of gastrointestinal decontamination. Decontamination had no effect on the distribution of outcomes. Adverse effects from decontamination therapy were reported in 42 patients. Conclusion: Acute pediatric ingestions of brodifacoum rarely caused clinical effects and were not associated with life-threatening symptoms or death in young children. It seems reasonable that acute unintentional ingestions of small quantities of brodifacoum by young children can be adequately managed with home observation and parent education.
Multidrug resistance implicates decreased sensitivity of cancer cells to various, unrelated drugs. The "classical" mechanism of resistance is the upregulation of PGP (permeability glycoprotein), product of the MDR1 gene, which plays a physiological role in ATP-dependent transport of various substances outside the cell. The scope of this study is the analysis of PGP expression in childhood acute leukemias and its correlation with in vitro drug resistance profile. Fourty-five children were enrolled in the study. PGP expression was determined as a percentage of blast cells by flow cytometry and drug resistance profile by means of the MTT assay. Cytotoxicity was measured as the concentration of drug that is lethal to 50% of cells. Median expression of PGP was: 0.24% for ALL de novo patients; 1.89% for relapsed ALL (p=0.002) and 12.60% in AML de novo (p<0.001). The highest individual PGP expression was observed in relapsed AML child (70.5%). The value of PGP expression showed a strong correlation (p<0.01) with resistance to idarubicin, mitoxantrone, etoposide, prednisolone, dexamethasone and type of leukemia. A weaker correlation (p<0.05) was observed for daunorubicin, doxorubicin, mercaptopurine, cladribine, fludarabine, 4-HOO-cyclophosphamide and 4-HOO-ifosfamide. No correlation was found between PGP expression and combined resistance profile for prednisolone, vincristine and L-asparaginase expressed by PVA score. These results might confirm that PGP
expression in childhood acute leukemias is related not only to resistance to anthracyclines, epipodiphillotoxines and vinca alkaloids, but also to glucocorticoids, antimetabolites and alkylating agents. This is especially seen in AML and relapsed ALL.

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T1 - Knowledge, attitude, and behavior of secondary (high) school students concerning HIV/AIDS in Enugu, Nigeria, in the year 2000
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N2 - Study Objective: To investigate the knowledge, attitude, and behavior of secondary (high) school students concerning HIV/AIDS as a way of assessing the need for inclusion of reproductive health education in the school curriculum. Design: A questionnaire was constructed to expose depth of knowledge and attitude of respondents concerning HIV/AIDS. Setting: This was a workshop venue, a civic center, outside a school compound. Participants: Three hundred and sixty students were randomly selected from 5 secondary (high) schools in Enugu, Nigeria. Intervention: The questionnaire was administered just before the commencement of a workshop. Main Outcome Measure: All the students responded to the questionnaire but none responded to all the questions. Results: The students had a defective knowledge of the disease. They were aware and afraid of the disease as being deadly but not sure of the cause, nature, or modes of transmission and prevention, except
that illicit sexual activity should be avoided. Their attitude and behavior were consequently defective. Their main source of information was the media. Conclusion: There is need to provide students with correct, detailed, and broad-based information on reproductive health as part of the school curriculum to help them acquire adequate knowledge and develop appropriate attitude and behavior towards HIV/AIDS and other STDs.

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T1 - Lack of somatic hypermutation of IG VH genes in lymphoid malignancies with t(2;14)(p13;q32) translocation involving the BCL11A gene
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A1 - Satterwhite,E.
A1 - Gesk,S.
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KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - B cell lymphoma/di [Diagnosis]
KW - B lymphocyte activation
KW - Child
KW - chromosome aberration
KW - chromosome translocation 13
KW - chromosome translocation 14
KW - chromosome translocation 2
KW - chronic lymphatic leukemia/di [Diagnosis]
KW - clinical article
KW - controlled study
KW - gene amplification
KW - Gene Rearrangement
KW - gene sequence
KW - gene switching
KW - gene targeting
KW - genetic association
KW - germinal center
KW - Human
KW - human cell
KW - human tissue
KW - immune response
KW - immunocytoma/di [Diagnosis]
KW - immunoglobulin variable region
KW - lymphocyte subpopulation
KW - Lymphoma
KW - molecular cloning
KW - mutational analysis
KW - position effect
The t(2;14)(p13;q32.3) involving the BCL11A and IGH genes is a rare but recurrent chromosomal aberration in B-cell malignancies. Hitherto, juxtaposition of BCL11A and IGH has only been described in B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia (B-CLL) and immunocytoma. As subgroups of B-CLL can be distinguished by the pattern of somatic mutation of immunoglobulin variable (V) genes we investigated four lymphomas with IGH/BCL11A involvement for IGH hypermutation. Clonal V<sub>H</sub> gene rearrangements were amplified; in all four cases, sequencing of the amplificates revealed the rearranged V<sub>H</sub> genes to lack somatic mutations. These results suggest that t(2;14)(p13;q32.3) is associated with a subset of B-CLL/immunocytoma characterized by non-mutated IG genes deriving from pre-germinal center B cells. As the translocations in both informative cases are targeted to the switch regions of the IGG2 gene, which is mainly used in T cell-independent immune responses, these translocations presumably occurred in activated B cells in the course of T cell-independent immune responses outside the germinal center.
The energy expenditure of 47 children aged 5-7 years was assessed before and after a school playground was painted with fluorescent markings. Physical activity was measured using heart rate monitors and energy expenditure calculated for 3 playtimes per child before and after the playground was painted. Total energy expenditure and the rate of energy expenditure increased significantly, as did the duration of play. The effect of painting the playground on total energy expenditure was analysed using an ANCOVA to control for play duration and body mass. Results revealed a 35% increase in total energy expenditure (P < .01) and a 6% increase in the rate of energy expenditure (P < .01). The significant interaction between time (before and after) and group (experimental and control) (P < .02) demonstrated that the intervention programme significantly increased heart rates. These results suggest that playground markings and duration of play can have a significant and positive influence on young children's energy expenditure.
main consultant outside the institution; inscription of the children in the heterogeneous age groups; favoring fictional affiliation; children's circulation from one place to another, permitting a confrontation with reality and the process of the constructive bereavement; unequal therapeutic periods (full time or part time) that incite the therapeutic staff to a constant investment; externalized classes that help avoiding creation of the culture of exclusion. The therapeutic action includes a series of punctuations that will mark the time of the child's cure. Thus, the child itinerary is permeated with transitional periods, sources of anxiety during which the child will mobilize as soon as he encounters a therapeutic frame that favors the activity of the representation. The child will thus narcissizes himself by discovering that he can survive the changes and benefit from them. The institutional crises appears thus as a paradigm of child's cure even if the institutional actors are always taken by surprise by this phenomenon while dreaming of a solidarity therapeutic community. 2002 Editions scientifiques et médicales Elsevier SAS
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T1 - Benefit of school-based exercise tests and educational programs to screen for undiagnosed asthma
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A1 - Girault, E.
A1 - Laurent, C.
A1 - Housset, B.
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KW - airway obstruction/di [Diagnosis]
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KW - exercise induced asthma/di [Diagnosis]
KW - exercise induced asthma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Exercise Test
KW - Female
KW - Health Education
KW - Human
KW - lung function test
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Mass Screening
KW - peak expiratory flow
KW - school child
KW - scoring system
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 245
EP - 254
JF - Archives de Pediatrie
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CY - France
N2 - Underdiagnosis of asthma is frequent in children and may be improved by the development of school-based health programs. Material and methods. - We developed an educational program in 11-year-old schoolchildren who participated in a screening test for exercise-induced asthma (EIA). All children were given an asthma questionnaire before and after two educational sessions. Results. - Mean score for asthma knowledge quiz increased from 63 to 85 % (p< 0.001). Thirty-six children (3.7 %) were initially considered as asthmatic and showed better responses than non-asthmatic children. Peak expiratory flow (PEF) was measured before and after an outside running exercise. A fall in PEF of at least 15 % was considered an abnormal result. Seventy-height children (8 %) had a decrease in PEF, including 65 children initially not recognized as asthmatic. For these latter, a medical evaluation was recommended to parents. Only 28 of these children gave informations on follow-up: 19 had lung function tests, two received a treatment without preliminary function test, and seven had neither lung function test nor treatment. Among the children who realized lung function tests, five had criteria for airway obstruction at baseline, and ten had significant bronchial hyperreactivity. Conclusions. - However, a new screening test revealed that only a small minority of children initially not recognized as asthmatic but having decreased their PEF, were consequently considered as asthmatic by their practitioner, even in case of positive lung function test. 2002 Editions scientifiques et medicales Elsevier SAS

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3898
T1 - Where there are no data: What has happened to life expectancy in Georgia since 1990?
A1 - Badurashvili,I.
A1 - McKee,M.
A1 - Tsuladze,G.
A1 - Mesle,F.
A1 - Vallin,J.
A1 - Shkolnikov,V.
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - 2001424791
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - article
KW - cancer mortality
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - Death
KW - fee
KW - Female
KW - Government
KW - health survey
KW - household
KW - Human
KW - Infant
KW - Infant Mortality
KW - Life Expectancy
KW - life table
KW - Male
KW - migration
KW - Mortality
In recent years there has been a considerable increase in understanding of changes in mortality in Russia and some other former Soviet republics. However, the situation in the republics of the Caucasus remains poorly understood. Information on Georgia is especially fragmentary as a fifth of the country remains outside government control, there has been large scale migration since 1991, and the introduction of fees for vital registration has compromised the quality of official statistics. The aim of the study is to produce plausible estimates for life expectancy in Georgia for the period 1990-1998 and thus to assess whether Georgia has undergone changes similar to other former Soviet republics in the post-independence period. Four models were used to construct life tables. Model 1 used officially published statistics on deaths and population. Model 2 applied new estimates of population derived from household surveys to the observed deaths. Model 3 adjusted model 2 for under-registration at extremes of life, with parameter estimates derived from a survey of infant mortality and comparison of observed rates with Coale-Demeny standard life tables. Model 4 arose following inspection of death rates by cause that revealed implausible discontinuities in cancer mortality rates and involved applying the estimates of under-registration that this finding implied to model 3. The four models produce quite different estimates of life expectancy, differing by 7.8 y for men and 6.8 y for women by 1998. In any of the models, however, Georgia does not appear to have experienced the marked deterioration in life expectancy seen in Russia following the transition to independence. Importantly, Georgia had also not experienced a marked improvement in life expectancy during the 1985 Soviet anti-alcohol campaign, again unlike other Soviet republics. Official statistics substantially over-estimate life expectancy at birth in Georgia. Despite undergoing a civil war, life expectancy in Georgia has been less affected by the transition than has Russia and the overall trends in mortality since the mid 1980s suggest that this may be because alcohol has played a smaller role in these changes than it did in Russia.

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Background - Our previous publications on the epidemiology of blastomycosis suggested that the etiologic organism, Blastomyces dermatitidis, may be acquired at home, however this view was challenged in an editorial. Methods - 1) Field study of 2 properties that preliminarily suggested disease acquisition in the home. Owner interviews, site visits and environmental cultures using our in-vitro technique were used. 2) An address registry of human and dog blastomycosis cases was constructed from extensions of our previously published case series. 3) Literature review. Results - 1) Blastomycosis occurred in a dog (December, 1998) and then a cat confined to its home (September, 1999), from a household in urban Manitowoc County, WI; and additionally in a houseconfined cat (July, 1998) at a home in Milwaukee, WI. Interviews implicated the basement and the attic or basement, respectively, as the most likely source of infection at these homes. Environmental cultures were negative for Blastomyces. Of the 229 domiciles in the registry, a minimum of 27 (12%) were associated with more than one blastomycosis case, 10 sites with more than two and 7 with more than three. In 4 domiciles, repeat cases occurred in different families. Most cases were separated by 1 year or more (range: 3 weeks to 7 years). Recent case series reveal a minority of outdoor activities and occupations among humans with blastomycosis. The organism has been isolated from an inhabited yard and from a house being razed. Conclusions - There appears to be growing evidence that blastomycosis may be acquired at home, and that B. dermatitidis may be relatively persistent on certain properties.
A 21 month young boy who shows autistic disorders, and who will reveal oneself tetrasomy 15q carrier, is observed with an ethological method in the day-care he frequented during 10 months. After a first three months in which autistic behaviours and an extreme retreat, this child enrich progressively his gestual expressions' repertoire and shows less indifferent to his environment. Moreover he increases his moving area, investing gradually day-care's playgrounds and putting up with the other children and adults easier. So he reveals potential evolutions in spite of extremely serious developmental disorders. 2001 Editions scientifiques et medicales Elsevier SAS

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T1 - Intensive care medicine as essential in-door and out-door competition
A1 - Ruiz,J.
A1 - Martin,M.C.
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A1 - Nolla,Y.M.
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - 2001338991
Spanish
Journal: Conference Paper
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - Child
KW - clinical practice
KW - Competition
KW - conference paper
KW - consultation
KW - critical illness
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - intensive care
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - medical documentation
KW - patient care
KW - patient transport
KW - productivity
KW - Spain
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 137
EP - 144
Background. Intensive care medicine productivity has not been quantified in Spain. The aims of this study were 2-fold: a) to evaluate the productivity of staff physicians (in-door), and b) to evaluate the productivity of the intensive care unit (ICU) (out-door). Material and methods. In-door productivity was analyzed in the ICU of a center with 260 beds. To evaluate in-door productivity the daily activities performed by the staff physicians were chronologically described and analyzed: planning of daily activity, contact with external departments, consultation with patients, special techniques and inter-consulting, informing families, transfers out of the ICU, clinical documentation and clinical sessions, duty shifts and other activities. To analyze out-door productivity, a univariate identification was carried out of the number of consultations per department which were adjusted for calendar (working days of weekends and public holidays) and timetable (morning, afternoon or night nursing shifts), type of consultation, care of post-critical patients and transfers. Results. The results for in-door and out-door productivity showed that the two ICUs studied were a source of advantage, generating value among the community. The results also indicate that intensive care medicine fits within the strategic concept of essential competition. Conclusions. ICUs are ideal for meeting the social and economic needs of the community by attending critically-ill patients within a hospital.
these factors have inevitable repercussions on setting, requiring possible adjustments. So it is indispensable to regard the evaluation as a non-static intervention to be done only before the beginning of the therapy, and as a task to be frequently accomplished in a dynamic way, with the primary purpose to take into account the child's family and social world, the area in which improvements are expected and the proper adjustments relevant to the figures the child refers to in his development.
Background: Sleeping sickness, caused by two trypanosome subspecies, Trypanosoma brucei gambiense and Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense, is a parasitic disease transmitted by the tsetse fly in sub-Saharan Africa. We report on a recent outbreak of T. b. rhodesiense sleeping sickness outside the established south-east Ugandan focus, in Soroti District where the disease had previously been absent. Soroti District has been the subject of large-scale livestock restocking activities and, because domestic cattle are important reservoirs of T. b. rhodesiense, we investigated the role of cattle in the origins of the outbreak. Methods: We identified the origins of cattle entering the outbreak area in the 4 years preceding the outbreak. A matched case-control study was conducted to assess whether the distance of villages from the main market involved with restocking was a risk factor for sleeping sickness. We investigated the spatial clustering of sleeping sickness cases at the start of the outbreak. Findings: Over 50% (1510 of 2796) of cattle traded at the market were reported to have originated from endemic sleeping sickness areas. The case-control study revealed that distance to the cattle market was a highly significant risk factor for sleeping sickness (p<0.001) and that there was a significant clustering of cases (27 of 28) close to the market at the start of the outbreak (p<0.001). As the outbreak progressed, the average distance of cases moved away from the cattle market (0.014 km per day, 95% CI 0.008-0.020 km per day, p<0.001). Interpretations: The results are consistent with the disease being introduced by cattle infected with T. b. rhodesiense imported to the market from the endemic sleeping sickness focus. The subsequent spread of the disease away from the market suggests that sleeping sickness is becoming established in this new focus. Public health measures directed at controlling the infection in the animal reservoir should be considered to prevent the spread of sleeping sickness.
The purpose was to examine the reference groups used by children with and without learning disabilities (LD), ages 10-13 years, when judging perceived physical competence in three contexts (in physical education class, during outdoor school recess, and at home). Participants, 30 students with LD and 30 without LD, completed the athletic competence subscale from the Self-Perception Profile for Learning Disabled Students (SPPLD; Renick & Harter, 1988) and two social comparison questionnaires in each activity context. Differences in the percentage of students citing the various reference groups across context was not statistically significant. Observations of responses indicate participants relied primarily on classmates, self-comparison, and family members to judge their physical competence. These results suggest that, while students with and without LD tend to compare themselves with their general education classmates, their reliance on eight different social comparison groups from which to judge physical competence varies with context.
of the obesity, its intensity and chronicity, depending also upon both the gender and the age of the child, the psychological problems and the family set-up, etc. We recommend that the preliminary dietary investigation be accompanied by a study on the patient's physical activities. Weekdays and week-end food behaviour during meals (at home and/or at school lunch-room) is to be observed, just as the patient's food intake outside of meals, the quantity, the family dietary behaviour such as cultural and cooking styles, etc., and the food choices of the other members are also to be taken into consideration when investigating obesity. Indeed, the prescription will be drawn up during the following clinical visits according to the above-cited specific parameters of the child and the dietary guideline. It is therefore necessary to have a perfect understanding of a child's dietary needs according to age. With additional advice on increasing the patient's physical activity and on fighting against sedentariness, the prescription will be made out based on positive instructions neither negating any food, nor listing authorised or forbidden food items. The identification of errors made in the earlier consultations will help in drawing up the prescription, so as to recommend a decrease of fat intake and an increase of carbohydrates, however checking that there be no increase in the total food energy balance. In practice, we can formulate a customised one-day dietary instruction with the help of the child: a diet that will comprise those food items that the child likes which also correspond to the desired criteria. The guidelines that concern both parents and children deserve a special attention. Snacking in-between-meals can play an important role in the total food balance. In a child, the disorders are seldom a form of bulimia, but are more often the result of snacking "in hiding", especially in the case of harsh and stringent restrictions during the meals or at afternoon snack, such that they entail a vicious circle of "restriction-desinhibition". Therefore, parents' attention ought to focus on meals taken at home, by varying the food in order to compensate the imbalanced generated by outdoor food intake. The first aim is to stabilise the weight of the obese child: to grow up without gaining weight results to be thinner. If the child cannot discipline himself/herself to the instructions, or if the weight goals are not be reached, the study of the psychological elements that determine the weight gain and that of the conflictual situations should be placed at the core of the therapy. At times, a study of the child's psychology has to be initiated and undertaken.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Canines as sentinel species for assessing chronic exposures to air pollutants: Part 1. Respiratory pathology
A1 - Calderon-Garcidaduenas,L.
A1 - Mora-Tiscareno,A.
A1 - Fordham,L.A.
A1 - Chung,C.J.
A1 - Garcia,R.
A1 - Osnaya,N.
A1 - Hernandez,J.
A1 - Acuna,H.
A1 - Gambling,T.M.
A1 - Villarreal-Calderon,A.
A1 - Carson,J.
A1 - Koren,H.S.
A1 - Devlin,R.B.
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - 2001198572
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - air pollutant
KW - airway
KW - ambient air
KW - Animal
KW - animal experiment
KW - animal model
A complex mixture of air pollutants is present in the ambient air in urban areas. People, animals, and vegetation are chronically and sequentially exposed to outdoor pollutants. The objective of this first of 2 studies is to evaluate by light and electron microscopy the lungs of Mexico City dogs and compare the results to those of 3 less polluted cities in Mexico. One hundred fifty-two clinically healthy stray mongrel dogs (91 males/61...
females), including 43 dogs from 3 less polluted cities, and 109 from southwest and northeast metropolitan Mexico City (SWMMC, NEMMC) were studied. Lungs of dogs living in Mexico City and Cuernavaca exhibited patchy chronic mononuclear cell infiltrates along with macrophages loaded with particulate matter (PM) surrounding the bronchiolar walls and extending into adjacent vascular structures; bronchiolar epithelial and smooth muscle hyperplasia, peribronchiolar fibrosis, microthrombi, and capillary and venule polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMN) margination. Ultrafine PM was seen in alveolar type I and II cells, endothelial cells, interstitial macrophages (M), and intravascular M-like cells. Bronchoalveolar lavage showed significant numbers of alveolar macrophages undergoing proliferation. Exposure to complex mixtures of pollutants-predominantly particulate matter and ozone-is causing lung structural changes induced by the sustained inflammatory process and resulting in airway and vascular remodeling and altered repair. Cytokines released from both, circulating inflammatory and resident lung cells in response to endothelial and epithelial injury may be playing a role in the pathology described here. Deep concern exists for the potential of an increasing rise in lung diseases in child populations exposed to Mexico City's environment.
Objective: We investigated the effect of Psychological Job Demands (PJD) on the occurrence of the clinical symptoms of common cold. Methods: Subjects, participating in a large prospective cohort study on psychological determinants of fatigue at work, were asked to fill in a questionnaire on the occurrence of common cold during the previous four months. High PJD were considered as a potential risk factor. Other factors such as age, gender, and having young children were considered as potential confounders. Results: In logistic regression analysis, the adjusted odds ratio (OR) for having a recent cold in subjects reporting high PJD vs. those reporting low PJD was 1.20 (95% confidence interval (CI), 1.08-1.33). A higher risk emerged among those with young children (OR, 1.70; 95% CI, 1.47-1.96), those having a history of asthma (OR, 1.69; 95% CI, 1.28-2.22), or being under the age of 40 (OR, 1.28; 95% CI, 1.14-1.43) and among smokers (OR, 1.23; 95% CI, 1.09-1.38). Conclusion: The results support an association between PJD and common cold. In spite of the almost inevitable shortcoming of a large cohort study using questionnaires, this study gave us the opportunity to study the relationship between common cold and work-related factors in a non experimental setting with participants observed in a natural environment with all the normal everyday hassles.

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This study examined the effect of visual status (visually impaired or sighted) and setting (indoor or outdoor) on the social behaviors of preschool-age children in an inclusive setting. It found that regardless of their visual status, the children spent significantly more time near sighted children than near visually impaired children.

TY - JOUR
ID - 3912
T1 - Engagement in playground activities as a criterion for diagnosing developmental coordination disorder
A1 - Watkinson,E.J.
A1 - Dunn,J.C.
A1 - Cavaliere,N.
A1 - Calzonetti,K.
A1 - Wilhelm,L.
A1 - Dwyer,S.
Y1 - 2001///
N1 - 2001029942
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - accuracy
KW - article
KW - daily life activity
KW - developmental disorder/cn [Congenital Disorder]
KW - developmental disorder/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Motor Coordination
KW - motor dysfunction
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Physical Education
KW - play
KW - school child
KW - scoring system
KW - Self Report
KW - statistical analysis
KW - validation process
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 18
EP - 34
JF - Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly
JA - Adapt Phys Act Q
VL - 18
IS - 1
The purpose was to develop a valid protocol for use by physical educators in assessing whether children suspected of having developmental coordination disorder (DCD) meet the American Psychiatric Association (1994) diagnostic criterion of interference in activities of daily living when interference is defined as culturally subaverage engagement in activities of daily living in physical play (ADL-PP) on the playground. Participants were 136 children (75 girls, 61 boys) from Grades 1 to 4 at three elementary schools in Canada. Data were collected two ways: (a) three administrations of an ADL-PP self-report of activities done during recess and (b) observation of children's ADL-PP during two recess periods. Examination of reactivity, accuracy, content relevance, and content representativeness of the ADL-PP report form indicated protocol validity. An example illustrating the use of the ADL-PP self-report protocol to identify interference is described.
expressed in terms of annual means and frequency of hours in which air quality standards are exceeded. The annual mean exposures are estimated to fall within the range of 5-21ppb for homes with no source, and 21-27ppb for homes with gas cooking, varying across sites and population groups. The contribution of outdoor exposure to annual mean NO\textsubscript{2} exposure varied from 5 to 24%, that of indoor penetration of outdoor air from 17 to 86% and that of gas cooking from 0 to 78%. The frequency of exposure to 1h mean concentrations above 150ppb was very low, except for people cooking with gas.
children of 5, 7, 9 and 13 years age respectively attended the Skin and VD outdoors of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical and Bangladesh Medical College Hospitals during 1996 with the complaints of urethral / genital discharge, ulcers and multiple swellings in the genitalia along with their guardians. After proper clinical examinations, urethral / genital smear test were done where available for gonococcus, trichomonas and candida and sera were tested by RPR / TPHA for confirmation of syphilis. All the children gave the history of exposures with adult persons. Specific treatments were given and prompt improvement were noted after a week. Age range of children varies from 5 years to 13 years. Two female children and one male child were diagnosed as gonococcal urethritis and two female children were diagnosed as syphilis. It is revealed from histories that infected adults transmit these disease through sexual abuse. Children's STDs parallel those in adults. As more adults are infected in our country due to various factors, the likelihood of children contracting STD increases although few cases are included in our study. STDs in children are hard to imagine, since children are rarely sexually active, but they do occur due to sexual abuse. So, evaluation for sexual abuse should be done in all cases of child STDs. Prevention and treatment of adults are the most important steps to prevent these infections in children.
Objective: To determine problems associated with electric-powered indoor/outdoor wheelchairs (EPIOCs) and benefits perceived by their users. Design: Hospital-based cohort study of all patients referred over a 19-month period. Setting: Regional Wheelchair Service for North West London serving nine district wheelchairs services. Subjects: Of the 174 subjects referred, 10 withdrew their application or were found to be unsuitable at screening, 164 were assessed and 124 were prescribed chairs. One hundred and thirteen subjects were interviewed by telephone four months after provision of the chair. Main measures: Demographic and diagnostic data; current chair usage; self-reported accidents and component faults were compared with those recorded in the unit records; new activities embarked on since delivery; and benefits reported for main carers. Results: Seventeen 'mishaps' were reported by 15 users including tipping from chairs (6) and falls during transfers (3). Three probably reflected mechanical failure. Component failure was found in 39% of EPIOCs, mostly affecting control boxes (22), frames (10) and footrests (10). New activities were undertaken by 56 (50%) users, usually shopping and visits to friends/family. Eighty-five per cent of users felt felt that the chairs made life easier for their informal carers through increased independence, reducing transfer and reduced need for 'pushing'. Conclusions: The component failures and self-reported accidents (some potentially dangerous) have implications for the NHS, manufacturers, prescribers and users. EPIOCs enhance the independence of severely physically disabled individuals in the community and assist carers by lessening dependence and enhancing social interactions. This study demonstrated the need for follow-up of EPIOC users and chairs.
Many of the risk factors previously identified for disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, periventricular leukomalacia, multiple sclerosis, stroke, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and acquired learning and attention disorders ultimately may be shown to damage the central and peripheral nervous systems through activation of inflammatory mediators. The challenge to epidemiologists in the future is to expand use of epidemiologic methods to explore how immune-mediated insults produce CNS disorders in human populations. Studies of the association of use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs with risk of Alzheimer's disease and those of the association of immune parameters with risk of cerebral palsy are excellent examples of how epidemiology can contribute to our understanding of the causes of neurologic and/or neurodevelopmental disorders. Many of the immune parameters of interest have short half-lives and are difficult to measure outside of the laboratory setting. Questions also remain as to the proper timing of measurements in relation to the initial insult and, in some cases, which tissue is the most appropriate to sample. These measurement issues will need to be resolved before use of immune biomarkers in epidemiologic studies of the etiologies of neurologic disorders can be fully realized. Epidemiologists are most likely to help identify ways to prevent neurologic disorders if they are knowledgeable about the molecular biology of inflammation, modulators of CNS vulnerability, and genetic polymorphisms that influence both inflammation and CNS vulnerability and are prepared to become adept at biomarker epidemiology. This does not necessarily compel them to gain extensive knowledge of neurobiology. Rather, neuroepidemiology in the 21st century will require increased collaboration between epidemiologists, neurologists, and neurobiologists.
Skin cancer incidence in the United States has increased. Exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is a major risk factor for skin cancer. Every year, millions of children with their families visit outdoor leisure facilities such as zoos where overexposure to UVR may occur. This study was conducted to assess the proportion of U.S. zoos that provided sun safety activities during the summer of 1998 and their willingness to incorporate skin cancer prevention strategies at their facility in the future. A 56 item self-administered questionnaire was mailed to 140 zoos accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. A follow-up telephone survey was also conducted with 33 mail non-respondents. The response rate was 97% (N = 136). Results revealed that in the summer of 1998, only 5% of zoos provided sun safety recommendations to visitors and 25% of zoos provided recommendations to their employees. The recommendations made most often to visitors and employees were to use sunscreen and wear protective clothing. Eighty-five percent of zoos indicated interest in providing sun safety activities at their facilities in the future. The next step will be to design environmentally appropriate sun safety programs for zoos and to encourage zoos to implement these programs.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3918
T1 - Monitoring nitrogen dioxide and its effects on asthmatic patients: Two different strategies compared
A1 - Panella, M.
A1 - Tommasini, V.
A1 - Binotti, M.
A1 - Palin, L.
A1 - Bona, G.
Y1 - 2000///
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - air monitoring
KW - article
KW - Asthma/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Asthma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - controlled study
KW - environmental factor
KW - household
KW - Human
KW - human cell
KW - human tissue
KW - Italy
KW - patient education
KW - personal monitoring
KW - population risk
KW - Urban Population
KW - nitrogen dioxide
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 447
EP - 458
JF - Environmental Monitoring and Assessment
VL - 63
IS - 3
CY - Netherlands

N2 - Objectives: To develop a 'methodology assessment' to evaluate the strengths and the weaknesses of two different epidemiological approaches and to identify the best suited monitoring strategy to measure the effects of 'normal levels' of nitrogen dioxide exposure on the health of an urban population. Methodology: all exposures to nitrogen dioxide were determined with passive samplers, each sampler consisting of 3 measuring Palmes tubes. In the first study the nitrogen dioxide exposure was assessed in 23 school children (11 asthmatic and 12 non asthmatic). Children wore samplers for a week and parallel measurements were made in their kitchens, in bedrooms and outside their homes. The second study consisted in a case-control study where the relative risk of hospital admission was calculated considering nitrogen dioxide levels in a city of northern Italy. 110 asthmatic patients were compared to a control group of 5322 people. Results: Personal sampler measurements highlighted significant differences in exposure when nitrogen dioxide atmospheric levels were compared in asthmatic and healthy children (p<0.05). No other parameters were significant in the two groups. A significant action of atmospheric nitrogen dioxide on hospital admission was demonstrated (p<0.01). Conclusions: Although a cause-
effect relation as such cannot be identified, the studies show a relation between the exposure to nitrogen dioxide and the presence of adverse effects on people's health. However the 'disadvantage' is for subjects with asthmatic pathologies, compared to the others. To manage this problem most effectively, a combined approach with the activation of specific personal monitoring campaigns of the subjects with verified risk seems necessary. This requires 'reading' the data resulting from most extensive and up to date information systems, capable of a thorough control both of the living environment and of the clinical outcome of the whole population.
boys, older adolescents and those playing at a competition level. Use of anabolic steroids, as early as 8 years of age, has increased since 1990, especially in girls. All studies have emphasized how easy it is for adolescents to procure any prohibited drug. In adults participating in amateur sports, the prevalence of doping would be 5% to 15%. All sports are involved with higher prevalence in men, age ranges 20-25 years and 35-39 years, and competitive level players. The main drugs used are stimulants, narcotics, corticosteroids and anabolic steroids. Combination of at least 2 drugs is frequent with an increase of mean daily dose over the last 15 years. According to users, the drugs are obtained with a medical prescription, on the underground market, or from other participants. Few data are available on doping outside sports activities. In the French department Meurthe-et-Moselle, 15% of the inhabitants use drugs to improve their occupational performance. Conclusions: Doping is more widespread than would be expected from antidoping control data. Other studies are needed to acquire more precise epidemiological data.

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Measles giant-cell pneumonia in two children with acute myeloid leukemia
A1 - Sauter,S.
A1 - Niemeyer,C.
A1 - Bohm,N.
A1 - Ruschoff,J.
A1 - Brandis,M.
Y1 - 2000///
N1 - 2000261851
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - acute granulocytic leukemia/di [Diagnosis]
KW - acute granulocytic leukemia/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - acute leukemia/di [Diagnosis]
KW - acute leukemia/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - article
KW - Case Report
KW - Child
KW - childhood leukemia/di [Diagnosis]
KW - childhood leukemia/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - clinical feature
KW - electron microscopy
KW - Female
KW - fever/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - giant cell
KW - Human
KW - human tissue
KW - measles/co [Complication]
KW - Measles/di [Diagnosis]
KW - measles/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Measles virus
KW - rash
KW - virus infection/co [Complication]
KW - virus infection/di [Diagnosis]
KW - virus infection/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - virus infection/th [Therapy]
KW - virus pneumonia/co [Complication]
KW - virus pneumonia/di [Diagnosis]
KW - virus pneumonia/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - virus pneumonia/th [Therapy]
KW - aciclovir/do [Drug Dose]
Background: Viral infections are a serious threat to the immunocompromised child. While effective treatment is available for varicella zoster, herpes simplex and cytomegalovirus, measles remains a major obstacle with a high mortality. Diagnosis is often hampered by atypical clinical features. Patients: We report on 2 cases of clinically unrecognized measles in children with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and interstitial pneumonitis. Case 1 is a 3-year-old girl admitted with high fever, lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, and leukocytosis. A diagnosis of AML was made and induction therapy initiated. Throughout treatment, the child remained febrile with temperatures above 39 degreeC. A rash was noted on both legs. Virus serology was nonspecific. Cough and tachypnea developed with interstitial infiltrations on X-ray. An open lung biopsy was diagnostic. The child died due to respiratory failure despite intensive therapy. Case 2 is a 7-year-old girl referred for treatment of AML in relapse. On admission, conjunctivitis was noted. Antibiotic therapy had been initiated for high-grade fever at an outside hospital. Reinduction chemotherapy was begun. On the 3rd hospital day a rapidly progressing pneumonitis, and on the 6th day a total-body erythema developed. The child died in spite of mechanical ventilation on day 13. On autopsy, giant-cell pneumonia was evident. Conclusion: With the currently low uptake of active immunization against measles in Germany, measles and its complications remain a continuing problem in immunocompromised children. Physicians should be aware of the atypical presenting features of measles in the oncology patient.
The horse has been used as a therapeutic medium since the time of the ancient Greeks and Xenophon is quoted as saying that 'the best thing for the inside of a man is the outside of the horse' (Longden 1998, p44). Man has been using horses for more than 3,500 years as draught horses or for riding; therefore, the man-horse relationship may be perceived 'as a close psychophysical attachment' (Schulz 1997, p65). The horse and its environment has been and continues to be used as a therapeutic tool for people with a wide range of needs and abilities, as is evidenced in the literature. This paper identifies some of the benefits and limitations of therapeutic horse riding and its relationship with occupational therapy, through a review of the literature and the use of case summaries from the author's personal experience.
The aim of study was to assess the uptake of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) by children living in a city and its effect on 1-hydroxypyrene (1-OHP) excretion. Two groups of children (n=11 and 13; 3-6 years old) were chosen: (1) a group from a kindergarten situated near a road with a high traffic density ('polluted' area); (2) a group from a kindergarten situated in a green zone ('non polluted' area). Food consumption was recorded in all children and PAH uptake from foodstuffs was estimated. Ambient air samples were collected on the playground and indoor of kindergartens during 3 days in summer 1997. Soil samples were collected on the playground. Urine samples were collected in the morning and in the evening. Mean outdoor total PAH concentration (sum of 12 individual PAH) in 'polluted' area was 12 times higher than that in 'non polluted' area (22.9 vs. 1.9 ng/m$^3$). However, indoor concentrations were similar (3.0 vs. 2.1 ng/m$^3$). The same trend was observed for pyrene concentrations. The contribution to the total pyrene absorbed dose from food consumption (estimated daily absorbed dose of 167 and 186 ng, respectively, in 'polluted' and 'non polluted' area) was much more important than that from inhalation (8.4 and 5.4 ng, respectively) in both areas. The estimated daily absorbed doses of pyrene from the soil were 0.061 and 0.104 ng in 'polluted' and 'non polluted' kindergarten, respectively, which correspond to 0.032 and 0.059% of the total absorbed dose. Higher urinary concentrations of 1-OHP were found in children from 'polluted' kindergarten. In conclusion, the food seems to be a main source of the total pyrene and total PAH uptake in small children, even under a relative high PAH air exposure in the city. Pyrene concentration in soil had a negligible contribution to the total pyrene absorbed dose. Usefulness of the urinary 1-OHP as an indicator of the environmental exposure to PAH needs further research.
Gene defects in lipoprotein metabolism usually cause conspicuous alterations in plasma lipoprotein profile and, often, more or less severe clinical problems. Increased or decreased lipid parameters therefore represent starting points for detection of these gene defects, but also provide important information to select target proteins whose activity is limited or destroyed. An increase of a single lipid parameter facilitates the search for the target protein, which can be identified afterwards by an activity assay. Employing this strategy we were able to identify lipoprotein lipase (LPL) deficiency in a 6 week old patient with grossly increased plasma triglyceride concentrations. In another instance, an increased level of HDL cholesterol in patient M.Y. led to the identification of cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP) deficiency. In patient M.H. displaying mixed hyperlipidemia a variety of target proteins were possible. Careful clinical examinations and performance of activity measurements of several enzymes were necessary to detect lysosomal acid Lipase (LAL) deficiency. Delineation of the molecular defect is facilitated by the knowledge of described mutations which can often be rapidly identified using PCR and subsequent restriction analysis. In this way we were able to identify a nonsense mutation in the LPL gene of patient M.K. as well as a splice site defect in the LAL gene of patient M.H. In the
case of absence of known mutations, we recommend cDNA analysis using PCR and subsequent sequence analysis. Using this technology patient M.Y. could be identified as heterozygous carrier of a nonsense mutation within the CETP gene. Defective transcription may be caused by destroyed gene structure, splice site mutations, or mutations altering expression of the corresponding gene. Amplification and sequence analysis of genomic DNA fragments allow identification of mutations within intron-exon boundaries or gene promoter regions. The gene structure can be examined via amplification employing long range PCR with subsequent restriction analysis. The identification of mutations outside the coding region of a structural gene may be complicated, since they may be able to prevent transcription although being located more than 100 kb from the corresponding gene.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3925
T1 - Electrocorticographic factors associated with temporal lobe epileptogenicity
A1 - Weinand, M.E.
A1 - Deogaonkar, M.
A1 - Ahern, G.L.
A1 - Labiner, D.M.
Y1 - 2000/
N1 - 2000180077

English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - drug withdrawal
KW - electrocorticography
KW - epileptogenesis
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - Monitoring
KW - outcomes research
KW - priority journal
KW - seizure/et [Etiology]
KW - temporal lobe epilepsy [Etiology]
KW - temporal lobe epilepsy [Surgery]
KW - temporal lobectomy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 33
EP - 39

N2 - Continuous subdural electrocorticographic (ECoG) monitoring was performed to test the hypothesis that human temporal lobe epileptogenicity, during long-term monitoring following antiepileptic drug (AED) withdrawal, regardless of the specific AED regimen, is dependent upon ECoG ictal onset and interhemispheric spread of epileptic activity. In 121 patients, ECoG parameters were analyzed for association with seizure frequency, a clinical measure of epileptogenicity. Significantly associated with increased seizure frequency...
were: ictal medial temporal lobe onset, absence of ictal frontal lobe desynchronization and short interhemispheric propagation time (IHPT). Seizure frequency during long-term ECoG monitoring was not predictive of post-operative seizure outcome. It is concluded that, following AED withdrawal, regardless of the specific AED regimen, increased seizure frequency is associated with medial temporal lobe ictal onset, short IHPT and absence of frontal lobe desynchronization. The results confirm the hypothesis that human temporal lobe epileptogenicity, after withdrawal, is dependent upon ECoG ictal onset and interhemispheric spread of epileptic activity. Future development of procedures which promote ECoG factors associated with increased seizure frequency following AED withdrawal might decrease duration of invasive long-term monitoring and improve efficiency for the pre-surgical selection of temporal lobectomy candidates. Intervention producing ictal frontal lobe desynchronization and increased IHPT might inhibit temporal lobe epileptogenicity and should be evaluated for therapeutic efficacy outside of the long-term monitoring context. Copyright (C) 2000 Elsevier Science Ireland Ltd

TY - JOUR
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T1 - Three consecutive (1993, 1995, 1997) surveys of food intake, nutritional attitudes and knowledge, and lifestyle in 1000 French children, aged 9-11 years
A1 - Bellisle,F.
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Y1 - 2000///
N1 - 2000133951

English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Anthropometry
KW - article
KW - Attitude
KW - cereal
KW - child health
KW - child nutrition
KW - dairy product
KW - Demography
KW - disease association
KW - family life
KW - Feeding Behavior
KW - Female
KW - Food Intake
KW - France
KW - Fruit
KW - fruit juice
KW - health survey
KW - high risk population
KW - Human
KW - leisure
KW - Lifestyle
KW - Male
KW - meal
KW - normal human
KW - Obesity/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Physical Activity
KW - questionnaire
Background and Aims. The lifestyle of children in developed societies is susceptible to rapid changes and these may affect the nutritional status of children. Reduced physical activity and changes in diet have been proposed as contributing factors to the growth in childhood overweight and obesity. The aim of this study was to assess trends in the food-related behaviour and markers of activity/inactivity in French 9-11-year-old children.

Methods. Three successive surveys (1993, 1995, 1997) were carried out in samples of 1000 French children, aged 9-11 years. Sociodemographic, anthropometric and food-related parameters were obtained for each child, using standardized questionnaire administered by trained interviewers. Results. Previous-day reports of food intake by the child revealed a strong persistence of the traditional French meal structure. Breakfast was eaten by 97% of children. Over the three surveys, an increasing percentage of reported breakfasts contained at least one dairy food, one cereal food, and one fruit or juice (from 11% to 17%). Almost all children had lunch, which occurred at the school cafeteria for one-third of the subjects. The afternoon snack, a traditional meal for French children, was consumed by 86-88% of the samples. Almost all children had dinner (99%), most often at home and in the company of all family members (73-87%). Lunches and dinners were composed of several courses presented in succession, as is usual in France. The foods most preferred by the children were often rich in sugar and/or fat (fried potatoes, ice cream, nut spread, chocolate, cake, etc.). The children could list 'healthy foods' competently. They also demonstrated knowledge of terms used in nutrition (e.g. calories, fats) and were aware of possible links between intake of certain substances and disease. In families of higher socio-economic strata (income, education of parents) more time was devoted to sports by the children. Over the three surveys, linear trends indicated more exercise time per week and less television viewing. A high risk of obesity was likely in very sedentary children whose proportion (33%) was stable over the 1993-1997 period. Conclusions. In general the traditional French pattern of eating persisted among these children. Although there were signs of movement towards a more complete breakfast, less television and more exercise in active children, a substantial proportion of children engaged in no sports activity outside school hours. Maintaining appropriate weight is therefore difficult in view of the plentiful supply of food available to children. Inactive children are at high risk of obesity and should be encouraged to adopt a more active lifestyle.

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Objective: The purpose of this study was to evaluate the antiemetic effect of prophylactic dimenhydrinate application prior to Faden operation and to compare the incidence of PONV between bimedial Faden operation (BMF) and horizontal recess-resect procedure (R and R). Methods: Ninety-nine children (4-10 years) scheduled for BMF were included in this prospective double-blind study. Midazolam (0.5 mg/kg body weight, BW) was administered orally for premedication 30 min before induction of anesthesia. Additionally, children weighing >
23 kg received either dimenhydrinate suppositories or placebo. The placebo group was compared with 148 children who underwent R and R surgery without antiemetic prophylaxis during the same period. Anesthesia was induced with thiopentone (5-10 mg/kg BW) and vecuronium (0.1 mg/kg BW) bromide and maintained with halothane (1-2 vol%) in N₂/O₂ (65/35 vol%). Age, height, weight, and incidence of oculocardiac reflex were documented. PONV was classified into 'no vomiting', 'vomiting without therapy', and 'vomiting requiring rescue medication'. In the latter case dimenhydrinate was given again. The chi-square test was used for statistical analysis. Results: Forty-eight patients received placebo, while 51 received dimenhydrinate. No differences between any groups were observed concerning age, height, weight, and incidence of oculocardiac reflex. Compared to R and R surgery, PONV requiring rescue medication occurred significantly more frequently after BMF (45% vs 23% after R and R). PONV after BMF was significantly less severe in the dimenhydrinate group than in the placebo group. The total incidence of PONV after BMF, however, was not significantly reduced. Conclusion: The high incidence of PONV after BMF can be explained by the greater invasiveness of BMF than R and R surgery. PONV requiring antiemetic rescue medication can be reduced by preoperative administration of dimenhydrinate suppositories.

TY - JOUR
ID - 3928
T1 - Late diagnosis of retinoblastoma in a developing country
A1 - Chantada,G.
A1 - Fandino,A.
A1 - Manzitti,J.
A1 - Urrutia,L.
A1 - Schvartzman,E.
Y1 - 1999/
N1 - 1999093028
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - cancer diagnosis
KW - childhood cancer/di [Diagnosis]
KW - clinical feature
KW - developing country
KW - diagnostic approach route
KW - disease severity
KW - early diagnosis
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - preschool child
KW - priority journal
KW - retinoblastoma/di [Diagnosis]
KW - school child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 171
EP - 174
JF - Archives of Disease in Childhood
JA - Arch Dis Child
VL - 80
IS - 2
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - Objectives - To assess the diagnostic process of retinoblastoma in a developing country. Study design - Prospective survey of 95 consecutive parents of patients with retinoblastoma. Results - Fifty six parents
consulted initially with a paediatrician. Their children tended to be younger, with a significantly higher frequency of advanced disease. Only half of the patients who consulted with a paediatrician were appropriately referred to an ophthalmologist; the paediatrician underestimated the complaints in the remainder. Children taken to an ophthalmologist were older and had less advanced disease. In about three quarters of these children, a diagnosis of retinoblastoma was suspected by the ophthalmologist on the first visit. Parents of patients with more advanced disease consulted significantly later. Poor parental education correlated significantly with late consultation. Lack of health insurance and living outside Buenos Aires City correlated significantly with an increased risk of extraocular disease. Conclusions - Paediatricians are the first health professional seen by most children with retinoblastoma. However, the diagnosis is not readily established. There is also a delay in consultation by parents, which is significantly longer in cases with advanced extraocular disease. Socioeconomic factors and access to health care might play a role in delayed diagnosis.

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T1 - Playground safety--United States, 1998-1999
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - 10366141
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - Infant
KW - preschool child
KW - Recreation
KW - Safety
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 329
EP - 332
JF - MMWR
VL - Morbidity and mortality weekly report. 48
IS - 16
CY - United States
N2 - Each year approximately 211,000 U.S. children receive emergency department care for injuries sustained on playground equipment, making the use of this equipment the leading cause of injuries to children in school and child care environments. In response to the problem, the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) developed a national action plan that focuses on four areas of playground injury prevention: supervision, age-appropriateness of equipment, suitable fall surfaces, and equipment maintenance. During 1998-1999, NPPS surveyed a sample of the nation's child care, elementary school, and park playgrounds. This report summarizes the survey results, which indicate that playground injuries could be reduced by measures such as resilient surfacing below equipment, better equipment maintenance, improved supervision, and use of age-appropriate equipment
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3930
T1 - Incidence rates of Lyme disease in Maryland: 1993 through 1996
A1 - Pena,C.A.
A1 - Strickland,G.T.
Y1 - 1999///
The incidence rate per 100,000 population by gender and age group was calculated for the 24 Maryland jurisdictions using 1,392 cases reported to the Lyme Disease Registry during 1993 to 1996. The overall incidence rate for the state was 7.0 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. Males (incidence rate = 7.7) were 1.2 times more affected than females (incidence rate = 6.2) (p < 0.001). The bimodal overall age distribution shows a peak in the 10 to 19 age category (incidence rate = 8.5) and in the 50 to 59 age group (incidence rate = 8.9), and in the 20 to 29 age group (incidence rate = 3.9). The incidence rate by jurisdiction ranged from 0.7 in Allegany County from Western Maryland to 88.3 in Kent County on the Upper Eastern Shore. Results from this study show that counties from the Upper Eastern Shore region had the highest specific incidence rate by age group/gender/jurisdiction while counties from Western Maryland had the lowest specific incidence rates and have not reported Lyme disease patients younger than 10 or older than 59 years of age. This difference might be explained primarily by the kind of outdoor activities in which the different age groups are involved and the relative abundance of Ixodes scapularis infected with the etiologic agent of Lyme disease, Borrelia burgdorferi, in these two regions.

N2 - The role of cisapride in the treatment of pediatric gastroesophageal reflux
A1 - Vandenplas,Y.
A1 - Belli,D.C.
A1 - Benatar,A.
A1 - Cadranel,S.
A1 - Cucchiara,S.
A1 - Dupont,C.
A1 - Gottrand,F.
A1 - Hassall,E.
A1 - Heymans,H.S.A.
Background: Cisapride is a gastrointestinal prokinetic agent that is used worldwide in the treatment of gastrointestinal motility-related disorders in premature infants, full-term infants, and children. Efficacy data suggest that it is the most effective commercially available prokinetic drug. Methods: Because of recent concerns about safety, a critical and in-depth analysis of all reported adverse events was performed and resulted in the conclusions and recommendations that follow. Results: Cisapride should only be administered to patients in whom the use of prokinetics is justified according to current medical knowledge. If cisapride is given to pediatric patients who can be considered healthy except for their gastrointestinal motility disorder, and the maximum dose does not exceed 0.8 mg/kg per day in 3 to 4 administrations of 0.2 mg/kg (not exceeding 40 mg/d), no special safety procedures regarding potential cardiac adverse events are recommended. However, if cisapride is prescribed for patients who are known to be or are suspected of being at increased risk for drug-associated increases in QTc interval, certain precautions are advisable. Such patients include those: (1) with a previous history of cardiac dysrhythmias, (2) receiving drugs known to inhibit the metabolism of cisapride and/or adversely affect ventricular repolarisation, (3) with immaturity and/or disease causing reduced cytochrome P450 3A4 activity, or (4) with electrolyte disturbances. In such patients, ECG monitoring to quantitate the QTc interval should be used before initiation of therapy and after 3 days of treatment to ascertain
whether a cisapride-induced cardiac adverse effect is present. Conclusions: With rare exceptions, the total daily dose of cisapride should not exceed 0.8 mg/kg divided into 3 or 4 approximately equally spaced doses. If higher doses than this are given, the precautions above are advisable. In any patient in whom a prolonged QTc interval is found, the dose of cisapride should be reduced or the drug discontinued until the ECG normalizes. If the QTc interval returns to normal after withdrawal of cisapride, and the administration of cisapride is considered to be justified because of its efficacy and absence of alternative treatment options, cisapride can be restarted at half dose with control of the QTc interval. Unfortunately, at present, normal ranges of QTc interval in children are unknown. However, a critical analysis of the literature suggests that a duration of less than 450 milliseconds can be considered to be within the normal range and greater than 470 milliseconds as outside it. (C) 1999 Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, Inc.
The purpose of this study was to examine patterns of physical activity (PA) during a single weekend to ascertain possible relationships between PA and anthropometry, fundamental motor skills, and CHD risk factors among 105 normal male and female children, aged 3-4 years. The children played, when awake, on the average for 14 hr, 16 min indoors and for 5 hr, 12 min outdoors of which low activity playing accounted about 4 hr. Notable gender differences were observed in the intensity of PA but not in fundamental motor skills and CHD risk factors. The results suggest that physical activity is weakly related to fundamental motor skills and CHD risk factors at an early age. The association between PA and body size was modified by gender (p = .024): The girls who played indoors a lot were heavier than the others, and the boys who played much more outdoors were heavier in relation to other boys. The associations between PA and motor skills as well as PA and CHD risk factors were also highly gender-dependent: The boys benefited from interacting with parents, while the girls benefited from independence. The most influential factors seemed to be the amount of playing outdoors, the amount of high level play activities, as well as interaction with parents.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3933
T1 - Health promotion in Welsh primary schools, 1998
A1 - Mckeown,S.
A1 - Roberts,C.
A1 - Tudor-Smith,C.
A1 - Bowker,S.
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - 1999370309
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - cigarette smoking
KW - Curriculum
KW - Health Care Policy
KW - Health Education
KW - Health Promotion
KW - Human
KW - normal human
KW - nutritional health
KW - Nutritional Status
KW - population research
KW - preschool child
KW - primary school
KW - school child
KW - school health service
KW - sexual education
KW - Teaching
KW - United Kingdom
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 81
EP - 88
JF - International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
VL - 37
This paper presents findings from a self-completion questionnaire survey of primary schools in Wales conducted in the spring of 1998. The survey provides data on the organisation and provision of health education teaching, the implementation of health related policies, the involvement of outside agencies and professionals in the planning and delivery of health promotion, and the extent to which respondents perceive their schools to fulfil the role of a 'health promoting school'. The results from the responding 450 schools (80% response rate) show a continued commitment and expansion of health promotion activity since an earlier survey in 1993. Notable improvements include an increase in the number of schools reporting policies relating to bullying, sex education, and adult smoking on school premises. Fifteen per cent of respondents considered their school to be health promoting and it was encouraging to find that some health promoting practices were reported more often by these schools than others. However, the results also suggest that the concept of a 'health promoting' school may not yet be completely understood. It is recommended that greater attention in all schools should be given to: written health policies for both pupils and staff, in particular those regarding nutrition; the amount of in-service training devoted to health education topics; and further integration of community resources into school health promotion programmes.
In children the major cause for surgical admissions to hospital are accidents and their long term sequels. In order to get epidemiological insides on the etiology, injury patterns, required surgical interventions, duration of hospital stay, convalescence, and return times to school, we analysed 1053 cases presenting at the Department of Trauma, University Hospital Freiburg, during a period of four years. Twohundrednintysix (28.1%) admittances were due to traffic accidents, 276 (26.2%) to playground accidents, 225 (21.4%) to domestic accidents and 179 (17.0%) were associated to sport activities. Over all every 4(th) child (in case of traffic accidents every 2(nd)) suffered two or more injuries. The severity of injury was classified according to the Hannover Polytrauma Severity Score. Fractures comprising 42.8% of the treated injuries, were the main reason for surgical interventions. Sixtyseven (6.4%) of the 1053 cases represented abdominal trauma, being the 4(th) cause for treatment. Of these, 46 had blunt abdominal trauma without defined organic leasions. Fourteen had isolated organic leasions, and in 7 multiple organ injuries. The spleen was the most exposed and dangered organ and was involved in 9 cases, followed by kidney and liver trauma. In 53 cases the injuries could be treated conservatively. 14 children had to undergo laparotomy, 82.1% of the treated children recovered completely. The average time until full recovering was 85.5 days and correlated with the severity of the abdominal trauma.
The nutritional status of Brazilians has improved over the last three decades. Still, little is known about the role played by nutritional assistance programs that public institutions and philanthropic organizations provide for low-income preschool children, who face greater nutritional risk. Therefore, we carried out a quasi-experimental study to evaluate the nutritional impact of the municipal preschool nutritional assistance program in the city of Sorocaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Over the course of a year, we performed quarterly measurements of weight and height on 444 children, whose ages ranged from 3 months to 6 years. In this population, 164 children were assisted by the preschool nutritional program (intervention group), and 280 children were not (nonintervention group). The children in the nonintervention group were identified by a special census for that purpose; they did not attend the preschool but lived nearby. After obtaining informed consent and carrying out a pretest, professionals and university students interviewed the mothers of the participating children, following standard techniques and conditions. Anthropometric measurements were done by teams of two interviewers, one of whom was a permanent member of the team, using equipment calibrated by the appropriate regional technical organization. The correspondence between the first measurement and subsequent measurements was evaluated by stratifying the population into three groups by z scores for weight-for-age and for weight-for-height, using U.S. National Center for Health Statistics reference curves. The z score groupings were established at the beginning of the study for three different age groups: younger than 24 months, 24-36 months, and older than 36 months. The two study groups (intervention and nonintervention) were similar sociodemographically, with the following exceptions: maternal employment (more of the mothers of children in the intervention group had jobs outside the home); age (children in the intervention group were significantly older); nutritional status (it was worse in the intervention group); and prevalence of hospital admittance (it was higher in the intervention group). After just the first three months of the study, 32% of the children in the intervention group had moved to a higher nutritional stratum, whereas only 13% of children in the nonintervention group had shown improved nutritional status. The difference in favor of the intervention group increased with the length of the intervention and was higher among older children. These results show that the preschool nutritional assistance program helped to improve the assisted children's nutritional status.
Background: The amount of allergen necessary to sensitise genetically 'at risk' children is unclear. The relation between allergen exposure and asthma is also uncertain. Methods: To ensure a wide range of allergen exposures the data from case-control studies of asthma in children aged 12-14 years attending three schools in Los Alamos, New Mexico and Central Virginia were combined. Skin prick tests to indoor and outdoor allergens and bronchial hyperreactivity to histamine were assessed in children with and without symptoms of asthma. The concentration of mite, cat, and cockroach allergens in dust from the children’s homes was used as a marker of exposure. Results: Three hundred and thirty two children (157 with asthmatic symptoms and 175 controls) were investigated. One hundred and eighty three were classified as atopic on the basis of allergen skin prick tests and 68 as asthmatic (symptoms plus bronchial responsiveness). The prevalence and degree of sensitisation to mite and cockroach, but not cat, was strongly associated in atopic children with increasing domestic concentrations of these allergens. Asthma was strongly associated with sensitisation to indoor allergens (p < 10^{-6}) and weakly to outdoor allergens (p 0.026). There was an association between current asthma and the concentration of mite allergen amongst atopic children (p = 0.008) but not amongst those who were specifically mite sensitised (p = 0.16). Conclusions: The domestic reservoir concentration of mite and cockroach, but not cat, allergen was closely related to the prevalence of sensitisation in atopic children. However, the prevalence of current asthma had a limited relationship to these allergen measurements, suggesting that other factors play a major part in determining which allergic individuals develop asthma.
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German
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - age
KW - air monitoring
KW - Air Pollution
KW - air quality
KW - ambient air
KW - article
KW - Austria
KW - Child
KW - exhaust gas
KW - Forced Expiratory Volume
KW - Human
KW - lung function
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - passive smoking
KW - peak expiratory flow
KW - suspended particulate matter
KW - nitrous oxide
KW - sulfur dioxide
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 324
EP - 325
JF - Atemwegs- und Lungenkrankheiten
VL - 25
IS - 6
CY - Germany
N2 - For a quarter of a century Austrian environmental protection agencies took serious efforts to improve urban air quality. During the 1980s Austria achieved the highest SO\textsubscript{2} reduction among the signatory states of the Helsinki Protocol. Suspended particulates were reduced simultaneously.
NO\textsubscript{2} reduction was less, because reduction of emissions from industry, power plants and motor vehicles was counterbalanced by traffic increase. During the period of highest improvement of air quality in the 3(rd)-largest city of Austria 85% of pupils in compulsory schools (n = 15,045) have been examined by physicians and their lung function results were related to the air quality of their school district. Negative correlations of all lung function parameters were found with SO\textsubscript{2}, especially of P\textsubscript{EF}, but also FEV\textsubscript{1} and FVC. Outdoor NO\textsubscript{2} and passive smoking both showed negative correlations with end-expiratory flow rates. A mixed longitudinal study on 3,451 children over 5 years confirmed cross-sectional results and demonstrated normalization of end-expiratory flow rates in districts where not only SO\textsubscript{2} but also NO\textsubscript{2} decreased. The cohort born 1979 had experienced the highest reduction of ambient air pollutants in elementary school and was reexamined at age 18 by the same methods. Social class and passive smoking did not show negative effects on lung function up to age 18, however, active smoking impaired growth of MEF\textsubscript{25}. Higher growth of FVC was found where SO\textsubscript{2} decrease in winter half-years of elementary school exceeded 40 mg/m\textsuperscript{3}. Higher growth of FVC was found where SO\textsubscript{2} decrease in winter half-years of elementary school exceeded 40 mg/m\textsuperscript{3} and FVC. Outdoor NO\textsubscript{2} and passive smoking both showed negative correlations with end-expiratory flow rates. A mixed longitudinal study on 3,451 children over 5 years confirmed cross-sectional results and demonstrated normalization of end-expiratory flow rates in districts where not only SO\textsubscript{2} but also NO\textsubscript{2} decreased. The cohort born 1979 had experienced the highest reduction of ambient air pollutants in elementary school and was reexamined at age 18 by the same methods. Social class and passive smoking did not show negative effects on lung function up to age 18, however, active smoking impaired growth of MEF\textsubscript{25}. Higher growth of FVC was found where SO\textsubscript{2} decrease in winter half-years of elementary school exceeded 40 mg/m\textsuperscript{3} and MMEF up to age 18 was found where NO\textsubscript{2} decrease decreased. Part of the improvement of MEF\textsubscript{25} could be due to the reduction of fine particulates. A matter of concern is the increase of motor traffic and Diesel engines (which destroy improvements from introduction of catalysts for cars) and continuing chronic effects of NO\textsubscript{2} and fine particulates on lung function growth in the area of small airways
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Association of cutaneous malignant melanoma with intermittent exposure to ultraviolet radiation: Results of a case-control study in Ontario, Canada

Methods. Data were analysed from a large case-control study (583 cases, 608 controls) of malignant melanoma, carried out in southern Ontario, Canada. Results. Significant risk increases were identified with several measures of intermittent exposure, including beach vacations in adolescence and in the past 5 years, previous sunburn, and use of sunbeds and sunlamps. Chronic exposure, indicated by days of outdoor activity during adolescence and by occupation in recent adult life, was associated with significantly reduced risk. Subgroup analyses showed: no major risk differences by body site of melanoma; stronger association of lentigo maligna melanoma with intermittent exposure; more pronounced effects of beach vacations and sunburn in younger subjects; and consistently higher risks for intermittent exposures among subjects with skin more susceptible to burning. Conclusions. The data lend limited support to the hypothesis of increased risk associated with
intermittent UV exposure. The findings suggest that future studies should take age at diagnosis, host susceptibility and histological subtype into account

TY - JOUR
ID - 3940
T1 - Measures of effectiveness in a short-term interpersonal Cognitive Problem Solving programme
A1 - Rixon, R.
A1 - Erwin, P.G.
Y1 - 1999///
N1 - 1999118470
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Behavior Therapy
KW - Cognition
KW - controlled study
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - human experiment
KW - Male
KW - normal human
KW - Problem Solving
KW - school child
KW - Social Behavior
KW - social status
KW - sociology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 87
EP - 93
JF - Counselling Psychology Quarterly
VL - 12
IS - 1
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - The effects of a classroom-based, short-term Interpersonal Cognitive Problem-Solving programme for 24 7- and 8-year-old children were assessed immediately after a 4-week intervention programme and again after a 4-week follow-up period. A previous study implementing such a short-term programme relied on sociometric testing to measure the social effectiveness of the training and failed to find any changes in social status. The present study incorporated playground observations and found behavioural improvements immediately after training and after the follow-up period for the experimental group. However, confirming the previous study, no significant differences in sociometric status were found. The results highlight the limitations of sociometry as a measure of the effectiveness of a programme of training in Interpersonal Cognitive Problem-solving
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Delayed hemorrhage after nonoperative management of blunt hepatic trauma in children: A rare but significant event

Purpose: Nonoperative management of blunt hepatic injury (BHI) has become widely accepted in hemodynamically stable children without ongoing transfusion requirements. However, late hemorrhage, especially after discharge from the hospital can be devastating. The authors report the occurrence of serious late hemorrhage and the sentinel signs and symptoms in children at risk for this complication. Methods: Nonoperative management of hemodynamically stable children included computed tomography (CT) evaluation on admission and hospitalization with bed rest for 7 days, regardless of injury grade. Activity was restricted for 3 months after discharge. Hepatic injuries were classified according to grade, amount of hemoperitoneum, and periportal hypoattenuation. Results: Over 5 years, nonoperative management was successful in 74 of 75 children. One child returned to the hospital 3 days after discharge with recurrent hemorrhage necessitating surgical control. Review of the CT findings demonstrated that he was the only child with severe liver injury in all four classifications. A second child, initially treated at an outside hospital, presented 10 days after injury with ongoing bleeding and died despite surgical intervention. Only the two children with delayed bleeding had persistent right abdominal and shoulder discomfort in the week after BHI. Conclusions: Our findings support nonoperative management of BHI. However, late hemorrhage heralded by persistence of right abdominal and shoulder pain may occur in children with severe hepatic trauma and high injury severity scores in multiple classifications.
Limited data are available on exercise capacity after surgery in young heart transplant recipients. To examine this question we assessed cardiorespiratory responses to exercise in young heart transplant recipients and healthy controls. We then sought a relation between the patients's exercise performance and three clinical post-transplant factors (time since transplantation, rejections per year and immunosuppressive drugs). Fourteen
consecutive heart transplant recipients (6 girls and 8 boys, mean age 9.4 ± 0.8 years, range 5-15 years) and 14 healthy matched controls underwent a Bruce treadmill test to determine duration of test, resting and maximum heart rate, maximum systolic blood pressure, peak oxygen consumption (VO$_2$ peak), cardiac output and oxyhemoglobin saturation. Duration of test and heart rate increase were then compared with time since transplantation, rejections per year and immunosuppressive drugs received. Patients completed a questionnaire about their physical activity in and out of school and the reasons for eventual prohibition. Transplant recipients had tachycardia at rest (126 ± 4 b/min; p < 0.001). During exercise they had significantly reduced tolerance (9.3 ± 0.4 min; p < 0.001), maximum heart rate (169 ± 5 b/min; p < 0.05) and cardiac output (5.65 ± 0.6 l/min; p < 0.05), and a heart rate increase from rest to peak exercise lower than controls (p < 0.001), but a similar VO$_2$ peak. Heart rate increase correlated significantly with post-transplant time (r = 0.55; p < 0.05), rejections per year (r = -0.63; p < 0.05) and number of immunosuppressive drugs (r = -0.60; p < 0.05). Cardiorespiratory functional assessment shows that young heart transplant recipients have significantly reduced exercise capacity. Heart rate increase depends on immunosuppressive drugs, numbers of rejections and time since transplant. After surgery few of these children do physical activity outside school, possibly owing to overprotective parents and teachers and to a lack of suitable supervised facilities

TY - JOUR
ID - 3943
T1 - Epidemiological analyses of the relationship between environmental pollution and asthma
A1 - Duhme, H.
A1 - Wetland, S.K.
A1 - Keil, U.
Y1 - 1998//
N1 - 1999016302
English
Journal: Conference Paper
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Air Pollution
KW - ambient air
KW - Asthma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Asthma/et [Etiology]
KW - Bronchitis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Bronchitis/et [Etiology]
KW - conference paper
KW - Dust
KW - hay fever/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - hay fever/et [Etiology]
KW - Human
KW - lung function
KW - occupational asthma/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - occupational asthma/et [Etiology]
KW - Particulate Matter
KW - Pollution
KW - priority journal
KW - school child
KW - allergen/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - gasoline/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - ozone/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - sulfur dioxide/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - tobacco smoke/to [Drug Toxicity]
KW - volatile organic compound/to [Drug Toxicity]
N2 - Epidemiological studies performed on children and young adults indicate that the prevalence of asthma has increased over the past decades in a number of countries. Since genetic determinants alone are unlikely to explain these findings, environmental factors are expected to have an important impact on the prevalence of this disease. Environmental pollution, among many other factors, may play a role in the initiation and manifestation of asthma. However, there is little epidemiological evidence for a causal association between the classical major outdoor air pollutants, such as SO$_2$ or particulate matter, and asthma. Evidence for an association between air pollution from motor vehicles and asthma is still controversial. Thus the indoor environment and other environmental determinants - including lifestyle factors - are likely to be more important as causes of asthma. Epidemiological studies are able to evaluate the effects of environmental factors on the health of human populations in their usual environments. In addition, they can measure associations between long-term environmental exposures and health outcomes. By using refined techniques for exposure and disease assessment, as well as time and cost-effective study designs, environmental epidemiology will increase the knowledge about the role of pollution as a possible cause of asthma. Copyright (C) 1998 Elsevier Science Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved

TY - JOUR
ID - 3944
T1 - A developmental and psychoeducational approach to reducing conflict and abuse in little league and youth sports: The sport psychiatrist's role
A1 - Kamm, R.L.
Y1 - 1998///
N1 - 1998330882
English
Journal: Review
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - baseball
KW - Character
KW - Child
KW - Child Abuse
KW - Child Development
KW - Child Psychiatry
KW - Conflict
KW - Cooperation
KW - education program
KW - Human
KW - parent
KW - priority journal
KW - psychiatrist
KW - review
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 891
EP - 918
JF - Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America
VL - 7
IS - 4
Psychiatrists have the expertise to affect both of these variables positively and, in so doing, move one step closer to Carl Stoitz’s original vision, a gift, not a burden, to our children. A favorable outcome hinges on the two main variables mentioned at the beginning of this article.

A1 - Peat, J. K.
A1 - Dickerson, J.
A1 - Li, J.
This review examines whether there is a direct or indirect relation between damp or mould in the home and respiratory health. Home dampness is thought to have health consequences because it has the potential to increase the proliferation of house-dust mites and moulds, both of which are allergenic. The results from the many studies conducted to investigate whether damp and mould are associated with health outcomes are difficult to compare because the methods of measuring exposures and health outcomes have not been standardized. However, the studies that have been conducted in children are probably the most reliable because the confounding effects of active smoking or occupational exposures are absent, and because the presence of symptoms of cough and wheeze have been consistently investigated in many studies. The increased risk of children having these symptoms if the home has damp or mould is fairly small with an odds ratio that is generally in the range 1.5-3.5, these estimates being statistically significant when the sample size has been large enough. This range is consistent with the measured effects of other environmental exposures which are considered important to health, such as environmental tobacco smoke or outdoor air pollutants. The potential benefits of reducing mould in the home have not been investigated, and the few studies that have investigated health improvements as a result of increasing ventilation or reducing damp in order to reduce house-dust mite levels suggest that this intervention is expensive, requires a large commitment, and is unlikely to be successful in the long term. This implies that houses need to be specifically designed for primary prevention of respiratory problems associated with indoor allergen proliferation rather than using post hoc procedures to improve indoor climate and reduce allergen load as a secondary or tertiary preventive strategy.
Objective: To map the frequency (prevalence) of torture victims among parents in asylum seeking Middle Eastern refugee families, to map the occurrence (prevalence) of experiences of war and other forms of organised violence among the children in these families, to map the occurrence (prevalence) of emotional symptoms and behavioural problems among the children, and to identify risk indicators and modifying factors for anxiety symptoms among the children. Design: Interview with parents using a structured interview questionnaire developed for this study. Validated through a blinded semi-structured interview conducted with approximately 1/3 of the families. Auspices: The study has been carried out by the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims (RCT) in cooperation with the Danish Red Cross. Material: Structured interviews with parents regarding 311 children aged 3-15 from 149 families, all registered as asylum seekers from the Middle East between February 1, 1992 and April 30, 1993. The response was 90.4%. Principal variables: background (past) - social and demographic data; trauma complex (past) - war-related life circumstances (conditions) and experiences of war and other forms of organised violence such as loss, separation, direct exposure to violence and witnessing acts of violence (specific events and changes of life conditions); present life context (past-present) - family circumstances upon arrival in Denmark; effect (present) - the child's current psychological state. Results: 28% of the parents (44% of the fathers and 13% of the mothers) had been tortured, to the effect that 51% of the children were part of a family including a survivor of torture. The most frequent specific types of violence-related events or circumstances were 'lived in a refugee camp outside the home country' (92%), 'lived under conditions of war' (89%) and 'been on the run with parents' (89%). Twenty percent of the children had lost one parent, and another 60% had been separated from one parent for more than a month. The highest prevalence of emotional symptoms were found within the anxiety dimension, as 67% of the children were
assessed as being clinically anxious. The most important risk indicators for anxiety were 'lived in a refugee camp outside the home country', 'part of a torture surviving family', 'lack of opportunities for play with other children', 'beaten/kicked by an official', and 'loss of father'. Current parental behaviour was also an important risk indicator for anxiety, if the mother or father hit or punished the child more than was the case prior to arrival in Denmark. The most important anxiety modifying factor was arrival in Denmark in the company of both parents. Conclusions: Asylum seeking refugee children from the Middle East have had many experiences of war and other forms of organised violence. The children frequently reacted with anxiety and with other symptoms of emotional instability. Prevalent anxiety symptoms correlated both with previous living conditions and present family situation. Living under prolonged conditions influenced by war and other forms of organised violence (prevalence) were found to a higher degree to be risk indicators for anxiety than were specific events or changes of life conditions (incidence)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3947
T1 - Childhood obesity: a risk factor for traumatic injuries to anterior teeth
A1 - Petti,S.
A1 - Cairella,G.
A1 - Tarsitani,G.
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - 9558511
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Accident Proneness
KW - Age Distribution
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Child Behavior
KW - cross-sectional study
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Italy/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Lifestyle
KW - Male
KW - obesity/co [Complication]
KW - Prevalence
KW - psychological aspect
KW - questionnaire
KW - risk factor
KW - Sex Ratio
KW - tooth injury/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - tooth injury/et [Etiology]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 285
EP - 288
JF - Endodontics & dental traumatology
VL - 13
IS - 6
CY - Denmark
N2 - The relationship between obesity and traumatic dental injuries was evaluated in a study population of 938 6- to 11-year-old schoolchildren from Rome, Italy, and it was suggested by the lifestyle and the physical activity of obese children, which, according to many authors, is different from the lifestyle of other children. The subjects were examined at school: presence and type of dental injury, overjet, incisor protrusion, upper lip incompetence and presence of obesity were recorded. Trauma predisposition was evaluated with a questionnaire
investigating the behaviour which may predispose to impacts. Six out of eight questions in this questionnaire concerned the children's lifestyle and the trauma predisposition score was therefore also considered an estimate of lifestyle and physical activity. The dental injury prevalence of the study population was 21.3% and obesity prevalence was 11.4%. Of the obese children 30.8% had dental injuries vs. only 20.0% of non-obese subjects (P = 0.007). Obese children had only enamel and enamel-dentine fractures and the main reported trauma cause was indoor play; conversely, lean children also had other types of injuries and the most frequently reported cause was outdoor play. The main predisposing factors significantly affecting the probability of dental injury, evaluated with multiple logistic regression, were upper lip uncovery (OR: 1.23; P = 0.02), overjet larger than 3 mm (OR: 1.68; P = 0.001) and obesity (OR: 1.45; P = 0.01). Surprisingly, trauma predisposition was a protective factor (OR: 0.50; P = 0.00001). The results of this study were explained by the significant inverse correlation between obesity and trauma-predisposing behaviour, thus suggesting that subjects frequently playing sports and lively games were not only less obese but also more skillful and, for this reason, less prone to trauma when they fell or sustained impacts.
OBJECTIVES: To review playground injury statistics over a five year period in order to develop an awareness of how and where children in the United States are being injured. METHODS: All data are based on the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission’s National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) for playground related injuries during 1990-4. The surveillance data includes injuries recorded in more than 90 hospital emergency departments located throughout the United States. RESULTS: Each year there are roughly 211,000 preschool or elementary school children in the United States who receive emergency department care for injuries associated with playground equipment. On average, 17 of these cases result in death. 70% of all injuries occur on public playgrounds, with nearly one third classified as severe. Swings, climbers, and slides are the pieces of playground equipment associated with 88% of all NEISS reported injuries. Falls to the surface are responsible for 70%. CONCLUSIONS: NEISS playground injury statistics contribute to our understanding of playground injuries. By identifying where and how children are injured, suggestions can be made in an attempt to make playgrounds safer.
This study investigates the relationship between behavioral and other modifiable factors and blood lead in children living in a lead-mining community and in a comparison group of children. Children six to 71 months of age were selected from a community that was heavily contaminated with lead-mining waste and from a comparison community. Participants were interviewed, and venous blood was collected for lead analysis. Environmental measurements of soil, dust, and paint were made. Study results indicate that average blood lead levels and environmental measurements were significantly higher in the mining community. Factors that were related to blood lead levels included income, education, home ownership, age of home, playing in grassy areas rather than dirt, putting nonfood items in mouth, bathing and washing practices, number of hours playing outside, taking nonfood items outside, swallowing nonfood items, and putting paint chips in mouth. These factors explained more of the variation in blood lead levels in the control group than in the mining group. Lead intervention strategies that consist only of education designed to modify behavior might be less effective in high-exposure areas such as those where lead-mining and smelting operations occur. Interventions that combine education with remedial activities are more effective in prevention of lead exposure.

Researchers in this study have attempted to determine whether integrating generalization promoting strategies into intervention procedures would enhance the generalization and maintenance of social skills to peer interactions in a child with language delays.
interactions in a preschool child with language delays. This intervention took place in the natural environment of the day care facility where the child was enrolled. A multiple baseline across behaviors design addressed social response behavior, approach behavior, and play organizers. The intervention utilized a prompting and social reinforcement procedure with minimal adaptations of the ongoing classroom activities to systematically improve the target child's peer interactions. Several generalization promoting strategies were also used. Improvements in all three types of behavior and generalization of treatment effects across persons, settings, and time were observed. These results lend support for the value of integrating several generalization promoting strategies pre-experimentally into the intervention instead of relying on post hoc evaluation of intervention.
Due to concern regarding poor ambient air quality in the Fraser Valley, a series of exposure and health effects assessments were performed to evaluate the impact of summer photochemical air pollution. In 1992 and 1993, three groups of individuals were selected for personal monitoring of ozone exposure, based on prior expectations of their activity patterns. The first group spent a majority of the work day indoors or commuting, the second group spent more time outdoors and the third group spent the entire personal monitoring period outdoors. Time-activity data were collected for the first two groups and differences in personal ozone exposures were found to be associated with the fraction of time a person spent outdoors. Similarly, differences among groups in the mean ozone exposure were associated with time spent outdoors. These results and other exposure information were used to design a study of the health impacts of summer ambient air pollution that was conducted during the time period of the Pacific '93 held campaign. Aerosol acidity levels in the Fraser Valley were observed to be very low in 1992 so the health study focused on the effects of ozone exposure. The subjects were adult farm workers (26 male, 32 female; mean age 44.4, range 10-69) who spent the entire working day outdoors (a subset of group 3 above). Lung function measurements were made twice daily on each subject, once before and once after their work shift, from 23 June-26 August 1993. Ambient O<sub>3</sub> concentrations were measured continuously at several nearby locations. In a regression model including individual lung function level, date, temperature and daily maximum O<sub>3</sub>, a statistically significant (p < 0.001) negative association was observed between ozone and lung function. This association between ozone and reduced lung function was still apparent the following day, suggesting a persistent ozone effect. These results indicate that exposure to ambient O<sub>3</sub> concentrations below either the U.S. NAAQS (120 ppb) or...
the Canadian Air Quality Objective (82 ppb) may have an adverse effect on the lung function of people engaged in outdoor work for several hours a day.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3953
T1 - Physical exercise, sport and television: Cross-sectional analyses among 1368 children attending compulsory school
A1 - Attina,D.A.
A1 - Catalano,G.
A1 - Surace,C.
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - 1997182720
Italian
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - Exercise
KW - Health Promotion
KW - Human
KW - Italy
KW - normal human
KW - Physical Activity
KW - school child
KW - Sports Medicine
KW - Television
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 9
EP - 14
JF - Medicina dello Sport
VL - 50
IS - 1
CY - Italy
N2 - A study has been conducted on a sample of 1366 children attending compulsory school in order to examine the relationship between the time spent watching television and physical activity. A distinction has been made according to the time of the day when the children watch television: before going to school, back from school throughout the afternoon, and after dinner. As far as physical activity is concerned, the weekly frequency and the duration both of the organized physical activity and of the outdoor games have been considered separately. The practice of organized physical activity does not have a considerable influence on television viewing unlike the physical activity carried out by children after school. In the afternoon, when children dedicate themselves to outdoor games and sport activities, the time spent watching television is inversely proportional to the physical activity practiced 3 hours per week by the youngest children and 5.9 by the grown-ups, against 5.6 and 7 hours per week spent by those children who attend primary school and by the adolescents of secondary school: those who did not practice any physical activity (group A and D), those who practiced physical exercises less than an hour a day (group B and E) and more than an hour a day (group C and F). It has been noted that, considering the groups of those children who practiced physical activity for a longer period of time, the hours spent watching television were significantly lower as far as the children attending primary school are concerned (2.55+/1.19 vs 2.39+/1.12 vs 2.16+/1.14) (p < 0.005 A-C, p<0.05 B-C) and those attending secondary schools (2.73+/1.15 vs 2.55+/1.03 vs 2.39+/1.02) (p<0.01 D-F, p<0.05 E-F). These data is mainly due to a variation in the number of hours spent watching television during the afternoon by children attending both primary (1.28+/0.87 vs 1.19+/0.86 vs 0.99+/0.81) (p<0.001 A-C, p<0.05 B-C) and secondary
schools (1.00+/0.88 vs 0.89+/0.84 vs 0.73+/0.69) (p<0.01 D-F, p<0.01 E-F). The negative effects of a prolonged time spent watching television could be contrasted promoting any kind of physical activity and of outdoor games.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3954
T1 - Heavy metal pollution in children playgrounds in Hong Kong and its health implications
A1 - Wong, J.W.C.
A1 - Mak, N.K.
Y1 - 1997///
N1 - 1997047625
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Air Pollution
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Dust
KW - health hazard
KW - Hong Kong
KW - Human
KW - industrial area
KW - Recreation
KW - Soil
KW - Traffic
KW - urban area
KW - cadmium
KW - copper
KW - heavy metal
KW - Lead
KW - zinc
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 109
EP - 115
JF - Environmental Technology
VL - 18
IS - 1
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - Due to the scarcity of land in Hong Kong, most of the children playgrounds are being built on marginal lands which may be subjected to serious atmospheric emission. Hence, children playing in these playgrounds are exposed to a potential health risk. The aim of this study was to evaluate heavy metal pollution in children playgrounds using surface dusts and soils as indicators. Surface dust and soil samples were collected from seven selected playgrounds with different levels of traffic volume and urban development for the determination of total Cd, Cu, Pb and Zn concentrations. The mean Cd, Cu, Pb and Zn concentrations of surface dusts were 2.63, 201, 302 and 1517 mg kg$^{-1}$ respectively, whereas for soils they were 2.30, 28.4, 195 and 237 mg kg$^{-1}$. The results indicated elevated concentrations of Cd, Cu, Pb and Zn in both dust and soil samples especially for those samples collected from busy commercial and industrial areas i.e., Mei Foo, Tsim Sha Tsui and North Point. Surface dusts were enriched relative to soils in each metal, on average, by factors ranging from 1.1 to 7.1. The metal contents in dust and soil samples were significantly correlated with traffic volume. Significant correlations were also noted among all the metals studied indicating that Pb and Zn in the samples may be due to the same source i.e., automobile. The soil Pb and Zn contents of Mei Foo and North Point were higher than the investigation level of the Dutch Criteria for these two metals which indicated that further investigation is required to confirm their health hazard on children playing in these playgrounds.
Clothing drawstring entrapment in playground slides and school buses: Contributing factors and potential interventions

Design: Fifty-eight cases reported to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission between January 1, 1985, and June 30, 1995, that involved the entrapment of children's clothing drawstrings in other products were reviewed. A computerized database was created for information about the victim, clothing, object in which the drawstring caught, and injury circumstances. Factors were analyzed by their contribution to preevent, event, and postevent phases, using a modified Haddon matrix. Results: Two primary and distinct hazard patterns were identified: (1) strangulation by hanging associated with the snagging of a hood or neck drawstring in a gap between segments of playground slides and (2) vehicular dragging associated with the snagging of a waist or bottom drawstring in a school bus handrail or door. Conclusions: Potential intervention strategies targeting clothing drawstrings include (1) remove drawstrings; (2) shorten drawstrings, sew them to the channel, and remove toggles and knots; and (3) design breakaway drawstrings. Based on available data, the only feasible intervention is removal of drawstrings. Improved supervision and increased awareness are in themselves infeasible interventions, but they can be interim or supplemental measures.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3956
T1 - Effects of tropospheric ozone on the respiratory tract of children
A1 - Frischer,T.
Y1 - 1996///<
N1 - 1997016338
German
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Air Pollution
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - Human
KW - lung function
KW - neutrophil
KW - respiratory tract disease/et [Etiology]
KW - respiratory tract inflammation/et [Etiology]
KW - Ozone
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 185
EP - 187
JF - Padiatrie und Padologie
VL - 31
IS - 6
CY - Austria
N2 - Ozone constitutes a major outdoor air pollutant. Ambient air quality standards are frequently exceeded in large parts of Europe each summer. The pathophysiologic mechanism is related to local irritation of afferent nerve fibres in the airways as well as to inflammation of the upper and lower airways which is dominated by an influx of polymorph nuclear granulocytes. Decrements of lung function depend on the inhaled dose (concentration x time of exposure x minute ventilation) and tend to decrease after recurrent exposure. Due to physical activity pattern children are particularly susceptible to the effects of ozone. However, at current exposure levels respiratory symptoms are unlikely to occur. Data on long term effects such as morbidity or impaired growth of the respiratory tract of children are sparse. Hence, chronic adverse effects cannot be currently excluded
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TY - JOUR
ID - 3957
T1 - Cellular fatty acid analysis and enzyme profiles of Porphyromonas catoniae - A frequent colonizer of the oral cavity in children
A1 - Kononen,E.
A1 - Vaisanen,M.-L.
A1 - Finegold,S.M.
A1 - Heine,R.
A1 - Jousimies-Somer,H.
Y1 - 1996///<
N1 - 1996380606
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - abdominal abscess
KW - anaerobic bacterium
KW - article
During a previous study on the Gram-negative anaerobic microflora in children we frequently isolated a non-pigmented Prevotella-like species with phenotypic characteristics not conforming to those of previously described species at the time. Among recently described Gram-negative anaerobic bacilli isolated from gingival crevices Porphyromonas catoniae (Bacteroides D26) most closely resembled our isolates biochemically which also typically produced a large amount of propionic acid. Sixty-three isolates originated from oral mucosal surfaces pooled to saliva and from the gingival crevices of 23 healthy children (mean age 32 months). In addition, one biochemically similar strain which was isolated from an abdominal abscess was included in the tests. The aim of the present study was to determine the cellular fatty acid (CFA) composition for the precise identification of our isolates, and further, to determine the enzyme profiles by API ZYM to emend the description of this species. CFA profiles agreed with the identification of Bacteroides D26 (P. catoniae), API ZYM patterns revealed positive reactions for beta-galactosidase, alpha-glucosidase (except for one isolate), N-acetyl-beta-glucosaminidase and alpha-fucosidase, and variable reactions for leucine arylamidase, trypsin, chymotrypsin and alpha-galactosidase. However, numerical analysis of the CFA data separated this species into at least three subgroups. Twenty-five oral isolates formed one subgroup which most closely resembled the type strain (ATCC 51270). The ubiquitous presence of P. catoniae in moderate numbers in the studied oral samples suggests that this anaerobic species belongs to the normal oral flora of children even at this young age; nevertheless, it may occasionally act as an opportunistic pathogen outside the oral cavity.
To examine the possibility of interspecies transmission and genetic reassortment of influenza viruses on farms in Southern China, we surveyed 20 farm families living outside the city of Nanchang who raised pigs and ducks in their homes. Weekly interviews of family members and virus isolation studies of throat swabs and faecal samples, collected from September 1992 to September 1993, established the seasonal pattern of respiratory tract infections in these families and identified 11 influenza viruses (6 in humans and 5 in ducks). Most of the human isolates were type A of H3N2 subtype. Serologic studies of farm pigs indicated infection by
the same human viruses circulating in family members, but there was no evidence that either swine or avian
viruses had been transmitted to pigs. Eight of 156 human serum samples inhibited the neuraminidase activity of
two of the duck isolates, raising the possibility of interspecies transmission of these avian viruses. Genotype
analysis of duck and human isolates provided no evidence for reassortment. Our findings support the concept
that intermingling of humans, pigs and ducks on Chinese farms is favourable to the
generation of new, potentially hazardous strains of influenza virus

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - The differences between male and female drug users: Community samples of heroin and cocaine users
compared
A1 - Powis, B.
A1 - Griffiths, P.
A1 - Gossop, M.
A1 - Strang, J.
Y1 - 1996///
N1 - 1996247321
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - criminal behavior
KW - Demography
KW - drug dependence/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - drug use
KW - Female
KW - heroin dependence/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Human
KW - intravenous drug abuse
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - priority journal
KW - sex difference
KW - Sexual Behavior
KW - cocaine
KW - diamorphine
KW - illicit drug
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 529
EP - 543
JF - Substance Use and Misuse
VL - 31
IS - 5
CY - United States
N2 - Although gender-related issues are often cited as playing an important part in determining patterns of
illicit drug use, little is known about the differences between male and female drug users outside treatment
settings. In the present study, 558 heroin and cocaine users recruited from a range of community settings were
interviewed by Privileged Access Interviewers. The women were found to be younger than the men. Differences
existed in their drug use; women used smaller amounts, for a shorter duration, and were less likely to inject than
their male counterparts. No differences existed between treatment contact for the heroin users, but differences were found among the cocaine-using sample, with men being more likely to have contacted a treatment agency. Men were financing themselves through more criminal activities than women. Drug-using sexual partners were found to be an important influence over women's drug use, with most female injectors having been given their first injection by a male sexual partner. Structural differences in patterns of drug use found among female drug users and the influence of male sexual partners are likely to play an important role in determining appropriate treatment options for women drug users.
Regular physical activity is recommended for health maintenance in adolescence, but basic descriptive epidemiological data are lacking for this age group. The present study examined socioeconomic status (SES), ethnic, and sex differences in physical activity in a multiethnic sample of 1871 high school students in San Diego, California. Surveys were completed in required classes by a diverse sample of students from a low income school district and by Anglo students from a nearby more affluent district. Boys reported more vigorous exercise outside of school and during school physical education, as well as more participation in sports teams, but girls reported taking more activity-related lessons and classes. High-SES students had more frequent physical education classes, spent more time in vigorous exercise in those classes, and participated in more activity lessons outside of school. There were few ethnic differences on summary physical activity or physical education variables. There were no SES differences, but there were ethnic differences on 5 of 22 specific activities. Demographic differences in 25 psychological, social, and environmental variables that may influence physical activity were also examined. Differences between boys and girls were found on several variables, which may explain some of the boys' higher activity levels. Ethnic and/or SES differences were found in 10 of 25 potential correlates of physical activity. These data may be used to identify specific activities that may be preferred by subgroups of adolescents and specific mediating variables that can be targeted in physical activity promotion programs for adolescents.
A test of the activity deficit hypothesis with children with movement difficulties

A1 - Bouffard, M.
A1 - Watkinson, E.J.
A1 - Thompson, L.P.
A1 - Causgrove Dunn, J.L.
A1 - Romanow, S.K.E.
Y1 - 1996///
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - controlled study
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - hypothesis
KW - Male
KW - motor dysfunction/et [Etiology]
KW - normal human
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Physical Education
KW - play
KW - school
KW - Social Interaction
RP - NOT IN FILE
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JA - Adapt Phys Act Q
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An activity deficit hypothesis was posited that children with movement difficulties are less physically active during recess than age- and gender-matched controls without movement difficulties. Criteria used in identifying children with movement difficulties were (a) a score of at least 4 on the Test of Motor Impairment, (b) regular physical education student, and (c) age 80 to 109 months. An observational study was conducted over a 2-month period in recess settings with 52 subjects. Findings revealed that during recess time, children with movement difficulties were vigorously active less often, played less often with large playground equipment, were not observable for significantly more time, and spent less time in positive social interactions with others of their own gender. Accordingly, it was concluded that the data support the activity deficit hypothesis.
N2 - In patients with cystic fibrosis, infection with Pseudomonas cepacia is associated with poor outcomes. However, the epidemiology of Burkholderia cepacia is still unclear. The aim of this study was to investigate the epidemiology of Burkholderia (Pseudomonas)) cepacia colonization among cystic fibrosis patients attending the Verona CF Centre, a large specialized unit to which patients from different parts of Italy are admitted. We used a genome fingerprinting system to analyse the nucleotidic structure of B. cepacia isolates from 60 colonized cystic fibrosis patients. Forty-two different fingerprinting patterns were identified. Thirty-two patients were colonized by individual B. cepacia strains (53.3%). The remaining 28 subjects were divided into 10 different subgroups, each exhibiting a distinct strain of B. cepacia (46.7%). Nevertheless, direct, person-to-person transmission was evident in only 10 cases (16.7%). The stability, up to 12 months, of the B. cepacia colonizing strain was documented in 36 individuals. Consistent with other reports, risk of B. cepacia transmission between cystic fibrosis patients through intimacy or nosocomial contact was found in our study. However, besides low contagiousness, our data suggest that the environmental reservoir of B. cepacia outside the hospital seems to play an important role in B. cepacia infection of our cystic fibrosis population.
Residential exposure to elemental mercury typically involves small amounts (e.g., the approximately 0.3 mL in a thermometer). During August 1994, five children residing in a neighborhood in Palm Beach County, Florida, found 5 pints of elemental mercury in an abandoned van. During the ensuing 25 days, the children shared and played with the mercury outdoors, inside homes, and at local schools. On August 25, 1994, a parent notified local police and fire authorities that her children had brought mercury into the home. On the same day, 50 homes were immediately vacated and an assessment of environmental and health impacts was initiated by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Health and Rehabilitative Services of the Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This report summarizes the investigation of this incident. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)
In this article we report on the support facilities for child mental health after the earthquake in Kobe. We believe that the most important function is the ability to cope with the confused situation on-the-spot as there were no means of transport and facilities for medical treatment had been paralyzed. Establishing contact with people outside the stricken area is of great help immediately following a disaster. After the earthquake many children were psychologically confused and people were therefore concerned with mental health care, especially for their children. However, there were only a few cases of patients seeing their doctors in medical centers. They needed information booklets or case reports to refer to. Five months after the disaster symptoms such as acute uneasiness or terror seem to be few and severely ill patients have started to recover. There are few case reports on children who have had difficulties in adapting to educational organization such as day nurseries and elementary schools. However, recently there has been an increase in the number of bone fractures possibly due to decline in resistance. Means of dealing with child mental health are now being examined because some children are still suffering post-traumatic symptoms. In this report we analyze the rapid recognition of children's mental health problems at home, in the school and in society and examine the importance of close mother-child, family and relative relationships
To study the development of grating acuity in children treated for dense congenital unilateral or bilateral cataract and to examine how variations in treatment affect grating acuity during early childhood.

Methods. The author's used optokinetic nystagmus (OKN), preferential looking (PL), or both to measure the grating acuity of children treated for congenital cataract in line eye (n = 63) or both eyes (n = 77) whenever possible from the time of treatment until 3 years of age. At each age, the authors compared patients' monocular acuity to that children with no history of eye disorders. Results. The OKN acuity of treated eyes did not improve with age and was abnormal by 12 months of age. In contrast, PL activity improved with age, and acuity of most treated eyes was not outside normal limits until 24 to 30 months of age. Nonetheless, at 12 months and at 3 years of age, PL acuity correlated significantly with age at treatment in children who had bilateral cataract. In children who had unilateral cataract, PL acuity correlated significantly with the number of hours per day the good eye had been patched since treatment. Children whose good eye was patched fewer than 3 hours per day did significantly worse than children treated at a comparable age for bilateral congenital cataract. However, children whose good eye was patched at least 3 hours per day had PL acidities similar to those of children treated at a comparable age for bilateral congenital cataract. Conclusions. Children treated for congenital cataract show deficits in grating acuity, with the deficit apparent earlier in OKN acuity than in PL acuity. At least by 1 year of age, visual development has begun to be influenced by the age at treatment and, in children treated for unilateral cataract, by patching of the good eye.
Background: Exercise is one of the most common precipitants of acute asthma encountered in clinical practice. The development of airflow limitation that occurs several minutes after vigorous exercise, i.e., exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB), has been shown to be closely correlated with the nonspecific bronchial hyperresponsiveness, which is the hallmark of bronchial asthma. All previous reports that assessed the correlation of EIB to nonspecific bronchial hyperresponsiveness have focused on airway sensitivity (PC_{20}) to inhaled bronchoconstrictor such as methacholine or histamine. However, maximal airway narrowing (MAN), reflecting the extent to which the airways can narrow, when being exposed to high dose of inhaled stimuli, has not been studied in relation to the degree of EIB. Methods: Fifty-six children with mild asthma (41 boys and 15 girls), aged 6 to 15 years (mean ± SD, 9.9 ± 2.5 years) completed this study. Subjects attended the laboratory on two consecutive days. Each subject performed the high-dose methacholine inhalation test at 4 p.m. on the first day. The dose-response curves were characterized by their position (PC_{20}) and MAN, which was defined as maximal response plateau (MRP; when two or three data points of the highest concentrations fell within a 5% response range) or the last of the data points (when a plateau could not be measured). On the next day, exercise challenge, free running outdoors for ten minutes, was performed at 9 a.m. FEV_1 was measured at graduated intervals, 3 to 10 minutes apart, until 60 minutes after exercise. Response (the maximal FEV_1 from the pre-exercise value) was classified arbitrarily into three groups; no response ((-)EIB: FEV_1 < 10%), equivocal response ((+)EIB: FEV_1 < 10% < ~FEV_1 < 20%), and definite response ((+)EIB: FEV_1 > 20%). Results. 1) When geometric mean PC_{20} of the three groups were compared, PC_{20} of (+)EIB group was significantly lower than that of (-)EIB group. 2) There was a close correlation between PC_{20} and the severity of EIB in the whole group (r = -0.568, p < 0.01). 3) Of the total 56 subjects, MRP could be measured in 36 subjects, and the MRP of these subjects correlated fairly with the severity of EIB (r = 0.355, p < 0.05). 4) The MAN of (+)EIB group was significantly higher than that of (-)EIB group (p < 0.01). 5) The MAN correlated well with the severity of EIB in the whole group (r = 0.546, p < 0.01). Conclusion: The degree of MAN as well as bronchial sensitivity (PC_{20}) to methacholine is correlated well with the severity of EIB. The results suggest that the two main components of airway hyperresponsiveness may be equally important determinants of exercise reactivity, although the mechanism may be different from each other. The present study also provides further evidence that EIB is a manifestation of the increased airway reactivity characteristic of bronchial asthma.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3969
T1 - Children who are shot: A 30-year experience
A1 - Laraque,D.
A1 - Barlow,B.
A1 - Durkin,M.
A1 - Howell,J.
A1 - Cladis,F.
A1 - Friedman,D.
A1 - DiScala,C.
A1 - Ivatury,R.
A1 - Stahl,W.
A1 - Hirsch,M.
A1 - Solenberger,R.
Y1 - 1995//
N1 - 1995232407
English
Journal: Conference Paper
KW - EMBASE
KW - Child
KW - childhood injury/ep [Epidemiology]
Three data sets describe the pattern of gunshot injuries to children from 1960 to 1993: The Harlem Hospital pediatric trauma registry (HHPTR), the northern Manhattan injury surveillance system (NMISS), a population-based study, and the National Pediatric Trauma Registry (NPTR). A small case-control study compares the characteristics of injured children with a control group. Before 1970 gunshot injuries to Harlem children were rare. In 1971 an initial rise in pediatric gunshot admissions occurred, and by 1988 pediatric gunshot injuries at Harlem Hospital had peaked at 33. Population-based data through NMISS showed that the gunshot rate for Central Harlem children 10 to 16 years of age rose from 64.6 per 100,000 in 1986 to 267.6 per 100,000 in 1987, a 400% increase. The case fatality for children admitted to Harlem Hospital (1960 to 1993) was 3%, usually because of brain injury, but the majority of deaths occurred before hospitalization. During the same period, felony drug arrests in Harlem increased by 163%. The neighboring South Bronx experienced the same increase in gunshot wound admissions and felony arrests from 1986 to 1993. The NPTR showed a similar injury pattern for other communities in the United States. In a case-control analysis, Harlem adolescents who had sustained gunshot wounds were more likely to have dropped out of school, to have lived in a household without a biological parent, to have experienced parental death, and to have known of a relative or friend who had been shot than community adolescents treated for other medical or surgical problems. Since 1990, the Harlem Injury Prevention Program formed a coalition of school and community organizations joined by the District Attorney's Office in collaboration with the Tactical Narcotic Team (to eliminate drug selling from the schools and playgrounds), to provide safe, supervised activities for children. Data from 1990 to 1992 show a moderate decline in the incidence of gunshot wounds to children. Gun control legislation in conjunction with the community violence prevention activities are needed to curb the epidemic of gunshot injuries.
Recent studies have reported that excessive TV viewing is associated with an increased probability of having cholesterol values of 200 mg/dl or higher. We have studied the relationship between excessive TV viewing and high levels of total and LDL-cholesterol. In addition, we have evaluated excessive TV viewing, lack of the practice of sports outside of school, and positive family history of hypercholesterolemia, heart attack, stroke, hypertension and diabetes mellitus as tests to detect children with hypercholesterolemia. For this purpose, 2224 children and adolescents between 6 and 18 years of age were studied. We have found that when compared to children who spent less than 14 hours per week watching TV, children aged 6 to 12 years and adolescent males aged 16 to 18 who spent more than 14 hours viewing the TV showed significantly higher mean levels of total cholesterol. Adolescent males from 16 to 18 years old also showed significantly higher levels of LDL-cholesterol. Excessive TV viewing was found to be strongly associated with the non-practice of sports outside of school. The percentage of subjects with a cholesterol value of 200 mg/dl or higher was found to be significantly higher in those children who watched TV for more than 14 hours a week (p < 0.05), did not practice sports (p < 0.01) and had a positive parental history (p < 0.001). A positive family history was found to be the strongest predictor of hypercholesterolemia. Excessive TV viewing, as well as the non-practice of sports, although associated with an increased risk of hypercholesterolemia, was not superior to family history as a test to detect children at risk.
The pharmacokinetic characteristics of ticarcillin and clavulanic acid were determined after the first dose (n = 22) and again under steady-state conditions (n = 16) in a group of infants and children. Study subjects ranged in age from 1 month to 9.3 years; all but 3 study patients were 6 months of age or older. Each patient received 50 mg of ticarcillin and 1.7 mg of clavulanic acid (30:1 ratio) per kg of body weight given intravenously every 4 hours. Elimination half-life, steady-state volume of distribution, and body clearance averaged 1.1 hours, 0.22 L/kg, and 2.7 mL/min/kg, respectively, for ticarcillin, and 0.9 hours, 0.4 L/kg, and 6.2 mL/min/kg, respectively, for clavulanic acid. A total of 71% of the ticarcillin and 50% of the clavulanic acid dose were excreted unchanged in the urine over the 4-hour sampling period. Corresponding renal clearances averaged 2.1 and 3.2 mL/min/kg for ticarcillin and clavulanic acid, respectively. No differences were observed between first dose and steady-state evaluations in the pharmacokinetic behavior of either agent. In contrast, the pharmacokinetic behavior of clavulanic acid was significantly different from that observed for ticarcillin. These pharmacokinetic data combined with known in vitro susceptibilities of important clinical pathogens support a dose of 80 mg of ticarcillin and 2.7 mg/kg clavulanic acid per kg body weight given as a fixed dose combination every 8 hours for the treatment of most systemic infections that occur outside the central nervous system.
In both children and adults, it has been well established that the precise localization of a seizure focus allows for the best possible resection and outcome. Long-term invasive monitoring with DE has been the most widely used modality to evaluate patients with intractable seizures of temporal lobe origin. The study of epilepsy in children, however, requires assessment of the cause of the seizures with a resultant decision regarding the optimal modality of study for the particular problem. Complex partial seizures of medial temporal lobe origin without clear concordance, or lateralizing information are best studied using DE. With MR imaging anatomic localization, stereotactic insertion of DE can be performed accurately and relatively safely. The information obtained permits lateralization and focus localization if the lesion is within the medial structures. The ability of DE to study epilepsy outside of the medial temporal lobe, however, is suboptimal. Many centers have used surface electrodes to map temporal lobe foci successfully. SE and SGE have not been widely used in children. Subdural electrode arrays, however, are superior to DE in extratemporal epilepsy because the cortical surface contacts provide the best recordings of epileptiform activity from a wide range of extratemporal regions. The limitations of intraoperative ECoG in the awake child are well understood. It is rare that a child can undergo surgery under local anesthesia and cooperate to the extent necessary for definitive mapping of the seizure focus and eloquent areas. Thus, invasive long-term monitoring would seem ideal in the epileptic pediatric patient because it allows for a more relaxed pace in which to record events, and because of the indwelling nature of these electrodes, it is possible for the investigator to map eloquent areas of the brain before resection. This type of evaluation completely and accurately maps interictal and ictal activity, and through cortical stimulation or mapping of somatosensory areas by evoked potentials, eloquent areas of the brain, such as motor and speech regions, can be identified. This method is limited to older children because the young child often has inadequate cortical development to localize these areas definitively. One should note that in young children (under the age of 4 years), the absence of a response to standard cortical stimulation does not indicate nonfunctional cortex. Long-term intractable seizures and significant antiepileptic drug requirements may contribute to developmental and psychosocial deficiencies in the epileptic patient. Through early localization and surgical control of seizures, it is hoped that optimum development of behavior and intellect will not be impeded by repeated seizure activity or drug toxicity. Numerous reports have postulated that early surgical intervention that eliminates intractable seizures would result in an improvement in behavioral outcome. This hypothesis has been confirmed by others in patients who underwent not only resections for temporal lobe seizure foci, but also extratemporal resections. The authors, too, believe that through early evaluation, decisions regarding surgical intervention can be made for the relief of seizures. This early intervention may also alter the drug requirements and likely allow for a better developmental outcome in the pediatric epileptic population. To ensure optimal surgical resection, definitive localization through long-term invasive monitoring can be obtained in the young child with minimal morbidity. Noninvasive evaluation aids in the assessment of the proper monitoring modality for a particular patient. The authors have found these procedures to be useful and well tolerated modalities in the pediatric age group even in children as young as 1 year of age through days to weeks of recording time.
explosion of technology and functional neuroimaging, invasive monitoring can still aid in the selection of additional children as operative candidates for seizure surgery

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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Incidence of acute symptomatic toxoplasma retinochoroiditis in South London according to country of birth
A1 - Gilbert,R.E.
A1 - Stanford,M.R.
A1 - Jackson,H.
A1 - Holliman,R.E.
A1 - Sanders,M.D.
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - 1995126340
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Africa
KW - article
KW - Child
KW - chorioretinitis/di [Diagnosis]
KW - chorioretinitis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - Chorioretinitis/et [Etiology]
KW - clinical article
KW - congenital toxoplasmosis/di [Diagnosis]
KW - congenital toxoplasmosis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - congenital toxoplasmosis/et [Etiology]
KW - diagnostic value
KW - eye inflammation/co [Complication]
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - Male
KW - prenatal screening
KW - priority journal
KW - retinitis/co [Complication]
KW - scar/co [Complication]
KW - Toxoplasmosis/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Toxoplasmosis/ep [Epidemiology]
KW - toxoplasmosis/et [Etiology]
KW - United Kingdom
KW - immunoglobulin G antibody/ec [Endogenous Compound]
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1037
EP - 1022
JF - British Medical Journal
JA - Br Med J
VL - 310
IS - 6986
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - Objective - To determine the incidence of acute symptomatic toxoplasma retinochoroiditis presenting to ophthalmologists for patients born in Britain and elsewhere. Design - Population based, cross sectional study.
Setting - 11 districts in south Greater London. Subjects - All patients ophthalmologists with symptoms toxoplasma retinochoroiditis in 1992-3. Main outcome measure - Intraocular inflammation in association with a retinochoroidal scar, active adjoining retinitis, and IgG serum antibodies to toxoplasma. Results - The estimated incidence of acute symptomatic retinochoroiditis for all people born in Britain was 0.4/100 000/year and for black people born in west Africa 57/100 000/year. If a mean of two symptomatic episodes per lifetime is assumed, 100 people born in Britain may be affected each year, about a fifth of the estimated 500-600 congenitally infected people born each year. Conclusions - A substantial proportion of people with acute symptomatic toxoplasma retinochoroiditis were born outside the country, and the number born in Britain was smaller than the number previously estimated to develop retinochoroidal lesions due to congenital toxoplasmosis. These findings suggest that prenatal screening for toxoplasmosis in Britain may be of limited benefit.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3974
T1 - Serum antibodies against synthetic peptides from Trypanosoma cruzi antigens in Chagas' disease patients
A1 - Vergara,U.
A1 - Lorca,M.
A1 - Engstrom,A.
A1 - Veloso,C.
Y1 - 1995///
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - article
KW - Chagas disease/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Male
KW - serodiagnosis
KW - Trypanosoma cruzi
KW - epitope
KW - parasite antibody/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - synthetic peptide
RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 1
EP - 4
JF - Inmunologia
VL - 14
IS - 1
CY - Spain

N2 - Chagas' disease is caused by infection with the obligatory intracellular parasite Trypanosoma cruzi and affects several million people in Central and South America. The parasite can be transmitted not only by blood- sucking triatomine bugs but also by transfusion with infected blood. Therefore, serological screening of blood donors is important to prevent transmission of the parasite in endemic areas. Serological screening in blood banks can be now performed by using recombinant antigens and synthetic peptides in highly sensitive laboratory methods. In previous work we used recombinant DNA clones to study the reactivity of sera from Chagas' disease patients. We found that 51% of serum samples from symptomatic and only 25% of sera from
asymptomatic patients reacted with the SAPA clone (Shed Acute Phase Antigen), suggesting that reactivity might be related to active infection and symptoms. In this work we used sera from asymptomatic and symptomatic Chagas’ disease patients to evaluate their reactivity against synthetic repeat peptides from clones 1, 2, 13, 30, 36 and SAPA. No differences in reactivity against the synthetic peptides were found when 74 symptomatic and 77 asymptomatic patients were compared. Therefore, the higher reactivity against SAPA recombinant DNA clone previously observed in symptomatic patients may be due to the recognition of epitopes located outside the repeated domain or the recognition of a repeated epitope which is not present or not represented on the SAPA repeat peptide.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3975
T1 - Spontaneous generation of human CD8+ TCRalphabeta+ cells derived from precursors within the double negative compartment
A1 - Fujimiyay.Y.
A1 - Nakayama,M.
A1 - Shibata,T.
A1 - Abe,J.
A1 - Shimada,M.
A1 - Kohsaka,T.
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - 1995065673
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Flow Cytometry
KW - Human
KW - human cell
KW - human tissue
KW - Lymphocyte Activation
KW - lymphocyte proliferation
KW - preschool child
KW - thymocyte
KW - CD3 antigen/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - CD8 antigen/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - interleukin 2
KW - phorbol ester
KW - T lymphocyte receptor
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 33
EP - 37
JF - Immunology and Cell Biology
VL - 73
IS - 1
CY - Australia
N2 - Flow cytometric analysis demonstrated that fresh human thymocytes contain only a low level of mature CD8<sup>+</sup> TCRalphabeta+ cells and that they consist of ~70% double positive (DP) and ~10% double negative (DN) cells. These unfractionated thymocytes could be selectively expanded in vitro by stimulation with 12-o-tetradecanoylphorbol 13-acetate (TPA) and PHA in the presence of IL-2. The majority of the cells expanded from unfractionated thymocytes expressed CD3, TCRalphabeta and CD8 molecules after long-term culture (18 days). When highly purified DN thymocytes were expanded over a period of 18 days in the presence of DP cells, they also co-expressed CD3, TCRalphabeta and CD8 molecules on their surface. However, when purified DN thymocytes were expanded...
alone, that is, in the absence of DP cells for 18 days, they expressed CD3-associated TCR, but not CD8 or TCRalphabeta. Despite the expression of measurable levels of IL-2 alpha and beta receptors, as well as a significant level of TCRalphabeta, purified DP cells failed to proliferate. These findings provide the first evidence, in humans, that the progression of precursor cells in the DN compartment to a later stage of differentiation can be induced outside the thymus and that DP cells can affect the development of TCR expression in proliferating DN thymocytes.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 3976
T1 - Clinical and neurophysiologic response of myopathy and neuropathy in long-chain L-3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency to oral prednisone
A1 - Tein, I.
A1 - Donner, E.J.
A1 - Hale, D.E.
A1 - Murphy, E.G.
Y1 - 1995///
N1 - 1995062630
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - article
KW - Case Report
KW - cell membrane
KW - Child
KW - electromyogram
KW - electron microscopy
KW - endurance
KW - enzyme activity
KW - enzyme deficiency/di [Diagnosis]
KW - Evoked Response
KW - fast atom bombardment mass spectrometry
KW - fatty acid oxidation
KW - growth retardation/si [Side Effect]
KW - Human
KW - human cell
KW - human tissue
KW - Male
KW - mitochondrial membrane
KW - muscle biopsy
KW - muscle fiber membrane
KW - myopathy/di [Diagnosis]
KW - myopathy/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - nerve conduction
KW - neuropathy/di [Diagnosis]
KW - neuropathy/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - oral drug administration
KW - priority journal
KW - skin fibroblast
KW - 3 hydroxyacyl coenzyme A dehydrogenase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - 3 hydroxybutyric acid/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - acyl coenzyme A dehydrogenase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - acylcarnitine/ec [Endogenous Compound]
KW - aspartate aminotransferase/ec [Endogenous Compound]
The purpose of this study was to evaluate the clinical and neurophysiologic responses to oral prednisone therapy in a boy with enzymatically confirmed long-chain L-3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency in biopsied muscle and cultured skin fibroblasts. This boy presented with progressive limb girdle myopathy, recurrent myoglobinuria, peripheral sensorimotor axonopathy, and intraventricular conduction delays. Prior to prednisone therapy, at age 8 years, he exhibited marked distal weakness greater than proximal weakness with a waddling and high-steppage gait, Gowers' maneuver (10 s to rise from the floor), fatigue after 3-20 yards of walking and the ability to climb only 2 stairs. Serum levels of creatine kinase rose from 34 to 4,124 U/L following mild exertion. Nerve conduction studies revealed progressive axonopathy with secondary demyelination. Four weeks after initiation of oral prednisone (0.75 mg/kg/day) therapy, there was approximately a 100% increase in power and endurance. He was able to walk at least 100 yards before tiring, could rise from sitting on the floor in 3-4 s, and was able to climb 20 steps in 30 s. There was concurrent improvement in nerve conduction studies. Prednisone was gradually withdrawn over the next 4 months to 0.19 mg/kg/day; lower doses of 0.08 mg/kg/day resulted in a marked deterioration in power and endurance. He was able to walk at least 100 yards before tiring, could rise from sitting on the floor in 3-4 s, and was able to climb 20 steps in 30 s. There was concurrent improvement in nerve conduction studies. Prednisone was gradually withdrawn over the next 4 months to 0.19 mg/kg/day; lower doses of 0.08 mg/kg/day resulted in a marked deterioration in power and endurance. Although 0.19 mg/kg/day did not maintain the peak power achieved at 0.75 mg/kg/day, it provided adequate baseline power and endurance. It is concluded that there was a significant clinical and neurophysiologic response to prednisone at a dosage >0.16 mg/kg/day. Prednisone may stabilize muscle and neuronal plasma membranes, as well as the fatty acid oxidation enzyme complex in the mitochondrial membrane.

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T1 - Play skills of preschool children with speech and language delays
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The Preschool Play Scale (PPS) was used to rate the free play behaviors of 21 children with typical language development (control group) and 20 children with speech-language delays (study group) who were three and four years of age. Prior to being scored on the PPS, each child was individually observed for 30 minutes of outdoor free play and 30 minutes of indoor free play. After the observations, additional information for five categories on the PPS was obtained from a teacher observation check list to complete the scoring process. The following general research question was addressed: Will children who have speech-language delays and children with typical language development differ in play age and dimension scores on the PPS? Statistically significant differences were found in the play age, in all dimension scores, and for 14 of the 16 category scores. The control group consistently scored approximately one year higher than the children with speech-language delays. Some practical play intervention strategies were given for children with speech and language delays.
Objective. To find the variation in the vaccinal coverage of two-year old children after incorporating the vaccination programme into the Health Centre's activities. Design. An analytical observation study of cases and check-ups. Setting. Primary Care. An urban Health Centre in Badajoz. Patients. Two random samples of 150 children. The Study Group (SG) was composed of children who began their vaccinations at the Health Centre after the incorporation of the vaccination programme. The Control Group (CG) was made up of children who were over 18 months old at the start of the vaccinal programme (October 1990) and therefore received their vaccinations outside the Health Centre. Measurements and main results. 84.8% of the CG children correctly completed the vaccination programme as against 98.7% of the SG (p < 0.01). 99.3% of the SG children had the triple viral vaccination as against 95.2% of the CG (p < 0.05). 99.3% of the SG completed three DTP-Polio vaccinations as against 93.1% CG (p < 0.01). And 98.7% SG had four DT-Polio as against 86.9% CG (p < 0.01). Conclusions. The level of vaccinal coverage of the under-two population improved after the vaccination programme was incorporated into the Health Centre's activities, data which supports the usefulness and appropriateness of such a programme.
The knowledge of the skin surface pH-acid mantle is updated. The conviction that chronic alkalinization is damaging has been strengthened. Extensive skin surface pH data on the skin of non-white people are still missing. In the case of any measurement, the need for extensive infrastructural research and evaluation by non-parametric methods is emphasized. Infrastructural studies evaluate the range and change of the measured parameters for each test method according to sex, age and body area, as well as the sensitivity of the method to pharmacological influences. A detailed knowledge of the normal-representative range would make it possible to select those individuals whose measured parameter is outside the main 95% of the population; a detailed study of such individuals would be a very effective method of understanding the basic regulatory mechanism of the measured parameter.
To the authors’ knowledge, this is the largest study assembled of finger fractures in children. Distribution of fractures according to location within the hand (see Fig. 1), location within the phalanges themselves, and the percent of epiphyseal fractures as well as the age distribution of the patients are all similar to what has previously been presented in smaller studies. Previously unreported synchronous and double epiphyseal injuries were identified. For the most part, thanks to the remodeling capacity and rapid healing of children’s bone, treatment is short and complications are few. Nevertheless, as in other locations, there is a limited capacity to remodel angular deformity and no capacity to remodel rotational deformity. The clinical information in our study conflicts somewhat with previously described anatomic information about the insertion of ligaments with respect to the growth plate. Bogumill and Hankin and Janda have suggested that the ligaments insert primarily on the epiphysis in the proximal phalanx, and on the epiphysis and metaphysis in the middle and distal phalanges. Taken by itself, this information would suggest that a Salter-Harris III mechanism would be relatively more common at the MP joint, and the Salter-Harris II and IV mechanism (where the proximal fragment includes bone both proximal and distal to the growth plate at the point where the ligament is attached) would be relatively more common at the more distal levels. In fact, the opposite was true. The Salter-Harris II mechanism made up an overwhelming majority of the percentage of injuries of the MP joint, whereas the Salter-Harris III mechanism predominated at the PIP joint and was relatively common at the DIP joint as well. This would seem to suggest that either the contribution of ligament insertion distal to the growth plate of the PIP and DIP joints is not functionally important or that other factors are involved in the injury mechanism at both levels and play a role in producing these injuries. Further study will be required, possibly involving experimental fracture production to help elucidate this issue. Finally, it is critical to recognize and properly treat the four major categories of injury that constitute a small percentage of the total but a large percentage of the complications. The condylar and subcondylar fractures must be identified by obtaining a true lateral film by whatever means necessary. If undisplaced, they need to be adequately immobilized, possibly including the entire arm of a small child, and if displaced, they almost always require internal fixation. Fracture-dislocations, which are even less common and more difficult to recognize, are usually due to a crushing or pincer-type mechanism and may present with excessive and prolonged swelling, or poor mobility. The radiograph demonstrates the presence of very subtle calcific densities that represent portions of the displaced epiphysis that are trapped either inside or outside the joint. This occurs at the PIP and DIP joint level, but it has not been reported at the MP joint level. At the MP joint, a spike of metaphyseal bone can impale flexor tendons when significant displacement occurs. Treating the fracture itself is seldom a problem. Finally, fractures in and around the growth plate of the distal phalanx on the average were responsible for the longest healing times within this series. When these injuries involve a displaced nail plate, they can usually be treated by replacement of the nail under the eponychial fold, thereby stabilizing the distal phalanx and preventing the need for a K-wire with additional complications.
As part of an epidemiological study in Duisburg (FRG), exposure to benzene and toluene was investigated at 524 households in 1990. Both components were measured concurrently indoors (child's bedroom), and outdoors (window of child's bedroom) by passive sampling over 14 days. In addition, detailed information on the homes and ventilation habits was available by questionnaire. Furthermore, the seasonal variation of the components was measured at three stations in ambient air, both by passive and active sampling. For both components the average indoor concentration was 2.3 times the outdoor concentration, and seasonal differences in the absolute concentrations and the indoor/outdoors ratio could be identified. The average concentrations of benzene in the children's bedrooms are 9.5 μg/m^3, and 1.8 μg/m^3 outside at the windows. The corresponding values for toluene are 19.89 μg/m^3 and 4.7 μg/m^3. The indoor/outdoor ratio during the winter season is 3:1 compared to 2:1 during mid-summer when windows are more frequently open. Automobile traffic has a direct impact on the concentration levels. The ambient concentrations of benzene and toluene on streets with high traffic load are twice as high as compared to courtyards. This difference is also seen in the indoor measurement, although not as pronounced. Indoor sources influencing the benzene and toluene concentrations were environmental tobacco smoke and redecoration. The use of lacquer has the strongest influence, followed by solvents and glues. Summing up, the most important contributions to indoor concentrations of benzene in children's bedrooms as investigated in this study come from automobile traffic outdoors and redecoration indoors.
In order to obtain epidemiological data regarding both modality and possible conditions favouring bone fractures in children, useful for preventive measures, we collected all cases of traumatic lesion in children under 12 years and 6 months of age, with the exclusion of road accidents. We interviewed 93% of the children’s parents; each child was visited, during two distinct periods, in the pediatric department of a large hospital. The majority of accidents happened while children were playing games or practicing non competitive sporting activities (which are potentially not dangerous) explains the difficulty of making up preventive programs. In addition, the high number of fractures happened in presence of parents or teachers seems to put in discussion the preventive efficacy of protection-survey binomia. The frequent absence of parents or adult witnesses at the accident, especially for older children, make it necessary to favour the acquisition of self control in the school age. The variability of environmental factors is frequently dangerous for the child. In our study necessary structures of common use have contributed to determine the traumatic event, confirming the complexity of making different educative programs, aiming to reducing the prevalence of that group of domestic accidents in pediatric age.
Volatile organic compounds (VOC) are present in indoor air at concentrations generally higher than in outdoor air. In this study VOC concentrations in the air of two classrooms differing in insulation, and in the expired air of children in them, were investigated. Qualitative and quantitative determinations were done by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry techniques. Differences in the concentrations of VOC in indoor air and in the expired air of the children were linked to the endogeneous or exogeneous origin of the compounds, to the activities of the children and to the quality of indoor-outdoor air exchanges.

The use of mobility aids by children with cerebral palsy: A pilot investigation

Children up to five years of age, who are suffering from cerebral palsy, place great demands on mobility aids. This is especially so when they cannot move themselves forward by way of walking, need support for a sitting posture, cannot use their hands easily and have limited perceptions. They often have a wheelchair to be able to sit for a long time and move around indoors. Outdoors they are transported over greater distances by their parents in a push chair. A project has been set up at the Faculty of Industrial Design Engineering of the Delft University of Technology in order to develop a mobility aid, which creates new opportunities for independent activity and experiences with mobility. This paper deals the result of the first phase of this project: a programme of requirements with respect to the seating device of the mobility aid. The seat should be provided with adjustable elements in order to meet the need for support of each individual child.
N2 - Analysis of data from a nationally representative sample of Hispanic youths age 12-17 and their parents was done to investigate the impact of a number of variables on youths' drug-using behavior. The significance of youth, household, and parental characteristics were tested using measures of youth drug use as dependent variables in regression models. Parents' attitudes and use of licit and illicit drugs were found to play an important role in their children's drug use behavior. The results also provide some support for the hypothesis that Hispanic children whose parents are more acculturated into American society are at higher risk of using drugs. Youths of Mexican origin, youths living outside large metropolitan areas, and females were found to be more likely to use drugs. The results provide supportive evidence that for drug prevention education programs to be effective with Hispanic youths, they must be family orientated.

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T1 - The radiological impact of agricultural activities in an area of high natural radioactivity

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The Pocos de Caldas Plateau, Brazil, with 70 radioactive anomalies is used for cattle, pigs and poultry production and for raising crops like potatoes, corn, brown beans and carrots. Data on the radioactivity concentration of natural radionuclides in air, soil, animal products, vegetables, water, sediment, external dose rates, and outdoor and indoor radon were used together with socio-economical information to estimate the radiological exposure from these agricultural activities in this high natural radioactivity area for the local rural and remote populations. For the local population agricultural products from the plateau contribute only relatively little (ca. 0.14–0.24 mSv.y\(^{-1}\)) to the high radiation exposure (ca. 6–16 mSv.y\(^{-1}\)) from external exposure and inhalation of radon and thoron daughters. However, the agricultural products carry a significant annual collective dose (ca. 14 man.Sv.y\(^{-1}\)) to remote populations.

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T1 - The expectation and risk profile of football playing children. Orthopedic aspects
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Although the rate of injuries in soccer is high, this sport puts children only at moderate risk of getting injured. In younger children this risk is very low but the number and severity of injuries increases with puberty. The most common cause for injuries is a collision with another player, the most common injury is distortion of the talocrural joint. Playing soccer indoors is more dangerous than playing outdoors. The danger of accidents and injuries can be reduced by preventive measures, such as weight categories in children leagues.
Indoor, outdoor, and personal acid aerosol monitoring was performed for 24 children living in Uniontown, PA, during summer 1990. These measurements were used to investigate the magnitude of personal acid aerosol exposures and its relationship to indoor and outdoor concentrations. Indoor, outdoor, and personal measurements were compared to outdoor measurements collected from a centrally located, stationary ambient monitoring site. Personal exposures reached a maximum of 300 nmol m$^{-3}$ for both sulfate and aerosol strong acidity (12-h daytime measurements). Personal exposures were lower than corresponding outdoor levels and higher than indoor levels, with differences being greater for aerosol strong acidity. Air conditioning was found to be an important predictor of indoor sulfate and aerosol strong acidity, while ammonia was found to influence indoor and personal aerosol strong acidity concentrations. Time/activity weighted models of indoor and outdoor concentrations were used to predict personal sulfate and aerosol strong acidity exposures. These models predicted personal sulfate and aerosol strong acidity exposures substantially better than outdoor concentrations alone. The aerosol acidity model, however, was unable to explain all the variability in personal exposures. Research should be conducted to determine the effects of particle loss and ammonia neutralization around the human body.
The present study examined the extent to which boys' and girls' preference for outdoor, vigorous activity changed as they became socialized to middle school. A sample of 133 boys and girls were studied for one year: those just beginning middle school (sixth graders) and those with one year experience (seventh grade). Measures of children's preference for the playground, the duration of their stay outdoors, and behaviors while outdoors were obtained through direct observational methods. Additionally, teachers' rated children's level of achievement, physical attractiveness, and facility in games. Children also rated each other in terms of dominance status. Results indicated that boys', compared to girls', preference to play outdoors existed only in sixth grade. Factor analyses indicated that three factors described these children: Teachers' Choice, Active Female Oriented, and Outdoor Male Oriented. All three factors varied as children progressed through middle school. Results are discussed in terms of life course developmental theory.
To determine whether a population living on or adjacent to four sites of chromate production waste was measurably exposed to environmental chromium, spot samples of urine were collected along with wipe samples of household dust and lifestyle/activity interview data. Findings were compared to those from a control population in two communities with no significant chromium use or waste sites. Urine samples were collected and analyzed, employing measures to minimize background chromium contamination. The average Cr mass in dust was 3.7 times that in control houses. The mean creatinine-corrected urine Cr (Cr/c) level of the exposed subgroup residing in households in the 75th percentile of Cr mass in wipe samples was significantly greater than that of the control population. This subgroup was primarily located at a single exposure location. Using lifestyle/activity data, significantly elevated Cr/c urine levels were identified in other exposed subgroups defined by employment location and by outside play time. These data show an association between elevated exposure to chromium in household dust and elevated urine levels of chromium, consistent with residential exposure to chromate production waste. These data also suggest an association between chromium exposure and activities outside the home which are consistent with exposure to chromate production waste.

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Objective. - To determine the incidence of antibiotic-resistant pneumococcal disease and to compare the presentation and outcome of penicillin-resistant infections with penicillin-susceptible infections. Design. - Patient series. Setting. - General community hospital. Patients. - Eighty-three children with penicillin-resistant pneumococcal bacteremia or meningitis and 124 children with penicillin-susceptible pneumococcal bacteremia or meningitis. Selection Procedures. - Consecutive patients admitted between 1989 and 1991. Interventions. - None. Measurements and Results. - Forty percent of community-acquired isolates and 95% of hospital-acquired isolates were resistant to penicillin. Eighty-three (82%) of 101 penicillin-resistant infections were community acquired. Resistance to chloramphenicol, tetracycline, and erythromycin occurred in 9%, 12%, and 4% of all isolates, respectively. The proportion of penicillin-resistant pneumococci with cefotaxime minimum inhibitory concentrations greater than or equal to 0.5 μg/mL increased from 0% in a 1986 study to 21.5% in this study. The sites of infection, underlying diseases, and mortality of patients with penicillin-resistant infections outside the central nervous system did not differ significantly from those of penicillin-susceptible infections. Conclusions. - The resistance of Streptococcus pneumoniae to beta-lactam antibiotics has increased alarmingly in South Africa. Penicillin-resistant and penicillin-susceptible pneumococcal infections cause a similar spectrum of illness.
The California Air Resources Board funded a statewide survey of activity patterns of Californians over 11 years of age in order to improve the accuracy of exposure assessments for air pollutants. Telephone interviews were conducted with 1762 respondents over the four seasons from fall 1987 through summer 1988. In addition to completing a 24-h recall diary of activities and locations, participants also responded to questions about their use of and proximity to potential pollutant sources. Results are presented regarding time spent by Californians in different activities and locations relevant to pollutant exposure, and their frequency of use of or proximity to pollutant sources including cigarettes, consumer products such as paints and deodorizers, combustion appliances and motor vehicles. The results show that Californians spend, on average, 87% of their time indoors, 7% in enclosed transit and 6% outdoors. At least 62% of the population over 11 years of age and 46% of nonsmokers are near others' tobacco smoke at some time during the day. Potential exposure to different pollutant sources appears to vary among different gender and age groups. For example, women are more likely to use or be near personal care products and household cleaning agents, while men are more likely to be exposed to environmental tobacco smoke, solvents and paints. Data from this study can be used to reduce significantly the uncertainty associated with risk assessments for many pollutants.
The evaluation of postvaccine antibody responses can provide a reasonably convenient and useful adjunct to the evaluation of possible humoral immune dysfunction syndromes. In patients whose clinical history is suspicious for an antibody deficiency syndrome, such studies can document normal antibody responsiveness. On the other hand, the wide age-dependent variation in antibody responses makes careful interpretation necessary in concluding that a patient falls outside the 'normal' pattern of antibody responsiveness. Finding a patient well below the mean values for age for multiple vaccines in concert with an appropriate clinical history would strongly suggest an abnormality of immune regulation. At this time, the finding of abnormal antibody responses does not always imply that intervention with immunoglobulin therapy is indicated or that it would lead to improvement in clinical symptoms. It might help justify prophylactic antibiotic programs, however, similar to those used for recurrent otitis media. Interpretation of antibody responses in children younger than 2 years of age is probably hazardous since many patients may have relative retardation in their normal development of polysaccharide antibody responsiveness. Such patients usually develop a normal response as they grow older and do not need long-term therapy. Until new technologies for measuring immune competence are developed, the above-mentioned measures of humoral immunity, when combined with clinical judgment, should be adequate to guide clinical decision-making in most cases.
An important component of assessing the levels, the sources, and the health effects of children's exposure to air pollution is understanding how and where members of this sensitive population spend their time. There are, however, few data bases that allow the documentation of the day-to-day nature of children's activities. Of particular concern is whether the one-day snapshots provided by time activity diaries typically used in exposure studies represent the actual temporal and spatial extent of children's activities. As part of a community health study, longitudinal data on children's time activity patterns were recently collected. A respiratory health status and gender stratified sample of 90 children kept daily diaries over two-week periods during both the summer and the fall. This paper first presents baseline information of children's activity patterns: the sample distribution of time spent in each of five microenvironments (travel, outdoor, at school, at home, and inside other locations) and the daily temporal pattern of activities. The consistent patterns of children on school days suggest that for most days we can accurately predict children's locations by time of day. The second part of the analysis shows that there is both high child-to-child variation in the average time spent in each microenvironment, even after controlling for gender and respiratory health status, and strong temporal variability in activity patterns within a child over time, even after controlling for school days versus nonschool days.
Catheter ablation of left posteroseptal accessory pathways and of long RP' tachycardias with a right endocardial approach

A1 - Haissaguerre,M.
A1 - Montserrat,P.
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - article
KW - atrioventricular block/su [Surgery]
KW - atrioventricular conduction
KW - cauterization
KW - congestive cardiomyopathy/su [Surgery]
KW - coronary sinus
KW - Ebstein anomaly/su [Surgery]
KW - Electrocardiography
KW - Electrophysiology
KW - endocardium
KW - Female
KW - heart accessory conduction pathway/su [Surgery]
KW - heart atrium fibrillation/su [Surgery]
KW - heart catheter
KW - heart left bundle branch block/su [Surgery]
KW - heart preexcitation/su [Surgery]
KW - heart right atrium
KW - heart ventricle fibrillation/su [Surgery]
KW - Human
KW - hypertrophic cardiomyopathy/su [Surgery]
KW - Male
KW - priority journal
KW - school child
KW - shock/su [Surgery]
KW - syncope/su [Surgery]
KW - tachycardia/su [Surgery]
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Catheter ablation of left posteroseptal accessory pathways and of long RP' tachycardias with a right endocardial approach.

Fifty-four patients with a posteroseptal accessory connection and symptomatic tachycardias underwent catheter ablation of the anomalous pathway. Eight had the permanent form of reciprocating tachycardia (long RP' tachycardia) and 46 had a left posteroseptal preexcitation marked by a prominent R wave in lead VI. In 14 of 19 patients, ventriculoatrial conduction time during tachycardia lengthened in conjunction with functional left bundle branch block, this behaviour was significantly different from a series of patients with right posteroseptal preexcitation in which functional left bundle branch block lengthened the ventriculoatrial time in only one of 12 patients. A quadripolar electrode catheter was left within the proximal coronary sinus in order to locate the earliest atrial or ventricular activation site. The appropriate bipole was used as the radiographic and electrophysiological reference of the insertion of the accessory pathway. A catheter was then positioned on the
septal side of the right atrium, outside the coronary sinus, so that atrial activity during reciprocating tachycardia and ventricular activity during preexcitation were synchronous with or earlier than that recorded within the proximal coronary sinus. Accessory pathway potential was not recorded in any patient. Early ventricular potential occurring -1.5±8ms relative to delta wave onset was present at that site. In 38 patients, including 5 with permanent junctional tachycardia, high current (14mA) pacing yielded direct ventricular paced QRS complexes (no delay spike-QRS) with a morphology similar to left posteroseptal maximal preexcitation. Slight movements of catheter position yielded significantly different pace-maps. One to eight 160J cathodal shocks (510±213J cumulative per patient) were delivered at this site in 61 sessions. Following fulguration, tachycardia recurred without drugs in only one patient over a follow-up period of 20±13 months. Asymptomatic intermittent preexcitation recurred in two patients. In all patients with long RP tachycardia, the ablation procedure was successful without the need for drugs or permanent cardiac pacing. A long-term follow-up electrophysiological study in 18 patients demonstrated that conduction through the anomalous pathway was absent in 16 and deeply altered in the two patients with intermittent preexcitation; no tachycardia was inducible in any patient. In conclusion, catheter ablation of left posteroseptal accessory pathways is a feasible procedure using a right atrial approach outside the coronary sinus. This technique is also effective for the treatment of the permanent form of reciprocating tachycardia.

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T1 - Reduction of bronchial hyperreactivity and exercise-induced bronchospasm in children treated for one month with a pressurized sodium cromoglycate aerosol
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A1 - Leophonte,P.
A1 -Fuseiller,A.
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - aerosol
KW - article
KW - Asthma/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - bronchospasm/dt [Drug Therapy]
KW - Child
KW - clinical article
KW - clinical trial
KW - controlled study
KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Human
KW - inhalational drug administration
KW - Male
KW - priority journal
KW - cromoglycate disodium/ct [Clinical Trial]
KW - cromoglycate disodium/dt [Drug Therapy]
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EP - 435
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CY - United States
Bronchial hyperreactivity demonstrated by means of a standardized exercise test in 30 asthmatic children was studied before and after one month of treatment with a pressurized aerosol providing 5 mg of sodium cromoglycate per spray. This study was carried out as a double-blind comparative trial against placebo, outside the period of allergenic provocation. Ventilatory parameters were measured before, and then 5, 15, and 30 minutes after a period of six to nine minutes on a moving walkway. The test session included three-minute incremental increases in gradient and speed. This exercise test was performed on day 1 without prior treatment; on day 2 and day 34 it was preceded by administration of two sprays of sodium cromoglycate, 15 minutes earlier. The baseline values of ventilatory parameters on days 1, 2, and 34, like their variations following exercise on day 1, were similar in the treated and the placebo group. On day 1, five minutes after the exercise test, the fall in the forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV$_1$) was greater than or equal to 20% in all cases and was accompanied by a highly significant decrease in the vital capacity (VC), the midexpiratory flow between 25% and 75% of VC (MEF(25%-75%)), the flow at 25% of VC (V25), the flow at 50% of VC (V50), the flow at 75% of VC (V75), and peak expiratory flow (PEF). On day 2, five minutes after the exercise test, 66.7% of the children in the placebo group versus 20% of the children in the treated group had a fall in the FEV$_1$ of greater than 20% (P = 0.01). Decreases in VC, V75, and PEF were significantly greater in the placebo group than in the treated group. After one month of treatment, the active and placebo groups were statistically different for all ventilatory parameters, with the most marked variations in the placebo group: five minutes after the exercise test, 64.3% of children in the placebo group had a fall in FEV$_1$ of greater than 20% versus 13.3% of children in the treated group (P = 0.007); VC was not changed after exercise in the active group. Compared with day 2, five minutes after exercise, MEF(25%-75%), V25, and V50 were highly significantly improved in absolute terms in the treated group only (P < 0.001). This statistically significant improvement in airway flow rates at the bronchiolar level shows that regular use of sodium cromoglycate reduces bronchial hyperreactivity.

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T1 - Daily activities and breathing parameters for use in respiratory tract dosimetry
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English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
KW - article
KW - breathing pattern
KW - Child
KW - controlled study
KW - dosimetry
KW - Human
KW - human experiment
KW - lung burden
KW - normal human
KW - Physical Activity
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 179
EP - 186
JF - Radiation Protection Dosimetry
JA - Radiat Prot.Dosimetry
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CY - United Kingdom
Dosimetry of inhaled substances is based on the air volumes breathed every day by people under exposure to gases and aerosols. In order to assess modern standards for average inspired air volumes according to age and gender, information was recorded on daily activities and breathing rates both indoors and outdoors, of specific categories of the population. Economic surveys recently published provided time budgets and activities of adults, teenagers and children. The data were matched with published data on physical activities and breathing parameters in order to calculate the daily inspired volumes of air. The results were given for adults (age > 17 years), neonates, and children 1, 5, 10 and 15 years old. The values obtained are close to those published by the International Commission for Radiological Protection and the reports of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.
The effect of maternal work on fetal growth and duration of pregnancy: A prospective study

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KW - article
KW - Child
KW - fetus growth
KW - fetus outcome
KW - Human
KW - major clinical study
KW - Newborn
KW - priority journal
KW - Work
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N2 - The effect on birth outcome of work requiring different degrees of physical exertion was examined among 15786 pregnant women who were followed through the Guatemalan Social Security Institute's Hospital. Work inside and outside the home was ascertained through a questionnaire administered to each woman before delivery. Odds ratios were adjusted for household income, maternal height and age, and birthweight of previous infant. Women with three or more children and no household help were at increased risk for small-gestational-age (SGA) births compared with women with family (odds ratio (OR) 1.79; 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.31, 2.47) or hired help (OR 2.0; 95% CI 1.16 to 3.33). Compared with office work, manual work increased the risk for an SGA (OR 1.32; 95% CI 1.12 to 1.56) and SGA/preterm birth (OR 2.56; 95% CI 1.10 to 5.96). Work in a standing compared with sitting position significantly increased the risk for a preterm birth (OR 1.56; 95% CI 1.04 to 2.60). There was a significant positive trend in frequency of SGA and SGA/preterm birth with an increase in the physical demands at work, as measured by an activity score. These data suggest that interventions to reduce physical exertion among pregnant women could improve birth outcome

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T1 - Estimating the effect of being indoors on total personal exposure to outdoor air pollution
A1 - Hayes, S.R.
Y1 - 1989
N1 - 1990018848

English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
A personal air quality model (PAQM) has been developed to estimate the effect of being indoors on total personal exposure to outdoor-generated air pollution. Designed to improve air toxics risk assessment, PAQM accounts for individual hourly activity patterns, indoor-outdoor differences, physical exercise level, and geographic location for up to 56 different population groups. Unique hourly activity profiles are specified for each population group; group members are assigned each hour to one of up to 10 different indoor and outdoor microenvironments. To illustrate PAQM use, we apply it to two example cases: a long-term example representative of situations where pollutant health impact is related to integrated exposure (as in the case of potentially carcinogenic air toxics) and a short-term example representative of situations where health impact is related to acute exposure to peak concentrations (as with ozone). Case study results illustrate that personal exposure, and thus health risk, attributable to outdoor-generated air pollution is sensitive to indoor-outdoor differences and population mobility. Where health impact is related to long-term integrated exposure (e.g., air toxics), exposure and subsequent risks are likely to be lower than that estimated by previous modeling techniques which do not account for such effects.
Health and pollution control professionals and the general public need to develop a more complete understanding of the health effects of ozone (O\(_3\)) because: 1) we have been unable to significantly reduce ambient O\(_3\) levels using current strategies and controls; 2) in areas occupied by more than half of the U.S. population, current peak ambient O\(_3\) concentrations are sufficient to elicit measurable transient changes in lung function, respiratory symptoms, and airway inflammation in healthy people engaged in normal outdoor exercise and recreational activities; 3) the effects of O\(_3\) on transient functional changes are sometimes greatly potentiated by the presence of other environmental variables; and 4) cumulative structural damage occurs in rats and monkeys exposed repetitively to O\(_3\) at levels within currently occurring ambient peaks, and initial evidence from dosimetry models and interspecies comparisons indicate that humans are likely to be more sensitive to O\(_3\) than rats. The extent and significance of these effects, and the multibillion dollar costs of ambient O\(_3\) controls need to be considered in any future revisions of ambient standards and the Clean Air Act. The transient effects of O\(_3\) are more closely related to cumulative daily exposure than to one hour peak concentrations, and future revisions of the ambient standard for O\(_3\) should take this into account. The effects of long-term chronic exposure to O\(_3\) remain poorly defined, but recent epidemiologic and animal inhalation studies suggest that current ambient levels are sufficient to cause premature aging of the lungs. More research is needed to determine the need for a standard with a seasonal or annual average concentration limit.
This report presents key outcomes of joint growth and development studies conducted in children permanently living in areas adversely affected by pollutants in air. Further attention is focused on the evaluation of effects of some so-called compensatory measures applied in Czechoslovakia, namely a 3-week outdoor schooling organized for these children in the relatively clean recreational areas. The beneficial health effects of year's season and specifically of the spontaneous, active and sufficiently long outdoor exercise are documented in graphs. As it is pointed out in this context, children in the place of their permanent residence tend to have relative little exercise outdoor, may run an increased risk of exposure to indoor pollutants, and may suffer from passive smoking effects if their parents cannot refrain from smoking habits at home.
Autism is a developmental disorder characterized by a triad of behavioral impairments involving (1) reciprocal social relationships, (2) communicative intent, and (3) the ability to play, to invest play with imagination, and to develop interests outside of stereotypic preoccupations. Deficiencies in these essential human characteristics occur in all autistic children, 80% of whom are mentally retarded. They can be attributed to a deficiency in the capacity to direct attention to persons, things, and activities; hence, they could reflect an impairment in sensory processing. Two additional symptom clusters are found in autism. The disturbances of sensory modulation are characterized by under- and overreactivity to sensory stimuli. The overreactivity includes distraction by background stimuli, distress from stimulation, and, paradoxically, behavior that provides repetitive sensory input. The motility disturbances are stereotypic behaviors which mediate this self-stimulation. The disturbances of sensory modulation and motility are observed clinically primarily before 6 years of age. This paper documents these sensory and motor behaviors in young autistic children by quantitative evaluation of their parents' responses on a standardized developmental inventory and demonstrates that they are essential components of the autistic syndrome. Based on their presence, a neurophysiologic model of autism as a disorder of sensory processing and directed attention is elaborated. In this model, there is dysfunction of brainstem and related diencephalic systems and the cascading impact of such dysfunction on higher neural structures which elaborate, refine and modulate the activities of the lower centers. Autism results from dysfunction of this neuroanatomically distributed sensory processing system which mediates the direction of attention.
We studied 19 Eskimo patients with alveolar hydatid disease from the north-western coast of Alaska for risk factors for infection with Echinococcus multilocularis. Each case-patient was matched by age and sex with 2 unrelated controls who had no clinical or serologic evidence of infection with E. multilocularis and who resided in three villages endemic for alveolar hydatid disease. Behaviors thought to increase exposure to E. multilocularis and the chronologic occurrence of these behaviors in the participant's life were assessed by a standardized questionnaire. Case-patients were more likely than controls to have owned dogs for their entire lives (odds ratio 6.00, P < 0.05), tethered their dogs near the house (odds ratio 8.50, P < 0.05), and lived in housed built directly on the tundra rather than on a gravel or a permanent foundation (odds ratio 11.00, P < 0.01). Case-patients were not more likely to have owned sled dogs, trapped or skinned foxes, or engaged in other outdoor activities away from home. These findings suggest that controlling the parasite in the domestic dog population, as well as controlling the dog population itself, are important aspects of preventing alveolar hydatid disease in the northwestern Native Alaskan population.
This experiment was designed to assess the effects of integrating intellectually normal and trainable mentally retarded (TMR) children into a physical activity program. The following research hypotheses were tested: (1) TMR students integrated with intellectually normal pupils will show greater improvements in their motor performance than their nonintegrated mentally retarded peers; and (2) intellectually normal students integrated with TMR pupils will show no lesser improvements in their motor performance than their nonintegrated peers. Two age levels of TMR children were integrated with intellectually normal third and sixth grade children in a physical education instructional program over a period of five months. Motor performance test scores were secured at the beginning and end of the experiment. Similar data were obtained on control groups of TMR and intellectually normal children in nonintegrated instructional settings. One hundred and ten students in two experimental and four control groups completed the experiment. The intellectually normal-TMR student ratio in the integrated program was about four intellectually normal children to one TMR child. The instructional program (similar for all groups) emphasized fundamental motor patterns with attention also given to sport skills. Three motor tests, namely, the 20-yard dash, standing long jump, and softball throw were used in assessing motor performance of all children. It was found that under the conditions of this experiment the scores of the intellectually normal subjects were in no way impaired by the integrated program. Motorically, the TMR subjects participating in the integrated program showed significantly greater gains than those participating in the segregated program.
Twenty-four-hour motor activity was assessed in a naturalistic setting in 12 hyperactive boys for four weeks (672 consecutive hours). Dextroamphetamine, 15 mg/day, or placebo was administered on alternate weeks, using a double-blind ABAB design. When the boys received dextroamphetamine, motor activity was significantly decreased for about eight hours after drug administration. This decrease was followed by a period of slight but significant increases in activity ('rebound'). Dextroamphetamine decreased activity most strikingly during structured classroom activity; during physical education, however, there was a significant drug-induced increase in motor activity.

The vulnerability of children to arthropod bites, infestations, and parasites is well known. Unfortunately, the papules, urticaria, blisters, nodules, and hemorrhagic lesions produced by these conditions are frequently misdiagnosed. This difficulty in diagnosis exists because most lesions are not absolutely characteristic and physicians may not recognize the lesions caused by insects and parasites indigenous to areas outside of their practice region. The evaluation and diagnosis of any dermatologic problem requires utilization of historical clues in addition to direct observation. Information that is essential to elicit includes the seasonal incidence of the lesions, recent history of travel or migration, the playing habits of the child, exposure to pets, and the existing environment and living conditions. The grouping and distribution of lesions is also very important to consider. This article will discuss the dermatologic findings and treatment of the conditions caused by a number of the most common arthropods and helminths.
During the period 1. VII. 1979 - 30. VI. 1980, 466 children aged 1-14 yr were registered in the Casualty Departments of the Municipal and County Hospitals in Aarhus with injuries resulting from use of playground equipment. In 329 cases (70.2%), falls were involved. In every case, the scene of the accident was visited. The height of the fall was measured and the underlying surface described. These two parameters were compared with the age and sex of the child and the severity of the injury as classified by the Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS). The height of fall was shown to increase with increasing age (p < 0.001). In the ages 0-9 yr, sex had no influence on the fall height but in the age group 10-14 yr, greater fall heights were demonstrated in boys (p = 0.013). The fall heights for the individual types of playground equipment deviated statistically significantly from one another, the greatest fall heights being for climbing frames and the least from swings (p < 0.001). The severity of the injuries sustained increased with increasing fall heights (p < 0.001). In the majority of cases, the underlying surfaces were unsuitable. Surfaces with sufficient shock absorbing properties were found in only 22 cases (6.7%). The problems surrounding the underlying surface are reviewed. It is considered advisable that the maximal fall height for any playground equipment and the underlying surface should be adapted to one another. It should thus be impossible for a child falling accidentally from a form of playground equipment to reach deceleration levels which exceed 50 G at the impact with the underlying surface.
In order to illustrate the frequency of accidents with playground equipment, children aged 0-14 years who sustained injuries while using such equipment during the period 1.VII.1979-30.VI.1980 were registered in the Municipal Hospital and the County Hospital in Aarhus. In addition, in-depth investigation of each accident was undertaken. A total of 466 children were registered and, as the number of children aged 0-14 years in the region served by the hospitals was 50,000, this corresponds to an incidence rate of 9.3/1000 children/year. A further 20% were treated by the general practitioners. The number of accidents was greatest in the age group 4-5 years. The sex ratio for the total material was 1.44 (boys/girls). The sex ratio was observed to increase with age. Accumulation of accidents was observed at midday and late in the afternoon. The number of accidents was greatest on week days and the number was halved at week-ends. The greatest number of accidents occurred in the months of May, August and September. One hundred and sixty-nine accidents occurred in private playgrounds, 146 in day-care institutions, 90 in school playgrounds and 55 in municipal playgrounds. Swings, climbing frames and slides were responsible for 64% of the accidents. The next most frequent were play houses and seesaws. Small children were most frequently injured on slides while older children were injured while playing on climbing frames. Girls dominated where play equipment with a swinging motion was concerned.
The 30-year history of ergonomics as applied to adults' occupational activities is outlined. Plat applied ergonomic principles to school work and to children's activities outside school, with a view to their developing as physiologically as possible and to creating optimal conditions of perception, learning and assimilation of knowledge. Since 1976-1977, the concept of school ergonomics has been promoted officially in France by the Department of Biomedical Research at the National Institute of Pedagogic Research. This institute uses earlier work on the biological, psychological and sociological characteristics of pedology and stimulates new research.

A report is presented of results so far obtained in regard to rational scientific organization of studies and anthropometric knowledge of the child. An analysis is made of the schoolchild's optimal work place, with reference to the screen terminals in computer-assisted teaching, and to optimal environmental factors.

A cost/benefit analysis of both general and oncologic Day-Hospital (D-H) activity in the Pediatric Clinic of Trieste has been performed. Three years of activity, one immediately before and two after the beginning of the service, have been considered. For each period we have evaluated: total number of D-H admissions and traditional admissions in the ward, the number of first visits and subsequent controls, and the residence of the...
patients (outside or inside the province) and the average days of hospitalisation. Qualitative analysis was performed with respect to the indication for hospital admission (simple criteria for usefulness were established) and as to the outcome the problem was totally or partially solved?). The average cost of the service was calculated on the basis of laboratory and instrumental examinations concerning the general D-H, and on the basis of examinations and drugs administered to the patients in relation to the oncology D-H. The total number of hospital admissions as well as the total number of first visits did not substantially change in the three years under consideration, whereas the number of traditional admissions in the ward diminished. The average length of hospitalisation (ward + D-H) diminished from 3.6 to 2.9 days, whereas the average of days of hospitalisation in the ward increased from 3.6 to 5.4, due to the almost exclusive utilisation of the ward for severe illnesses. The decrease of the average length of hospitalisation was not due to an higher number of admissions for a single patient, since the length of stay for a single patient is still very low: 4.3 days. These data do not show hyperutilisation of D-H: 'useless' admissions passed from 23% to 4% in the general ward and from 37% to 23% in D-H. The general D-H can be considered a service with a good outcome, since 85% of the problems were solved. Expenses for the staff did not increase in the period under consideration and the cost for general D-H service per day (about 21000 liras) and for the oncologic D-H service per day (about 52000 liras) appear reasonable (the higher cost for the oncologic D-H service is mainly due to the redundancy of examinations required in order to follow the multicentric protocols)

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4019
T1 - Semiweekly hospitalization for very young children who are at high risk for psychosis
A1 - Rufo,M.
A1 - Dubois,Y.
A1 - Staub,D.
A1 - Soulayrol,R.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - 1982018839
French
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - central nervous system
KW - Hospitalization
KW - major clinical study
KW - preschool child
KW - Psychosis
KW - school child
KW - Therapy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 483
EP - 488
JF - Neuropsychiatrie de l'Enfance et de l'Adolescence
VL - 29
IS - 8-9
CY - France
N2 - Child psychiatric consultations at a children's hospital have permitted earlier detection of children who show signs of a disequilibrium between their lines of development. A number of therapeutic principles were accepted: the notion that parents could no longer tolerate their children, the notion that nothing was possible without the parents' active participation in their children's therapy through weekly meetings with parents and mental health workers as specified in a preliminary 'contract' with the parents. The notion that these children were capable of rendering their parents incompetent was likewise acknowledged, and therefore care was taken to avoid making the parents feel guilty; to this effect, the staff explained their own limitations and failures with these children to their parents. Semiweekly hospitalization from Monday to Thursday appears to be the most advantageous solution in order to work intensively with the children, allow their parents time to recuperate, and ensure participation of parents at the weekly meetings. About thirty children have been treated in this fashion
over the past four years with variable success: one-third with good results, one-third with average results, one-third with poor results. At present, hospitalization for one day or for several hours at a specialized kindergarten outside of the hospital allows for treatment of a larger variety of psychiatric indications.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4020
T1 - Plaster drop-out casts as a dynamic means to reduce muscle contracture. A case report
A1 - Cherry,D.B.
A1 - Weigand,G.M.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - 1982015885
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Case Report
KW - central nervous system
KW - head injury
KW - joint
KW - joint contracture
KW - Muscle
KW - physiotherapy
KW - plaster cast
KW - school child
KW - spasticity
KW - Therapy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1601
EP - 1603
JF - Physical Therapy
JA - Phys Ther
VL - 61
IS - 11
CY - United States
N2 - Physical therapy for reducing muscle contracture, whether by passive stretch or active exercise, is often undermined by the joint position usually maintained outside the time of therapy. Any maintained joint position may be a serious problem, especially in the presence of spasticity, for example, upper extremity flexor pattern after a cerebrovascular accident or the total flexor or extensor responses of the limbs following head trauma or CNS infection. Plaster of Paris splinting that maintains the joint at the maximum comfortable range and allows further motion out of the contracted position can be effective in preventing further loss of range of motion and even in gaining additional range of motion. Such casts can be made in physical therapy with easily obtained materials. This case report illustrates this technique.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4021
T1 - Social paediatric practice. Problems and working methods
A1 - Merrick,J.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - 1982013229
Danish
Journal
The object of this investigation was to describe the clientele and working methods in a clinic for children in Copenhagen. During the period 1.1.1980-31.12.1980, the author registered consecutively all of the contacts with the children and families for whom he was responsible. This is thus registration of the work of one doctor and must be regarded as a momentary glimpse of social paediatric practice. A total of 97 children and their families were contacted (60% boys and 40% girls). The contact is described as contact at the outpatient clinic, activity outside the clinic and telephone contact. The time consumed is assessed and it is noted that social medical work is extremely time-consuming. The diagnoses and treatment emphasize the importance of prophylactic work and the requirement of close, current and frequently prolonged contact with the families.

N2 - Nonhandicapped students served as playground tutors for three students in a class for the moderately retarded at a regular middle school. The nonhandicapped volunteers taught age-appropriate playground skills to their mentally retarded peers: Toward a less restrictive middle school environment.
recreation skills to their retarded peers in an effort to improve the playground behavior of the three retarded students and to facilitate positive interactions between retarded and nonhandicapped students. Results indicated substantial improvement in the percentage of appropriate playground behavior and in the percentage of contact between the retarded and nonhandicapped students. Follow-up probes indicated that, while the percentages of appropriate playground behavior and contact with nonhandicapped peers had decreased, they were considerably higher than during baseline

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4023
T1 - Collapsible washing lines: A strangulation hazard
A1 - Roberton,D.
A1 - Rookwood,K.
A1 - Rutter,N.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - 1981143512
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Case Report
KW - injury
KW - preschool child
KW - strangulation
KW - Therapy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1664
JF - British Medical Journal
JA - Br Med J
VL - 282
IS - 6277
CY - United Kingdom
N2 - An 18-month-old boy was admitted to hospital after being strangled accidentally in the dependent loops of a rotary washing line. The line had been left upright but its radial arms had been folded down. A few minutes after he had gone to play outside his mother had found him kneeling by the line with three strands of cord wound tightly around his neck. He was unconscious and was not making any respiratory effort; peripheral pulses were not detectable. Initial resuscitation was performed by ambulance staff. On arrival at hospital he was breathing spontaneously and had a normal cardiac rhythm. He had widely dilated pupils, was hypertonic, and had intermittent clonic convulsions. He was given oxygen, and metabolic acidosis was corrected. Fluids were restricted and dexamethasone was given for 24 hours. He recovered rapidly and was discharged two days after admission, having suffered no permanent neurological damage. While playing with the loops of the clothes line he had presumably become entangled and had been asphyxiated during his struggles to free himself
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4024
T1 - The validity of role play tests for assessing social skills in children
A1 - Van,Hasselt,V
A1 - Hersen,M.
A1 - Bellack,A.S.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - 1981166129
English
Journal
A correlational study was conducted in an effort to examine the validity and reliability of role play tests for assessing social skills in children. Twenty-two male and twenty female elementary school children, ranging in age from 8-10 years, responded to role play scenarios involving social interactions. In addition to the role play procedure, a number of other assessment strategies were utilized: observations of behavior in naturalistic settings, sociometric ratings, and teachers’ ratings. Results did not support the validity of the role play test. Correlations between role play performance and criterion measures were generally quite low. Test-retest reliability of the role play tests also was unacceptable. Further, results indicated that while several significant relationships were found between children's sociometric scores and teachers’ ratings of interpersonal behavior, little association was found between these measures and global ratings of friendliness in role play and in vivo situations. Results are discussed in terms of the validity and utility of role play tests for children, the relationship of these data to previous research in social skills assessment, and the heuristic value of examining research concerning children’s interpersonal functioning from developmental and social psychological perspectives.


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TY - JOUR
ID - 4025
T1 - Correlations between items of the fitness-performance test of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
A1 - Massicotte,D.
A1 - Gauthier,R.
A1 - Quinney,A.
A1 - Conger,P.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - 1981164486
French
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adolescent
KW - athlete
KW - Exercise
KW - fitness
KW - human cell
KW - Methodology
KW - musculoskeletal system
KW - normal human
KW - Performance
KW - preschool child
KW - school child
KW - sport
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 11
EP - 15
The Fitness-Performance Tests developed in 1965 by the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation have been criticized with regard to the validity of the 300 yard run as an endurance measure and with regard to the redundancy of some items involving lower limb performance. The purposes of this study were to identify a more appropriate endurance performance test item and to analyze the interdependence of the items which utilize leg power in their performance. A sample of 9000 young Canadians aged 6 to 17 years, was randomly selected from the 10 provinces and the 2 territories. Correlation coefficients were calculated between: standing long jump, the 50 m. run, and the endurance run (800 m. for 6-9 years, 1600 m. for 10-12 years and 2400 m. for 13-17 years). Among the different age and sex groups, the correlations between the endurance run and the 50 m. run varied from 0.40 to 0.49. The correlations between standing long jump, the agility run (4 x 10 m.) and the 50 m. run were from 0.69 to 0.83 for all the boys and girls. The correlations between these three items are even lower when performances are analyzed by age and sex groups. The highest variations are mainly in the preadolescent period for both sexes.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4026
T1 - Social play of withdrawn children. A study of the effects of teacher-mediated peer feedback
A1 - Ragland,E.U.
A1 - Kerr,M.M.
A1 - Strain,P.S.
Y1 - 1981///
N1 - 1981247749
English
Journal
KW - EMBASE
KW - behavior disorder
KW - Case Report
KW - central nervous system
KW - play
KW - school child
KW - Social Behavior
KW - Therapy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 347
EP - 359
JF - Behavior Modification
JA - Behav Modif
VL - 5
IS - 3
CY - United States
N2 - The purpose of this study was to test the effectiveness of a teacher-mediated, peer feedback intervention package on the social interactions of withdrawn children. Three 10-year-old boys who were enrolled in a class for children with learning and behavior problems were the target subjects. Their class peers were eight boys who exhibited severe academic problems. During the initial baseline condition no attempt was made to influence the social behavior of the subjects in the daily 25-minute recess periods. During intervention, all target subjects were assigned the goal, 'Play more with friends during recess.' With the teacher's direction, the boys gave one another feedback as to whether the goal had been met the day before. This procedure resulted in an immediate and sustained increase in the positive social behaviors of the three target subjects. In subsequent return to baseline and intervention conditions, prior levels of subject behaviors were replicated.
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An analysis of 139 severe sport-injuries in children shows that frequently such accidents occur during unsupervised activities, outside school or club hours. Most cases involve injured limbs. Principles of fracture-treatment in children are demonstrated. Special attention is paid to lesions of the joints and the importance of active physiotherapy is stressed.

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Recreation is a significant element of preventive health care, used by community health centres as an aid to rehabilitation, moderation of stress and maintenance of health. Although the amount of leisure available to the people is increasing, many are unable to take full advantage of it due to inadequate recreational education or other causes. Community health centres have an educative responsibility in this regard especially towards the unemployed. These centres organize therapeutic and socializing groups for patients in need. Examples are given. Recreational activities are also useful in the relief of stress, during breaks in production in work-places. The principles of safety need to be taught as an essential part of recreational education and the fitness of participants needs to be ensured by screening school children. The planning and erection of playground equipment needs supervision by competent professionals who exist in the community health centres. The conclusion recommends that safety check lists be available for all normal recreations and that everyone should receive adequate education to enable successful participation in recreational activities.

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Two experiments tested the applicability to human beings of findings with animals that the number of performances required for the reinforcement of one behavior affects the subsequent effort expended in other instrumental behaviors. In the first experiment, adult depressed psychiatric patients worked on a sorting task for the approval of a staff psychologist. The time spent and the work completed were increased by prior approval from a ward attendant for each completion of several custodial tasks, as compared to the ward attendant’s approval for each completion of a single task or a no-pretreatment control condition. In the second experiment, preadolescent learning-disabled students who were required to read and spell correctly a greater number of words per reward token later spent more time and completed more work for reward tokens in mathematics, and handwriting. Two alternative interpretations of these results are evaluated: (a) The degree of accustomed effort per reinforcer becomes a learned component of behavior, or (b) high effort increases the habituation of frustration-produced disruptive responses. The results suggest that individual differences in general persistence may arise, in part, from an accumulation of effort training in the natural environment.

To study the age difference in sweating during muscular exercise, two series of experiments were conducted under constant climatic conditions (29 ± 1°C, DB, 60 ± 5% RH, 0.45 ± 0.05 m/sec air flow). In series A, 7 to 20 years old male subjects undertook 5-minute running or pedalling of a bicycle ergometer in various seasons. In this series of experiments, pectoral sweat volume, sweat chloride concentration, rectal and mean skin temperatures were in general determined every 5 minutes and, when necessary, the total body sweat volume was calculated from the body weight loss. In series B, the age difference in the sweating in relation to physical training was studied. Subjects, 3 to 20 years old received experimental physical training of 5-minute or 500m-running. Before and after the training, a work load or 3- or 5-minute outdoor running was assigned to them. Furthermore, before and after the training, 10 an 11 years old subjects were given a fixed mechanical work rate on a bicycle ergometer. In these experiments, most of the parameters described above were measured.
In series A, age differences in sweating during exercise were noticed to be dependent on the intensity of work load between pre- and post-adolescents. When the work load was heavy enough to cause a rapid increase in rectal temperature, the sweat volume became significantly less, the mean skin temperature was far higher, and the sweat chloride concentration was remarkably smaller in the pre-adolescent subjects than in the post-adolescent ones. In series B, an age difference in the effect of physical training was also found on sweating during exercise. The effect of physical training on sweating in the pre-adolescent individuals was generally less significant than in adults and sometimes showed a different pattern from that of adults. From these results, it can be concluded that sweating in the pre-adolescents is less adaptive, particularly to continuous severe exercise and that physical training is less effective in them than in the post-adolescents.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4031
T1 - Telemetered heart rate as a psychophysiological correlate of mother-child interaction
A1 - Hong,K.M.
A1 - Bowden,D.M.
A1 - Kogan,K.L.
Y1 - 1979///
N1 - 1980216765
English
Journal: Article
KW - EMBASE
KW - Affect
KW - autonomic nervous system
KW - Behavior
KW - Case Report
KW - heart
KW - Heart Rate
KW - mother child relation
KW - normal human
KW - preschool child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 103
EP - 118
JF - Journal of the American Academy of Child Psychiatry
VL - 18
IS - 1
CY - United States
N2 - Heart rate was telemetered from 6 preschool children during play sessions with their mothers. Their behavioural interactions was simultaneously recorded on videotape and rated on three dimensions of interaction status submission-dominance), affect (hostility-warmth), and degree of involvement; 100 specific behaviors were coded in consecutive 4 second epochs. In exploring the relationship between heart rate and the behavioral measures, we applied two kinds of analysis - state analysis and transitions analysis. The usefulness or recording heart rate in a naturalistic setting was demonstrated by replicating the finding from more rigidly defined experiments that intense looking at an object is associated with cardiac deceleration. New findings were that submissive status and warm affect of the child and dominant status and warm affect of the mother were associated with low heart rate in the child and that the onset of smiling was associated with cardiac deceleration in most situations. The study demonstrates the feasibility and some of the potential uses of continuously telemetered heart rate for analyzing interactional and physiological variables in a naturalistic setting
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4032
T1 - Family origins of violent delinquents
A1 - Fagan, J.
A1 - Wexler, S.
Y1 - 1987///
N1 - 1987234708
English
Journal
KW - EMBASE
KW - Adult
KW - central nervous system
KW - Child
KW - child parent relation
KW - Crime
KW - criminology
KW - Epidemiology
KW - family study
KW - family violence
KW - forensic medicine
KW - Human
KW - Juvenile Delinquency
KW - legal aspect
KW - preliminary communication
KW - psychological aspect
KW - social aspect
KW - social psychology
KW - Violence
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 643
EP - 669
JF - Criminology
VL - 25
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CY - United States
N2 - Family is central to contemporary theories of delinquent and violent behavior. Yet, the processes by which families shape violent behavior in their children are not well understood. In the past, structural views posited that a weak family exposed a child to the evils of the street. More recently, functionalists have suggested that the family plays an active role in socializing youths to violent behaviors through supervision and discipline practices and modeling and reinforcement of antisocial behaviors. Integrated theories presume that socially disorganized families weaken children's conventional bonds and attachments, leading to associations with delinquent peers and in turn antisocial behavior. However, the influence of the family as a socializing environment may shift over time, and some suggest that its influence is overshadowed during adolescence by that of other social domains - schools, neighborhoods, peers, and work. This study describes the family processes and environments of (n = 98) chronically violent delinquents. Interviews with youths and their mothers assessed family social process and environments and the social domains and institutions with which they interact. Analyses of youth reports of family environments and processes yield three family types: 'interactionist' families exhibiting a high degree of internal interaction and bonding; 'hierarchical' families characterized by parental dominance and the presence of family bond and interaction patterns; and 'antisocial' families marked by criminality and family violence. Family variables have weaker explanatory power than do other social influences on violent delinquency. The relative contributions of family supervision practices and school environment varied by crime type. Social influences outside the family appear as stronger contributors to delinquency and violence during adolescence, regardless of early childhood experiences. The results underscore the importance of integrating social policies regarding family, crime, and neighborhood
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TY - JOUR
Acute suppurative thyroiditis is uncommon in children. It usually follows an upper respiratory tract infection and presents with fever, dysphagia, cough and a tender left anterior neck mass. Dyspnea is less common but when present it may lead to complete upper respiratory tract obstruction. The radiographic diagnosis can be confirmed by computed tomography or ultrasonography, precluding the use of thyroid scan and the unnecessary exposure to radionuclide. Thyroid function tests do not appear to be indicated (outside the neonatal period) inasmuch as nearly all patients are euthyroid. The bacteria involved include the normal oropharyngeal microflora, and broad spectrum antibiotic therapy to include anaerobic coverage should be utilized initially. Definitive management requires incisions and drainage. A left pyriform sinus fistula communicating with the perithyroid space is a common finding and probably plays a role in the pathogenesis of AST. A barium esophagogram should be performed, and if present the fistula track should be extirpated.

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SN - 0891-3668
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N2 - Cefuzonam (L-105, CZON), a new injectable cephalosporin, was used in 12 pediatric patients with infections. The 12 cases included 3 cases of tonsillitis (pathogen: Haemophilus parainfluenzae in 1 case, Haemophilus influenzae in 2 cases), 4 cases of pneumonia (Staphylococcus aureus in 1 case, pathogen unknown in 3 cases), 2 cases of nephropylelitis (Escherichia coli in 2 cases), 1 case of purulent lymphadenitis (pathogen unknown), 1 case of purulent thyroiditis (mixed infection of Streptococcus milleri, Haemophilus aphrophilus and anaerobes), and 1 case of vulvar abscess (E. coli). Dose levels of CZON were 42.9-93.3 mg/kg/day divided into 3 or 4 times and the drug was intravenously injected for 6 to 12 days. Clinical efficacies were excellent in 4 cases, good in 5 cases, and poor in 3 cases, with an efficacy rate of 75.0%. The 3 cases with poor efficacy consisted of 1 case each of pneumonia complicated with chronic granulomatosis, purulent thyroiditis associated with piriform recess fistula, and purulent lymphadenitis of the armpit after surgical operation of congenital heart disease. In the first 2 cases satisfactory efficacy was not obtained by chemotherapy alone, and complete cure was seen after surgical operation. Side effects were not observed clinically. One case each of slight prolongation of prothrombin time and transient elevations of GOT and GPT values was noted but no severe abnormalities were found in laboratory tests. The above results are reasonable from the points of view of the broad spectrum, potent antibacterial activity, and pharmacokinetics of this compound; thus, CZON appears to be a useful new antibiotic in the pediatric field. The recommended dosage for general pediatric infections is about 20 mg/kg at a time, 3 or 4 times, by which the expected efficacy may be obtainable SN - 0368-2781
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ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4035
T1 - Increasing recreational behavior in mentally retarded children
A1 - Katz, R.C.
A1 - Singh, N.N.
Y1 - 1986//
Mentally retarded children are frequently observed either to be inactive or to engage in stereotypic behaviors and isolate play. In this study, sign posting, pictorial prompts, and feedback were used to increase the recreational behaviors of 45 moderately and severely mentally retarded children. Treatment was introduced sequentially in a multiple-baseline fashion for ballplay and jungle gym activities across two school recess periods. Results showed large increases in the percentage of children participating in these activities that corresponded with the introduction of treatment. Similarly, the average amount of time the children played was roughly tripled. These gains were maintained over a 12-week follow-up period during which the pictorial prompts and feedback were gradually faded. The results demonstrate the efficacy of a simple, inexpensive, and practical way of generating higher levels of recreational play in large numbers of mentally retarded children.
A double-blind study has been carried out in 40 allergic asthmatic children, average age 12 years, in order to evaluate the protective action of sodium cromoglycate, taken punctually or regularly for one month, on asthma induced exercise. RVA were measured 45 min. before an outdoors race of 8 min. then immediately, 3, 10, and 25 min. after exertion. The isolated intake of one placebo before exercise does not reduce the frequency of the crises, while cromoglycate reduces this frequency to 55 per cent (p< 0.02). After one month of treatment, only 5 per cent of the patients under active therapy had an asthma attack after exercise, versus 75 per cent of the patients under placebo (p< 0.001). Therefore Sodium cromoglycate prevents short term exercise induced asthma. Its regular administration increases its efficacy, possibly by decreasing bronchial hyperactivity

Soil samples from children’s play areas on the Island of Guam were examined for the presence of Salmonella bacteria. Twenty four (30.4%) of 79 samples were positive. Test sites with high soil positivity rates tended to be in villages with higher incidence rates of human salmonellosis and higher rates of stray animals.
killed on public roads. It was concluded that there was widespread contamination of Guam's environment with Salmonella bacteria and that stray dogs and other unconfined animals could contribute to the unusually high incidence of salmonellosis reported on the island.

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Guam

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4038
T1 - Testing the validity of the Griffin/Keogh model for movement confidence by analyzing self-report playground involvement decisions of elementary school children
A1 - Crawford, M.E.
A1 - Griffin, N.S.
Y1 - 1986///
N1 - 1986117603

English

Journal

KW - EMBASE
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Education
KW - Human
KW - human experiment
KW - Motivation
KW - Motor Performance
KW - musculoskeletal system
KW - normal human
KW - psychological aspect
KW - school child
KW - social aspect
RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 8
EP - 15

JF - Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport
VL - 57
IS - 1

CY - United States

N2 - In this study, the interaction of such factors as competence, potential for enjoyment, and potential for harm as postulated in the Model for Movement Confidence was studied by analyzing responses of 250 fifth-grade children in the Omaha Public schools to a Playground Movement Confidence Inventory (PMCI). The PMCI was designed to assess movement confidence and the bases for performance decisions. Multiple discriminant analyses and analytical cross-validation were used to determine an index of discriminatory power, stability of the instrument, and a validity coefficient for scale classification power. All three model factors were found to influence the confidence of children in performing the playground tasks in the inventory. The PMCI successfully classified 85.16% of total cases representing a .5726 proportional reduction in error over chance. The factor analysis model accounted for 54% of the total variance with 90% of this variance explained by the competency subscale. The enjoyment and harm subscales combined to account for the remaining 10%. Two categories of harm variables were also depicted by the factor analysis in this study. Findings of this study represent a significant step in the validation and elaboration of the Model for Movement Confidence. Identity, separability, and measurability of the factors postulated in the model were demonstrated and the probably multivariate nature of the harm, factor identified. Specific response pattern profiles of low and high confidence groups as a priori predictions of the movement confidence model were obtained. The theoretical formulations of the model sustained as factors of enjoyment and harm as well as competence, were found to modify confidence perceptions of tasks. In this study the discriminating variables operated with a high degree of task specificity.

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ER -
The development of independence in chronically ill adolescents

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KW - EMBASE
KW - adolescence
KW - Adolescent
KW - Asthma
KW - Child
KW - Child Development
KW - Chronic Disease
KW - congenital disorder
KW - cystic fibrosis
KW - fatality
KW - heredity
KW - Human
KW - independence
KW - major clinical study
KW - respiratory system

In the literature often suggests that chronically ill adolescents show a delay in the development of independence, but clear-cut evidence is lacking. Cystic fibrosis (CF) is an example of a chronic illness with marked effects on growth and development. CF is a lethal genetic disease with mainly pulmonary and gastrointestinal problems; median life expectancy is about 18 years. In the authors' study 3 major psychological elements of CF are considered: its chronic nature, its fatal outcome, and the visibility of the handicap (retarded growth). In order to study the influence of these variables on adolescent independence, 3 reference groups have been chosen besides the CF-group (n = 39): adolescents with asthma (chronic, but not fatal; n = 26); healthy, but small adolescents (n = 45), and normal healthy controls (n = 70). Eight forms of independence were measured by an extensive questionnaire. Some of the main results: At younger ages (13-14) CF-adolescents show a delay in 'dating and mating', but in general they do not have less social activities outside the home than their healthy peers. At ages 15-17 CF-adolescents do have a smaller social range. Younger CF-adolescents are less independent in handling social conflicts. At ages 13-14 adolescents with CF or asthma bear less responsibility for their own body hygiene. Surprisingly, CF- and asthma-patients feel just as responsible for living according to health rules as their healthy peers. Also, there are no differences between the groups regarding the formation of ideals and the development of own ideas in politics, religion and ethics. In future research it will be necessary to avoid general labels such as 'immature' or 'dependent', and to differentiate further between different types of independence.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4040
T1 - Children's accidents with selected types of playground equipment, registered in Odense Hospital in 1982
A1 - Hansen, A.J.
As yet, there are no standards in Denmark for design or placing of playground equipment. An analysis of all contacts with the Casualty Department in Odense Hospital in 1982, where the injured were in the age-group 0-14 years and when the injury had occurred during play with swings, slides, seesaws, sandpits or climbing frames gave the following results: 279 children were injured and 33 of these were hospitalized; 24% of the children sustained fractures; the majority of the injured children were aged 5-9 years; the majority of the injuries occurred with swings and slides and the most serious accidents resulted from falls from climbing frames. If the distribution of accidents was correlated for the presence of the individual types of playground equipment, particular risks are found to be associated when playing with: climbing frames in schools, seesaws in public playgrounds and slides regardless of where these are. When the results are compared with a corresponding investigation carried out in Arhus in 1979-80, the pattern and the frequencies of accidents are found to be practically identical. This confirmation of the findings from Arhus should instigate efforts to establish Danish standards for playground equipment and rules for design of playgrounds including minimum norms for the shock-absorbing nature of the ground or flooring.
A proposal is outlined to provide a quantitative descriptive research frame for analyzing the organization of spontaneous behavior in autistic children within and across natural settings such as home, school, daycare centre, and playground. A number of research questions are formulated and appropriate analyses are suggested. In particular the project aimed to detect periodicities in behavior, guided probably by 'clock-like' processes as have been found in the field of biological rhythms. A database has to be created by observing and noting a sufficient number of samples of behavior drawn from various settings in which the autistic children happen to live. Contrived settings may also be used.

Social consequences of hyperactivity in a children's treatment center

The social behavior of hyperactive and nonhyperactive conduct-disordered children at a treatment center was measured by teacher rating, direct observation of recess play, and peer rating. Hyperactive subjects were rated by their peers as more aggressive and somewhat less likable than nonhyperactives, and they were more likely to be the target of others' aggression. Though rated as less likable, hyperactives spent less time than nonhyperactives in solitary play. Hyperactives also spent less time observing the interactions of other children. Additional analyses indicated that the peer relations problems of hyperactive children in treatment cannot be attributed exclusively to their aggressiveness. These findings are discussed in terms of their implications for treatment and for the theoretical conceptualization of hyperactivity.
School-based health clinics: A new approach to preventing adolescent pregnancy?

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Ontogenesis of taurocholate transport by rat ileal brush border membrane vesicles

A1 - Barnard, J. A.
A1 - Ghishan, F. K.
A1 - Wilson, F. A.
Y1 - 1985
N1 - 1985111011
English
Journal: Article
KW - age
KW - animal cell
KW - Child
KW - digestive system
KW - intestine brush border
KW - large intestine
KW - membrane vesicle
KW - nonhuman
KW - ontogeny
KW - postnatal development
KW - priority journal
KW - rat
KW - taurocholic acid
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 869
EP - 873
JF - Journal of Clinical Investigation
VL - 75
IS - 3
CY - United States

Developmental aspects of taurocholate transport into ileal brush border membrane vesicles were studied in 2-wk-old (suckling), 3-wk-old (weanling), and 6-wk-old (adolescent) rats. Taurocholate uptake (picomoles per milligram protein) into brush border membrane vesicles prepared from 2-wk-old rats was similar under Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> gradient conditions (outside greater than inside). By contrast, uptake in 3- and 6-wk-old rats was significantly enhanced at 20 s, and at 1, 2, and 5 min of incubation in the presence of a Na<sup>+</sup> gradient when compared with a K<sup>+</sup> gradient incubation (P < 0.05). Under isotope exchange conditions, a plot of active uptake velocity versus taurocholate concentration (0.10-1.0 mM) in 2-wk-old rat membrane vesicles was linear and approached the horizontal axis, suggesting the absence of active transport. However, similar plots in 3- and 6-wk-old rats described a rectangular hyperbola, indicating a Na<sup>+</sup>-dependent, saturable cotransport system. Woolf-Augustinsson-Hofstee plots of the uptake velocity versus concentration data from 3- and 6-wk-old rat brush border membrane vesicles yielded V(max) values that were not significantly different, 844 and 884 pmol uptake/mg protein per 120 s, respectively. The respective K(m) values were 0.59 and 0.66 mM taurocholate. The induction of an electrochemical diffusion potential by incubating K<sup>+</sup>-loaded vesicles with valinomycin did not significantly enhance taurocholate uptake in 2-, 3-, or 6-wk-old rat vesicle preparations. These data indicate that taurocholate transport into rat ileal brush border membrane vesicles is mediated by an electroneutral, sodium-coupled, cotransport system that is incompletely developed in the 2-wk-old suckling rat but fully developed by the time of weaning at 3 wk of age.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4045
T1 - Respiratory and heart rate patterns in infants destined to be victims of sudden infant death syndrome: Average rates and their variability measured over 24 hours
A1 - Wilson, A. J.
From a prospective study in which 24 hour recordings of the electrocardiogram and respiratory activity (abdominal wall movement) were made on a population of full term infants, 22 recordings were obtained from 16 infants who later were victims of the sudden infant death syndrome. The average heart rate, average heart rate variability, average breath to breath interval, and average breath to breath interval variability over the whole of each recording for the 22 recordings were compared with those from a control group of 324 infants selected at random from the rest of the population. No significance was found in the number of recordings from those infants who suffered the sudden infant death syndrome which lay outside the 5th-95th percentile range of the control group for the four variables studied. In a group comparison no difference was found between the sudden infant death syndrome group and the controls either in terms of the respiratory variables studied or in terms of the average heart rate variability. The results did, however, suggest that there may be a group difference in terms of the average instantaneous heart rate.
This paper presents a discussion of conceptual and technical issues considered critical to the understanding, design, and implementation of developmental research using behavioral and physiologic measures. Background information is presented demonstrating the effectiveness of naturalistic monitoring of infant 24-hour, sleep-awake cycles in determining state regulation, and the importance of this function as it relates to other physiologic subsystems and to infant risk. Also included is a comprehensive report, with illustrations, of a biotelemetry system for concurrent, continuous monitoring of infant behavior, heart beat, and respiration in the naturalistic setting for the purpose of assessing physiologic regulation in relation to caregiving activity.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4047
T1 - Accidents in schoolchildren
A1 - Jensen, T.T.
A1 - Uhrbrand, B.
Y1 - 1985///
N1 - 1985184184

Danish Journal

KW - EMBASE
KW - accident
KW - Child
KW - Epidemiology
KW - Etiology
KW - Human
KW - injury
KW - school
KW - school child
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SP - 2637
EP - 2639
JF - Ugeskrift for Laeger
JA - Ugeskr.Laeger
VL - 147
IS - 33
CY - Denmark
A material from a casualty department consisting of 177 accidents which occurred in children in primary schools is presented. 4.5% of the school children were injured during school hours to an extent which required medical treatment. This figure is high when the duration of the brief school day in Denmark is considered. The sites and mechanisms of the injuries are considered in relation to the various age-groups and the individual schools. The smaller children are injured most frequently by falls and while using playground equipment while the injuries in older children occurred mainly during sport and gymnastics. The majority of the injuries were slight but 6% of the cases required hospitalization. The severity and number of the injuries were relatively uniform in the various schools. In one school, however, an accumulation of accidents involving doors was observed and this was connected with the closing mechanism of the doors in that particular school.

The concurrent validity of the Children's Action Tendency Scale (CATS), a self-report measure of aggressiveness, assertiveness, and submissiveness, was assessed using behavioral observations in naturalistic settings. Forty-five third- to fifth-grade children were observed over an 8-month period in a wide variety of school (and school-related) activities. Scores on the CATS subscales were found to correlate significantly with a variety of behavioral indices of aggressiveness, assertiveness, and submissiveness; these correlations tended to be higher for boys than for girls. Explanations for these sex differences and recommendations for the questionnaire's use are offered.

The completeness of routine reporting of school-related injuries to children is considered. The duration of the brief school day in Denmark is considered.
The authors examined the amount and effects of underreporting in a passive surveillance system used by three schoolboards to monitor injuries to school children. We compared information collected through active surveillance of 50 randomly selected schools for a two month time period staggered throughout the school year with the findings of passive surveillance. This comparison showed that schools report less than 25% of injuries to children. Serious injuries are more likely to be routinely reported. It is estimated that one out of two serious injuries was reported routinely, while one in five injuries of a non-serious nature was reported. The playground is the major site of injury.
There were 469 unnatural deaths among the Sheffield child population between 1947 and 1979, 226 of which were caused by traffic accidents. The annual incidence of these fatal traffic accidents has risen steadily since the early 1960s with boys being consistently more vulnerable. Fatal accidents were disproportionately higher among social deprived families and in poorer areas of the city. The environment rather than the child may be 'accident prone' and there is an urgent need for safer play areas in deprived areas.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4051
T1 - I.P.A. newsletter
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - NEWSLETTERS
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - Sheffield, Eng.;
PB - Intern Playground Association Resources

TY - JOUR
ID - 4052
T1 - 59th Annual Proceedings of the College Physical Education Association
Y1 - 1956//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *UNIVERSITIES & colleges
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *SPORTS
KW - MEETINGS
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - Washington;
PB - College Physical Education Association

TY - JOUR
ID - 4053
T1 - Recreation patterns in New Zealand
Y1 - 1971//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *AQUATIC sports
KW - *AERONAUTICAL sports
KW - *MOTORSPORTS
This study of areas of Auckland compares present participation patterns in sport (outdoor team and individual, water based and motor), fitness and social activities according to age and sex with what citizens 'would like to do'. Data were collected for school children between the ages of eleven and eighteen and for club officials and those responsible for administering facilities with two questionnaires. There is a need for more planning and provision of casual leisure time activities, especially in individual sports and for females.
KW - Interests
KW - Child
KW - London
KW - MUNICIPAL
KW - Leadership
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - : 
UR - 
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=33923
ER - 

TY - JOUR
ID - 4056
T1 - Tunnel with a jumping bird: children's concepts of the ideal playground
Y1 - 1979//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - DESIGN
KW - building
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - Wodonga;
PB - Town & Country Planning Board
UR - 
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4057
T1 - Using playground equipment as the basis for activity on the days when children are not scheduled for PE
Y1 - 1985/02//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *SAFETY
KW - PROGRAMS
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2
EP - 5
JA - Physical Education Newsletter
IS - 167
CY - :
SN - 00318973
UR - 
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=179621
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4058
T1 - Prime Time Concern
The article reports on a possible relationship between excessive television watching and childhood obesity. A Nielsen study reports that children spend more than 20 hours per week watching television, which does little to burn calories compared to physical activities outdoors. In addition, children viewing TV tend to eat food high in fats, which is influenced by commercials that give children a false sense of reality. To combat this, parents should limit children's TV time and promote better eating habits.

Reports that according to the National Program for Playground Safety, over 200,000 preschool and elementary-aged school children in the United States are injured by playground equipment and receive emergency hospital care. Suggestion that most injuries occur in May, June and September; Details on the injuries; How the American Association for Leisure and Recreation's Committee on Play is addressing this problem

The article focuses on the book "Breast Feeding and Human Lactation," 2nd ed., by Kathleen Auerbach and Jan Riordan. Infants are less likely to be breast-fed today than at any other time in history. The World Health Organization estimated in 1996 that only about one third of the babies younger than 4 months exclusively receive breast milk. The median duration of breast-feeding internationally is about 18 months. Women who are poor and live in rural settings are most likely to breast-feed. The most important obstacle is the lack of "acceptance by society of the need for a mother and child to be together and the right of the breast-feeding dyad to participate in social, civic, and commercial activities outside the home." This second edition of a text published in 1993 has expanded clinical information on the breast-feeding process and techniques and has added a new chapter on maternal nutrition; appended to most chapters are sections on clinical implications. The book is a comprehensive reference that begins by reviewing the historical, cultural, and familial context of breast-feeding

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This section provides parents with tips for keeping children safe while in the water, at the playground, riding a bike, playing baseball and/or soccer, skating and looking out the window.
Socially anxious children have been described in the literature as at risk of developing increasing emotional problems and of being deprived of valid learning experiences with peers. In order to enable teachers to detect social anxiety in preschoolers the authors developed a scale. The TRSA-“junior” (Teacher Rating Scale of Social Anxiety-“junior”) is a brief Likert-type questionnaire for the identification of social anxiety in 5-to 6-year-old children. Reliability (internal consistency plus test-retest correlation) collected in 2 samples was high. Convergent and divergent validity of this newly developed rating-scale were also studied. A high level of social anxiety correlated with a low level of social participation, as observed on the playground. The TRSA-“junior” score correlated with "internalizing" as measured by the Behavior Questionnaire for Toddlers and Preschoolers (BQTP) and the Child Behavior Check List (CBCL), and with the subscales "anxious-depressed", "thought problems", "social problems" and "withdrawn behavior" of the CBCL. In the second study a high score on social anxiety appeared to be related to less positive sociometric judgments by peers. The authors conclude that the TRSA-“junior” may aid in the identification and prevention of social anxiety at an early age. In addition, the scale would appear to be a useful instrument in research, given its sound psychometric qualities. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

N2 - Reports on the trend of United States schools rejecting scheduled recess periods in favor of additional instruction time. Concern of child development experts regarding the trend; Importance of physical play to health of students

TY - JOUR
ID - 4066
T1 - NASPE TELLS PARENTS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICIALS "RECESS IS A MUST!"
Y1 - 2001/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *RECESSES
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - NATIONAL Association for Sport & Physical Education

TY - JOUR
ID - 4065
T1 - Schools Becoming All Work and No Play
Y1 - 2001/11/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - *HEALTH
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *SCHOOLS
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 11
JA - JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
VL - 72
IS - 9
SN - 07303084
ER -
That National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) has issued a statement indicating to parents the importance of recess in elementary school. The benefits of children having unstructured recess time for the promotion of health and physical activity are highlighted.

The following five games that promote physical activity are presented: Across the Great Divide, Co-op Four Square, Boom... Chick a Boom..., Ulu Maika, and Hackball.

Talks about the research conducted in the U.S. as of April 2002, of children playing on playgrounds with equipment platforms more than ten feet high. Views of experts on playground equipment heights; Purposes of children from climbing playground equipment; Description of the observation sites.
The Court ruled that the Defendants did not violate any standard of care and that they were in compliance with State requirements regarding the ratio of supervisors to children. Case: Brown v. United Presbyterian Home no. 1-641 / 00-1663 (Iowa App. 01/28/2002). Court of Appeals of Iowa, January 28, 2002. Attached opinion of the court has been edited and citations omitted.

Provides information about Turning POINT, a program that provides outdoor recreational and sport opportunities for people with physical disabilities, including children and youth.

SN - 01616706
This article describes how corporate and business professionals are becoming increasingly visible as advocates for children's programs such as day care, after-school care and early education.

Provides tips for teachers looking to provide physical activity opportunities for children at times when outdoor activity is not possible.
This article presents information on several new products for use in parks and other recreation areas. New to the spraypark industry, I-Spy is Waterplay's innovative product line featuring transparent pipe. I-Spy technology heightens the play experience when water floods through the transparent piping in various directions, rates and patterns. American Locker Group Inc. introduces the new REL, keyless electronic locker system. Loose fill rubber safety surfacing is regarded as the most effective way to keep children safe on playgrounds. GroundScape Technologies' Kids is an ADA-approved loose fill rubber product that comes in a variety of colors to match any commercial playground equipment.
This article focuses on a research by the Trust for Public Land (TPL), which reveals that three in four residents of large American cities do not have access to a nearby park, playground or open space. Children in park-poor neighborhoods play in streets, alleyways and vacant lots rather than in grassy parks, baseball diamonds or soccer fields. One of TPL’s programs, Parks for People Initiative, works in cities and suburbs nationwide to build playgrounds, such as in Newark, New Jersey, and New York City. After selecting a new site and partner organization, TPL launches an extensive outreach and design process with the school and community.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4079
T1 - Physical Activity Time and Being a Good Sport
Y1 - 2006/11/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *GOLF
KW - *GOLF tees
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - Parents
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 86
EP - 86
JA - Golf Digest
VL - 56
IS - 4
N2 - The article presents some suggestions by "Golf Digest" teaching professional Renee Powell on how to introduce children to golf, without having to watch them being turned off from the game. On a regular course, children have been suggested to tee off from the 150-yard marker. Parents have been suggested to give their children their own par and scorecard because, they might play a hole in four shots, but it can be seven or eight for their children. Parents have also been asked to visit the course at off-peak hours to avoid slowing down experienced players, and to pick up before the score gets to double digits
SN - 0017176X

TY - JOUR
ID - 4080
T1 - Ideas to Promote Physical Activity With Your Students
Y1 - 2006/11/
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *SPORTSMANSHIP
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for children
KW - *EXERCISE for children
KW - *PHYSICAL education teachers
KW - SOCIAL aspects
KW - PROBLEM solving in children
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 51
EP - 54
JA - Teaching Elementary Physical Education
VL - 17
IS - 6
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SN - 10454853

The article presents ideas that physical fitness teachers can use to promote physical activity in their students. The article examines the National Association for Sport and Physical Education's position statement on children's need for daily physical activity, which states that children should get 60 minutes or more of daily physical activity and should not have extended periods of inactivity. The article discusses running a lunchtime or after-school intramural program, developing a walking club, letting students use a pedometer for a week at a time, and teaching a unit on active playground games.

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The article introduces the special report on the use of physical activity in youth development. According to the author, physical activity is a great way to promote community, increase social development, and help children believe in themselves. The special report covers several topics, including the role of play in the development of preschoolers, recommendations for working with youth trauma survivors, strategies for working with disabled youth, social development barriers at schools, and how to improve the social environment at recess.

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Several photographs relating to playground renovations being carried out in tsunami-ravaged areas in Sri Lanka are presented. One photograph shows National Recreation and Park Association member Curtis Stoddard posing with children during new playground construction. Other photograph shows Sri Lankan children posing on their newly built climber. In one photograph, locals are shown using string to test for plumb, while in other photograph a builder is shown enjoying his lunch. Another photograph shows locals passing concrete relay style from the mixing area to the equipment.

The article features the playground for both able and disabled children in Ontario, California. The playground was built in just a day by KaBOOM! together with a group of Paralympic athletes and volunteers from The Home Depot and Easter Seals. This was part of the mission of KaBOOM! to build 1,000 playgrounds in 1,000 days.
The article focuses on Fran Wallach, the president of the recreation consulting company Total Recreation Management Services. She is most known for her ground-breaking work with playground safety. She has been a playground safety consultant to countless projects and organizations, including McDonald’s Corp. and Discovery Zone. She had a proud moment every time one of her three children graduated from college. She thinks the future of parks and recreation is brighter than it has ever been, despite tight budgets or lack of money.

This article provides an interview with Carolina Panthers football player Mike Rucker. Rucker discusses his most embarrassing moment as a football player. Rucker also notes that his favorite off-day activity is spending the day outdoors with his children, and that he would work as a park ranger if he were not a football player.
In addition to removing less healthy options from the lunchroom, PEI's Fortune Consolidated School has arranged its recess schedule to allow kids to play before lunch and brought in a volunteer chef to cook with the kids.

The article presents a guide on conducting a hoops holiday camp in Australia. A holiday camp gives children opportunity to participate in basketball activities at a local club or association over a period of time. It also provides children experiencing basketball for the first time the comfort of playing basketball activities with friends and other children their own age, fulfillment of being taught new skills by trained Coaches and recognition of attending the clinic through a camp certificate or show bag.
In this article the author provides tips that can be used to include children with special needs, such as developmental disabilities, in playground fun. Highlighted are concepts that were discussed at a meeting titled, "Surviving the Playground - Recess Strategies and Learning the Rules" such as learning for one another or older siblings.

This article reports on the efforts of several organizations in Orlando, Florida to build a handicap-accessible playground for both children and adults at the intergenerational care facility, Grandma's House. The playground will help the residents of Grandma's House to bridge the generation gap. The complete playground makeover was performed and completed in four days.
Is it time to put the risk back into children's play?

The article focuses on views whether children should be given more freedom to play outside and take risks in Great Britain. There are concerns in the country's playgrounds which critics say are too safe, dull and unimaginative. This means that children are not being challenged. By cutting the element of managed risks in playgrounds, the risk for children's injuries elsewhere could be reduced.

The article reports on the research examining the role of organized youth sports, physical education class and recess play in the daily physical activity levels of children by American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). The study included 119 boys aged between 6 and 12 years from sports programs provided with moderate-to-vigorous physical activities (MVPAs) measured using accelerators. The results showed that youth sports provides an opportunity to increase total daily levels of MVPA.

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This article focuses on Wallace Public School, a small rural school just outside of Listowel, Ontario. There are 270 students in this Grade 8 school. It has two 20 minute breaks daily. Particular focus is given to the school's Intramural 3on3 Basketball event during winter. A variety of sculptures created by school children can be found in the snow covered school yard such as snowmen and snow forts.

The article presents a position paper from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education that all elementary school children should have a least 20 minutes of recess daily. Various government and welfare organizations recognize the importance of recess to a child's physical, social and academic development. It provides them with time to engage in physical activity to help develop their bodies, develop life skills and give them opportunities to enjoy movement. Physical activities are said to improve attention, behavior and learning.

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The article discusses the importance of out and about guidance for schools for all Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) settings, providers and venues. According to the author, this will begin later this summer and this will start out practical measures to be taken to assure the youth to experience high-quality offsite activities. Questions answerable by yes or no by the Director of Children's Services including supporting and encouraging the local authority officer responsible for LOtC are also listed.

The article reports on the plan of the International Ski Federation (FIS) to launch the Bring Kids Back to the Snow campaign to promote playing in the snow as the number 1 outdoor activity of choice for children and the youth during the winter. The campaign aims to generate passion for snow activities with the younger generations. The target market for the campaign will be countries that have interest in snow sports. FIS president Gian Franco Kasper says that the campaign is important for encouraging children and families to spend more time in the snow.
The article reports on the declined participation of the youths aged 6-12 years in nature-based outdoor activities such as mountain biking, backpacking, and trail running in the U.S. It presents the percentage evaluation of youth participants based on the 2008 Outdoor Recreation Participation Report. Also discussed is the observed behaviors of school children during daily recess period at school. A study on the issue of recess in schools set from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998-1999 is also presented.

The article provides information on "Take The Lead!" a health promotion program for children and the youth which is offered by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA). The program offers several advantages including the addition of youth leadership opportunities, reduction in violent behavior in children and promotion of Healthy Active Living during free time. Information regarding the training, its venue and schedule is also provided.
Research has found that obese and overweight boys and girls are prone to less physical activity. In this study, we reinvestigate the relationship between physical activity and obesity among children. We examined the differences in physical activity between overweight and normal weight children. One hundred and twenty six Hawaii school-system children participated in this study. The children were measured for height and weight, and answered questions about their activity level. Activity level was assessed by participation in physical education, active play during recess and lunch, and other activities during the past week. Children were divided into obese, overweight and normal weight based on their age and body mass index (BMI). Age-adapted BMI was used as overweight and obesity indicator. The hypothesis for this project is that physical activity will be greater with normal weight boys and overweight girls than it is with overweight boys and normal weight girls.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 1049510X

TY - JOUR
ID - 4100
T1 - Panel: Trial Court Acted Prematurely in Negligence Case
Y1 - 2009/03/13/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation for children
KW - JUDGMENTS
KW - ACTIONS & defenses (Law)
KW - PERSONAL injuries (Law)
KW - SCHOOL administration
KW - NEW York (State)
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 1
JA - Sports Litigation Alert
VL - 6
IS - 4

The article reports on the decision of the New York State appeals court to reverse a trial court rulings in a negligence case involving a female student who was injured while playing touch football during recess. The daughter of plaintiff Lenore Bellinger has knocked out three of her teeth and fractured a fourth after colliding with a teammate. The panel believed that a school is not responsible for every thoughtless or careless act by which one pupil may injure another.

SN - 1552194X

TY - JOUR
ID - 4101
T1 - Clinical highlights. Daily recess improves classroom behavior
Y1 - 2009/03/
N1 - Accession Number: 2010231970. Language: English. Entry Date: 20090403. Revision Date: 20091030. Publication Type: journal article; brief item; pictorial. Journal Subset: Core Nursing; Nursing; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care. No. of Refs: 1 ref. NLM UID: 20010080R
The article presents views of Americans concerning whether schools should hire private companies to supervise children during recess. Graduate student Vicki Davies comments that children would get more physical activity time if a company is hired. Student Christine Bennett expresses that the school must allow students to be themselves during recess by letting them enjoy what they are doing. Morgann Wagner remains neutral by assessing both the advantages and disadvantages of hiring companies.
The article offers news briefs related to golf. Golfer Phil Mickelson is refusing requests of media for interviews as he wants to spend time with his family. He spends his time playing with his children, taking them out and his wife Amy Mickelson out on dates. Mike Davis, senior director of rules at the U.S. Golf association (USGA) has suggested having the uphill blind tee shot at par-4 eighth hole in Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach in California by moving the fairway 25 yards.

The article presents a study conducted by K. H. Pitetti, M. W. Beets and C. Combs in 2009 in the U.S. on youths with intellectual disabilities (ID) who are reported to have lower levels of cardiovascular fitness and muscular strength. The researchers assessed physical activity patterns of children with ID in three school settings which include adapted physical education (APE), self-contained classrooms (CR), and inclusive recess (RE). The outcomes of the study are also presented.
The article reports that a study from the Kaiser Family Foundation and Stanford University in the U.S. showed that people ages 8 to 18 years spend an average of 7 hours and 38 minutes a day using entertainment media. It notes that about half of heavy media users reported to get fair or poor grades compared to light users. Studies revealed that outdoor activities can help children increase classroom performance. The Future Fisherman Foundation is offering a youth fishing program, an outdoor fishing activity designed for youngsters.


The article cites a research study that analyzes how physical environment, social factors, and child characteristics influence preschool children's physical activity intensity. It is said that when examining predictors of physical activity intensity in young children, features of the physical environment and social factors need to be considered together. The study included 175 children from 9 preschool child-care settings. It was found that when children were outside and when more activity opportunities were present, they generally played with higher intensity.

The article discusses the participation of Americans in outdoor recreation as being noted in the "2010 Outdoor Recreation Participation Report." It says that the study is based on an online survey targeting over 40,000 Americans. It cites that 137.8 million Americans participated regularly in outdoor recreation in 2009 and 14,652,000 children age six to 17 involved in biking-related outings. It adds the 43.5% of 2009 triathlon participants who reported being first-time racers in the said year.

The article focuses on Basile Island of the Abrolhos chain, which has a special place in the heart of Pia Boschetti as it used to be her playground every winter during her childhood.
Stimulating children to exercise by creating an environment with enough green space, sports facilities and playgrounds may be a simple means to combat obesity in children. At the same time parents have to make sure that their children get enough sleep during the night. These are the latest results of the European Commission-funded project IDEFICS (Identification and prevention of Dietary- and lifestyle-induced Health Effects In Children and infants). Ac 2011 EUFIC

Statistics are presented on the relation between children and parks in the U.S. including rise in childhood obesity in neighborhoods without playgrounds, proximity ratio of the number of children and parks, and percentage of physical activity pursued by high-school students.
The article discusses assessment of Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) by noncycloplegic autorefraction between a specified age group as myopic or as emmetropic for measuring physical activity using an accelerometer producing an astounding result.

The article offers news briefs related to the U.S. leisure industry. The Norfolk Bridge in the Cowboy Recreation and Nature Trail of Nebraska is open for public. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is hosting USTA Free Tennis Play Day during the National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month in September 2012. The company Little Tikes Commercial and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Inc. have decided to build a memorial playground for children with mitochondrial disease.
The article reports on the overall decrease of childhood obesity in the U.S. based on the new data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC data provided the most detailed picture of obesity among low-income U.S. citizens, using weight and height measurements from 12 million children ages 2 to 4 years old who participate in federally funded maternal and child nutrition programs. It stresses the importance of outdoor activities for obesity prevention.

The article focuses on the capitalization of golf courses for nine holes. It states the opening of the nine-hole golf clubs at Village Greens of Woodridge Golf Course outside of Chicago, Illinois. It states that in 2013, 10 percent of the rounds of Village Greens are nine holes. Moreover, it also mentions that nine-hole deals can draw in new players, can be a means to introduce golf to children, and can help people who have less time and money to stay active in the game.

An interview with Topher Gaylord, president of Mountain Hardwear and Montrail, is presented. Gaylord shares what drives him to get involved in the outdoor activity. He cites baseball, football, and basketball as his favorite sports during his childhood days. He notes that his first job was working for a specialty windsurfing sail manufacturer.
In this article, the author presents his views on the dreams and goals of the children to play cricket at the cricket ground of Ashes and other major tournament of sports. He mentions that participation of children in games like golf, tennis and football are taken as granted and self awareness toward athletic sports are considered as obligation than the enjoyment. He also mentions that fantasy of children toward the sports is fading day by day.

Another Reason to Love Recess

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KW - CINAHL
KW - Vision -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Play and Playthings -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Myopia -- Prevention and Control -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Sunlight -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Natural Environment -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Child
KW - child health
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 70
EP - 70
JA - Parents (10836373)
VL - 88
IS - 9
SN - 1083-6373
TY - JOUR
ID - 4121
T1 - Worry in the playground
Y1 - 2013/03/
N1 - Accession Number: 2012477455. Language: English. Entry Date: 20140307. Revision Date: 20140307.
Publication Type: journal article; pictorial. Journal Subset: Australia & New Zealand; Nursing; Peer Reviewed.
NLM UID: 0015376
KW - CINAHL
KW - Environmental Exposure -- In Infancy and Childhood -- New South Wales
KW - Fossil Fuels -- Risk Factors -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Dust -- Adverse Effects
KW - Public Policy
KW - New South Wales
KW - Mining -- Adverse Effects
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 26
EP - 26
JA - Lamp
VL - 70
IS - 2
SN - 0047-3936
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4122
T1 - Playing it
A1 - Freelance journalist CARRIE MADREN writes from Northern Virginia.
Y1 - 2012/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *AMUSEMENT rides
KW - *PREVENTION
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - QUALITY control inspectors
KW - OCCUPATIONAL roles
KW - JOB descriptions
KW - CHILDREN'S accidents
KW - INTELLIGENCE levels
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 40
EP - 45
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 47
IS - 8
N2 - The article focuses on the job roles of certified playground safety inspectors. It mentions that for being certified, inspectors are required to pass an examination every three years which test their awareness to latest standards for various amusement rides and parks and states that safety inspectors are required to detect hazards and prevent any accidents. Also presented is a quiz for evaluating the intelligence quotient (IQ) of safety inspectors
SN - 00312215
ER -
Air pollution contributes to preventable illness and death. Subgroups of patients who appear to be more sensitive to the effects of air pollution include young children, the elderly and people with existing chronic cardiac and respiratory disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma. It is unclear whether air pollution contributes to the development of asthma, but it does trigger asthma episodes. Physicians are in a position to identify patients at particular risk of health effects from air pollution exposure and to suggest timely and appropriate actions that these patients can take to protect themselves. A simple tool that uses the CH2OPD2 mnemonic (Community, Home, Hobbies, Occupation, Personal habits, Diet and Drugs) can help physicians take patients' environmental exposure histories to assess those who may be at risk. As public health advocates, physicians contribute to the primary prevention of illness and death related to air pollution in the population. In this article we review the origins of air pollutants, the pathophysiology of health effects, the burden of illness and the clinical implications of smog exposure using the illustrative case of an adolescent patient with asthma.
Objectives. The indoor environment has not been fully incorporated into the environmental justice dialogue. To inform strategies to reduce disparities, we developed a framework to identify the individual and place-based drivers of indoor environment quality. Methods. We reviewed empirical evidence of socioeconomic disparities in indoor exposures and key determinants of these exposures for air pollutants, lead, allergens, and semivolatile organic compounds. We also used an indoor air quality model applied to multifamily housing to illustrate how nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) vary as a function of factors known to be influenced by socioeconomic status. Results. Indoor concentrations of multiple pollutants are elevated in low socioeconomic status households. Differences in these exposures are driven by the combined influences of indoor sources, outdoor sources, physical structures, and residential activity patterns. Simulation models confirmed indoor sources’ importance in determining indoor NO2 and PM2.5 exposures and showed the influence of household-specific determinants. Conclusions. Both theoretical models and empirical evidence emphasized that disparities in indoor environmental exposure can be significant. Understanding key determinants of multiple indoor exposures can aid in developing policies to reduce these disparities.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4126
T1 - Signature works
A1 - Adams, P.H.I.L.
Y1 - 2013/10/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - SIGNATURES (Writing)
KW - AUTOGRAPH albums
KW - LETTERS
KW - AUTOGRAPHS -- Collections
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 34
EP - 34
JA - Weekend Australian (National)
N2 - In this article, the author focuses on the importance of signatures made on books. He informs about the craze of autograph books among the children of primary school playground wherein they treat signatures like marbles. He further mentions that famous names on letters, documents, paintings, photographs as signed copy remains something the ebook can't replicate and also became big business and subject to fraud.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4128
T1 - Promoting informal physical activity at school recess: a pilot study with girls and boys from 2nd and 4th grades of elementary school. (Abstract)
A1 - Afonso, B.
A1 - Botelho, G.P.
Y1 - 2003/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *RECESSES
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - girls
KW - BOYS
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - Child
KW - SEX FACTOR
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 143
EP - 145
JA - Revista Portuguesa de Ciencias do Desporto
VL - 3
IS - 2
CY - ;
SN - 16450523
A biography of Swedish forward footballer Zlatan Ibrahimovic of the Milan team is presented. Ibrahimovic has played with different clubs in the 10 seasons of his professional career. As a child, he was obsessed with the game, spending hours on the playground and in the streets kicking football. He signed his first professional football contract with Malmo in 1996 and later on signed a deal with Ajax in 2001. In the early days of his career, he had problems with the Sweden national team when he broke the squad curfew during a training camp in 2006.
N2 - The present study examined the relationship between maximal oxygen uptake (VO2max) and daily physical activity in a group of 7- to 12-year-old boys. VO2max was assessed through the incremental treadmill test using an open circuit system. Physical activity level was obtained from heart rate telemetry outside of school time for 8 hrs during weekdays and during 40 min of physical education classes. The findings indicated that the absolute value of VO2max increased with age, while relative to body weight it remained almost the same across age, with a mean of 48.4 ml.kg-1.min-1. Moreover, heart rate telemetry showed that the boys spent a limited amount of time on activities that raise the heart rate to a level above 160 bpm (an average of 1.9 percent. In addition, VO2max was found to be significantly related to the percentage of time spent at activity levels at or above a heart rate of 140 bpm, but not with activity levels at or above a heart rate of 160 bpm.


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TY - JOUR
ID - 4134
T1 - Noise pollution in primary education public centres of Albacete [Spanish]
A1 - AlarcA3n,Milagros
A1 - Alcaraz,Francisco
A1 - EspA-n,Antonia
A1 - de Lerma,JosAc Luis Blanco
A1 - Saus,Ma Llanos Amo
Y1 - 2011/03/
N1 - Accession Number: 2010992028. Language: Spanish. Entry Date: 20110429. Revision Date: 20110429. Publication Type: journal article; pictorial; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Continental Europe; Europe; Nursing; Peer Reviewed. No. of Refs: 18 ref
KW - CINAHL
KW - Learning Environment
KW - Noise
KW - Schools,Elementary
KW - Students,Elementary
KW - Child
KW - Child,Preschool
KW - Confidence Intervals
KW - Cross Sectional Studies
KW - Data Analysis Software
KW - descriptive research
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - Human
KW - Nonprobability Sample
KW - Spain
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 68
EP - 71
JA - Metas de EnfermerA-a
VL - 14
IS - 2

N1 - Objective: to determine the ongoing noise level equivalent to the one experienced by a student in his or her daily activity in public primary schools of Albacete. Material and method: cross-sectional descriptive observational study in 11 public primary schools of Albacete. Dependent variable: ongoing noise level equal to that experienced by the student (Leq in dBA). Independent variables: school and places in the school. The measurements have been performed using type 2.226 Bruel & Kjaer sound measurers with tripod. 95% Confidence intervals were calculated. Results: the average noise level equivalent to that in the classrooms of children between the age of three and five had a mean value of 75 dBA, for ages between six and seven it was 66 dBA and for ages between 8 and 11 it was 69 dBA. The sample distribution mean (ages between 3 and 11)
was 70 dBA. The average noise level equivalent in the hallway at the end of the school day had a mean value of 71 dBA and 83 dBA in the playground during break. Conclusions: the equivalent ongoing noise levels obtained exceed the limits established by the current legislation for schools. Therefore, students are exposed to elevated noise during their school activity.

SN - 1138-7262

TY - JOUR
ID - 4136
T1 - Mountain Biking Injuries in Children and Adolescents
A1 - Aleman,Kylee B.
A1 - Meyers,Michael C.
Y1 - 2010/01//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - MOUNTAIN biking
KW - SPORTS medicine
KW - DISLOCATIONS
KW - SPORTS injuries -- Risk factors
KW - CHILDREN -- Wounds & injuries
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 77
EP - 90
JF - Sports Medicine
JA - Sports Med
VL - 40
IS - 1
N2 - Over the last decade, the sport of mountain biking has experienced extensive growth in youth participation. Due to the unpredictable nature of outdoor sport, a lack of rider awareness and increased participation, the number of injuries has unnecessarily increased. Many believe that the actual incidence of trauma in this sport is underestimated and is just the 'iceberg'. The most common mechanism of injury is usually attributed to downhill riding and forward falling. Although rare, this type of fall can result in serious cranial and thoraco-abdominal trauma. Head and neck trauma continue to be documented, often resulting in concussions and the possibility of permanent neurological sequelae. Upper limb injuries range from minor dermal abrasions, contusions and muscular strains to complex particular fracture dislocations. These are caused by attempting to arrest the face with an outstretched hand, leading to additional direct injury. Common overuse injuries include repeated compression from the handlebars and vibration leading to neurovascular complications in the hands. Along with reports of blunt abdominal trauma and lumbar muscle strains, lower extremity injuries may include various hip/pelvic/groin contusions, patellofemoral inflammation, and various muscle strains. The primary causes of mountain biking injuries in children and adolescents include overuse, excessive fatigue, age, level of experience, and inappropriate or improperly adjusted equipment. Additional factors contributing to trauma among this age group involve musculoskeletal immaturity, collisions and falls, excessive speed, environmental conditions, conditioning and fitness status of the rider, nonconservative behavioural patterns, and inadequate medical care. The limited available data restrict the identification and understanding of specific paediatric mountain biking injuries and injury mechanisms. Education about unnecessary risk of injury, use of protective equipment, suitable bikes and proper riding technique, coupled with attentive and proper behaviour, are encouraged to reduce unnecessary injury. This article provides information on the causation and risk factors associated with injury among young mountain bikers, and recommendations to minimize trauma and enhance optimal performance and long-term enjoyment in this outdoor sport. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 01121642

TY - JOUR
ID - 4137
The objective of this study was to investigate consumer behaviour issues in a summer children's camp setting. Specifically, the study aimed to: (a) identify the personal incentives that drive children to participate in summer camps, (b) test gender and age differences in children's personal incentives, and (c) investigate which of the incentives are the most important ones in predicting children's satisfaction, loyalty, and word-of-mouth communications. The sample of the study consisted of 453 (N = 453) children, who participated in a camp located at the mainland of north Greece. The results indicated that: (a) six personal incentive dimensions revealed from a factor analysis of the personal incentive scale, named: Camp Experience, Socialization I (making new friends), Socialization II (meeting old friends), Independence, Activities Participation, and Parents' Decision, (b) Socialization I and Camp Experience were the two highest scored dimensions, (c) girls were more driven by Socialization II (meeting old friends) related incentives than boys, who scored higher on the Activities' Participation dimension, (d) older and more experienced campers expected more independence and social interaction than younger campers, who expected to participate in a variety of sport and cultural activities, and (e) the Camp Experience dimension was the most powerful and consistent predictor of satisfaction, loyalty and word-of-mouth communications. The managerial implications of these results are discussed.
Objectives: To investigate the occurrence of delayed neuropsychological and motor development in a community assisted through the Family Health Program and to evaluate its association with possible biological, environmental and socioeconomic risk factors. Methods: The sample consisted of 31 five-year-old children who were evaluated using the Neurological Development Test, following guidelines proposed by Coelho (1999)*. The study was carried out at the Family Health Program (FHP) center in the Brasilit a area of Recife, PE, Brazil. Data were collected using a questionnaire that sought information on the child, its mother/guardian, the family's socioeconomic status and residence. Fisher's exact test was used for the statistical analysis of the results, with a significance level of 5%. Results: Appendicular coordination was the parameter with the highest frequency of deficits (90%) and static balance was the item least compromised (12.9%). The frequency of static balance deficits was higher among children who did not attend day care centers (p=0.0163) and among those who spent less time with their mother (p=0.0278). Motor persistence deficits were statistically associated with age of entry into day care (p=0.0415) and father-child time (p=0.0436). Conclusions: The FHP was not only a valuable...
setting for developing studies of this nature but also an appropriate setting for child development follow-up.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 14133555

TY - THES
ID - 4140
T1 - Moving children toward a better life: Hispanic mothers' vision for leisure activity
A1 - Anderson,Sue
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Accession Number: 2012154598. Language: English. Entry Date: 20130621. Revision Date: 20131213.
Publication Type: doctoral dissertation; research
KW - CINAHL
KW - Hispanics
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Pediatric Obesity -- Prevention and Control
KW - Child
KW - Cultural Values
KW - Ethnographic Research
KW - Female
KW - Health Behavior
KW - Health Promotion
KW - Human
KW - Interviews
KW - Male
KW - Mothers
KW - Photography
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Theory
RP - NOT IN FILE
EP - 280
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N2 - Background: Childhood obesity is epidemic, and Hispanic children bear a particularly high health burden because of it. Evidence suggests that obesity prevention is a better option than intervention. Because schools have decreased the amount of time spent in physical education classes, leisure time has become the time to engage in physical activity, which may prevent obesity. Social ecology theory posits that a person's interaction with the environment has a strong influence on health promoting behavior. Further, this theory suggests that cultural values also play a role. The extant literature points to the sedentary nature of Hispanic children. However, it does not provide a description of the activities that children engage in during their leisure time, or how they are influenced by their family, culture, and community's environment

Purpose: The purpose of this study was to describe and provide an understanding of how leisure time is viewed by Hispanic families, and how family and culture influence Hispanic children's participation in leisure time activity. Two broad research questions were addressed: 1) How do Hispanic families describe leisure time activities? and 2) How do culture, family and the community environment influence a Hispanic child's participation in leisure time activities?

Methods: This ethnographic study incorporated photographs taken by English-speaking Hispanic mothers of children between 6 and 10 years old (n=10) as they engaged in leisure activities for one week. The participants engaged in photo-elicited interviews, describing the children's activities and performed initial data analysis by sorting the photos in the categories of activities

Findings: Girls were more sedentary, engaging in intellectually stimulating and creative play activities inside, with family members or alone. Boys were more active, engaging in unstructured play activities outside with family members or friends. The children engaged in these activities to promote their health, prepare for their adult lives, and for fun. Cultural tensions experienced by the children's parents had a profound influence on their
leisure time choices and decisions. Activities were used to prepare the children for a better life, and to teach them to balance work and fun. Ultimately, the participants wanted their children to live a balanced life; one that is happy, healthy, and successful.

Relevance: The children engaged in purposefully planned leisure activities aimed to ensure their health, happiness, and success in the U.S. The participants acknowledged that to achieve a better life, the children must become expert multicultural navigators. While many of the activities were sedentary, they had important implications for the children's future. Health care providers must consider how patients view leisure time, and enlist their ideas in order to make children's activities more physically active.
intervention ceased, and (c) 4 weeks after the intervention decreased their frequency of solitary and parallel play. These changes were maintained 1 year later in an outdoor play setting.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4143
T1 - ACTIVITY-BASED INTERVENTION IN MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT
A1 - Apache, R.R.G.
Y1 - 2005/06/15/
KW - Motor ability
KW - Motor skills
KW - Physical Education
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Preschool Education
KW - Special Education
KW - Developmental Disabilities
KW - Early Intervention

N2 - This study assessed the effectiveness of an activity-based intervention program and a direct instruction program for preschool children with disabilities. Two groups of preschool students (average age = 4.1 yr.), classified as having developmental delays or at risk for such delays, were selected. They were provided 15 weeks of physical education through activity-based intervention and 15 weeks of physical education by direct instruction. Instruction was provided three times a week for 30-min. each session. In the fall semester the morning group received physical education through activity-based intervention, while the afternoon group received physical education through direct instruction. In the spring semester delivery of instruction was reversed for each group. The curriculum and activities provided to each group were identical with only the instructional delivery format altered. Two sets of pre- and post-tests using the Test of Gross Motor Development were administered before and after each 15-wk. instructional period. Group improvement in skills was compared between instructional methods. Significant improvement in both locomotor and object control skills through the activity-based intervention was found compared to direct instruction. Activity-based intervention was shown to be easily adapted to a naturalistic educational setting befitting that of preschool education.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4144
T1 - Leisure opportunities for young mothers: who cares?
A1 - Arnott, A.
Y1 - 1986/09//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - Recreation
KW - Health
KW - Cardiovascular fitness
KW - Mothers
KW - Child
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N2 - Discusses the responsibility of leisure providers toward disadvantaged groups, focusing on women with children under the age of five. Looks at community-based activities (the public sector), leisure provision in the private sector, and the importance of the voluntary sector in providing leisure opportunities. Reports that difficulties with transportation, time, finance, and confidence, as well as the generally unwelcoming attitude toward children in Britain, are major constraints on women's involvement in leisure activities outside the home. Shows how managers and entrepreneurs can increase leisure participation by this particular disadvantaged group by being aware of their difficulties and accommodating their needs.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4145
T1 - Utilization of the foot load monitor for evaluating deep plantar tissue stresses in patients with diabetes: Proof-of-concept studies

Abstract: The purposes of the present study were to (1) determine the internal plantar mechanical stresses in diabetic and healthy subjects during everyday activities, and (2) identify stress parameters potentially capable of distinguishing between diabetic and healthy subjects. A self-designed, portable, real-time and subject-specific foot load monitor which employs the Hertz contact theory was utilized to determine the internal dynamic plantar tissue stresses in 10 diabetic patients and 6 healthy subjects during free walking and outdoors stair climbing. Internal stress parameters and average stress-doses were evaluated, and the results obtained from the two groups were compared. Internal plantar stresses and averaged stress-doses during free walking and outdoors stairs climbing in the diabetic group were 2.5ƒ~5.5-fold higher than in the healthy group (p <0.001; stair climbing comparisons incorporated data from five diabetic patients). The interfacial pressures measured during free walking were slightly higher (ƒ~1.5-fold) in the diabetic group (p <0.05), but there was no significant difference between the two groups during stairs climbing. We conclude that during walking and stair climbing, internal plantar tissue stresses are considerably higher than footƒ~shoe interface pressures, and in diabetic patients, internal stresses substantially exceed the levels in healthy. The proposed method can be used for rating...
performances or design of footwear for protecting sub-dermal plantar tissues in patients who are at risk for developing foot ulcers. It may also be helpful in providing biofeedback to neuropathic diabetic patients.

N2 - A study has been conducted on a sample of 1368 children attending compulsory school in order to examine the relationship between the time spent watching television and physical activity. A distinction has been made according to the time of the day when the children watch television: before going to school, back from school throughout the afternoon, and after dinner. As far as physical activity is concerned, the weekly frequency and the duration both of the organized physical activity and of the outdoor games have been considered separately. The practice of organized physical activity does not have a considerable influence on television viewing unlike the physical activity carried out by children after school. In the afternoon, when children dedicate themselves to outdoor games and sport activities, the time spent watching television is inversely proportional to the physical activity practiced 8 hours per week by the youngest children and 5.9 by the grown-ups, against 5.8 and 7 hours per week spent by those children who attend primary school and by the adolescents of secondary school: those who did not practice any physical activity (group A and D), those who practiced physical exercises less than an hour a day (group B and E) and more than an hour a day (group C and F). It has been noted that, considering the groups of those children who practiced physical activity for a longer period of time, the hours spent watching television were significantly lower as far as the children attending primary school are concerned (2.55 +/- 1.19 vs 2.39 +/- 1.12 vs 2.16 +/- 1.14) (p < 0.005 A-C, p < 0.05 B-C) and those attending secondary schools (2.73 +/- 1.15 vs 2.55 +/- 1.03 vs 2.39 +/- 1.02) (p < 0.01 D-F, p < 0.05 E-F). These data is mainly due to a variation in the number of hours spent watching television during the afternoon by children attending both primary (1.28 +/- 0.87 vs 1.19 +/- 0.86 vs 0.99 +/- 0.81) (p < 0.001 A-C, p
The negative effects of a prolonged time spent watching television could be contrasted promoting any kind of physical activity and of outdoor games.
The article discusses solutions for increasing physical exercise among U.S. students. According to the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services suggested that children and adolescents must exercise at a minimum of 1 hour every day. The U.S. National Association of Sport and Physical Education created physical fitness guidelines that consist of before-school, during-school, and after-school plans including walking or biking to and from school, and a Learnercise program during recess times.

The article focuses on the amendment of State Board of Education's Healthy Active Children Policy in North Carolina to include the requirement of 30 minutes of physical activity daily for K-8 students. The policy states that physical activity, physical education, recess, and any other type of physical activity could not be taken as a form of punishment. It also mentions a survey which reveals the effectiveness of requiring regular participation in physical activity during school days.
Background: With more than 1 million high school athletes playing annually during the 2005-06 to 2009-10 academic years, football is the most popular boys' sport in the United States. Methods: Using an internet-based data collection tool, RIO, certified athletic trainers (ATs) from 100 nationally representative US high schools reported athletic exposure and football injury data during the 2005-06 to 2009-10 academic years. Results: Participating ATs reported 10,100 football injuries corresponding to an estimated 2,739,187 football-
related injuries nationally. The injury rate was 4.08 per 1000 athlete-exposures (AEs) overall. Offensive lineman collectively (center, offensive guard, offensive tackle) sustained 18.3% of all injuries. Running backs (16.3%) sustained more injuries than any other position followed by linebackers (14.9%) and wide receivers (11.9%). The leading mechanism of injury was player-player contact (64.0%) followed by player-surface contact (13.4%). More specifically, injury occurred most commonly when players were being tackled (24.4%) and tackling (21.8%). Conclusions: Patterns of football injuries vary by position. Identifying such differences is important to drive development of evidence-based, targeted injury prevention efforts. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4154
T1 - Children 'denied right to play': children are being prevented from playing outdoors by intolerant adults who claim they cause a noise or a nuisance, new research has revealed. Matthew Baker reports
A1 - Baker,M.
Y1 - 2003/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *OUTDOOR life
KW - *RECREATION
KW - adulthood
KW - RESTRICTIONS
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4
EP - 4
JA - Bases World
CY - :
N2 - Studies reveal that childhood play is much more restricted outdoors these days due to parental concerns over traffic, bullying and abduction, as well as intolerant adults who believe they are too noisy or disruptive
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-940782
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4157
T1 - Uczestnictwo dzieci w rekreacji i turystyce waznym elementem ich zdrowotnej edukacji. / Children's involvement in various forms of recreation as an important element of their health education
A1 - Barlak,M.
Y1 - 1992///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *HEALTH education
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *HIKING
KW - kindergarten
KW - Parents
KW - Teachers
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Interviews
KW - Statistics
KW - Child
On the basis of a previously prepared questionnaire the author carried out (1988-1989) the individual interviews with pre-school children (n=300, age: 6 years). Completing the investigation, she has collected the additional data from their parents and their nursery school teachers. The findings showed that the health-related values of various forms of recreation were appreciated by majority of children, parents and teachers. Furthermore, according to the opinion of more than half of the interviewed parents and teachers, the participation in recreation activities makes the children more resourceful in their daily life (58.8 per cent of parents and 55 per cent of teachers) and lets spend their spare time in more profitable way (50 per cent of parents and 54 per cent of teachers). Symptomatic was the fact that much fewer teachers (31 per cent) than parents (51 per cent) stressed relaxation aspects of hiking and excursions. This difference of views results from the specific approach of a nursery school towards these recreation activities: the nursery school teachers are to fulfill didactic task rather than serve purposes related to health and relaxation.
An analysis of the movement patterns of disabled and nondisabled children on a playground

Measuring collaborative consultation practices in natural environments
This article describes the development of the Triadic Intervention and Evaluation Rating Scale (TIERS), a 33-item instrument designed to evaluate patterns of parent, service provider, and child interactions during early intervention sessions conducted in natural environments. Twenty-eight parent-provider-child triads were videotaped in home and playgroup settings, quarterly over a 15-month period. Segments representing complete routines were selected and rated by service providers and research personnel. Scoring and scaling models were developed to evaluate the quality of triadic interactions during early intervention sessions. The TIERS (a) measured differences in providers' use of collaborative consultation strategies and parents' level of participation with service providers and their children; (b) distinguished features inherent in different sessions; (c) was easy to administer; and (d) showed appropriate psychometric properties. With additional validation efforts, this instrument may be used to evaluate the implementation of collaborative interactions between parents and early intervention service providers in natural environments.

This session will focus on preparing parents and leaders for meeting the special needs of children while engaged in outdoor activities ranging from day hikes to extended backpacking and canoeing adventures. The emphasis of this workshop is how to include children in existing programming rather than creating trips and workshops especially for that age group. This outline should be useful to outdoor programmers at non-traditional colleges, on military bases, or young professionals looking at getting jobs at summer camps and other professional outdoor agencies. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Correlates of physical activity: why are some people physically active and others not?

Physical inactivity is an important contributor to non-communicable diseases in countries of high income, and increasingly so in those of low and middle income. Understanding why people are physically active or inactive contributes to evidence-based planning of public health interventions, because effective programmes will target factors known to cause inactivity. Research into correlates (factors associated with activity) or determinants (those with a causal relationship) has burgeoned in the past two decades, but has mostly focused on individual-level factors in high-income countries. It has shown that age, sex, health status, self-efficacy, and motivation are associated with physical activity. Ecological models take a broad view of health behaviour causation, with the social and physical environment included as contributors to physical inactivity, particularly those outside the health sector, such as urban planning, transportation systems, and parks and trails. New areas of determinants research have identified genetic factors contributing to the propensity to be physically active, and evolutionary factors and obesity that might predispose to inactivity, and have explored the longitudinal
Recent evidence indicates that many elementary schools have curtailed recess and Physical Education (Morrow, Jackson & Payne 1999). These findings are at variance with the goal of Healthy People 2010 to increase physical activity. The purpose of this study was to examine physical activity opportunities (PAO) in U.S. public elementary schools. Survey data obtained from the National Center for Education Statistics were analyzed using within grade (1-5 or 6) between group comparisons. Key findings included: a) PAO decreased from 222 to 204 minutes/week for grades 1 to 5; b) schools with smaller enrollments (<300 pupils) provided more PAO than schools in all larger categories (p<.01); c) schools in rural areas provided more PAO than schools in towns, suburbs, and cities (p<.01); d) schools with a low minority enrollment (<6%) provided more PAO than did schools with very high minority enrollment (>50%) (P<.01); and e) schools with fewer children enrolled in free/reduced price lunch (<35%) afforded more PAO than did schools with the highest rates (>75%) (P<.01).
This article presents several sports-related news briefs. Destiny's Child may be bootylicious, but the NFL is going to great lengths to make that a mootylicious point when Beyoncé and the gals perform at the league's kickoff concert at Gillette Stadium on Sept. 9. Among the other acts—NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy describes them as "popular but safe choices"—singing before the Patriots-Colts game are Elton John, Toby Keith and Lenny Kravitz. In King James, a new DC Comic book, LeBron James is crowned King of Basketball after dominating an underground tournament run by a "mysterious, secret organization." The cradle may rock, but Camden Yards won't. The Orioles backed out of an agreement that would have had Van Halen playing a concert at the stadium on Sept. 2. Not ones to slink away in their spandex, Eddie and the boys filed a breach-of-contract lawsuit against the team. The suit, which asks for at least $2 million, contends that Van Halen "had to change the dates of other scheduled concerts and forgo other concert opportunities in order to accommodate the Oriole Park concert." The team won a legal battle with the Maryland Stadium Authority three years ago for the right to book bands there as a means of bolstering stadium revenue. Last week real estate agent Terrye Jackson of Springdale, Md., set a world record for the longest continuous television-watching session by taking in 50 hours and seven minutes of NBC's Games coverage. Raiders rookie defensive end Andre Sommersell has learned the value of keeping his mouth shut. The former Colorado State defensive end made it known in camp that he wasn't going to put up with any rookie initiations. Bad move. On Aug. 17, following practice, his teammates taped him to a goalpost, doused him with water and coated him with talcum powder and abandoned him.
I'm nice, I'm smart, I like karate: girls with physical disabilities' perceptions of physical recreation

I'm nice, I'm smart, I like karate: girls with physical disabilities' perceptions of physical recreation

Healthy People 2010: Objectives for Improving Health (USDHHS, 2003) stated that more people with disabilities and women report no leisure-time physical activities than people without disabilities and men. Similarly, children with disabilities are often not included in physical education and playground activities. Therefore, girls with physical disabilities are confronted with a "double whammy" of gender and disability to
compromise their self-image. While little research exists that explores physical activity for females with disabilities specifically, it has been found that physical activity is important for their quality of life, sense of control, and autonomy. This preliminary study was conducted using a phenomenological approach to examine the perceptions of girls with physical disabilities regarding physical recreation pursuits. Results from in-depth interviews generated three themes: meanings of physical activity, ownership of disability, and poor access to role models. Recommendations for alternate research methodologies as well as future content areas are discussed.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4170
T1 - Student and parent self-reported changes in physical activity behavior while wearing an unsealed pedometer
A1 - Beets,M.W.
A1 - Eilert,A.G.
A1 - Pitetti,K.H.
A1 - Foley,J.T.
Y1 - 2006/11//
N1 - Accession Number: 2009372430. Language: English. Entry Date: 20080125. Revision Date: 20091218.
Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Biomedical; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care; Physical Therapy. Instrumentation: Child Parent Reactivity Questionnaire--Pedometer (CPRQ-P) (Beets et al). No. of Refs: 11 ref. NLM UID: 8909729
KW - CINAHL
KW - Accelerometry -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Health Behavior -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Parental Attitudes
KW - Physical Activity -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Self Report -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Adult
KW - Child
KW - child health
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 492
EP - 499
JF - Pediatric Exercise Science
JA - Pediatr Exerc Sci
VL - 18
IS - 4
N2 - Child--parent pairs (n = 109) completed a questionnaire assessing whether changes in normal physical activity levels occurred (child) or were observed (parent) when the children wore a pedometer for 7 days. Over two-thirds of the children (78.5%) and almost half of the parents (47.3%) indicated an increase in the child's normal physical activity. Reduced television viewing (75.2%) and increased outdoor play on the weekend (35.8%) were the most frequently reported means of behavior change as reported by the children and parents, respectively. Results indicate that both children and parents perceive a reactive effect to wearing an unsealed pedometer
SN - 0899-8493
AD - Department of Public Health, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
ER -
ID - 4173
T1 - Association of Father Involvement and Neighborhood Quality with Kindergartners' Physical Activity: A Multilevel Structural Equation Model
A1 - Beets, Michael W.
A1 - Foley, John T.
Y1 - 2008/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - *PHYSICAL education for children
KW - FAMILIES
KW - PARENT & child
KW - FATHER & child
KW - Neighborhoods
KW - Child
KW - Prevention Research
KW - Safety
KW - Social Support
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 195
EP - 203
JF - American Journal of Health Promotion
JA - Am J Health Promot
VL - 22
IS - 3
N2 - Purpose. Examine the effects of father-child involvement and neighborhood characteristics with young children's physical activity (PA) within a multilevel framework. Design. Cross-sectional analysis of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Kindergarten Cohort 1998. Setting. Nationally representative sample. Subjects. Data were available for 10,694 kindergartners (5-6 years; 5240 girls) living in 1053 neighborhoods. Measures. Parental report of child's PA level, father characteristics (e.g., time spent with child, age, education, socioeconomic status, hours worked), family time spent doing sports/activities together, and neighborhood quality (e.g., safety, presence of crime violence, garbage). Child weight status, motor skills, ethnicity, and television viewing were used as covariates. Analysis. Multilevel structural equation modeling with children nested within neighborhoods. Results. At the child level father-child time and family time doing sports together were positively associated with children's PA. At the neighborhood level parental perception of a neighborhood's safety for children to play outside fully mediated the effect of neighborhood quality on children's PA. Overall 19.1% and 7.6% of the variance in PA was explained at the child and neighborhood levels, respectively. Conclusions. Family-based interventions for PA should consider father-child time, with this contributing to a child's overall PA level. Further, neighborhood quality is an important predictor of PA only to the extent by which parents perceive it to be unsafe for their child to play outdoors. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 08901171
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4174
T1 - Defining Standards and Policies for Promoting Physical Activity in Afterschool Programs
A1 - Beets, Michael W.
A1 - Wallner, Megan
A1 - Beighle, Aaron
Y1 - 2010/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *AFTER-school sports
KW - *SPORTS for children
KW - *HEALTH education
BACKGROUND: National guidelines exist that define after-school programs (3:00–6:00 pm, ASP). No widely adopted national standards/policies exist, however, for ASP providers for the promotion of physical activity (PA). To address this gap, state-level ASP organizations have developed or adopted standards/policies related to PA. The extent to which standards and policies are uniform and disseminated is unclear. The purpose of this study was to review state-level ASP documentation to identify standards/policies for promoting PA within the ASP setting.

METHODS: A systematic review of state-level ASP organizations' standards/policies was conducted to identify documentation that included language explicitly defining or related to the promotion of physical activity within ASP. State-level ASP organizations were identified from registries available from national ASP organizations. Documentation was retrieved from online sources and reviewed using a standardized content analysis protocol. RESULTS: Quality ASP definitions were retrieved from 47 states. Of these, 14 incorporated language related to the promotion of PA. This included the provision of adequate outdoor space for attendees to be active, provision of frequent PA opportunities, and promoting physical development. A total of 5 states had standards/policies that explicitly identified the amount of time for attendees to be physically active during ASP attendance, while 3 states outlined standards/policies regarding core competencies for ASP providers to promote PA. CONCLUSIONS: Overall, standards/policies related to promoting PA within ASP were largely absent. Those that do exist, however, can provide a foundation for future empirical tests. The testing of these standards/policies will assist in the development of national guidelines to promote PA within the ASP setting. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4177
T1 - Using Pedometers in Elementary Physical Education
A1 - Beighle, Aaron
A1 - Morgan, Charles F.
A1 - Pangrazi, Robert P.
Y1 - 2004/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PEDOMETERS
KW - *EQUIPMENT & supplies
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *PHYSICAL education for children
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *HEALTH
KW - DISTANCES
KW - Measurement
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 17
EP - 18
JA - Teaching Elementary Physical Education
Discusses the use of pedometers in physical education. Effectiveness of pedometers in enhancing instruction; description of the use of pedometers in examining daily physical activity outside of physical education; Steps in examining the effectiveness of the program in promoting physical activity outside of school

The transition from adolescence to young adulthood is associated with a sharp decline in physical activity, particularly for women. This article explores the relations between physical activity status and change and status and change in four life domains: residential independence, employment status, relationship status, and motherhood. Two waves of survey data from a representative sample of 8,545 Australian women, aged 18-23 at Survey 1 and 22-27 at Survey 2, were analyzed. Cross-sectionally, physical inactivity was most strongly related to being a mother, married, and not being in the labor force. Longitudinally, decreases in physical activity were most strongly associated with moving into a live-in relationship, with getting married, and with becoming a mother. When considered in combination, women who were married with children and not employed outside the home were the most likely to be physically inactive. The data suggest that adoption of adult statuses, particularly traditional roles involving family relationships and motherhood, is associated with reductions in physical activity for these women, although it is possible that the effect is driven by socioeconomic factors associated with early transitions. The data suggest a need for interventions to promote continued physical activity among young women who cohabit or marry and among those not in the workforce, in addition to those supporting young mothers to be physically active. Key words: physical activity, women, emerging adulthood, longitudinal
N2 - Presents an article about the summer camp experiences of the author at the end of his second-grade at St. Joe Catholic School in East Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania in May 1952. Description of the students during the first day of the camp; Excitement felt by the campers; Camp activities

N2 - The development of sport and physical activity programs may improve psychological well-being and reduce risk factors of several health problems. Self-esteem has shown to have a strong position in the
explanation of human behaviour. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effects of an Outdoor Adventure Activities Program on the self-esteem and physical self-perceptions of Portuguese school adolescents (n = 38). A translated version of the Physical Self-Perception Profile for Children and Youth (PSPP-CY) was used to assess self-esteem and physical self-perceptions. The main conclusions of this study showed that participants in general reported higher values on their self-esteem and physical self-perceptions after the program. Further experimental programs are required to confirm the results of this study.

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ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4187
T1 - The Impact of Classroom Activity Breaks on the School-Day Physical Activity of Rural Children
A1 - Bershwiinger, T.E.R.E.
A1 - Brusseau, Timothy A.
Y1 - 2012/10//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for children
KW - *HEALTH
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - CLASSROOM activities
KW - SCHOOL day
KW - RURAL children
KW - LIFESTYLES & health
KW - accelerometer
KW - Health
KW - pedometer
KW - Physical Education
KW - school
KW - youth
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 134
EP - 143
JA - International Journal of Exercise Science
VL - 5
IS - 4
N2 - Schools have been identified as a central element in a system that ensures that children participate in enough physical activity to develop healthy lifestyles. Even with this recommendation, many school-based physical activity opportunities are being eliminated/minimized (i.e. physical education (PE), recess). With children spending much of their time at school, other supplemental physical activity opportunities are essential. One such opportunity is through classroom teacher led activity breaks. Very little evidence exists identifying the impact of classroom activity breaks on the daily physical activity patterns of children. Therefore, the purpose of this paper was to determine the impact of classroom teacher led activity breaks on the step counts and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) of 4th grade children at school. Participants in this pilot study included a 4th grade class (N=18; aged 9.2±.4 years; mostly Caucasian (n=14); BMI=19.9±2.8) in a rural school district in the Northeast US. Children wore the NL-1000 piezoelectric pedometer for 2-weeks (a baseline week and an activity break week) during the winter of 2012. Activity breaks were created by the teacher/students to give them ownership in the program (activities included numerous classroom games and walking activities). At baseline, children averaged 4806±639 steps and 17.7±2.8 minutes of MVPA/day. During implementation of the physical activity breaks, children significantly increased both their steps (p<.01; 5651±627; Δ=845) and MVPA (p<.01; 22.3±3.5; Δ=4.6 minutes). Findings suggest that classroom activity breaks have the potential to increase children's daily physical activity patterns at school. Future studies are needed with a larger and more diverse population to support these findings. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4189
T1 - Elementary school children's play behaviour during school recess periods
A1 - Beth-Halachmy,S.
Y1 - 1980///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *OUTDOOR life
KW - *RECESSES
KW - Social Interaction
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Child
KW - behaviour
KW - SEX FACTOR
RP - NOT IN FILE
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4190
T1 - Always Look on the Bright Side of Life: Ego-Replenishing Effects of Daylight versus Artificial Light
A1 - Beute,F.
A1 - de Kort,Y.A.W.
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE

TY - JOUR
ID - 4191
T1 - Vitalize me! Overcoming ego-depletion by viewing bright and sunny nature
A1 - Beute,F.
A1 - de Kort,Y.A.W.
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE

TY - JOUR
ID - 4192
T1 - Let the sun shine! Measuring explicit and implicit preference for environments differing in naturalness, weather type and lightness
A1 - Beute,F.
A1 - de Kort,Y.A.W.
Y1 - 2013///
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - Journal of Environmental Psychology
PB - Elsevier
SN - 0272-4944
No artificial ingredients added: Naturalness and the replenishment of ego-depletion by bright and sunny nature

A1 - Beute, Femke
A1 - de Kort, Yvonne AW

TLC for better PE: girls and elementary physical education
A1 - Beveridge, S.
A1 - Scruggs, P.

A Lifetime of Memories
A1 - Bhonslay, Marianne
The article takes a look at the childhood of Jim Chick, owner of Chick's Sporting Goods. Chick's father founded the store and Chick would visit every Saturday and play with the fishing rods. By the time he was 12 he was an avid outdoorsman who would hunt, fish, and do archery. In 1968, at age 21, Chick bought the business. Chick states that the advent of vendor-owned retail stores is the most significant industry challenge for retailers since 1968.
To increase young people's physical activity (PA) levels it is important to understand the correlates of PA in children and adolescents. We sought to identify factors associated with children's and adolescents' PA by reviewing systematic quantitative reviews of non-intervention research. Systematic reviews examining associations between quantitatively measured variables and PA in young people (< 19 years) from 2000-2010 were identified using electronic and manual searches. Nine systematic reviews were identified. Demographic/biological correlates of PA were age and gender. Psychological correlates of PA were positive motivation, positive body image and the existence of barriers to PA. Behavioural correlates of PA were previous PA, sport participation, smoking, and sedentary behaviour. Social/cultural correlates of PA were parental influence and social support, and environmental correlates of PA were access to facilities, distance from home to school, time spent outside, and local crime. The evidence is suggestive of a number of different types of correlates of PA for children and adolescents. Beyond age and gender, though, most are likely to have only small or small-to-moderate effects in isolation and may work best in interaction with other influences. Psychologists must look to social, organisational and community-level correlates in addition to individual correlates.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Physical activity is of inestimable value for health and the motoric development of young people. But in the course of late childhood and adolescence, it becomes less important compared to other leisure activities which do not contain any physical strain. The decrease of physical activity and the resulting decline of motor fitness are reflected in the outcomes of various studies. Hence, strategies are needed to maintain the children's motivation in physical activity. The enormous popularity of Serious Games could possibly be one strategy because Exergames give an access to sport or to a more active lifestyle. As an isolated movement pattern, Serious Games are no alternative or even a surrogate for real physical exercise. It is difficult to enable a realistically social interaction during virtual sport which has a positive influence on social development. Furthermore indoor video gaming is not comparable to outdoor exercises due to the lack of external influences like wind or audience, which are important contributions to the "adventure" of sport. But in combination and addition to real sport, Serious Games can contribute to the preservation and increase of motor fitness and children's pleasure in motion.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Context: The shoulder is one of the most commonly injured body sites among athletes. Little previous research describes shoulder injury patterns in high school athletes. Objective: To describe and compare shoulder injury rates and patterns among high school athletes in 9 sports (football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and wrestling for boys and soccer, volleyball, basketball, and softball for girls). Design: Prospective injury surveillance study. Setting: Injury data were collected from 100 nationally representative US high schools via High School Reporting Information Online. Patients or Other Participants: Athletes from participating high schools injured while involved in a school-sanctioned practice or competition in 1 of the above sports during the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years. Main Outcome Measure(s): Shoulder injury rates, diagnoses, severity, and mechanisms. Results: During the 2005-2006 and 2005-2007 school years, athletes in this study sustained 805 shoulder injuries during 3,550,141 athlete-exposures (AEs), for an injury rate of 2.27 shoulder injuries per 10,000 AEs. This corresponds to an estimated 232,258 shoulder injuries occurring nationwide during this time. Shoulder injuries were more likely to occur during competition than practice (rate ratio = 3.01, 95% confidence interval = 2.62, 3.46). Shoulder injury rates per 10,000 AEs were highest in football (5.09), wrestling (4.34), and baseball (1.90). Common shoulder injury diagnoses included sprains/strains (39.6%), dislocations/separations (23.7%), contusions (11.5%), and fractures (6.6%). Although 44.8% of athletes sustaining a shoulder injury returned to play in less than 1 week, 22.9% were out of play for more than 3 weeks, and 6.2% of shoulder injuries required surgery. Common mechanisms of shoulder injury included player-to-player contact (57.6%) and contact with the playing surface (22.8%). Conclusions: High school shoulder injury rates and patterns varied by sport. Continued surveillance is warranted to understand trends and patterns over time and to develop and evaluate evidence-based preventive interventions. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The article discusses the author's observation that rowers she knows tend to give birth to baby girls. She refers to a 2003 article from "New Scientist" about studies that found that male professional divers, test pilots and astronauts among other professions, are likely to have daughters rather than sons. One explanation for the phenomenon posited that men in these active and outdoor jobs might have higher testosterone levels.

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Background: With more than a million high school athletes playing during the 2006-2007 academic year, basketball is one of the most popular sports in the United States. Hypothesis: Basketball injury rates and patterns differ by gender and type of exposure. Study Design: Descriptive epidemiology study. Methods: Basketball-related injury data were collected during the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 academic years from 100 nationally representative US high schools via Reporting Information Online. Results: High school basketball players sustained 1518 injuries during 780,651 athlete exposures for an injury rate of 1.94 per 1000 athlete exposures. The injury rate per 1000 athlete exposures was greater during competition (3.27) than during practice (1.40; rate ratio, 2.33; 95% confidence interval, 2.10-2.57) and was greater among girls (2.08) than among boys (1.83; rate ratio, 1.14; 95% confidence interval, 1.03-1.26). The ankle/foot (39.7%), knee (14.7%), head/face/neck (13.6%),...
arm/hand (9.6%), and hip/thigh/upper leg (8.4%) were most commonly injured. The most frequent injury diagnoses were ligament sprains (44.0%), muscle/tendon strains (17.7%), contusions (8.6%), fractures (8.5%), and concussions (7.0%). Female basketball players sustained a greater proportion of concussions (injury proportion ratio, 2.41; 95% confidence interval, 1.49-3.91) and knee injuries (injury proportion ratio, 1.71; 95% confidence interval, 1.27-2.30), whereas boys more frequently sustained fractures (injury proportion ratio, 1.87; 95% confidence interval, 1.27-2.77) and contusions (injury proportion ratio, 1.52; 95% confidence interval, 1.00-2.31). The most common girls' injury requiring surgery was knee ligament sprains (47.9%). Conclusion: High school basketball injury patterns vary by gender and type of exposure. This study suggests several areas of emphasis for targeted injury prevention interventions. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4209
T1 - Blood Lead Levels in Egyptian Children: Influence of Social and Environmental Factors
A1 - Boseila,Samia A.
A1 - Gabr,Azza A.
A1 - Hakim,Iman A.
Y1 - 2004/01//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *ENVIRONMENTAL health
KW - *BLOOD -- Analysis
KW - LEAD poisoning in children
KW - HOUSING & health
KW - Regression Analysis
KW - Egypt
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 47
EP - 49
JF - American Journal of Public Health
JA - Am J Public Health
VL - 94
IS - 1
N2 - The article presents information on a study that examined the social variables predictive of higher lead levels in young Egyptian children. Children were recruited from 2 different areas in Giza, Egypt, a rural village and a lower-middle-class urban district. Houses were evaluated with respect to building materials, pavement, condition of paint, sleeping site of children and the type of floor in the house. Blood specimens were analyzed for lead by flameless atomic absorption at the Air and Industrial Hygiene Laboratory, California State Department of Health Services in Berkeley, California. Results of multiple linear regression analysis showed that blood lead levels (PbB) was significantly affected by age, traffic, mother's occupation, sleep site and street pavement. In the general population, children under the age of 5 have the highest PbB because of increased gastrointestinal absorption and exposure through behaviors such as playing outdoors and increased hand-to-mouth activity. The differences in the prevalence of elevated PbB levels between rural and urban children are likely to represent differences in housing characteristics and environmental exposure. Lead-contaminated soil and dust in high-traffic areas significantly contribute to the children's lead intake
SN - 00900036
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4210
T1 - A Perfect Playground--Fun for Everyone
N2 - Provides information on the Peaceful Playgrounds program designed to ensure playground safety and accessibility in South California. Background on the establishment of the program; Program guidelines; Benefits of the program to students

TY - JOUR
ID - 4211

T1 - Physical activity patterns of children with movement difficulties
A1 - Bouffard, M.
A1 - Thompson, L.P.
A1 - Watkinson, E.J.
Y1 - 1992//

KW - SportDiscuss
KW - *MOVEMENT disorders
KW - Child
KW - DISABILITIES-Motor impairments
RP - NOT IN FILE

CY - Gloucester, Ont.;
PB - Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute

N2 - In this project, four interrelated studies were conducted to test the activity deficit hypothesis with children experiencing movement difficulties. This hypothesis states that children with movement difficulties are less physically active than children without movement difficulties. In two observational studies, data were collected on children with movement difficulties and children without movement difficulties during a regular physical education class and recess time at school. During regular physical education, children with movement difficulties were more often (a) not motor engaged when they are supposed to be and (b) engaged in a motor activity but in the wrong activity for the task. During recess time, it was found that children with movement difficulties were (a) less often vigorously active, (b) less often playing with large playground equipment (requiring a higher level of movement proficiency), (c) not observable for significantly more time, and (d) spent less time in positive social interactions with others of their own gender. A free leisure-time pursuit was administered during the third study. Overall, no major differences were found between children with and without movement difficulties. Finally, in the fourth study the exercise intensity level of children with movement difficulties was compared to that of children without movement difficulties during one weekend day. The intensity of physical activity was estimated by continuous monitoring of minute-by-minute heart rates using the Sport Tester PE 3000, a self-contained computerized telemetry system. No significant differences were found between both groups of children. Overall, it was found that the best setting to test the activity deficit hypothesis was a relatively free, unstructured play situation, in which the participants were free to choose participation. The setting having most of these characteristics was recess time. Accordingly, we suggest that the anecdotal evidence and current data support the activity hypothesis which is based on recent motivational theories. Children with movement difficulties have, on the average, developed a dangerous lifestyle. They have
developed a style that puts skill development, social interaction, health and fitness at risk. Implications of these results for fitness and lifestyle as well as future research needs are presented.

Au moyen de quatre études, le but de ce projet était de vérifier si dans la vie courante l’hypothèse d’hypoactivité chez les enfants maladroits est supportée. Selon cette hypothèse, les enfants maladroits évitent plus souvent les situations de mouvement que leurs pairs du même âge n’ayant pas de problèmes de justesse motrice. Pendant deux études observationnelles, des enfants maladroits ainsi que des enfants n’ayant pas de problèmes de justesse motrice furent observés pendant une période d’éducation physique à l’école ainsi que pendant la récréation. Les résultats de nos observations pendant la période d’éducation physique indiquèrent que les enfants maladroits, comparativement aux enfants témoins, (a) accomplissaient moins souvent la tâche demandée, et (b) modifiaient la tâche de façon telle qu’une autre tâche était accomplie. La seconde étude indiqua que pendant la période de récréation les enfants maladroits (a) participaient moins souvent à des activités vigoureuses, (b) jouaient moins souvent avec de grosses pièces d’équipement située sur le terrain de jeu, (c) étaient moins souvent visibles, et (d) passaient moins de temps en interactions positives avec leurs pairs du même sexe. Un questionnaire portant sur les activités pratiquées durant les loisirs fut administré lors de la troisième étude. Dans l’ensemble, ce questionnaire n’a pas révélé de différences significatives entre les groupes. Finalement, la quatrième étude compara l’intensité de la participation de ces enfants durant une journée de fin de semaine. L’intensité de l’activité fut mesurée à l’aide du Sport Tester PE 3000. Nous n’avons pas obtenu de différences significatives entre ces groupes. Dans l’ensemble, nous croyons que le meilleur environnement pour tester l’hypothèse d’hypoactivité était la récréation. C’est dans ce milieu non structure que les enfants étaient libres de choisir ce qu’ils souhaitaient faire ainsi que leur temps de leur participation. Consecuement, nous concluons, en accord avec de nombreuses anecdotes ainsi que de récentes théories de la motivation, que l’hypothèse d’hypoactivité fut supportée dans ce projet. Les enfants maladroits ont, en général, développé un style de vie dangereux pour l’apprentissage de gestes, l’interaction sociale, ainsi que leur santé et leur condition physique. Les implications de ces résultats pour la condition physique et le mode de vie ainsi que les recherches ultérieures sont présentes.

Most research on sexual abuse has been conducted within family settings (Fergusson & Mullen, 1999). In recent years, following several high profile convictions and scandals, research into sexual abuse has also encompassed institutional and community settings, such as sport and the church (Gallagher, 2000; Woolfe, Jaffe, Jette, & Poisson, 2003). Research into sexual abuse in sport, for example, began with both prevalence studies (Kirby & Greaves, 1996; Leahy, Pretty, & Tenenbaum, 2002) and qualitative analyses of the processes and experiences of athlete sexual abuse (Brackenridge, 1997; Cense & Brackenridge, 2001, Toftegaard-Nielsen, 2001). From such work, descriptions of the modus operandi of abusers in sport, and the experiences and consequences for athlete victims, have been provided, informing both abuse prevention work and coach education. To date, however, no study has provided empirical support for multiple associations or identified patterns of sex offending in sport in ways that might allow comparisons with research-generated models of offending outside sport. This paper reports on an analysis of 159 cases of criminally defined sexual abuse, reported in the print media over a period of 15 years. The main aim of the study was to identify the nature of sex offending in sport, focusing on the methods and locations of offenses. The data were analysed using multidimensional scaling (MDS) as a data reduction method in order to identify the underlying themes within the abuse and explore the inter-relationships of behavior, victim, and context variables. The findings indicate that there are specific themes that can be identified within the perpetrator strategies that include "intimate," "aggressive," and "dominant" modes of interaction. The same patterns that are described here within the specific context of sport are consistent with themes that emerge from similar behavioral analyses of rapist (Bishopp, 2003; Canter & Heritage, 1990) and child molester groups (Canter, Hughes, & Kirby, 1998). These patterns show a correspondence to a broader behavioral model—the interpersonal circumplex (e.g., Leary, 1957). Implications for accreditation and continuing professional education of sport psychologists are noted. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR SN - 1612197X UR - https://login.proxy.bib.uottawa.ca/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=s3h&AN=35827870&site=ehost-live ER - TY - JOUR ID - 4218 T1 - Should recess be more structured and supervised in order to increase students' physical activity? A1 - Brinkman,Bruce A1 - Cook,Kendall L. A1 - Kahan,David A1 - Elliott,Gloria A1 - Myrick,Steve A1 - Greene,Babs A1 - Snow,Jeffrey A1 - Stein,Julian U. A1 - Springs,Oliver Y1 - 2005/11// KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks KW - *PHYSICAL education KW - *OUTDOOR recreation KW - *STUDENTS KW - *EDUCATION KW - *PLAYGROUNDS RP - NOT IN FILE SP - 9 EP - 49 JA - JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance VL - 76 IS - 9 N2 - The article questions that should recess be more structured and supervised in order to increase students' physical activities. According to Bruce Brinkman, elementary physical education staff developer, Jordan School District, Utah some students with unstructured recess sometimes choose to do little or nothing. He believes that
Structured recess is the simple answer to many elementary school problems. Their ultimate purpose as physical educators should be to guide children into being physically active for a lifetime. Unstructured free time does not guide children into anything. With structure, proper supervision, and choice, the students can practice the skills that they have learned in physical education, increase the time they spend being physically active, and have a safe and social atmosphere on the playground. Kendall L. Cook, physical education teacher at Walnut Grove Elementary School at Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia states that in schools today, children are constantly told what to do and when to do it. She feels that there should be more room for individuality and more time for kids to be themselves.

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T1 - How much physical activity a week to improve the health-related fitness of Polish schoolchildren? / W jakim stopniu aktywność fizyczna w ciągu tygodnia poprawia sprawność fizyczną polskich uczniów?
A1 - Bronikowski, Michał
Y1 - 2005
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *HEART beat
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *EXERCISE -- Physiological aspects
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - Calibration
KW - teenagers
KW - EDUCATION, Secondary
KW - Poland
KW - EFFECTIVENESS
KW - EVALUATION STUDY
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 219
EP - 223
JA - Wychowanie Fizyczne i Sport
VL - 49
IS - 3
CY -

N2 - Study aim: To compare the distributions of activities under two schedules of physical education (PE) classes in Poland. Material and methods: Two schedules were examined: 3 and 4 PE classes a week, lasting 45 mm each. The study was conducted in years 2002-2004 in one junior secondary school in Poznan. Heart rates of randomly selected children aged 13 years were monitored during physical education classes throughout one half-year term and the results classified into 4 exercise intensity zones. Results: The recommended volume and intensity of activities, i.e. at least 50 % of time at an intensity of at least 50 % of heart rate reserve (HRR) were recorded only for boys performing outdoor athletics and basketball. Conclusions: Like in other studies, physical education classes alone were shown to be of insufficient intensity to improve the health-directed fitness.
Increased numbers of young children who are overweight have become a significant health problem in the United States. Public health investigators have hypothesized that increased caloric intake and low levels of physical activity may be associated with the troubling trend of weight problems among children. To enhance preschool children's moderate to vigorous physical activity on playgrounds the authors develop, implement, and evaluate two practical teacher-implemented activities. Direct observations of five children in two preschool programs during teacher-implemented activities indicate increased moderate to vigorous physical activity on intervention days relative to nonintervention days (i.e., business-as-usual conditions). The results and implications for preschool practitioners are discussed.
In this paper we present initial information concerning a new direct observation system - the Observational System for Recording Physical Activity in Children Preschool Version. The system will allow researchers to record young children's physical activity levels while also coding the topography of their physical activity, as well as detailed indoor and outdoor social and nonsocial contextual information. With respect to interobserver agreement (IOA), the kappa and category-by-category agreement mean of those obtained for the three illustrative preschools were generally above .80. Hence, our IOA data indicated that trained observers in the three preschools frequently agreed on the eight observational categories and accompanying codes. The results for preschoolers' level of physical activity indicated they spent the majority of observational intervals in sedentary activity (i.e., more than 80 % intervals) and were observed in moderate to vigorous physical activity much less frequently (i.e., 5 % or fewer intervals). For the 15 indoor and 12 outdoor activity contexts, variability across both the activity contexts and the three preschools were evident. Nevertheless, three classroom contexts - transition, snacks, and naptime - accounted for the greatest proportion of coded activity contexts for the children. In the three preschools, 4 of 17 physical activity types - sit and squat, lie down, stand, and walk - accounted for the topography of much of children's physical activity behavior. Systematic observation of more representative preschool samples might better inform our present understanding of young children's physical activity in community preschool programs. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
N2 - Introduction Fathers have a major impact on various aspects of child health and development yet little is known about their roles in preventing injuries the most significant risk to their children’s health. While parents play a large role in mitigating childhood injury risks, particularly for younger children, the role of each parent differs substantially and requires investigation. Purpose Using a qualitative approach to develop to enhance our understanding of fathers safety-related attitudes and practices. Method Interviews were conducted with fathers of children aged 2–7 years in British Columbia, Canada. Questions addressed fathers roles and typical activities with their children, concerns regarding child safety, safety practices, and access of safety-related resources. Grounded theory methods guided data analysis. Results A diverse sample of 32 fathers was interviewed. Central themes expressed by fathers included: exposure to risk plays an important role in children’s lives; accidents are part of life; not all injuries can be prevented; preventing serious injuries is important; injuries can represent learning experiences. Fathers focused on outdoor risk, rather than home-based risks and used supervision as an important strategy for injury prevention. Conclusion Fathers attitudes and practices are important to consider in designing prevention programs. Building on perceptions that promote injury prevention (eg, use of supervision), and considering perceptions that challenge the perceived need for prevention in programming (eg, acceptance of injuries and risk) can help ensure the relevance and success of messages.

ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4227
T1 - Achieving a safe ratio on the playground
A1 - Bruya,L.D.
A1 - Wood,G.
Y1 - 1998/04//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *CHILDREN -- Wounds & injuries
KW - *PREVENTION
KW - *SAFETY measures
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 74
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 33
IS - 4
N2 - Focuses on how adults can supervise and encourage children to play safely. Concerns regarding the injury rates on playgrounds; Role of adults in making playgrounds safe for children; Importance of appropriate supervisor-to-child ratio in playgrounds
SN - 00312215
ER -
ID - 4228
T1 - Risk Factor One: Supervision on a Safe Playground
A1 - Bruya, Lawrence
A1 - Bruya, Lorna
Y1 - 2000/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - SUPERVISORS
KW - PLAY environments
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 20
JA - JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
VL - 71
IS - 3
N2 - Discusses the elements of good supervision for the safety of children in school playgrounds. Supervisor-child ratio in playgrounds; Importance of the daily inspection of school playgrounds; Patterns of supervisor behavior that influence the safety of children; Methods used in supervisor communication systems
SN - 07303084
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4231
T1 - Leisure time physical activity participation among Latino visitors to outdoor recreation areas
A1 - Burk, Brooke N.
A1 - Shinew, Kimberly J.
A1 - Stodolska, Monika
Y1 - 2011/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *LEISURE
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - Social Support
KW - Hispanic Americans
KW - United States
KW - Attitude
KW - Attitudes
KW - constraints
KW - contraintes
KW - soutien social
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 325
EP - 338
JA - Leisure/Loisir: Journal of the Canadian Association for Leisure Studies
VL - 35
IS - 3
N2 - Previous research indicates that Latinos have low rates of leisure time physical activity (LTPA). As a result, Latinos suffer from higher rates of obesity and other diseases associated with this lack of activity. Thus, the primary purpose of this exploratory study was to gain a greater understanding of LTPA among Latinos. The goals of this study were threefold: (1) gain an understanding of the similarities and differences between Latino male and female LTPA levels and their levels of walking (done in a variety of settings); (2) examine the types of environments where their LTPA occurs; and (3) gain insight into Latinos’ attitudes and perceptions of social support and constraints to LTPA. The study included Latinos from two suburban Chicago communities. Data
were collected at local parks and in a sports complex. The findings indicated that 39.1% of the Latinos had engaged in vigorous LTPA 2.75 days in the previous week, and men were active for longer periods of time than were women (F = 6.47; p = 0.021). Additionally, 38.6% of the Latinos had engaged in moderate LTPA an average of 2.57 days in a week. The majority of participants indicated they walked at least 10 minutes per day (77.5%), and men spent significantly more time walking than did women (F = 47.17; p = 0.001). Men were more likely to exercise in parks whereas women were more likely to exercise at home. Most Latinos indicated high levels of social support for exercise, and men found LTPA more interesting than did women (F = 4.23; p = 0.040). The top constraint for women was lack of childcare and for men it was too tired after work. Consistent with previous findings, a large proportion of respondents were totally inactive and did not participate in moderate or vigorous LTPA. Findings indicated that men and women experienced constraints differently, but that for both groups constraints led to lower LTPA. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Des recherches antérieures indiquent que les Latinos ont un faible taux de participation à l'activité physique et de loisir (TPAPL). En conséquence, les Latinos souffrent de taux d'obésité et d'autres maladies associées à l'activité physique manque d'activité physique. Ainsi, le but principal de cette étude exploratoire Actait: (1) d'accroître une compréhension des similarités et des différences masculines et féminines du TPAPL durant la marche (fait dans une variété de paramètres); (2) d'examiner les types d'environnements où le TPAPL se produit; et (3) de mieux comprendre les attitudes Latinos et les perceptions de soutien social et les contraintes du TPAPL. L'étude inclut des Latinos de deux banlieues d'Chicago. Les données furent collectées dans des parcs municipaux et dans un complexe sportif. Les résultats indiquent que 39.1% des Latinos s'activaient livrables A l'activité physique durant 2.75 jours dans la semaine précédente, et que les hommes Actaient plus actifs que les femmes (F = 6.47, p = 0.021) pendant de longues périodes de ce temps. De plus, 38.6% des Latinos s'activaient livrables à l'activité physique modérée avec une moyenne de 2.57 jours durant la semaine. La majorité des participants ont indiqué qu'ils marchaient au moins 10 minutes par jour (77.5%), et les hommes ont consacré beaucoup plus de temps dans leurs marches que les femmes (F = 47.17, p = 0.001). Les hommes Actaient plus disposés d'exercer dans les parcs alors que les femmes Actaient plus disposées à exercer à leur accueil. La plupart des Latinos ont indiqué des niveaux d'activité physique modérée pour l'exercice, et les hommes trouvent le TPAPL plus intéressant que les femmes (F = 4.23, p = 0.040). Les plus grosses contraintes pour les femmes Latino sont le manque de garderies d'enfants et pour les hommes Latino la fatigue aprés l'ouvrage. Conformément aux résultats prédits, une grande proportion de rAcusultat prédise qu'il s'agit d'une proportion de rAcusultat trop inactive et qu'il s'agit d'un TPAPL trop peu A levé d'activité physique. Tandis que les rAcusultats indiquent que les hommes et les femmes expérimentent des contraintes contrariantes, les contraintes pour ces deux groupes conduisent Aujourd'hui basse du TPAPL. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 14927713
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4232
T1 - Exercising Their Right to Play
A1 - Burlingame,Helle
Y1 - 2007/12/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *EXERCISE for children
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *WEIGHT loss
KW - Research
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 34
EP - 37
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 42
IS - 12
The article examines the importance of playground exercise and recreation for young children. According to the article, children can attain two-thirds of their recommended daily dose of exercise in only a half-an-hour of playground time. It is a unique way to keep kids trim and to focus on weight loss while emphasizing fun. Particular focus is given to an energy expenditure study conducted at the University of Florida which focused on the number of calories kids burn at the playground.

The objective of our research project was to establish the influence of natural (place of residence) and social (parents, family, school) environment on the rate of mountaineering activity of a child. Our sampling group consisted of 233 subjects (age 11.4 ± 0.3 years), who were all in fifth grade of elementary school in Slovenia. One part of the children resided in Ljubljana and its surroundings, while the other part resided in mountainous environment. The results showed that most of the children made one to three mountaineering trips per year within their family circle, as well as within their school activity programme. Natural environment from which they originate does have an impact on the rate of their mountaineering activity as the children living close to the mountains make mountaineering trips more often within the frame of their school activities, while children living in urban environment go to the mountains oftener with their parents. Parents with their good example have a major impact on the rate of mountaineering activity of their child. Most of the children from mountaineering families like to go to the mountains. Mountaineering is more popular with the children who have mountaineering organised within the frame of their school activities. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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Teachers of introductory psychology courses were supplied with the names of students in their classes of several previous years and indicated with three degrees of certainty those which they could recall. They also checked from a key list reasons for recall of which they were aware and likewise added any further reasons which occurred to them. The main series involved 20 teachers and approximately seven thousand students. Under these conditions the average instructor recalled about 13 per cent of his students. For some instructors there was a negative correlation between effectiveness of recall and size of section. For other instructors no significant relation existed. Several instructors showed a significant tendency to remember better students of the opposite sex. Only one showed any possibly significant tendency to be more effective with his own sex. Several teachers showed a significant tendency to remember their good students in the sense of academic grades more readily than mediocre or poor ones. This tendency was a bit more marked with advanced than with elementary courses. There was no tendency for the poor students to leave a more lasting impression. Similarly some teachers tended to recall more readily students of higher intelligence. There was also an occasional significant tendency to remember those of lowest intelligence. Some teachers were definitely aware of the reasons for recall in most cases. For some of them the expressed reasons were mostly of one category while others scattered their reasons quite extensively. The reasons most frequently mentioned were personal appearance, conduct in class, followed by personal conferences, peculiarity of name, and contacts outside of class. Other reasons mentioned with less frequency were physical defects, peculiarity of name, location of seat in room, and presence in other classes taught by the same instructor. Occasional mention was made of grades, peculiarities of actions, voice, or handwriting. There appears to be no universal reason whereby students are remembered by their teachers. Individual differences on the part of the teachers evidently play a role, with some impressed by one aspect of a student and some with another. If one were to specify conditions under which the probability of recall by the teacher in general is enhanced, it would be something as follows: the student should be in a small class taught by an instructor of the opposite sex; should do good academic work in the class and should have high intelligence; should have something unusual about his appearance and something significant about his conduct in class; should have some personal conferences with the teacher, have a peculiar name, and should have some additional non-academic contacts outside of class. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
In the search for solutions to help at-risk youths, there has been a movement toward integration of various types of services within educational systems. Because of limited resources, it is especially imperative for institutions of higher education to develop partnerships with communities and schools. On the basis of this philosophy, the University of Utah College of Health (COH) and a Salt Lake City urban elementary school have formed a partnership to serve youths who are at risk. Team Lincoln was created to provide a program of organized recess activities for 450 at-risk children in grades 1 through 6. This article describes and evaluates the Team Lincoln school-based service learning program.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4237
T1 - Enhancing social skills through school social work interventions during recess: gender differences
A1 - Butcher, D.A.
Y1 - 1999/10/
N1 - Accession Number: 2000020992. Language: English. Entry Date: 20000301. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Peer Reviewed; USA. No. of Refs: 42 ref. NLM UID: 101086597
KW - CINAHL
KW - Communication Skills Training -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Schools, Elementary
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Social Work
KW - Observational Methods
KW - Interrater reliability

AD - McMillan Elementary School, Murray, UT 84107
ER -
N2 - Recess serves as a prime example of an underused social work intervention opportunity in schools. As members of the school community well know, recess is the time that both students and teachers look forward to everyday. However, the entire school climate can be negatively affected when problems occur on the playground. This article describes and evaluates a recess-based social skill intervention that targets elementary aged school children and their behaviors on the playground. Program effectiveness will be explored by examining changes in problem behaviors from before and during the program. Special attention will be paid to gender differences.

N2 - This study examined whether feedback or feedback plus physical activity information could increase the number of pedometer steps taken during 1 school week. One hundred seventy-seven students (mean age 9.124 ± 1.11 years) in three elementary schools participated. Schools were randomly assigned to control (CON), feedback (FB), or feedback plus information (FB+I) groups. Children wore pedometers during school time for 5 consecutive weekdays. The total steps of the groups were recorded at the end of each school day, with students in the FB and FB+I groups free to view their step counts. In addition, the FB+I group received information and ideas about how they could increase their daily steps. The CON group received no step-count feedback or information. Students in the FB+I group achieved significantly more steps per minute (17.17 ± 4.87) than
those in the FB (13.77 ± 4.06, p = 0.003) and CON (12.41 ± 3.12, p = 0.0001) groups. Information, as well as step-count feedback, increased elementary students' school-based physical activity (number of steps) in the short term. A longer intervention period is necessary to assess the sustained impact of this type of approach.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 08998493
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4242
T1 - Inventing Net/Wall Games for all Students
A1 - Butler,Joy
A1 - Hopper,Timothy
Y1 - 2011/12/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - *STUDENTS
KW - *GAMES
KW - Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 5
EP - 9
JA - ACHPER Active & Healthy Magazine
VL - 18
IS - 3/4
N2 - The article explains the difference between spontaneous play invented by children during recess and the Inventing Games (IG) approach. It notes that the IG approach builds on children's natural instinct to play but has very clearly defined educational outcomes that allow students to cognitively learn about game constructs through a collective learning process. It describes the teaching games for understanding (TGfU) classification system of the IG approach which consists of 4 categories
SN - 13287133
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4243
T1 - Obesity Trends for Missouri: An Analysis of the CDC Obesity Maps
A1 - Butler,Loren L.
Y1 - 2007/07/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OBESITY -- Prevention
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for children
KW - STUDENT activities
KW - CENTERS for Disease Control & Prevention (U.S.)
KW - STATISTICAL maps
KW - Missouri
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 27
EP - 34
JA - Missouri Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
The article examines obesity in the state of Missouri through the analysis of maps from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the article, to help prevent obesity, the state should provide more physical and health education, more recess time, and more extracurricular activity opportunities. The article discusses body mass index and the increase in obesity rates in Missouri.

A matter of child's play. In outdoor play, a child is able to control his or her world without the restriction of time, rules, or movement.
QUESTION: What are the long term goals and normalisation strategies of families with parents and children living with HIV?

Design
Interpretive study based on symbolic interaction and using ethnographic data collection methods

Setting
Urban paediatric referral centre in the US

Participants
21 participants: 9 children with HIV infection (age range 7-15 y), 6 mothers and 1 father with HIV infection (mean age 38 y), and 5 uninfected adult family member caregivers (age range 30-79 y). Participants were of diverse ethnicity

Methods
Semistructured, open ended interviews were conducted individually for children (20-45 min) and adults (60-120 min), except for 1 mother and son who requested to be interviewed together. The interview guide included questions on family composition, disease disclosure, and symptom management. Interviews were audiotaped, transcribed verbatim, and data were analysed using constant comparison. Repeat interviews with 4 key participants validated and expanded findings

Main findings
Families had 3 goals to establish normalcy and stability: staying healthy, facilitating children's participation in school and social activities, and enhancing social and emotional wellbeing of family members. Strategies for staying healthy included lifestyle decisions (eg, balanced diet and exercise) and active participation in treatment regimens. Children related taking medications to staying healthy. To reinforce the necessity of the treatment regimen, parents often took their medication on the same schedule as their children; they also tried to allow children some freedom for normal activities within the necessary regimen. Parents juggled multiple responsibilities to care for family members; some focused on guarding their own health to keep their children healthy. In facilitating children's participation in school and social activities, schools served as markers of normal childhood activity and as resources. Management of stigma was important. All families were selective in disclosing information about infection to those outside the family and controlled their children's social lives in order to preserve their ability to be treated normally. Enhancing [the] social and emotional wellbeing of family members was achieved by having extended family members provide supplemental care for children. This helped parents by reducing their stress and increasing rest time, and children valued the relationships developed with extended family members. Families cited spiritual and religious beliefs and practices as important coping strategies. Psychological counsellors provided formal emotional support, whereas other professionals, such as nurses at the HIV centre, provided informal support. Non-infected children were a source of support and concern for parents and children

Conclusion
Families with parents and children living with HIV had 3 normalisation goals to foster normal living and used strategies to minimise stigma. [Original article accession number: 2000060336 (research)]
Supporting learning opportunities in natural settings through participation-based services

A1 - Campbell, P.H.
A1 - Sawyer, L.B.
Y1 - 2007/07/

N1 - Accession Number: 2009677592. Language: English. Entry Date: 20071026. Revision Date: 20120309.
Publication Type: journal article; questionnaire/scale; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Blind Peer Reviewed; Editorial Board Reviewed; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care.
Instrumentation: Home Visiting Observation Form (HVOF); Natural Environments Rating Scale (NERS). No. of Refs: 39 ref. NLM UID: 8910748

KW - CINAHL
KW - Early Childhood Intervention -- Evaluation
KW - Home Visits
KW - Adult
KW - Caregivers
KW - Caregivers -- Psychosocial Factors
KW - chi square test
KW - Child, Preschool
KW - convenience sample
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - Early Childhood Intervention -- Methods
KW - Female
KW - Infant
KW - interrater reliability
KW - Male
KW - Parental Role
KW - Professional Role
KW - Professional-Patient Relations
KW - Scales
KW - T-Tests
KW - Two-Tailed Test
KW - videorecording
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 287
EP - 305
JF - Journal of Early Intervention
VL - 29
IS - 4

N2 - Recommended early intervention practices emphasize family-centered approaches provided within natural settings through interventionist interactions with caregivers. We defined this approach as participation-based and used the Home Visiting Observation Form (HVOF) and the Natural Environments Rating Scale (NERS) to describe 50 home visits and to examine the extent to which participation-based services could be identified and distinguished from traditional services. A minority of the sample visits were described as participation-based although participation-based services were clearly distinguishable from traditionally provided services. Interventionists using participation-based approaches interacted with the caregiver-child dyad and caregivers were actively involved with their children during the session. Results from the study suggest the NERS can be used to describe characteristics of participation-based services and holds promise as a measure that might be used by interventionists, their supervisors, or by researchers to measure intervention fidelity during home visits.
The average 12-year-old may not realize it, but many of the trappings that make it good to be a kid are the result of Pennsylvania ingenuity, including the first bottle of soda pop, the first nickelodeon (the precursor to the modern cinema), and the first batch of bubble gum. The same is true of another of Pennsylvania’s kid-friendly creations, the Little League World Series, which kicked off its annual 10-day run in Williamsport. In 1947 Carl Stotz convened the first Little League National Tournament, a 12-team event that invited only one squad from beyond central Pennsylvania, the Hammonton (N.J.) All-Stars. In 1955, after years of bickering with the board of directors over sponsorships and other matters, Stotz was ousted in a court battle. Stotz never attended another Little League World Series and instead organized a competing youth baseball program called Original League, which debuted in 1955 and is still active, at Memorial Park. But in recent years Little League has taken steps to mend the rift with Stotz’s family and supporters. In part to stimulate the raising of $20 million for the construction of the 4,000-seat Volunteer Stadium, which opened in 2001 and enabled the tournament to expand from eight to 16 teams, Little League acted to heal old wounds by honoring Stotz with a granite memorial outside Volunteer Stadium. Little League also promotes the Original League field on the other side of the river as the birthplace of youth baseball.
Purpose. To examine school socioeconomic status (SES) in relation to school physical activity-related practices and children's physical activity. Design. A cross-sectional design was used for this study. Setting. The study was set in 97 elementary schools; (63% response rate) in two U.S. regions. Subjects. Of the children taking part in this study, 172 were aged 10.2 (standard deviation (SD) = 1.5) years; 51.7% were girls, and 69.2% were White non-Hispanic. Measures. School physical education (PE) teachers or principals responded to 15 yes/no questions on school physical activity-supportive practices. School SES (low, moderate, high) was derived from the percent of students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. Children's moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) during school was measured with accelerometers. Analysis. School level analyses involved linear and logistic regression; children's MVPA analyses used mixed effects regression. Results. Low-SES schools were less likely to have a PE teacher and had fewer physical activity-supportive PE practices than did high-SES schools (p < .05). Practices related to active travel to school were more favorable at low-SES schools (p < .05). Children attending high-SES schools had 4.4 minutes per day more of MVPA during school than did those at low-SES schools, but this finding was not statistically significant (p = .124). Conclusion. These findings suggest that more low- and moderate-SES elementary schools need PE teachers in order to reduce disparities in school physical activity opportunities and that PE time needs to be supplemented by classroom teachers or other staff to meet guidelines. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Should the ratio of supervisors to children be the same for the outdoor playground (learning environment) as for the indoor classroom?

A1 - Carpenter,Mary
A1 - Mizwicki,Michael
Y1 - 2000/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation -- Safety measures
KW - CLASS size
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 10
This study aimed to examine the relationship of children's perceived competence in physical education to their enjoyment in the subject, and how boys and girls scoring high and low in enjoyment and perceived competence differed in their levels of physical activity. Year 6 primary school children (n = 922) completed questionnaires giving their physical activity the previous week, their perceived competence in, and enjoyment of, PE. Employing correlation, multivariate and univariate analysis of variance techniques, the results indicated...
moderate positive and significant relationships between enjoyment in PE and perceived competence in PE for the whole sample ($r = .39$, p $<$ 0.001). Children of high perceived competence participated in significantly more physical activity (quantity and intensity) outside school than those of low perceived competence, but there was no difference in enjoyment levels and quantity of physical activity. The boys scored higher than the girls on time spent on physical activity, on perceived competence and enjoyment. Motivation theory is utilized to examine the relationship of perceived competence and enjoyment in physical education to physical activity outside school.

Cette étude a visé à examiner (1) la relation entre la compétence perçue des élèves en éducation physique (EP) et le plaisir éprouvé dans la discipline, (2) comment les garçons et les filles qui obtiennent des résultats plus ou moins élevés dans le plaisir éprouvé ou la compétence perçue se sont différenciés quant à leur niveau d'activité physique. 922 élèves de l'école primaire âgés de dix ans ont renseigné des questionnaires sur leur activité physique hebdomadaire, leur compétence perçue et le plaisir éprouvé en éducation physique. A l'aide de corrélations, d'analyses de variance multivariée et univariée, les résultats ont indiqué: (1) des relations moyennement positives et significatives entre le plaisir éprouvé et la compétence perçue en éducation physique pour l'ensemble de l'échantillon ($r = .39$, p $<$ 0.001); (2) les enfants qui ont une compétence perçue élevée ont participé significativement de manière plus importante à une activité physique en dehors de l'école (quantité et intensité), que ceux qui ont une compétence perçue plus faible; mais il n'a pas eu de différence dans les niveaux de plaisir et la quantité d'activité physique; (3) les garçons ont des résultats plus élevés que les filles dans le temps d'activité physique, la compétence perçue et le plaisir éprouvé. La théorie de la motivation a été utilisée pour examiner la relation entre la compétence perçue et le plaisir éprouvé en éducation physique, et dans l'activité physique en dehors de l'école. (HERACLES) Questionnaire soumis à 922 élèves de l'école primaire âgés de 6 ans, sur leur activité physique hebdomadaire, leur perception de leurs propres compétences, le plaisir éprouvé en éducation physique. Relation entre la compétence perçue, le plaisir ressenti, la motivation, la participation à des activités sportives extra-scolaires, chez les garçons comparés aux filles.

Die Studie untersuchte (1) die Beziehung zwischen der von Kindern selbst wahrgenommenen Kompetenz im Schulsport und ihrer Freude in diesem Schulfach; (2) wie Jungen und Mädchen, die besonders viel oder wenig Spass am Sportunterricht haben und üben, eine hohe oder niedrige selbst wahrgenommene Kompetenz verfügen, sich in Quantität und Intensität der ausserschulischen körperlichen Aktivität unterscheiden. 922 Sechsstklässler gaben dazu in einer schriftlichen Befragung ihre körperlichen Aktivitäten in der vergangenen Woche, die personenliche Einschätzung selbst wahrgenommener Kompetenz und ihren Spass am Sportunterricht an. Die Ergebnisse, die unter Verwendung von Korrelationen, multivariaten und univariaten Varianzanalysentechniken erzielt wurden, zeigen, (1) dass es einen schwach positiv signifikanten Zusammenhang zwischen dem beim Sportunterricht empfundenen Spass und der selbst wahrgenommenen Kompetenz für die gesamte Stichprobe ($r = .39$, p $<$ 0.001) gibt; (2) dass Kinder mit hoher selbst wahrgenommener Kompetenz ausserhalb der Schule signifikant stärker körperlich aktiv (in Quantität und Intensität) sind, als jene mit einer geringeren selbst wahrgenommenen Kompetenz. Kein Unterschied liess sich feststellen in Bezug auf das Mass an Freude und die Quantitaet körperlicher Aktivität; (3) dass Jungen durchschnittlich mehr Zeit mit körperlicher Aktivität verbringen, hohere Werte bezüglich selbst wahrgenommener Kompetenz und mehr Spass am Sport haben als Mädchen. Die Motivationstheorie wird verwendet, um den Zusammenhang zwischen der selbst wahrgenommenen Kompetenz und dem Spass am Schulsport in Beziehung zu setzen mit der körperlichen Aktivität ausserhalb der Schule.
The article focuses on the significance of recreation for children such as camping where they can play with other children. It cites several activities during summer camp in New York where children can play outside in a safe environment the way they used to. It notes the advantages of camping wherein it allows children to spend time with their friends and develop the social skills that are important instead of sitting in front of a television set.

Introduction: With this study we aim to distinguish which are the free time variables associated to the adherence to physical and sports activities. Materials and Methods: A sample composed of 719 children aged between 6 and 10 years old, subject to the application of a questionnaire, was analyzed. The contingency tables and de I_ (phi) value were used to verify the association between the free time variables and the practice of physical and sports activities. Results: The results' analysis allowed us to conclude that the places to spend free time (home, street, outdoor playground and public garden) and the time spent in these places are associated to the physical and sports activities. Discussion: There is a positive association between the time that children
spend in outdoor playgrounds, street, public garden and the practice of global physical activities. In regards to
the practice in clubs, we verified a negative association between the time spent in the public garden, outdoor
playground and street and the adherence to the practice. The time that they spend watching television is positively
associated to the global practice, but negatively associated to the formal practice in business days. ABSTRACT FROM
AUTHOR
Introducción: Con este estudio pretendemos discriminar las variables de tiempo libre asociadas a la adhesión a las actividades fí­sicas y deportivas. Materiales y Métodos: Fue analizada una muestra de 719 niños con edades comprendidas entre 6 y 10 años, sujetas a la administración de un cuestionario. Las tablas de contingencia y el valor de (phi) han sido utilizados para verificar la asociación entre variables de tiempo libre y la práctica de actividades fí­sicas y deportivas. Resultados: El análisis de los resultados permitió concluir que los locales de tiempo libre (casa, calle, parque infantil y jardín público) y el tiempo dispendido en esos locales están asociados a las actividades fí­sicas y deportivas. Discusión: Existe una asociación positiva entre el tiempo que los niños pasan en el parque infantil, calle, jardín público y la práctica de actividades fí­sicas y deportivas globales. Relativamente a la práctica en el club, se verifica una asociación negativa entre el tiempo planeado en el jardín público, parque infantil y calle y la adhesión a la práctica. El tiempo que pasan en juegos de video está asociado negativamente con la práctica formal. El tiempo en que asisten televisión está asociado positivamente con la práctica global, pero negativamente con la práctica formal en los días de lunes. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 15199088
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4256
T1 - Playground activities for boys and girls: developmental and cultural trends in children's perceptions of
gender differences
A1 - Carvalho,A.M.A.
A1 - Smith,P.K.
A1 - Hunter,T.
A1 - Costabile,A.
Y1 - 1990/11/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *GAMES
KW - *SEX role
KW - CROSS-cultural studies
KW - BOYS
KW - girls
KW - ATTITUDE (Psychology)
KW - England
KW - Italy
KW - Child
KW - STEREOTYPE
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 343
EP - 347
JF - Play & Culture
VL - 3
IS - 4
CY -
N2 - Children's own perceptions of gender appropriateness of five common playground activities, playfighting,
playchasing, real fighting, football, and skipping, were assessed at different ages and in two cultures (England
and Italy). Four activities showed some degree of gender stereotyping while one did not. This pattern was
similar across ages (5 to 10 years) and cultures. However, there was a general trend, in both England and Italy,
for the degree of gender stereotyping to lessen with age. This trend occurred earlier in the English children, for traditionally male activities, and was more obvious in girls than boys. A cultural difference in the perception of skipping was also noted. Possible reasons for these findings are discussed.

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=266637
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4260
T1 - Students and teacher responses to a unit of student-designed games
A1 - Casey, Ashley
A1 - Hastie, Peter A.
Y1 - 2011/07/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *EDUCATIONAL games
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *TEACHERS
KW - *STUDENTS
KW - PRIMARY education
KW - Secondary Education
KW - invasion games
KW - Physical Education
KW - student-designed games
KW - teaching experiment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 295
EP - 312
JA - Physical Education & Sport Pedagogy
VL - 16
IS - 3
N2 - Background: Despite the support in primary education that student-designed games enhance student contextualisation of skills and tactics, there has been little support in secondary education, nor any empirical research exploring these claims. This paper attempts to rekindle these beliefs and explores the use of student-designed games in an English secondary school. Aim: To provide a detailed account of classes of secondary students designing their own games, and to investigate their responses to the games-making process. Method: Two classes of boys (aged 14-16) at a school in England participated in the study. Each class was divided into three teacher-elected teams and attended one lesson per week, each lasting 40 minutes, for seven weeks. Lessons were adapted to give students four phases of development: a 2-week library-based planning and wiki construction phase; a 1-week outdoor modification and wiki update phase; three weeks of trials of the games with a wiki refinement phase; and a 1-week game and wiki finalization phase. In this time frame the pupils involved were challenged to design an invasion game that would be played in a subsequent unit. Data consisted of: teacher post-teaching reflections, interviews between a professor-researcher and the on-site participants, observations and analysis of wikis. Data analysis occurred on three levels. The first aspect was immediate and ongoing by the teacher-researcher to meet the 'on the spot' learning needs of his students. Secondly, the professor-researcher aided the teacher-researcher in systematic collection, organisation and analyses. Thirdly, peer debriefing occurred in which the research team analysed and critiqued the data during the collection and writing processes. Results: We found that students 'bought into' the process of games-making, were afforded an inclusive voice and worked as teams. Furthermore they engaged in immediate searches for innovation which were influenced by popular media, and shared ideas and learning with others to a degree that allowed them to exclude problematic skills. However, there was student frustration induced by watching others failing to properly play these games. Conclusions: We concluded that student-designed games 'freed' children to define competition at their own developmental level. This paper shows that by trusting pupils and supporting them to be creative in the games that they play it is possible to gain an insight into the processes by which students apply their knowledge about physical education. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The article looks at how a director of physical activity (DPA) can implement physical activities during the school day for U.S. students. According to the author, a DPA needs administrative support, justified curriculum changes, and trained staff in order to integrate activities that align with the Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP) initiative. Recommended activities for students include reading on a stationary bike, physical activity as an incentive, and organized recess.

Data from the National Traumatic Occupational Fatalities surveillance system were used to analyze occupational injury deaths of civilian 16- and 17-year-olds during 1980 through 1989. There were 670 deaths;
the rate was 5.11 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers. The leading causes of death were incidents involving motor vehicles and machines, electrocution, and homicide. Workers 16 and 17 years old appear to be at greater risk than adults for occupational death by electrocution, suffocation, drowning, poisoning, and natural and environmental factors. Improved enforcement of and compliance with federal child labor laws, evaluation of the appropriateness of currently permitted activities, and education are encouraged.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 00900036

TY - THES
ID - 4264
T1 - Attitudes of Nurses Toward Children With Disabilities
A1 - Cervasio,Kathleen
Y1 - 2011///
N1 - Accession Number: 2012154470. Language: English. Entry Date: 20130621. Publication Type: doctoral dissertation; clinical trial; research. Instrumentation: Attitudes Towards Disabled Persons Scale (ATDP-B)
KW - CINAHL
KW - Child,Disabled
KW - Student Attitudes -- Evaluation
KW - Students,Nursing
KW - Attitude Measures
KW - Child
KW - Clinical Trials
KW - Curriculum
KW - Human
KW - Nursing Role
KW - Pretest-Posttest Design
KW - Prospective Studies
KW - Quantitative Studies
KW - Repeated Measures
KW - Scales
RP - NOT IN FILE
EP - 125
PB - Northcentral University
N2 - The attitudes of U.S. nurses toward children with disabilities have not been adequately measured over time and after an educational intervention. Disability content has not been a priority in nursing education and, if present, the focus has been on adults with disabilities. The attitudes of nurses play a significant role in the provision of quality healthcare services they provide for children with disabilities. This quantitative, experimental research measured the attitudes of graduating nursing students (N= 88) toward children with disabilities utilizing the Attitudes Towards Disabled Persons Scale (ATDP-B) before and after disability education. The control group consisted of 44 nurses while a group of 44 nurses received the treatment. The differences between the groups was measured at pretest (time 1), immediate posttest (time 2) after an educational module, and delayed posttest (time 3) one month follow up, utilizing repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA). Multivariate tests for within subject effect of the ATDP-B demonstrated that the dependent variable of attitudes as measured by the ATDP-B scale changes over time and after an educational module based on children with disabilities were (F= [2, 85] = 28.59, p < .01). It was discovered that the ATDP-B level changes over time, dependent on the group (F [2, 85] = 51.15, p < .01). Also, the between subjects main effect of group was significant across ATDP-B measurements ( F = [1, 86] = 32.53, p <.01). The results of this research suggest that there is a significant difference in means of ATDP-B measurements between groups which indicates that the graduating nurses who received disability education performed significantly better on an assessment of attitudes toward children with disabilities than those who did not receive the education. The findings of this research should compel nursing faculty to reevaluate curriculum content, provide specific attitude measurements of nursing students at various levels of education, and develop protocols that can assist students in learning to care for children with disabilities. Future research can be designed to measure attitudes of
nurses toward children with disabilities at various levels of nursing education, in several nursing education programs within or outside the U.S, or as a comparison to other healthcare professionals

TY - JOUR
ID - 4265
T1 - Carolina Panthers
A1 - Chadiha, Jeffri
Y1 - 2003/09/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *BACKFIELD play (Football)
KW - *RUNNING backs (Football)
KW - *FOOTBALL -- Offense
KW - CAROLINA Panthers (Football team)
KW - DAVIS, Stephen, 1974-
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 104
EP - 107
JA - Sports Illustrated
VL - 99
IS - 8
N2 - The Carolina Panthers are predicted to finish fourth in the South Division of the National Football Conference. One week of training camp was all Stephen Davis needed to see the benefits of signing as a free-agent running back with the Panthers. Every time he looked into the crowds at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., he saw his wife, Dee Dee, and their four children, who had rarely watched him practice during the seven seasons he spent with the Redskins. One morning when he trotted out of the locker room with quarterback Rodney Peete, Davis pointed to a small stadium at the end of a narrow street. That’s where he played football for Spartanburg High. Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte is a mere hour and a half drive from the dream house he built in Columbia, S.C., two years ago. More important, Davis is returning to the role he enjoyed in Washington before Steve Spurrier brought his pass-happy Fun’ n’ Gun offense to the Redskins last season. Davis, a 6-foot, 230-pound workhorse who prefers 20 or more carries a game, averaged 17.25 an out in ’02 and gained only 820 yards. (He missed four of Washington’s last nine games with a sprained right knee.) Davis won’t have to worry about opportunities. The Panthers had the NFL’s second-worst offense (267.5 yards a game) and ranked 25th in the league in rushing yards (99.1 per game) last season, and coach John Fox plans to rely heavily on Davis this year. Two free agents, guard Doug Brzezinski (Eagles) and wide receiver Ricky Proehl (Rams), should make immediate contributions, and first-round pick Jordan Gross will start at right tackle
SN - 0038822X
The article profiles Denver Broncos football player Reuben Droughns. His three older brothers had experienced troubled childhoods, but Reuben had a different vibe. He wrote poetry and was a starter as a sophomore on the varsity football team, and when he carried the pigskin, nobody could stop him. He had a chance to be something special. And eventually he was, becoming the first member of his immediate family to attend a four-year college. (He's a semester shy of getting a degree.) When the season began the 26-year-old Droughns was the Broncos' little-known fullback, primarily a blocker who in his first four pro seasons gained all of 97 rushing yards. Now Droughns is one of the NFL's biggest surprise stories. Droughns sharpened his vision and instincts while playing fullback, leading the running backs into the holes. He's a violent runner for a man listed at 5'11", 207 pounds, a player who competes with a visible hunger. This is Droughns's time to shine. Old coaches and friends are calling to congratulate him. Fans recognize him in public. Venders peddle his number 34 jersey. But those things don't matter to him nearly as much as having the opportunity to show that he really is special.
Discusses the need to help individuals prepare for leisure. Suggests that people are often physically, psychologically, socially, emotionally and creatively unprepared for leisure. Examines how the educational system can help people understand how free time can be effectively used to experience a state of well-being. Argues for the benefits of learning both the value of leisure and positive attitudes toward free time. Methods by which schools and government service agencies can explore the most effective means of educating for leisure are discussed.


The purpose of this study is to examine the effect of a therapeutic recreation intervention, within a technology-based physical activity context, on the social interaction of male youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). Youth with ASDs report greater feelings of loneliness and poorer quality friendships than youth without ASDs, due to deficits in social interaction inherent to the condition. Social rank theory stipulates that low social rank leads to de-escalating strategies, which include low self-esteem, avoidance and keeping a distance from peers. Youth with ASDs are typically in a position of lower social rank compared with peers. Implementing a situational reverse social rank (SRSR) to create reciprocal social interaction may decrease loneliness and increase friendship quality in this population. Six male youth ages 10-14 years with high functioning ASDs and 6 age and gender matched typically developing peers were recruited. Participants with ASDs were trained to use the Dance Dance Revolution [superscript](R) (DDR), a technology-based physical activity device, for three to six weeks. Following training, they taught a typically developing peer to play the DDR for four sessions. A combination of quantitative and qualitative methodologies was used to triangulate the effects of the intervention. Youth with ASDs reported significantly higher levels of loneliness and lower quality friendships than peers. Both groups reported significantly higher quality of friendship following the intervention. Qualitative information illustrated their desires for friendship and a cycle of losing friends. The results should prompt reconsideration of traditional peer-mediated interventions and suggest inclusion of social rank in social interventions for youth with ASDs. Traditional peer-mediated interventions may actually
jeopardize the development of friendship by increasing the gap in social rank between youth with ASD and their peers, because peers will continue to maintain a higher social status. A situational reverse social rank approach provides greater opportunities for generalization to natural settings and may improve the social status of youth with ASDs. This will help decrease levels of loneliness and increase quality of friendships in these individuals.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4272
T1 - coast to coast: JUNIORS TICKERS
A1 - Childress, Jason
Y1 - 2009/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *VOLLEYBALL players
KW - *ATHLETES
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 40
EP - 41
JA - Volleyball (10584668)
VL - 20
IS - 4
N2 - The article profiles several volleyball players in the U.S. They include Rob Strauss, a volleyball player and a golfer who shot an all-time personal-best 72; Marty Lorenz, a middle blocker who stands 6'6'' in height and has been playing volleyball for less than two years; and Patrick Schwagler, an outside hitter of Orchard Park High School who turned down offers from Ohio State University in favor of Princeton University, where he plans to study environmental engineering.
SN - 10584668

TY - JOUR
ID - 4273
T1 - THE METHOD TO THEIR MADNESS
A1 - Childress, Jason
Y1 - 2010/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *VOLLEYBALL
KW - *SPORTS facilities
KW - *ATHLETIC clubs
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - Hawaii
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 38
EP - 40
JA - Volleyball (10584668)
VL - 21
IS - 4
N2 - The article explores the volleyball craze in Hawaii. It states that the sport is being played in various states but Hawaii is considered as the place that is synonymous with volleyball since the sport is played all day long, each day of the year. It traces the history of how the sport became so popular in the state that goes back to the middle of the 20th century. It mentions the Outrigger Canoe Club near the Waikiki Beach, the main venue of beach sports activity in Hawaii.
Objectives. We examined whether schools' participation in the Recess Enhancement Program (REP) in the spring of 2011 was associated with higher rates of children's vigorous physical activity. Methods. In REP, a coach guides children through age-appropriate games aimed at increasing their physical activity. During recess at 25 New York City public elementary schools (15 REP, 10 non-REP), researchers visually scanned predetermined areas (n = 1339 scans), recording the number of sedentary, walking, and very active children. Results. Multivariate statistical analysis found that participation in REP was a significant predictor (P = .027) of the rate of vigorous physical activity (percentage very active in scan area) whose least-squares means were 41% in REP schools and 27% in non-REP schools. A significantly higher rate in REP schools persisted when the coach was not in the scan area, suggesting a change in the recess culture of REP schools. Conclusions. The rate of vigorous physical activity in REP schools was 14 percentage points, or 52%, higher than the rate in non-REP schools. This low-cost intervention might be a valuable addition to the tools for combating childhood obesity and worth replicating elsewhere. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Discusses various aspects of playground safety. Initiatives by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, American Society for Testing and Materials, American Association for Leisure and Recreation's Committee on Play and the National Playground Safety Institute; Why children are vulnerable to serious playground accidents; Certification for playground safety

TY - JOUR
ID - 4277
T1 - Family and Community Involvement in the Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program
A1 - Cipriani,Kristin
A1 - Richardson,Cheryl
A1 - Roberts,Georgi
Y1 - 2012/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SCHOOLS -- Exercises & recreations
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *LIFESTYLES
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - COMMUNITY involvement
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 20
EP - 26
JA - JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
VL - 83
IS - 7
N2 - The article discusses family and community involvement in the Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program. According to the authors, daily family routines establish norms, influence behavioral patterns, and determine the typical lifestyle for children. The author notes that observing the behavior and lifestyle of people in the community, children begin to familiarize themselves with and adapt to norms that exist outside of the home
SN - 07303084
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4278
T1 - Ageless Considerations for the Ongoing Inclusion of Play, Recess, and Physical Education
A1 - Clements,Rhonda
Y1 - 2010/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *CHILD development
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - STUDENT activities
KW - SOCIAL aspects
KW - DEWEY,John,1859-1952
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 7
EP - 11
JA - JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
The author reflects on the early educators' insights regarding the value of children's play and physical activity. She discusses Swiss educational reformer Johann Pestalozzi's view on self activity or play as a tool for learning. She cites American psychologist and educator John Dewey's findings that play allows children to develop attitudes that coincide with the goals of physical education. She also underscores the need to include physical activity in educational reforms.
The effectiveness of aligned developmental feedback on the overhand throw in third-grade students

Background: To improve student performance, teachers need to evaluate the developmental level of the child and to deliver feedback statements that correspond with the student's ability to process the information delivered. Therefore, feedback aligned with the developmental level of the child (aligned developmental feedback ADF) is sometimes considered to be the most appropriate type of feedback for improving student learning. It is assumed that the provision of ADF is beneficial in bringing about improvement in the learning of motor skills and subsequently in performance. However, the extent of the influence of ADF on motor performance remains unclear. Purpose: This study examined the influence of ADF on students' performance of the overhand throw for force in a naturalistic physical education setting. Participants: Ninety-seven third-grade students (39 girls, 58 boys) with a mean age of 105.4 months (SD=4.76) participated in this study. All participants were selected from four intact classrooms in a mid-sized Midwestern (US) elementary school. Two of the four intact classes were randomly assigned to an ADF group (the experimental condition; N=48, 21 girls, 27 boys), and the other two intact classes were assigned to a general feedback (GF) group (the control condition; N=49, 18 girls, 31 boys). Research design and phases of the study: An experimental non-equivalent group design composed of pre-, post-, and retention phases assessed the influence of ADF on throwing performance. The study used a three-phase approach: Phase 1 involved the implementation of the control GF condition with the participants: a seven-day throwing unit using general feedback. After Phase 1 was concluded, the first part of the experimental condition was initiated (Phase 2): to train the physical education teacher (male, with seven years of teaching experience, who had no prior knowledge of developmental throwing sequences) to deliver the experimental condition (i.e. the ADF condition). Phase 2 concluded when the teacher was considered trained in the ADF condition. The final phase of the study (Phase 3) was the actual experimental
condition, consisting of a seven-day ADF instructional throwing unit. Data analysis: A chi-square analysis was used to examine the influence of ADF on the distribution of body component scores between the ADF and GF groups from the pre- to post- to retention phases as the body component data is ordinal in nature. An ANOVA with repeated measures on the highest ball velocity score was used to assess the influence of ADF on ball velocity scores. Findings: An ANOVA revealed that the ADF group had faster ball velocity than the GF group from pre- to post-intervention. Chi-square analyses revealed that the ADF group improved from pretest to posttest in the humerus and forearm components. The effects found at the end of the intervention program were maintained throughout the retention phase. Conclusions: The findings demonstrate the value of ADF in the learning process, and show how such feedback can enhance students' performance. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR SN - 17408989 UR - https://login.proxy.bib.uottawa.ca/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=s3h&AN=82153945&site=ehost-live ER - TY - JOUR ID - 4285 T1 - Mobilizing a low income border community to address state mandated coordinated school health A1 - Coleman,K.J. Y1 - 2006/01// N1 - Accession Number: 200915088. Language: English. Entry Date: 20060714. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Commentary: Brown KRM. Energizing a community for coordinated school health: a reaction to Coleman. AM J HEALTH EDUC 2006 Jan-Feb; 37(1): 63-4 (commentary) . Journal Subset: Blind Peer Reviewed; Editorial Board Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Health Promotion/Education; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care. No. of Refs: 28 ref. NLM UID: 101090650. Email: coleman@mail.sdsu.edu KW - CINAHL KW - child health KW - Health Promotion KW - School Health Services KW - Schools,Elementary KW - Audiorecording KW - Brainstorming KW - Child KW - Congresses and Conferences KW - Food Services KW - Parents KW - Physical Education and Training KW - School Health Nursing KW - School Health Services -- Legislation and Jurisprudence -- Texas KW - School Policies KW - Teachers KW - Texas KW - thematic analysis KW - Human RP - NOT IN FILE SP - 15 EP - 26 JA - American Journal of Health Education VL - 37 IS - 1 N2 - This study documents the response of a low-income border community to a Texas state law requiring coordinated school health programs in every elementary school by the academic year 2006-2007. Findings are summarized from a one-day conference with 176 attendees to familiarize them with the requirements of this law and to mobilize the community to design an approach that all elementary schools in the state of Texas could use to implement coordinated school health. Four discussion groups were held during the conference to address the
following questions: 1) What are schools in the El Paso, TX border region already doing for child health?; 2) What more could be done without funding to implement coordinated health education?; and 3) What more could be done with funding to implement coordinated health education? Recommendations from these discussion groups included asking influential adults like teachers, food service personnel, and parents to model healthy behavior for children such as volunteering in the cafeteria, eating school meals, and exercising with the children during recess and physical education classes. The El Paso CATCH program models what a low-income, primarily Hispanic community can accomplish with minimal funding and resources.
Analysis of official documents and observation of day-to-day work reveals that the choice of activities taught during physical education clearly shows that a priority is given to some of them. Track and field athletics, and to a smaller extent, gymnastics and swimming are dominating all other activities taking place at school. As we can see from the choice of activities practised outside school, there is a considerable interest for physical activities taking place in stadiums or gymnasiums. A survey carried out on 4985 students from high schools and secondary schools shows a strong gap between what is taught and what the students expect. It seems that activities where the follower faces uncertainties, whether from the environment or because of partners or opponents, are much more attractive than individual sports, totally out of surprise. This tendency is particularly clear as far as outdoor activities are concerned; they rarely take place at school. Moreover they vary according to social classes.

L’analyse des textes officiels et l’observation des pratiques réelles révélent que le choix des contenus enseignés en éducation physique confère une priorité indiscutable à certaines activités. L’athlétisme et, dans une moindre mesure, la gymnastique sportive et la natation occupent une place preponderante parmi l’ensemble des activités physiques pratiquées à l’école. A l’image de ce que l’on peut observer dans la pratique extra-scolaire, l’institution accorde une importance considerable aux pratiques corporelles qui se déroulent en milieu stable. Une enquête réalisée auprès d’un échantillon de 4985 lycéens et collégiens révèle le fort décalage existant entre ce qui est réellement enseigné et les attentes des élèves en matière de pratiques corporelles. Il apparaît que les activités où le pratiquant est soumis à une incertitude - que celle-ci provienne de l’environnement physique ou soit due à la présence de partenaires et d’adversaires - exercent beaucoup plus d’attrait que les sports individuels complètement dénués d’imprevu. Cette tendance est particulièrement nette en ce qui concerne les activités physiques de pleine nature ; activités très peu souvent pratiquées dans le cadre scolaire. En outre, elle se nuances quelque peu selon l’appartenance sociale des élèves.

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=296100
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4291
T1 - Preface: Texas Statewide Assessment of Youth Fitness
A1 - Cooper,Kenneth H.
A1 - Everett,Diana
A1 - Meredith,Marilu D.
A1 - Kioster,Jeff
A1 - Rathbone,Marissa
A1 - Read,Kathy
Y1 - 2010/09/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OBEITY
KW - *CHILD nutrition
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *OVERWEIGHT children
KW - Research
KW - CENTERS for Disease Control & Prevention (U.S.)
KW - TELEVISION & children
KW - Texas
RP - NOT IN FILE
The article offers information on the increasing rate of the childhood obesity in Texas. It states that national data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows that the prevalence of obesity has increased by almost fourfold. It notes that the factors that contribute to the trends include the decline in physical education and recess requirement, decline in number of children who routinely walk and the increase in time of children watching television.

The author discusses how Alice B. Beal Elementary School in Springfield, Massachusetts has made changes to get its students active. Programs were made to allow students take activities home and get moving outside of school. The Footloose Fridays program allows students and teachers walk a set path for 15 minutes. The Fuel Up To Play 60 program encourages healthy eating and one hour of physical activity every day.
N2 - Background: As interventions increasingly emphasize early child care settings, it is necessary to understand the state regulatory context that provides guidelines for outdoor physical activity and safety and sets standards for child care environments. Methods: Researchers reviewed regulations for child care facilities for 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. We compared state regulations with national standards for 17 physical activity- and safety-related items for outdoor playground settings outlined in Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs (CFOC). State regulations were coded as fully, partially or not addressing the CFOC standard and state-level summary scores were calculated. Results: On average, state regulations fully addressed one-third of 17 CFOC standards in regulations for centers (34%) and family child care homes (27%). Data suggest insufficient attention to outdoor play area proximity and size, equipment height, surfacing, and inspections. Conclusions: Considerable variation exists among state regulations related to physical activity promotion and injury prevention within outdoor play areas. Many states' regulations do not comply with published national health and safety standards. Enhancing regulations is one component of a policy approach to promoting safe, physically active child care settings. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4302
T1 - Developing age appropriate playground skills in children with developmental disabilities: an application of the model for movement confidence combined with precision teaching methodology
A1 - Crawford, M.E.
A1 - Livingston, C.
A1 - Swango, A.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Accession Number: 2009052539. Language: English. Entry Date: 20051202. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; case study; CEU; exam questions; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Blind Peer Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Online/Print; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care. Instrumentation: Peabody Growth and Development scale; Bayley Scale of Development. No. of Refs: 63 ref. Email: mecrawford@unmc.edu
KW - CINAHL
KW - Play and Playthings -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Child Development Disorders -- Rehabilitation
KW - Teaching Methods -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Recreational Therapy -- Methods -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Education, Continuing (Credit)
This study reports findings on the use of precision teaching techniques and assistive behavioral shaping strategies to facilitate age appropriate play behaviors among young children with severe genetic disorders. Training occurred in a natural environment using four common playground apparatus. Qualitative and quantitative analyses of children's behaviors were utilized. Observations of playground behaviors via a videotape data base confirmed increases in competence levels. Qualitative improvement in children's confidence levels while engaging equipment was also measured utilizing a checklist derived from the Griffin and Keogh (1982) model for movement confidence. Additional samples of participant behaviors and longitudinal research efforts are needed to determine the impact of improved movement skills on the quality and quantity of peer relationships. Empirically validated playground assessments and teaching techniques are important components toward building a science of playground skill development.
Purpose. Examine associations between worksite physical activity promotion strategies and employees' physical activity and sedentary behaviors. Design. Cross-sectional. Setting. Seattle–King County, Washington and Baltimore, Maryland–Washington, D.C. regions. Subjects. Adults working outside the home (n = 1313). Mean age was 45 ± 10 years, 75.8% of participants were non-Hispanic white, 56% were male, and 51% had income $70,000/year. Measures. Participants reported demographic characteristics and presence/absence of nine physical activity promotion environment and policy strategies in their work environment (e.g., showers, lockers, physical activity programs). A worksite physical activity promotion index was a tally of strategies. Total sedentary and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) min/d were objectively assessed via 7-day accelerometry. Total job-related physical activity minutes and recreational physical activity minutes were self-reported with the International Physical Activity Questionnaire. Analysis. Mixed-effects models and generalized estimating equations evaluated the association of the worksite promotion index with physical activity and sedentary behavior, adjusting for demographics. Results. A higher worksite promotion index was significantly associated with higher total sedentary behavior (β = 3.97), MVPA (β = 1.04), recreational physical activity (β = 1.1 and odds ratio = 1.39; away from work and at work, respectively) and negatively with job-related physical activity (β = 0.90). Conclusions. Multiple worksite physical activity promotion strategies based on environmental supports and policies may increase recreational physical activity and should be evaluated in controlled trials. These findings are particularly important given the increasingly sedentary nature of employment. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Objective In the period from 1995 to 2008, in Croatia, 2,553 children died because of injuries, making injury prevention efforts an important societal investment. The aim of this study was to establish the attitudes of primary healthcare workers in a sample comprised of gynaecologists and paediatricians working in the primary healthcare, family physicians and community nurses. Participants 373 primary healthcare workers (gynaecologists, paediatricians, family physicians and community nurses). Methods Anonymous self-administered questionnaire containing items on gender, age, length and type of work and the Croatian primary healthcare workers attitudes towards injury prevention/safety promotion for preschool children. Outcome Measures Attitudes towards injury prevention/safety promotion for pre-school children. Results The obtained results varied greatly for different questions. For example, almost all primary healthcare workers showed correct attitudes towards prevention of drowning during bathing, prevention of playground injuries and the prevention of traffic injuries by forbidding preschool children sitting in the front seat (366 or 98.1%) and forbidding standing between the front seats during the ride (367 or 98.4%). But only 46.4% subjects recognise provocation of vomiting after a child has swallowed a potential poison as an incorrect response. Conclusions Although a majority of primary healthcare workers demonstrated satisfactory attitudes, improvements are possible and necessary. A targeted, continuous education on the subject must be considered as one of the primary healthcare measures in the Croatian national program of healthcare measures. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER SN - 13538047 UR - https://login.proxy.bib.uottawa.ca/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=s3h&AN=66042626&site=ehost-live ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4305
T1 - Fast talking
A1 - Crossman,Matt
Y1 - 2006/07/14/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *AUTOMOBILE racing drivers
KW - *AUTOMOBILE racing
KW - NASCAR (Association)
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 16
EP - 20
JA - Sporting News
VL - 230
IS - 28
N2 - The article presents an interview with Darrell Waltrip and Carl Edwards, both NASCAR drivers. Waltrip recalls his childhood watching car races and his fascination on them. Edwards remembers going to school and playing at recess with cars. When asks who they want to be following them with a few laps left when they are leading a race, Edwards chooses Greg Biffle while Waltrip prefers Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart
SN - 0038805X
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4307
T1 - The effects of playground markings on the physical self-perceptions of 10-11-year-old school children
A1 - Crust,Lee
A1 - McKenna,Jim
A1 - Spence,Jon
Background: Significant proportions of school children in the UK do not meet the minimum recommended daily requirements of 60-min moderate-intensity physical activity. Beyond taught classes, playtimes offer the opportunity for children to play and be physically active. Painted markings are one recent addition to school playgrounds that are inexpensive and have been shown to stimulate increased levels of physical activity among children during playtimes. Playground markings and supportive playground assistants can act as cues to increase physical activity. Purpose: While evidence exists to support the impact of playground markings on the levels of physical activity, no attempts have been made to assess the effects of playground markings on important indicators of psychological health such as self-esteem and physical self-concept. The way children view themselves from a physical perspective is likely to impact their future engagement in sport and physical activities. Given that the levels of physical activity have been found to be related to physical self-perceptions and self-esteem, and playground markings appear to facilitate increased physical activity, this study aimed to evaluate the effects of installing playground markings and training playground assistants on children's physical self-perceptions.

Participants and setting: Participants were 218 primary school children (117 girls and 101 boys) aged 10 and 11 years. Informed consent was gained from all schools, and parents were given the choice to withdraw their child from the project before commencement of testing. Twelve schools received playground markings, while four further schools acted as controls. Playground assistants were trained to help facilitate use of markings by children. Playground markings consisted of painted lines and boxes. Data collection: The participants completed the Children and Youth Physical Self-Perception Profile under the supervision of trained research assistants. The behaviour of the children was also observed during the morning and lunch playtime periods prior to the installation of playground markings and again 8 months after installation. The System for Observing Children's Activity and Relationships during Play was used to assess playtime behaviour with 242 observations in total undertaken. Every sixth child to enter the playground was randomly observed for 10 minutes. Data analysis: Mixed-model ANOVAs were used to test for differences in physical self-perceptions of the children on the basis of intervention and over time. Percentage changes in observed physical activity and pro-social behaviours were calculated to determine differences between schools that received markings and those that did not. Findings: No significant differences were found in physical self-perceptions on the basis of intervention or over time. However, boys did report significantly higher perceptions of sport competence, physical conditioning, physical strength and physical self-worth than girls. Observed physical activity was found to increase by 7.5% in schools that received markings as opposed to a 7.7% decline in control schools. In addition, pro-social behaviours were found to increase by 6.7% following the installation of playground markings. Conclusion: These findings indicate that while playground markings can facilitate...
increased physical activity during playtimes, this does not translate into enhanced self-perceptions in children when evaluated 8 months after intervention. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4308
T1 - Otrosko igrisce v Sloveniji. / Playgrounds in Slovenia
A1 - Cuk,Ivan
A1 - Bucar,Maja
A1 - Hosta,Milan
A1 - Videmsek,Mateja
A1 - Bricelj,Andraz
Y1 - 2007///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - Surveys
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Management
KW - Slovenia
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 6
EP - 10
JA - Sport: Revija Za Teoreticna in Prakticna Vprasanja Sporta
VL - 55
IS - 1
CY - ;
N2 - Based on a survey questionnaire completed by those running the campaign Hurrah, leisure time! under the auspices of the Union for Children's and Youth Sports, the current state of 70 Slovenian playgrounds (in all regions) was analyzed in terms of their size, proprietorship, management, and playing conditions. The current state needs to be improved considerably in terms of safety, usability and comfort so as to bring the playgrounds back to life. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-1062814
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4309
T1 - Poskodbe otrok na otroskih igriscih. / Children's injuries in playgrounds
A1 - Cuk,Ivan
A1 - Bucar,Maja
A1 - Videmsek,Mateja
A1 - Hosta,Milan
Y1 - 2007///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *WOUNDS & injuries
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - age
KW - Child
KW - OCCURRENCE
RP - NOT IN FILE
The authors of the article researched the available information and investigated the incidence of injuries in playgrounds, the age groups of the injured children and the types of injuries. The number of injuries in the 'developed' world is on the increase and there are many fatal outcomes as well. The current situation in Slovenia has not yet been researched as records on children's injuries are not kept separately for playgrounds. In spite of that, the average 17 fatal outcomes yearly among preschool children due to inadvertent injuries (including road accidents) and poisoning is appalling and it is therefore reasonable to consider broadening the preventive measures, including those in children's playgrounds. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
of the program those children who participated in the program had significantly more positive attitudes towards
the elderly and significantly better school behavioral grades than did non-participating students. Implications
and recommendations for intergenerational programming are discussed

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4312
T1 - Play through the eyes of children: use of cameras to study after-school use of leisure time and leisure space
by pre-adolescent children. / Regard des enfants sur le jeu: utilisation d'appareils photos pour l'étude du temps et
de l'espace de jeu des preadolescents après l'école
A1 - Cunningham,C.
A1 - Jones,M.
Y1 - 1996///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *LEISURE
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 341
EP - 361
JA - Loisir et Societe
VL - 19
IS - 2
CY - :
N2 - This paper reports on the use of cameras by children to record how they used their play environments
during after-school play in an Australian provincial city. The study was one of six carried out concurrently to
illuminate the complexity of children's after-school leisure and the environment in which it takes place. Twenty
four children, twelve boys and twelve girls, were issued with disposable cameras to photograph their play in
after-school time and leisure space. They produced 342 usable images which were analyzed by location, setting
and activities. There was no measurable gender difference in choice of play location, but place of residence
strongly influenced this choice. Both boys and girls had a strong tendency to choose open and natural locations,
and naturalistic settings dominated play spaces. While the expected multiplicity of activities in children's free
play is demonstrated in the photographs, so is the importance of solitude and reflection. The photos also reveal a
much higher incidence of mixed-gender play than is commonly reported for this age group

Le present article traite de l'utilisation d'appareils photos par les enfants d'une ville provinciale de l'Australie
afin d'illustrer la maniere dont ces jeunes utilisent leur environnement lorsqu'ils jouent apres l'école. Il s'agit
d'une de six etudes concomitantes visant a jeter un eclaireage sur la complexite du loisir des enfants et de
l'environnement ou ces activites se deroulent une fois l'école terminee. Vingt-quatre enfants, dont douze garcons
douze filles, ont recue un appareil jetable leur permettant de photographier leurs jeux dans leur
environnement de loisir. Ils ont pris 342 photos qui ont ensuite ete analysees en fonction du lieu, de
l'environnement et des activites elles-memes. Aucune difference ne ressort entre les filles et les garcons quant au
choix du lieu; qui depend en grande partie du domicile des jeunes. Tous manifestent une tendance marquee en
faveur des espaces naturels comme lieux et environnements de jeu. En outre, bien que les photos revelent,
comme on s'y attendait, la grand diversite des activites de jeu libre des enfants, elles font egalemnt ressortir
l'importance de la solitude et de la reflexion. Elles permettent aussi de constater que les jeux regroupant les
jeunes des deux sexes sont beaucoup plus frequents que ne le laissent generalement entrevoir les etudes sur ce
groupe d'age
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Small Things Make a Big Difference: Particulate Matter and Exercise

Cutrufello, Paul T.
Smoliga, James M.
Rundell, Kenneth W.

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SportDiscus
*ASTHMA
*PREVENTION
*ADAPTATION (Physiology)
*ANTI-inflammatory agents
*Athletic ability
*AUTOMOBILES
*BLOOD-vessels -- Dilatation
*CARDIOPULMONARY system -- Physiology
*CARDIOVASCULAR system -- Physiology
*Dietary supplements
*ECOLOGY
*ENVIRONMENTAL health
*EXERCISE physiology
*HEALTH
*INFLAMMATION
*LUNGS
*MEDLINE
*NITRIC oxide
*PASSIVE smoking
*PULMONARY artery
*RESPIRATION -- Measurement
*SKATING
*EVIDENCE-based medicine
*SPORTS events
*VASOCONSTRICTION
*VITAL capacity (Respiration)
*Risk Factors
*Environmental Exposure
*Air Pollution
*Antioxidants
*DOSE-response relationship (Biochemistry)
*endothelium
*HORMONE antagonists
*indoor air pollution
*LEUKOTRIENES
*METROPOLITAN areas
*ONLINE information services
*Ozone
*Smoke
*Time
*Transportation
*SYSTEMATIC reviews (Medical research)
*Particulate Matter

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Sports Medicine
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The increased risk of morbidity and mortality among adults and children with pre-existing cardiovascular or respiratory illness from emission-derived particulate matter (PM) is well documented. However, the detrimental effects of PM inhalation on the exercising, healthy population is still in question. This review will focus on the acute and chronic responses to PM inhalation during exercise and how PM exposure influences exercise performance. The smaller ultrafine PM (<0.01 μm aerodynamic diameter) appears to have the most severe health consequences compared with the larger coarse PM (2.5 <PM <10 μm aerodynamic diameter). While the response to PM inhalation may affect those with a pre-existing condition, the healthy population is not immune to the effects of PM inhalation, especially during exercise. This population, including the competitive athlete, is susceptible to pulmonary inflammation, decreased lung function (both acute and chronic in nature), the increased risk of asthma, vascular endothelial dysfunction, mild elevations in pulmonary artery pressure and diminished exercise performance. PM exposure is usually associated with vehicular traffic, but other sources of PM, including small engines from lawn and garden equipment, cigarette smoke, wood smoke and cooking, may also impair health and performance. The physiological effects of PM are dependent on the source of PM, various environmental factors, physical attributes and nature of exercise. There are a number of measures an athlete can take to reduce exposure to PM, as well as the deleterious effects that result from the inevitable exposure to PM. Considering the acute and chronic physiological responses to PM inhalation, individuals living and exercising in urban areas in close proximity to major roadways should consider ambient air pollution levels (in particular, PM and ozone) prior to engaging in vigorous exercise, and those exposed to PM through other sources may need to make lifestyle alterations to avoid the deleterious effects of PM inhalation. Although it is clear that PM exposure is detrimental to healthy individuals engaging in exercise, further research is necessary to better understand the role of PM on athlete health and performance, as well as measures that can attenuate the harmful effects of PM.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

This study examined the validity of the Caltrac motion sensor for measuring physical activity in young children and described change over time in physical activity among 47 preschool children from obese and nonobese families. Children were videotaped in a controlled setting while wearing Caltrac motion sensors and...
also wore Caltracs at home. Caltrac readings and an observational measure of physical activity were significantly related in both Year 1 (r=.86) and Year 2 (r=.83), and outside play was associated with higher Caltrac scores (r=.43). In addition, physical activity among young girls with obese parents decreased significantly from Year 1 to Year 2.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4317
T1 - Angling activity of urban youth: factors associated with fishing in a metropolitan context
A1 - Dargitz, R.E.
Y1 - 1988///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *FISHING
KW - teenagers
KW - CITY dwellers
KW - Socialization
KW - Questionnaires
KW - RACE
KW - WATER -- Pollution
KW - SEX FACTOR
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 192
EP - 207
JF - Journal of Leisure Research
VL - 20
IS - 3
CY - ;
N2 - Surprisingly there apparently have been no studies which have investigated childhood experiences in angling and other types of outdoor recreation within the context of an urban setting. Such experiences obviously confront problems with access, availability, and ever increasing problems with polluted waters and contaminated fish. The concepts of race, gender, residence and angling socialization are applied to angling participation by urban youth in a mid western setting. Data from a sample of 751 teenagers representing students enrolled in science classes in 10 different schools in a midwestern city suggest that gender appears to be a more important factor in angling socialization than either race or residence. Angling socialization in turn is very important in determining the children's angling activities. Children who have anglers in their households are more likely to engage in fishing more frequently and are more likely to enjoy angling as a leisure activity than are children who do not have anglers in their households. Because males are more likely to enjoy angling than are females, teenage boys are more active within the urban context. In such a context although black teenage boys are not more likely to fish in polluted waters, they do appear to run a higher risk of consuming contaminated fish.
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Background: Over 7 million students participate in high school athletics annually. Despite numerous health benefits, high school athletes are at risk for injury. Hypothesis: Severe injury rates and patterns differ by gender and type of exposure. Study Design: Descriptive epidemiology study. Methods: Sports-related injury data were collected during the 2005-2007 academic years from 100 nationally representative United States high schools via RIO (Reporting Information Online). Severe injury was defined as any injury that resulted in the loss of more than 21 days of sports participation. Results: Participating certified athletic trainers (ATCs) reported 1378 severe injuries during 3,550,141 athlete-exposures (0.39 severe injuries per 1000 athletic exposures). Football had the highest severe injury rate (0.69), followed by wrestling (0.52), girls' basketball (0.34), and girls' soccer (0.33). The rate in all boys' sports (0.45) was higher than all girls' sports (0.26) (rate ratio [RR], 1.74; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.54-1.98; P < .001). However, among directly comparable sports (soccer, basketball, and baseball/softball), girls sustained a higher severe injury rate (0.29) than boys (0.23) (RR, 1.28; 95% CI, 1.08-1.52; P = .006). More specifically, girls' basketball had a higher rate (0.34) than boys' basketball (0.24) (RR, 1.43; 95% CI, 1.10-1.86; P = .009). Differences between boys' and girls' soccer and baseball/softball were not statistically significant. The severe injury rate was greater in competition (0.79) than practice (0.24) (RR, 3.30; 95% CI, 2.97-3.67; P < .001). Nationally, high school athletes sustained an estimated 446,715 severe injuries from 2005-2007. The most commonly injured body sites were the knee (29.0%), ankle (12.3%), and shoulder (10.9%). The most common diagnoses were fractures (36.0%), complete ligament sprains (15.3%), and incomplete ligament sprains (14.3%). Of severe sports injuries, 0.3% resulted in medical disqualification for the athletes' career, and an additional 56.8% resulted in medical disqualification for the entire season. One in 4 (28.3%) severe injuries required surgery, with over half (53.9%) being knee surgeries. Conclusion: Severe injury rates and patterns varied by sport, gender, and type of exposure. Because severe injuries negatively affect athletes' health and often place an increased burden on the health care system, future research should focus on developing interventions to decrease the incidence and severity of sports-related injuries. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Metabolic cost of exercise and physical performance in children with some observations on external loading

A1 - Davies, C.T.M.
Y1 - 1980///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSIOLOGY
KW - *OXYGEN -- Physiological transport
KW - *RUNNING
KW - *TREADMILL exercise
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - Child
KW - SEX FACTOR
RP - NOT IN FILE

Metabolic cost of running for 24 boys and girls aged 11 to 13 years old was studied on a treadmill and compared to performance times during outdoor races. No significant aerobic differences were found between the two sexes. The authors found that though the children had highly developed aerobic power, their conversion of aerobic energy into mechanical work was not the most economic.

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Planning an elementary Field Day

A1 - Davis, R.G.
Y1 - 2003///Fall
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *TEACHING
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
RP - NOT IN FILE

Presents 22 activities teachers can incorporate into the Field Day program for elementary school children.

Stroll away fat

A1 - Davis, Valerie Kramer
Y1 - 2006/10//
This article reports on stroller fitness programs that are popping up across the United States. Most of the hourlong outdoor classes begin with a stroller-pushing walk or job, then progress strength moves which include modified push-ups and stretches. The programs offer cardio, strength, and flexibility training.

BACKGROUND: Educational disengagement is a public health concern among Aboriginal populations in many countries. It has been investigated previously in a variety of ways, with the conventional focus being on the children themselves. Activity settings are events and places, theorized in terms of their symbols, roles, time frame, funds, people, and physical location. According to the theory, particular behaviors and experiences are shaped by different configurations among these elements. This study explored how activity settings theory might provide new insight on school engagement.

METHODS: Ethnographic study was undertaken at a grades primary to 12 school in a remote First Nations community in Canada's Northwest Territories. We collected data through interviews, focus groups, archival material, and field notes from 7 months of participant observation. An activity settings model acted as template for data collection and interpretation.

RESULTS: Different aspects
of the school's physical layout, routines, procedures, transport systems, mix of people, and rules were able to be systematically assessed and classified as either creating or eroding engagement. CONCLUSION: This study applies an activity setting analysis to school engagement, thereby allowing researchers to investigate the dynamic and nested nature of context or environmental influences on engagement. It provides grounded observations that invite direct opportunities for action on dimensions that teachers and practitioners might not otherwise 'see.' ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4326
T1 - GLOBAL QUANTITY DIFFERENCES IN MOTOR ABILITIES OF PRE-SCHOOL BOYS. / GLOBALNE KVANTITATIVNE RAZLIKE U MOTORIŽOKIM SPOSOBNOSTIMA DJEŽOAKA
PRED• ŠKOLSKOG UZRASTA
A1 - DibriŽO,D.
A1 - HuremovižO,Tarik
A1 - AhmižO,Damir
Y1 - 2009/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *MOTOR ability
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *KINESIOLOGY
KW - Educational Programs
KW - EDUCATIONAL tests & measurements
KW - PRESCHOOL children
KW - MALES
KW - BOYS
KW - canonic discriminative analysis
KW - motor abilities
KW - djeŽaci
KW - kanonižka diskriminativna analiza
KW - motorižke sposobnosti
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 56
EP - 60
JA - Sport Scientific & Practical Aspects
VL - 6
IS - 1
N2 - Based on the sample of 58 male respondents (30 respondents were a part of experimental group and 28 of control group) age from five to five and a half years old, initial and final measuring was conducted with the aim to determine global quantitative changes in motor abilities between these two groups. Experimental group carried out specially designed physical education program suitable for pre-school children that lasted for three days, weekly totally 60 minutes in the Gym managed by physical education professor, while control group followed current program for pre-school education in the classroom (playground) managed by kindergarten teacher. Possible differences were determined between experimental and control group in initial and final measuring in a period of three months participation in physical education program. To test motor abilities we applied 6 tests. We applied canonic discriminative analysis to determine global quantitative differences between these two groups in the area of motor abilities. Obtained results indicate there are no differences between groups in initial measuring, but in final measuring we noticed statistically significant differences regarding experimental group which means there has been some positive transformations in motor abilities of this group. Possible reason lies in program organized for experimental group as well as different approach to realization of treatment and material working conditions where the classes were carried out. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 18404413
Purpose. This study investigated the variance in sitting, walking, and moderate and vigorous physical activity explained by neighborhood design and recreational environmental variables above and beyond the variance accounted for by individual demographic variables. Design. Cross-sectional analyses of self-reported survey data. Setting. A random sample of inhabitants of Ghent, Belgium, aged 18-65 years, was drawn. Subjects. Five hundred twenty-one adults completed questionnaires (52.1 % response rate). The average age of the sample was 41 years, and 48.2% were female. Measures. A questionnaire developed to assess neighborhood design and recreational environmental variables with a total of 81 items was administered. The environmental questionnaire showed acceptable to good reliability and acceptable validity. The previously validated International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ) was used to quantify physical activity in the past 7 days. Additional demographic information was also obtained. Results. Regression analyses showed that environmental variables were related to all types of physical activity in both sexes. However, the range of variance explained by the models including demographic and environmental variables was low, only 5 % to 13%. Minutes of walking and of moderate-intensity activity were related to quality of sidewalks and accessibility of shopping and public transportation. Vigorous physical activity was related to presence of activity supplies in the home and number of convenient activity facilities outside the home. Conclusions. Both neighborhood design and recreational environment variables had small but significant associations with multiple types of physical activity in a sample of Belgian adults. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4327
T1 - Environmental Correlates of Physical Activity in a Sample of Belgian Adults
A1 - De Bourdeaudhuij, Ilse
A1 - Sallis, James F.
A1 - Saelens, Brian E.
Y1 - 2003/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *EXERCISE
KW - *RECREATION areas
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for youth
KW - URBAN planning
KW - Community Health Services
KW - community design
KW - Environment
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Prevention Research
KW - Walkability
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 83
EP - 92
JA - American Journal of Health Promotion
VL - 18
IS - 1

N2 - Purpose. This study investigated the variance in sitting, walking, and moderate and vigorous physical activity explained by neighborhood design and recreational environmental variables above and beyond the variance accounted for by individual demographic variables. Design. Cross-sectional analyses of self-reported survey data. Setting. A random sample of inhabitants of Ghent, Belgium, aged 18-65 years, was drawn. Subjects. Five hundred twenty-one adults completed questionnaires (52.1 % response rate). The average age of the sample was 41 years, and 48.2% were female. Measures. A questionnaire developed to assess neighborhood design and recreational environmental variables with a total of 81 items was administered. The environmental questionnaire showed acceptable to good reliability and acceptable validity. The previously validated International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ) was used to quantify physical activity in the past 7 days. Additional demographic information was also obtained. Results. Regression analyses showed that environmental variables were related to all types of physical activity in both sexes. However, the range of variance explained by the models including demographic and environmental variables was low, only 5 % to 13%. Minutes of walking and of moderate-intensity activity were related to quality of sidewalks and accessibility of shopping and public transportation. Vigorous physical activity was related to presence of activity supplies in the home and number of convenient activity facilities outside the home. Conclusions. Both neighborhood design and recreational environment variables had small but significant associations with multiple types of physical activity in a sample of Belgian adults. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Patients With Ice Hockey Injuries Presenting to US Emergency Departments, 1990--2006
Context: Although the number of US ice hockey participants doubled from 1990 to 2006, no nationally representative studies have examined US ice hockey injuries among participants of all ages during this period. Objective: To describe patients with ice hockey injuries presenting to a representative sample of US emergency departments (EDs) from 1990 through 2006. Design: Prospective injury surveillance study. Setting: The US Consumer Product Safety Commission collects data from 100 nationally representative EDs via the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Patients or Other Participants: Individuals injured while playing ice hockey and presenting to a NEISS-affiliated ED from 1990 through 2006. Main Outcome Measure(s): Incidence and patterns of ice hockey-related injuries. Results: From 1990 through 2006, 8228 patients with ice hockey-related injuries presented to NEISS-affiliated EDs, representing an estimated 302,368 ice hockey-related injuries sustained nationally during this time. Injuries occurred predominantly among males (93.5%). More than half of the injured were aged 9 to 14 years (28.9%) or 15 to 18 years (30.1%), and injury incidence in these age groups increased over the study period (P = .009 and P < .001, respectively). The most commonly injured body sites were the face (19.1%), wrist/hand/finger (14.1%), shoulder/upper arm (13.8%), and lower leg/ankle/foot (11.1%). Lacerations (27.0%), contusions/abrasions (23.6%), fractures (17.3%), and sprains/strains (16.9%) were the most common injuries. Falls (16.5%), contact with boards (13.6%), and contact with stick (13.0%) were the most common injury mechanisms. Compared with those aged 9 to 18 years, those aged 2 to 8 years and...
those older than 18 years sustained larger proportions of face (injury proportion ratio [IPR] = 2.66; 95% confidence interval [CI] = 2.29, 3.08) and mouth (IPR = 4.34; 95% CI = 2.87, 6.56) injuries. Concussions were more common among those aged 2 to 18 years (9.0%) than in those who were older than 18 years (3.7%) (IPR = 2.47; 95% CI = 1.75, 3.49). Conclusions: Ice hockey injury patterns vary by age and sex. Our findings indicate that many trips to the ED might be prevented by using protective equipment appropriately.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4331
T1 - Rhinitis and its impact on sports
A1 - Delgado,L.
A1 - Moreira,A.
A1 - CapAæo-Filipe,M.
Y1 - 2006/05/
N1 - Accession Number: 2009250058. Language: English. Entry Date: 20071102. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; research; systematic review; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Biomedical; Continental Europe; Editorial Board Reviewed; Europe; Expert Peer Reviewed; Online/Print; Peer Reviewed. Special Interest: Evidence-Based Practice; Patient Safety; Sports Medicine. No. of Refs: 67 ref. NLM UID: 8915137. Email: ldelgado@med.up.pt
KW - CINAHL
KW - Asthma,Exercise-Induced -- Risk Factors
KW - Rhinitis -- Therapy
KW - Administration,Intranasal -- Utilization
KW - Administration,Oral -- Utilization
KW - Administration,Topical -- Utilization
KW - adolescence
KW - Adrenal Cortex Hormones -- Therapeutic Use
KW - Adult
KW - Allergens -- Adverse Effects
KW - Asthma,Exercise-Induced -- Prevention and Control
KW - Athletes,Elite -- Evaluation
KW - causal attribution
KW - Child
KW - Cholinergic Antagonists -- Therapeutic Use
KW - Clinical Assessment Tools
KW - Confidence Intervals
KW - Conjunctivitis -- Complications
KW - Cross Sectional Studies
KW - Desensitization,Immunologic -- Methods
KW - Disease Management -- Methods
KW - Early Intervention -- Utilization
KW - Environmental Exposure -- Adverse Effects
KW - Epidemiological Research
KW - Exercise physiology
KW - Histamine H1 Antagonists -- Therapeutic Use
KW - Immunotherapy -- Utilization
KW - Inflammation Mediators -- Therapeutic Use
KW - Leukotrienes -- Therapeutic Use
KW - Medical Practice,Evidence-Based
KW - MEDLINE
KW - Nasal Obstruction -- Physiopathology
KW - Nose -- Physiology
Background: This paper reviews the recent literature on rhinitis in athletes and the relationship of nasal and exercise physiology with environmental factors with a negative impact on sport performance, including the relationship between allergic rhinitis and exercise-induced asthma. The management and therapeutic plan for the elite athlete with rhinitis is also reviewed.

Methods/Data base: Computer-assisted literature search on Medline for published data on rhinitis and exercise, or rhinitis and athletes. Published articles, abstracts, and conference proceedings were selected.

Results: A high prevalence of rhinitis and rhinoconjunctivitis has been reported in training athletes (13.3-41%). In athletes with rhinitis, factors with a potential negative impact on sports performance include outdoor exposure to pollen and pollutants (ozone and particulate matter), or to sport-specific environmental conditions (e.g., cold dry air, indoor chlorine). Allergic rhinitis and sensitization to seasonal allergens is associated with exercise-induced bronchoconstriction in young adults and, in athletes, with decreased quality of life and athletic performance. The management of rhinitis in elite athletes includes: avoiding exposure to peak levels of allergens and pollutants, reducing symptoms and improving nasal function, and using therapies according to practice guidelines and complying with anti-doping regulation (which may require a medical notification).

Conclusions: Rhinitis is a very common disease that, in athletes, can significantly impair exercise performance and increase the risk of exercise-induced symptoms. An early recognition and diagnosis are crucial for adequate management, aiming to improve nasal function and reduce the risk of asthma during exercise and competition.
The purpose of the present study was to investigate the effect of an eight-week health-related fitness and nutrition education program on fitness components and dietary habits in upper elementary school students. Forty children from the fifth and sixth grade, 10 to 12 years of age (M = 11.2, SD = 1.1), participated in the study. The experimental group consisted of 20 children who participated in the program three days per week for one hour outside the time allotted for school physical education. The control group participated in the typical school physical education program. Health-related fitness components (cardiorespiratory endurance, abdominal strength and endurance, flexibility, and body composition) were assessed with the Prudent Fitnessgram test battery (Cooper Institute, 1992). Also, children's dietary habits were assessed based on the Health Behavior Questionnaire (HBQ) of Parcel et al. (1995) that recorded their dietary habits, after being modified to fit in the Greek diet (Bebetsos 1999). The multivariate analysis of variance for repeated measures (2x2) indicated that the group X measure interaction was significant. Children in the experimental group had better scores on cardiorespiratory endurance, on abdominal strength and endurance, and on dietary habits than those in the control group. These findings indicate that certain health-related fitness components and dietary habits as well can be improved with a three hour a week program consisting physical fitness and nutrition education activities.
This study employed ordinal logistic regression analyses to investigate the relationship between American adolescents' participation in physical activity and depressive symptomatology. Data were drawn from the second Child Development Supplement to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (CDS II), which was conducted over 2002-2003. Fewer than 60% of adolescents were found to accumulate 60 min of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) outside of school hours on week or weekend days. Accumulated duration of MVPA was not, however, significantly associated with severity of depressive symptoms for either gender. Males who were not involved in sporting clubs or lessons were more likely than males who were highly involved to experience greater severity of depressive symptoms (OR = 3.24, CI = 1.33, 7.87). Results highlight gender variability in the psychosocial correlates of sporting participation and prompt further investigation of the relevance of current physical activity guidelines for mental health in adolescence. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - THES
ID - 4335
T1 - Assessment of sleep and biological factors that influence sleep in young children
A1 - DiLeo,H.A.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Accession Number: 2009048394. Language: English. Entry Date: 20051111. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: doctoral dissertation; research. Special Interest: Pediatric Care. Instrumentation: Toddler and Preschool Sleep Problems Screening Tool (TPSPST)
KW - CINAHL
KW - instrument validation
KW - Sleep -- Evaluation -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Biophysical Instruments
KW - Child,Preschool
KW - convenience sample
KW - Factor Analysis
KW - Infant
KW - Kruskal-Wallis Test
KW - One-Way Analysis of Variance
KW - Polysomnography
KW - reliability
KW - Research Instruments
KW - Validation Studies
KW - validity
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
EP - 165
PB - University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
N2 - Background and significance. Currently there are no simple-to-use tools available to identify sleep problems in the clinical setting. Polysomnography (PSG), the "gold standard" for sleep analysis, requires an overnight stay in a sleep lab. More recently, actigraphy has been used to estimate sleep-wake patterns from activity/inactivity in naturalistic settings. The reliability and validity of these devices have not been established for all age groups or clinical populations
Purpose. The overall purpose of this study was to develop a process by which practitioners could assess for factors that influence sleep in young children. Aim 1 evaluated the reliability and validity of the Actiwatch-64RTM (Mini-Mitter, Sunriver, OR) actigraph in young children by comparing it to attended PSG. Aims 2 and 3 assessed the reliability and validity of the researcher-developed Toddler and Preschool Sleep Problems Screening Tool (TPSPST) by comparing it to the Actiwatch-64RTM
Design. An instrumentation research design was used
Methods. Subjects aged 1-5 years (n = 40) wore the Actiwatch-64RTM during a standard attended PSG. Two subjects in each age range wore two devices each to assess interdevice reliability. Next, a convenience sample
(n = 200) of parents of children 12–60 months old from day care centers completed the TPSPST. Lastly, a convenience sample of children 12–60 months old (n = 40) completed the TPSPST and wore the Actiwatch-64RTM for 72 hours. Results. All the sleep parameters significantly correlated between the Actiwatch-64RTM and PSG as well as epoch-by-epoch sleep-wake scoring for the dual watch subjects. A one-way ANOVA showed no statistical difference between the groups for the TPSPST raw scores. A Kruskal-Wallis showed no statistical difference for categories between the groups. There was a trend toward higher scores on the night-waking subscale of the TPSPST and lower sleep efficiency, although it was not statistically significant. A factor analysis was done to identify the factors that describe the association between variables measured by the TPSPST and to assess if the tool measured the dimensions that were expected.
The purpose of this study was to define the normal systolic blood pressure (SBP) response to exercise in a large group of healthy competitive athletes training in various sports. 2111 competitive athletes in the age range 14-18 years participated. An additional 550 healthy active individuals not competing in any particular sport were included for comparison. Testing was carried out on a cycle ergometer. To provide valid comparison at equivalent physiological strain, SBP was presented in relation to heart rate at any given power load. Data was presented by age group and by sport discipline. All groups fell within the 25-75 per cent range for this population. The SBP response appeared to be higher than that of non trained individuals reported in the literature. Using this data, individuals falling outside the norm can be defined and appropriate measures taken.
Reducing children’s exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation is a major focus for public health efforts to prevent skin cancer in Australia. Schools have a role to play in reducing children’s exposure to UV radiation. In 1993 a SunSmart Schools Accreditation program was developed to encourage and support primary schools in Victoria to introduce sun protection policies. A SunSmart School sign provided recognition for schools that met accreditation standards as well as promoting the program to other schools.

METHODS:
In 1997 the prevalence of sun protection policies and practices of a representative sample of Victorian primary schools was assessed. Principals from 259 schools reported on the sun protection policies and practices at their schools. At the time of this study 38% of schools had SunSmart accreditation.

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS:
Results suggest that the majority of Victorian primary schools have addressed strategies such as hat wearing, sunscreen provision and curriculum-based sun protection education. However, shade provision and the scheduling of outdoor activities to avoid peak UV periods remain areas needing further improvement. SunSmart accreditation was more strongly associated with better sun protection in some strategy areas than policies that weren't accredited. Nevertheless non-accredited policies appear to have benefits over the lack of a sun protection policy. Moreover there was an association between sun protection practices in schools and whether these were specifically addressed in the policies.

SO WHAT?
Providing support for schools to introduce policies and setting standards for sun protection are likely to improve sun protection practices in schools.

The article discusses the efforts of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and other agencies to promote outdoor activities for children. The article discusses how U.S. children are spending less time outdoors and more time watching television, playing video games, or on the Internet. The U.S. Congress may hold hearings to address the disconnect between children and nature.
Over the past decade, school boards across Ontario have adopted the 'balanced school day'; wherein classroom time is divided into three blocks of 100 minutes separated by two 40 minute nutrition/activity breaks. The traditional schedule consists of a morning and afternoon recess of 15 minutes and one longer lunch break. Educators advocate that the balanced school day improves classroom learning; however, little evidence exists to support this. Given that classroom scheduling impacts time allocated for eating and play, scheduling is also an important component to children's overall health. To date, no systematic evaluation of the related health effects of scheduling on student nutrition and exercise has been done. The purpose of this article is to review the current literature in relation these questions and to reflect upon potential implications of this altered schedule.
The author provides the reader with tips for incorporating games into playground time. She recommends providing resources and support but let students teach other students. A list of successful programs is provided.

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Physical activity of first grade pupils in relation to parents' social economic position is analysed in this article. The study was carried out in randomly selected Siauliai region schools in 2008. Questionnaires were distributed among 630 randomly selected first grade pupils and filled in by 515 parents (response rate 81.8%). Physical activity of pupils was assessed according to parents' education, income and living place. It was established that sport or dancing clubs were attended by 39.6% of children. The highest number of pupils attending the clubs was among those whose parents (mother or father) had the university education (52.8 and 59.5%, respectively). In families where parents had the vocational or the lower educational level this number was lower. More first grade pupils in cities attended sport or dancing clubs (45.5%) than in villages (35.4%, p < 0.05). More than half of children go to school (58.8%) and come from it (72.2%) on foot, 1.2% ride a bicycle. One third of children were brought to school by their parents in a car but only one fifth of them was brought back. The relation between the number of children brought to school by car and parents' income was observed: the highest number of children was in the families where parents' income was the highest (31.1% in families with low income and 46.3% with high income). One third of pupils (36.9%) spent their time playing out-of-doors for 3 or more hours on workdays and majority of them (87.1%) spent the same time at weekends. The study showed that first grade pupils spent much time passively playing computer games or watching TV. Mostly children used a computer for one hour per day (33.9% on workdays and 28.5% at weekends), mostly watched television for 2 hours on workdays and for 3 hours or more at weekends (45.1 and 41.4%, respectively).

Conclusions: 1) Physical activity of first grade pupils is insufficient. The majority of them do not attend sport or dancing clubs, children spend much time passively watching TV or playing on a computer. 2) There are relations between social economic factors and children's physical activity. Most pupils attending sport or dancing clubs and playing on a computer were in families where parents had the highest educational level as well as in the families with the highest income. 3) First grade pupils from villages participate in sports and play computer games less than their peers in cities, they spend more time playing out-of-door.

Abstract from Author

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4347
T1 - THE IMPACT OF A SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVE VIDEO GAME PLAY INTERVENTION ON CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DURING RECESS
A1 - Duncan, Michael J.
A1 - Staples, Victoria
Y1 - 2010/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for children
KW - *VIDEO games & children
KW - *VIDEO games -- Physiological aspects
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation for children
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *PEDOMETERS
KW - *HEART rate monitoring
KW - Research
KW - exergaming
KW - heart rate monitoring
KW - pedometer
KW - recess
KW - steps
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 95
EP - 99
Purpose. To assess physical activity levels during active video game play over time and compare this to 'free play' associated with recess activity in a sample of British primary school children over a 6-week period. Basic procedures. Thirty children (ages 10-11, 12 boys, 18 girls) from central England were randomly selected to participate in a 6 week, recess based, active video gaming intervention (n = 15) or act as controls (n = 15). Repeated measures analysis of covariance (controlling for body fatness) was used to examine any differences in physical activity, determined by pedometry and heart rate monitoring over time and between intervention and control groups. Main Findings. Children in the intervention accumulated significantly greater steps/day than the control group during the first week of the intervention. This pattern was reversed at the mid and end points of the intervention (p = .03). Irrespective of time point, children engaging in active video game play spent a lesser percentage of time engaged in MVPA than the controls undertaking 'traditional' recess activity (p = .0001). Conclusions. Active video game play does not appear to be a sustainable means to enhance children's physical activity. Although physical activity (steps/min) was greater on initial presentation of active video games compared to 'traditional' recess activity, this appears to be an acute effect. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The article deals with the levels of inspection recommended in the Australian Standards for play spaces and playground equipment. These standards offer specific requirements for playground undersurfacing and can be utilized to risk assess the safety of children's play spaces and environment. The levels of inspection include Routine Inspection, Operational Inspection and Annual Inspection. In many cases experienced council grounds maintenance staff can conduct routine inspections.

The authors describe the Active Living Research 2013 Conference: Achieving Change Across Sectors: Integrating Research, Policy, and Practice event that was held in San Diego, California from February 26 to 28.
2013. Topics include the Instant Recess routine of Dr. Toni Yancey, the collection of evidence to inform practice, initiatives to prevent childhood obesity, and musical chairs

TY - JOUR
ID - 4354
T1 - Sharing spaces: school playground design and children’s well-being
A1 - Edwards,K.
Y1 - 2006/03/
N1 - Accession Number: 2009182987. Language: English. Entry Date: 20060609. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Biomedical; Europe; Health Promotion/Education; Online/Print; Peer Reviewed; UK & Ireland. Special Interest: Psychiatry/Psychology. No. of Refs: 11 ref. NLM UID: 101252769. Email: Kate.edwards@northstaffs.nhs.uk
KW - CINAHL
KW - Equipment Design
KW - Planning Techniques
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Schools,Elementary -- Administration
KW - Child
KW - Environment
KW - Program Development
KW - Public Spaces
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 18
EP - 23
JA - Journal of Public Mental Health
VL - 5
IS - 1
N2 - The shared space of school grounds can provide a rich educational resource in addition to a safe environment for play, enjoyment and relaxation. The project described in this paper developed guidance for schools on grounds development and also provided direct support to three schools to enable them to improve their grounds and to work towards Eco Schools and Health Promoting Schools accreditation. The evaluation demonstrated a relationship between improved grounds and a reduction in negative playground incidents, improved co-operation at break times, children having more pride in their school, children feeling happier at break time, increased sun awareness and the use of school grounds as a teaching resource. The project also achieved some influence at a more strategic level
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4357
T1 - Variability in the measurement of uptime in children: a preliminary study
A1 - Eldridge,Beverly
A1 - Mccoy,A.
A1 - Galea,M.
A1 - Wolfe,R.
A1 - Graham,H.K.
Y1 - 2003/08//
'Uptime' can be defined as time spent in the upright position. The opposite of uptime is 'downtime', which is a measure of time spent in the recumbent position. The concept and usage of these terms have been common parlance in research into chronic pain for over 20 years. Measures of uptime have been used to evaluate changes in a person's functional performance. Uptime provides new information about a patient's response to rehabilitation that complements other outcome measures currently in use. In patients with chronic pain it has been shown that as uptime increases in symptoms of pain and an improvement in functional capacity. However, no research to date has reported the measurement of uptime in children. This could be a useful outcome measure when the focus of rehabilitation was on enhancing a child's ability to stand, walk or move around in the upright position. An accurate way to measure uptime is by direct observation. However, this is not practical for long periods of time, or large numbers of subjects. 'Uptimers' are battery-operated devices that record uptime by the activation of a mercury tilt switch. These devices are attached to the outside the thigh, and when they are seated or reclining the device records downtime. The reliability and validity of uptimers in adults have been demonstrated by comparing uptime as recorded by an uptimer with recorded by an independent observer.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Problem Statement: Once a child starts its school experience, the learning process is triggered, as it is considered that it has to develop on the basis of a healthy organism, due to the fact that the intellectual effort requires a greater physical resistance. Furthermore, knowing children's anatomic and physiologic particularities is a necessary condition for a good proceeding of the Physical Education lesson in school, because it enables the members of the didactic staff to understand the importance of physical education for primary school pupils, and the necessity of these lessons to be realised in an organised and systematic manner. Somatic parameters are a barometer for the didactic staff, and a comparative presentation of these parameters could represent a starting signal for the didactic process.

Purpose of Study: This research started from the hypothesis according to which there are significant differences in the somatic development of children in urban areas, as compared to those living in rural areas, and we believe that these differences occurred due to the lack of movement. The present research was undertaken on a group of 20 subjects: 10 subjects living and learning in urban areas, and other 10 in rural areas.

Research Methods: For our research we used the bibliographic study method, observation method, enquiry method (discussion, conversation, Lexical association - La, etc.), pedagogical experiment method, statistical-mathematical method, and graphical method.

Findings: The purpose of this research was to observe if significant differences occur in the somatic development for children from urban areas, which have only two Physical Education lessons are more sedentary, as compared with children from rural areas, who, in addition to the two lessons of Physical Education they have in the weekly syllabus, spend about 2-3 hours a day outdoors playing ball, running or playing several specific countryside childhood games (catch, hide and seek, etc).

Conclusions: Therefore, Physical Education lesson combined with leisure activities has a positive effect on children's growth and development, an aspect which should be taken into consideration, and we should offer more outdoor time for children living and studying in urban areas.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

The Values of the Traditional Camp Experience

A1 - Elkind, David

Y1 - 2007/01/

KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CHILD development
KW - *CAMPS
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - *CONDUCT of life
KW - *PLAY
KW - ELKIND, David, 1930-
KW - PSYCHOLOGICAL aspects
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 4
JA - Camping Magazine
VL - 80
IS - 1

N2 - The article offers opinion on the importance of play and outdoor activity for cognitive and emotional development in children from psychologist David Elkind. A discussion of the lessons that children can learn and the insights they can gain from attending summer camps is presented. A decrease which has been seen in the amount of time U.S. children spend playing outdoors is discussed.

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To supplement the present weekly allotment of 30 minutes of physical education, a school district in southeastern North Carolina identified recess time as part of the state mandated (HSP-S-000) 150 minutes of physical activity (PA) per week and have purchased fitness equipment (recess packs) for the children to use. Twelve participants were selected from four elementary schools that had recently received the recess packs equipment and training. The participants were; (a) four principals, (b) four teachers, and (c) four students. They were selected by a purposeful sampling technique. Qualitative data analysis procedures were used to explore participants’ views on how the recess packs had impacted PA levels during recess. Several themes emerged during the interviews including: (a) gender differences in the types of activities performed during recess before and after the introduction of the recess packs, (b) how the type and the developmentally appropriateness of activities had been affected by the recess packs, (c) how the recess packs initiative had changed the teacher’s role during recess, (d) the importance of addressing nutritional concerns in addition to encouraging more physical activity during recess, and (e) the training that principals and teachers had received. Overall, the study demonstrates the PA benefits in providing equipment during school recess periods. Also, it stresses the importance of training principals and teachers to effectively plan and deliver developmentally appropriate activities resulting in more intense bouts of PA. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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Mountaineering trips represent a widespread form of outdoor activities. The main goal of mountaineering trips is to educate and teach students how to accept mountaineering as a way of living. In this paper, we presented a way of planning and organizing trips that can help teachers in an efficient way while they implement and realize the extracurricular activities within the school subject of Physical and Health Training. We presented a preparation for a trip (the equipment for a daily hiking and dayslong hiking), days-long trips and staying overnight in the mountains, including exercise and stay in the mountain. Mountaineering trips are interdisciplinary activities that are realized in different circumstances. It is very important to respect the sequence of planned activities in the process of organizing the trip, especially when we work with children who possess a lower level of anthropological potential. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

The article offers information on the community service of American Hockey League (AHL) players. Rookie defenseman Mike Moore, for one, visited sick children in a hospital. He even shoveled gravel into potholes and shopped for sketch pads and crayons at Toys R Us. All these were done by Moore on behalf of his team, the Worcester Sharks. Meanwhile, the Grand Rapids Griffins hosted a 24-hour marathon skate where coaches and players join the public on an outdoor rink as part of a Winterfest celebration.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4362
T1 - AHL teams continue to give back
A1 - Eminian, D.A.V.E.
Y1 - 2009/01/26/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *HOCKEY teams
KW - *HOCKEY players
KW - Community Services
KW - AMERICAN Hockey League
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 38
EP - 38
JA - Hockey News
VL - 62
IS - 15
N2 - The article offers information on the community service of American Hockey League (AHL) players. Rookie defenseman Mike Moore, for one, visited sick children in a hospital. He even shoveled gravel into potholes and shopped for sketch pads and crayons at Toys R Us. All these were done by Moore on behalf of his team, the Worcester Sharks. Meanwhile, the Grand Rapids Griffins hosted a 24-hour marathon skate where coaches and players join the public on an outdoor rink as part of a Winterfest celebration.
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The aim of this study was to examine whether early and sustained organized youth sport during childhood and adolescence predicts frequency of leisure-time alpine-skiing at age 27. A 5-year longitudinal study of 180 adolescents was conducted to practice alpine-skiing after faculty. The correlation coefficients tended to be higher among males and decreased over time both in females and males. The age at becoming a member in organized sport and duration of participation in organized outdoor activity in winter during adolescence predicted 9% of the variance of young adult alpine-skiing. The correlations were higher in males than in females, but these differences were not significant. Organized youth sports during childhood and adolescence was positively related to frequency of leisure-time alpine-skiing in young adulthood. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Background. Knowledge about factors that affect participation, as preference of activities, has major intervention implications. Purpose. To evaluate culture and gender effects on Israeli Jewish and Druze children's preference of activities performed outside mandated school. This study used the "Preference Assessment of Children" (PAC) (King et al., 2004). Findings. On most scales, the Jewish children showed significantly less interest in activities than the Druze children. Among the Jews, girls showed higher preference in most PAC scales than boys while among the Druze girls showed higher preference than the boys only in social skills.

Implications. Culture and gender may influence children's preference of activity. More studies should elaborate the knowledge about individuals' preferred activities; understanding the factors that affect these preferences may enhance occupational therapy evaluation and intervention processes. Canadian occupational therapists, as health care professionals in a multicultural society, must develop cultural competency and explore people's experience as cultural beings. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Description. Les connaissances sur les facteurs qui influencent sur la participation, comme les prAfAcrences en matiA¨re d'activitA©es, ont des consAfAcrequences majeures sur l'intervention. But. A%valuer les effets de la culture et du sexe sur les prAfAcrences d'enfants juifs et druzes israAfA©liens face A©des activitA©es rA©alisA©es A©tA© l'extA©rieur d'une Accole mandatA©e. Cette Actude a ActA©truit effectuA©e A©J'aide de la A® Preference Assessment of Children A® (PAC) (King et al., 2004). RAcresultats. A la plupart des Acchelles, les enfants juifs ont manifestAfA©nt Acques min d'intAfAcrences que les enfants druzes. Parmi les enfants juifs, les filles ont montrAfA© une plus grande prAfAcrence que les garA®ons dans la plupart des Acchelles de la PAC, alors que chez les enfants druzes, les filles ont montrAfA© une plus grande prAfAcrence que les garA®ons seulement pour les habiletA©es sociales. ConsAfAcrequences. La culture et le sexe peuvent influencer les prAfAcrences des enfants face A©AJlAfA©mentes activitA©es. La plupart des Actudes devraient chercher A©produire des connaissances sur les activitA©es prAfAcrences par les enfants; une meilleure comprAfA©hension des facteurs qui influencent sur ces prAfAcrences pourrait permettre d'amAfA©liorer les processus d'A©valuation et d'intervention en ergothA©rapie. Les ergothA©rapeutes canadiens, de mA©me que les professionnels de la santA© Acvaluant dans une sociA©Aculturelle doivent acquAfA©rir des compAfAcrences culturelles et examiner l'A®expAfA©rience des gens en tant qu'A©A©tres culturels. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Games with one basket are basic basketball games where players learn about the essential elements of the basketball game (5:5 with two baskets) as well as systematically build up and broaden their knowledge. These games are simpler because a smaller number of players is involved; however, they are suitable for strengthening and maintaining many motor and functional abilities and they also impact significantly on the development of man's psycho-social dimensions. One can say that games with one basket positively affect the development of one's personality and also have an important educational function. Owing to the above and the fact that many times in sports halls and also on outdoor basketball courts it is not possible to play basketball with two baskets (smaller sports halls, only one-half of the court can be used, too many children), games with one basket also represent important contents of physical education classes. The article presents the methodology for learning basketball games with one basket, some other games with adjusted rules as well as types of competitions in games with one basket.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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The prevention of injuries to children and staff is of critical importance to recreation providers. Although program providers often document participant illnesses and injuries, the power of intentionally monitoring and sharing this information has not often been tapped in the recreation field. This article demonstrates how an injury and illness surveillance program was used to reveal patterns of injuries and illnesses within day and resident camps. These patterns suggested that children are less likely to be injured in day and resident camp settings when compared with participation in community-based sports, and, additionally, illustrated an organizing framework for injury and illness prevention that may be useful to other youth program providers. Primary injury topics appeared to be supervision patterns, falling on uneven terrain, and head injuries. Preventative strategies suggest analysis of levels of supervision, footwear policies, and activity-specific head protection. Two significant clusters of illness were identified. One included throat, nose, lung, ear, and eye maladies, while the second was comprised of upper and lower gastrointestinal illnesses, those often associated with what one eats or is exposed to (e.g., Norwalk virus). Proactive approaches to illness management center on maintaining resilience so people are less susceptible to pathogens and implementing practices that minimize the potential that someone will get ill. The innovation of sharing of data in a systematic way proved helpful in understanding illness and injury. The systematic investigation of when, where, and how injuries and illnesses occurred brought to light trends that yielded specific, practical strategies that administrators can implement to improve safety for staff and participants. This new approach to understanding what is happening in youth programs allows for targeted intervention based on real data rather than perceptions of trends. As program administrators work to improve health and safety, understanding the trends related to illness, injury, and proactive management can make a difference in safety improvements. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
A1 - Ernst, M.
Y1 - 2003/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *OBESITY
KW - *PREVENTION
KW - *RECESSES
KW - PROGRAMS
KW - Schools
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - FIELD experiments
KW - Child
KW - EFFECTIVENESS
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A
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JF - Research Quarterly for Exercise & Sport
JA - Res Q Exerc Sport
VL - 74
IS - 1 Suppl
CY - ;
SN - 02701367
UR -
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-883362
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4374
T1 - PLAY AREA AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN RECESS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. / IGRALI• ŽE I TJELESNA AKTIVNOST ZA VRIJEME • ŽOLSKO OD MORA U OSNOVNI • ŽOLAMA
A1 - Escalante, Yolanda
A1 - Backx, Karianne
A1 - Saavedra, Jose M.
A1 - Garcia-Hermoso, Antonio
A1 - DomıÁnguez, Ana M.
Y1 - 2012/12/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity -- Measurement
KW - *EXERCISE for children
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for children
KW - *SEDENTARY lifestyles
KW - *YOUTH -- Recreation
KW - Research
KW - HEALTH behavior in children
KW - childhood
KW - Exercise
KW - Health
KW - Sedentary Lifestyle
KW - djetinjstvo
KW - sedentarni stil • _ivota
KW - tjelovje • _ba
KW - zdravlje
The aim of the present study was to describe the daily physical activity (PA) during recess of primary-school children and its relationship with the play area and their age. 738 children (8.5±1.7 years, range six to eleven years) participated in the study. The playground recess PA of each child was measured using accelerometry. An ANOVA was used to determine the differences in PA by play area (large >15 mA/y/child and small area <8 mA/y/child) in each age group. In general, the children in larger play areas were more active than the children in small play areas (effect size = .36). This difference was larger in nine-year (effect size = .81), ten-year (effect size = .60) and eleven-year old children (effect size = .55). It seems necessary to carry out strategies that provide a greater opportunity for PA in small playgrounds with a high density of children.

This article presents information on the Play Day, a widespread fitness event organized by the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (APARD) where more than 700 children joined the mayor of Austin in a one-mile walk along Austin's hike and bike trail. This special event took place on June 8, 2005 in Texas. Campers from 30 playground sites and 16 recreation centers participated in this opening ceremony as part of the 2005 Play Day Initiative, created by the APARD and supported by two local programs--Walk Texas and Steps to a Healthier Austin.
The purpose of this study was to evaluate the existing use and condition of an elementary school playground. Children were asked to give suggestions on how to improve the school playground equipment. Other agencies were surveyed in order to gather information on structure, design, cost, location and maintenance of the playground.

Of the many factors that come to influence elementary school children's play, the role of the supervising adult has been infrequently studied. This paper commences with some reflections from an earlier study of children's play and the role taken by the teachers on duty in a midwestern American school. It then describes the findings of a broader study, this time located in Australian primary schools, which had as its focus an investigation of the attitudes and role of teachers on playground supervision or 'yard duty' as it is called in Australia. The study found that the teachers saw yard duty in much the same way as their American counterparts. That is, as a necessary but generally unwelcome task. They saw themselves as fulfilling multiple roles including that of police officer, nurse, lawyer, psychologist, and social worker. The number and nature of the interactions between teachers and children varied with age and gender. This study concludes that the teacher role is an important one, and that there is a sound argument for not only more research in the area, but more attention to the education of teachers for their role as supervisor.
TY - JOUR
ID - 4380
T1 - Surplus energy theory: an enduring but inadequate justification for school breaktime
A1 - Evans,J.
A1 - Pellegrini,A.
Y1 - 1997/11/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *RECESSES
KW - *PLAY
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - Schools
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 229
EP - 236
JA - Educational Review
VL - 49
IS - 3
CY - ;
SN - 00131911
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4381
T1 - Making progress? Sport policy, women and innovation in physical education
A1 - Evans,J.
A1 - Davies,B.
A1 - Penney,D.
Y1 - 1997///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - *SPORTS
KW - GOVERNMENT policy
KW - girls
KW - Women
KW - EQUITY
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - EDUCATION,Secondary
KW - Great Britain
KW - Policy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 39
EP - 50
JA - European Journal of Physical Education
VL - 2
IS - 1
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N2 - In recent years, a variety of policy documents issuing from major providers of sport in the UK and elsewhere (for example, Sports Council UK, 1994 a,b; Sports Council for Wales, 1995a; Sports Council for Northern Ireland, 1996) have highlighted, amongst many other things, the significance of in-school and extra-school Physical Education (PE) in any endeavour to promote equity and greater participation of girls and women at all levels in school and community physical activity and sport. With reference mainly to the most recent of these policy texts, the Sports Council for Northern Ireland (SCNI) Women in Sport Policy Framework, published in 1996, and calling on research carried out by the authors of this paper on PE in primary and secondary schools in England and Wales, this paper adds further weight to the claim expressed in these texts that PE in the primary sector in particular, is a critical site of influence upon children's thinking about themselves and others, both in physical activity and sport. Lesson time PE and more informal playground activity are in dire need of attention. And unless women, the majority of teachers in primary schools in England and Wales, are positioned as leading agents in curriculum innovation and change, progress towards greater equity in PE and sport is unlikely to be achieved. Finally the paper considers whether the arrival of a National Curriculum PE (NCPE) will help promote the interests of girls and women in PE and sport in both primary and secondary schools and prepare them for their futures in leisure and paid work

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=462188

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4382
T1 - Changes to (primary) school recess and their effect on children's physical activity: an Australian perspective
A1 - Evans, J.
Y1 - 2003/05/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *RECESSES
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - primary school
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 53
EP - 62
JA - Journal of Physical Education New Zealand
VL - 36
IS - 1
CY - ;

N2 - Headlines greet us on almost a daily basis lamenting the declining health of Australian children. They are said to be inactive, unfit, overweight and lacking in fundamental motor skills. It is a disturbing picture. Calls have gone out to parents to encourage their children to be more active and for schools to counter these problems by allocating more time to sport and physical education however, in both instances, there are particular problems to be addressed. One aspect of schooling that is rarely considered in discussions about how to increase children's activity levels is recess. This article examines the problems facing physical education and offers some suggestions as to how schools might preserve and promote physical activity during recess breaks

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CY - ;
The article offers how one can do workouts in local parks this summer away from a dark gym. All one really need is something to push on or pull on and a little open space one can move the body. The program makes use of wide open spaces, plus the equipment that's generally found around parks and children's playgrounds. One can do pull-ups and dips and also do fun body-weight exercises. The article also gives day-wise exercise schedules.

This study investigated the effects of early-life experiences on an individual's environmental beliefs. Data from a survey of 533 university undergraduate students from 20 areas of academic study were analyzed using sequential regression to determine the degree to which current environmental beliefs could be explained by early childhood experiences. Results showed that four of the seven independent variables (appreciative outdoor activities, consumptive outdoor activities, media exposure, and witnessing negative environmental events) explained 14% of the variance in the eco-centric/anthropocentric beliefs. Three of the independent variables...
(early-life participation in mechanized outdoor activities, education, and involvement with organizations) were not significant predictors of eco-centric/anthropocentric beliefs. Implications for research and practice were discussed. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4386
T1 - A Review of Physical Activity Levels During Elementary School Physical Education
A1 - Fairclough, Stuart J.
A1 - Stratton, Gareth
Y1 - 2006/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *SCHOOLS -- Exercises & recreations
KW - *EXERCISE
KW - *PHYSICAL education in literature
KW - *STUDENTS
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - Elementary Education
KW - Great Britain
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 239
EP - 257
JF - Journal of Teaching in Physical Education
VL - 25
IS - 2

N2 - The article focuses on the importance of physical education in schools. In the United States and Great Britain, guidelines are published that emphasize on the roles of the physical education and suggest that school children should work out at least for 60 minutes per day to maintain their physical, physiological and psychological developments. The article also tries to correlate physical activity with the educational progress. During elementary education, children should be involved in physical education so that they remain active in it throughout their educational time span. The article reviews literature of physical education and tries to define terms and concepts of physical activities which could be taught during physical education sessions. The article also provides the assessment modes to measure physical activities of students
SN - 02735024

TY - JOUR
ID - 4391
T1 - Kvinner fritid - finns det utrymme foer motion? / Women’s leisure time - is there room for physical activity?
A1 - Fasting, K.
Y1 - 1988///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *LEISURE
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - WOMEN -- Sociological aspects
The first part of the paper presents the definition of leisure time and the critique of these definitions from a woman's perspective. The second part contains results from different studies that have taken place during the last years. These studies show that women have less time for their own disposal. They are also less involved in organized activities outside the home compared to men. A large study from Sheffield in England showed that gender had great significance for the leisure behavior. Particularly in milieus where homework and taking care of the children first of all were done by women. Existing norms about what is suitable behavior for women seemed to be a significant barrier. The next part of the article discusses what conclusions can be drawn in relation to the Nordic countries. The question asked is if it is reasonable to suggest that women should prefer physical exercise before other leisure time activities? In this connection it focuses on the difference between the male and the female culture. The last part of the article contains results from a Norwegian study which covered married 30 year old women with children from 2 different parts of the city of Oslo, Norway. This study shows that women participate in traditional sport disciplines which can be done individually, independent of other people and independent of special sport facilities. The conclusion is that this is in many ways a logical consequence of a mother's everyday life.
Leg strength is related to endurance run performance in children and adolescents with mental retardation

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Pitetti, K.H.

This study evaluated the relationship between leg strength and endurance run performance, independent of aerobic capacity (VO2peak), body size, and gender, in children and adolescents with mild or moderate mental retardation. Twenty-six individuals (15 boys and 11 girls) volunteered and underwent tests of VO2peak, isokinetic leg strength, and endurance run performance (600-yard run/walk and 20-m shuttle run). Results showed that leg strength was significantly related to both types of run performance; however, when controlling for VO2peak, body size, and gender, leg strength was a more significant contributor to the 600-yard run/walk than to 20-m shuttle run performance. Gender did not influence these relationships. These data suggest that leg strength has a significant influence on endurance run performance in children and adolescents with mild or moderate mental retardation.

Filipišiši, Tjaša
Vardišiši, Katarina
Podpešišan, Katja
All public buildings should be accessible to all. Accessibility should be universal. In present research 107 primary and secondary schools from 5 Slovene regions were involved. We found out 53% of schools don’t have suitable access to enter the school, 55% don’t have suitable access in a school sport hall, a restrooms are accessible inappropriately still (60%). No school has suitable access to outside playgrounds. Largest barriers are stairs, too narrow or rotating door and narrow corridors. Results demand suitable treatment and deliberation now and of course at that time, when possible modernizations and renovations of our schools and school gymnasia would take place.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4398
T1 - The school sport co-ordinator programme: changing the role of the physical education teacher?
A1 - Flintoff,A.
Y1 - 2003/10//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *TEACHING
KW - Schools
KW - PROGRAMS
KW - Management
KW - POLITICAL science
KW - Teachers
KW - Great Britain
KW - Policy
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 231
EP - 250
JA - Sport, Education & Society
N2 - Over the last decade or so, young people have increasingly become a focus of UK sport policy. Fuelled in part by concerns such as the increasing levels of childhood inactivity and obesity, and the lack of international success in sport, a plethora of policy initiatives aimed at young people have been developed. In April 2000, the government published its sport strategy document, A Sporting Future for All, pulling together all the threads of recent policies, and in it, restating its commitment to youth sport, sport in education, excellence and sport in the community. One such policy initiative, the School Sport Co-ordinator programme, is the focus of this paper.

The School Sport Co-ordinator programme, currently being introduced into schools in England, is an initiative that involves two government departments (sport and education) and a number of other agencies, reflecting the government's current agenda to ensure 'joined up policy' thinking. It aims to develop opportunities for youth sport through co-ordinated links between PE and sport in schools, both within and outside of the formal curriculum, with those in local community sports settings. The essence of the School Sport Co-ordinator programme is to free up nominated teachers in schools from teaching to allow them time for development activities, specifically to encourage schools and community sports providers to work in partnership. This paper draws on data from an ongoing research project examining the implementation of one School Sport Co-ordinator partnership, Northbridge'. Drawing on in-depth interviews, it explores the perceptions of the newly established School Sport Co-ordinators of their changing role. The paper highlights some of the initial tensions and challenges for them in their task of working across different educational and sporting contexts.
Clumsiness was associated with increased percent body fat and low aerobic fitness values. Physical activity was a significant mediator in the clumsiness-aerobic fitness relationship. It is concluded that the CSAPPA scale is an accurate, practical, and inexpensive screening tool for DCD, and that motoric competence is associated with aerobic fitness through physical activity participation.

The article focuses on the engagement of the physical activity as a way for helping the family in adopting the healthy lifestyles and spending more time together. It says that one of the most cost-effective strategies for physical activity is the outdoor activities. It adds that bone-strengthening benefits for both the parents and children can be offered by jumping rope. The likelihood of the children in adopting a healthy lifestyle can be influenced by a physically active family environment.
The focus of this research was to gain an understanding of physical activity in elementary school-aged children with mental retardation (MR). The primary purpose of the first study was to investigate physical activity levels of children with and without MR in both school and out of school environments. The secondary purpose of the first study was to determine if there is a relationship between physical activity and motor skills in children with MR. Physical activity levels of 9 children with MR and 37 without were recorded over 7 days using an accelerometer. Motor skills were assessed using the Movement Assessment Battery for Children. Physical activity levels for children with MR were significantly lower during the school day. Children without MR were 53% more active during recess and 133% more active during physical education than children with MR. The disparity in physical activity continued outside of school where children without MR were 52% more active after school and 33% more active on the weekend than children with MR. There were no significant correlations between physical activity times and motor skills in either group. These findings indicate that interventions to increase physical activity in individuals with MR should begin in the elementary school years. The primary purpose of the second study was to investigate if children with MR spend more time watching TV or on the computer than children without disabilities. The secondary purpose of study was to determine if total screen time correlates with physical activity levels. Parents of the participants recorded TV time and computer time over four days. Physical activity levels of the children were recorded with accelerometers. There was no difference in TV time or computer time in children with MR and children without MR. The correlation between after school physical activity and screen time was moderate in children with MR (r=.69) and low for children without MR (r=-.32). The results of this research suggest that there might be different patterns in the development of sedentary behaviors between children with and without MR, indicating that unique interventions may be needed for individuals with MR.
This study investigated blood pressure responses (BP) during bilateral leg extension in healthy children at different numbers of repetitions. BP was measured non-invasively during 1 repetition maximum (1RM), 5 repetitions at 85-90% of 1RM (5 R), 30 repetitions at 35-40% of 1RM (30 R) and during 5 s of maximal isometric work (5SM). It is important to investigate if maximal strength testing in healthy children provokes an unfavourable rise in BP, in order to be able to do further research on hypertensive risk groups of children. 39 (18 male and 21 female) healthy children (10.5 ± 2.0 years old) participated in this study. Peak BP values and peak HR increased significantly with increasing number of repetitions. Peak BP increased from 1RM (144 ± 16/110 ± 19 mmHg) to 30R (170 ± 26/123 ± 21 mmHg) and peak HR increased from 1RM (122 ± 10 bpm) to 30R (147 ± 14 bpm). 30R also gave significantly higher BP and HR than 5SM (156 ± 24/120 ± 23 mmHg and 131 ± 16 bpm, respectively). The boys had significantly higher diastolic BP during 1RM than the girls and significantly higher BP during 5SM. In conclusion, maximal strength testing induced lower increases in BP than submaximal strength testing with more repetitions, and may be performed in healthy children within safe BP limits (< 225 mmHg in systolic BP). ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

A novel test instrument was designed to objectively quantify the progress of persons who participated in therapeutic horseback riding programs. Nineteen handicapped children, ages 7 to 14 years, with heterogeneous impairments were evaluated before and after riding. For measures of sitting balance and coordination, and hand, hip, knee, and ankle strength, marked improvements were noted for most children. Clinical impressions of therapists and parents suggested concomitant progress in characteristics such as self-confidence and interaction with others. Results from this pilot study appeared to support the use of the apparatus in that field setting. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
T1 - Spielraum anders begreifen und gestalten. / Conceiving and organizing playing spaces in a different way
A1 - Franke, A.
A1 - Fischer, K.
Y1 - 2001/09//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *PLAY
KW - *OUTDOOR life
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - INFANTS
KW - Child Development
KW - DESIGN
KW - building
KW - Child
KW - Case Report
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 108
EP - 118
JA - Motorik
VL - 24
IS - 3
CY - :
N2 - Only a few decades ago children had the possibility to spend their whole leisure time in the open air. In many places they found natural playing spaces where they could move freely about and which they could perceive with all their senses. They had even the opportunity to modify and design their environment in a variety of ways. This article deals with the importance of spaces for moving about and gathering experiences for the development of children and presents project ideas for changing the outside area of a nursery school to a natural playing space
Il y a peu de decennies, les enfants avaient la possibilite de passer tout leur temps libre a l'exterieur. A maintes places ils trouvaient des espaces de jeu naturels, dans lesquels ils pouvaient se mouvoir librement et qu'ils pouvaient percevoir avec tous les sens. De cette facon ils avaient aussi la possibilite de changer et de creer leur environnement. La contribution traite de l'importance de l'espace de jeu de mouvement et d'exploration pour le developpement de l'enfant et presente des idees de projet concernant la transformation de l'exterieur d'une classe prescolaire en un espace de jeu naturel
Noch vor wenigen Jahrzehnten hatten Kinder die Moglichkeit, ihre gesamte Freizeit im Freien zu verbringen. Vielerorts fanden sie naturbelassene Spielräume vor, in denen sie sich frei bewegen und die sie mit allen Sinnen wahrnehmen konnten. So hatten sie auch die Moeglichkeit, ihre Umgebung zu veraendern und zu gestalten. Der Beitrag thematisiert die Bedeutung des Bewegungs- und Erfahrungsspielraumes fuer die kindliche Entwicklung und stellt Projektideen zur Umgestaltung eines Kindergartenauessengelaendes zu einem naturnahen Spielraum vor
SN - 01705792
UR -
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-793786
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4408
T1 - My garden is an expression of me: Exploring householders' relationships with their gardens
A1 - Freeman, Claire
A1 - Dickinson, Katharine JM
A1 - Porter, Stefan
A1 - van Heezik, Yolanda
Y1 - 2012//
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
Assessing the Social and Physical Contexts of Children's Leisure-Time Physical Activity: An Ecological Momentary Assessment Study

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Kawabata, Keito
Intille, Stephen
Wolch, Jennifer
Pentz, Mary Ann

2012/01/

SportDiscus
*LEISURE
*PHYSICAL activity
*PHYSICAL fitness
FAMILIES
CHINO (Calif.)
California
behavioral
Built Environment
descriptive
education/income level
Exercise
Family
fitness/physical activity
geographic location
Health focus
local community
modeling/relationship testing
nonexperimental
Outcome measure
Physical Activity
Prevention Research, Manuscript format
race/ethnicity
Repeated Measures
Research
Research purpose
Setting
Strategy
study design
target population age
target population circumstances
youth

NOT IN FILE

SP - 135
EP - 143
JF - American Journal of Health Promotion
JA - Am J Health Promot
VL - 26
IS - 3
N2 - Purpose. To use Ecological Momentary Assessment with mobile phones to describe where and with whom children's leisure-time physical activity occurs. Design. Repeated assessments across 4 days (Friday/ "Monday) during nonschool time (20 total). Setting. Chino, California, and surrounding communities. Subjects. Primarily low to middle income children (N = 121; aged 9-13 years; x = 11.0 years, SD = 1.2 years; 52% male, 38% Hispanic/Latino). Measures. Electronic surveys measured current activity (e.g., active play /sports/exercise, watching TV/movies), social company (e.g., family, friends, alone), physical location (e.g., home, outdoors, school), and other perceived contextual features (e.g., safety, traffic, vegetation, distance from home). Analysis. Multilevel linear and multinomial logistic regression. Results. Most of children's physical activity occurred outdoors (away from home) (42%), followed by at home (indoors) (30%), front/backyard (at home) (8%), someone else's house (8%), at a gym/recreation center (3%), and other locations (9%). Children's physical activity took place most often with multiple categories of people together (e.g., friends and family) (39%), followed by family members only (32%), alone (15%), and with friends only (13%). Age, weight status, income, and racial/ethnic differences in physical activity contexts were observed. Conclusions. The most frequently reported contexts for children's leisure time physical activity were outdoors and with family members and friends together. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 08901171
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4410
T1 - DOES HEIGHT MATTER?
A1 - Frost,Joe
A1 - Sutterby,John
A1 - Therrell,Jim
A1 - Brown,Pei San
A1 - Thornton,Candra
Y1 - 2002/05/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *EQUIPMENT & supplies
KW - *FALLS (Accidents)
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 74
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 37
IS - 5
N2 - Discusses the risks of the designed fall height of several playground equipment in the U.S. Benefits of climbing for children; Details of the national guidelines and standards for heights and surfacing in the U.S.; Recommended fall height of climbing equipment and slides in the country; Factors which affect the potential injury resulting from falls; Discussion on playground safety
SN - 00312215
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4411
T1 - Les organisations de jeunesse en Alsace concordataire, 1918-1939: pour une histoire des sociabilites. / Youth organisations under the Concordat in Alsace, 1918-1939: for a history of sociabilities
A1 - Fuchs,J.
The following paper deals with the youth organisations in Alsace and covers the inter-war years (1918-1939). This period marks indeed a significant change in the educational practices, now characterized by an expansion and renewal of the organisations being in charge of the youth outside school time. The study is based on the ideas of the people in charge and on the sociability practices offered to the young Alsatians in these movements. In this frame, the valorization of nature as the privileged environment for socialization appears to be a transversal process. This trend is backed up by the use of physical exercises (walk and collective sports game for example) that become major teaching aids. The sources used in this paper are original and rarely capitalized on in the STAPS field (archives from the Strasbourg's Bishopric, the Alsace-Lorraine's Directory of the Augsburg's Confession, internal archives of organisations, former members' accounts etc.). These sources help to pay attention to a whole range of physical practices that have an educational ambition. As a region shaped by a unique history and particular social links, the example of Alsace allows us to reach an understanding of the objectives and means of mobilization of the youth at the beginning of the twentieth century.
El estudio tiene por objetivo analizar las organizaciones de los jóvenes de la Alsace en el periodo considerado entre las dos guerras (1919-1939). Momentos de cambios importantes en relación a las prácticas educativas antes de la guerra, esto se caracteriza por un desarrollo y una renovación de las estructuras que tienen a cargo a los jóvenes después de las horas escolares. El objetivo de la investigación es de aproximar las concepciones de los responsables y las prácticas de sociabilidad propuesta a los jóvenes Alsacianos. La valorización material que emerge como proceso socializador es una tendencia transversal. Este proceso es acompañado de ejercicios físicos (caminatas, juegos deportivos colectivos) como soportes pedagógicos prioritarios. El estudio emprendido se apoya en fuentes originales y poco explotadas en el campo de las STAPS (archivos del arzobispado de Estrasburgo, del directorio de la iglesia de la Confesión de Ausburgo de Alsace Lorain, archivos internos de las organizaciones, testimonios de miembros antiguos), ellos invitan a tomar en cuenta el conjunto de prácticas corporales que tienen una ambicion educativa.

The dangers of phthalates, mercury, bisphenol A, and lead are examined, giving practitioners the background to pass on wise safety tips to their patients and parents.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4417
T1 - The Social Role of Urbanization and the Children's Playgrounds
A1 - Gantu,M.
Y1 - 1973///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *SPORTS facilities
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *RECREATION
KW - SOCIALISM
KW - Time Management
KW - Urbanization
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 10
JA - Unpublished Paper
SN - 01959131
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=337746
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4418
T1 - The effects of a hockey-specific training program on performance of Bantam players
A1 - Geer,N.
A1 - Serfass,R.
A1 - Picconatto,W.
A1 - Blatherwick,J.
Y1 - 1992/03///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *HOCKEY
KW - *TRAINING
KW - *ACHIEVEMENT
KW - BANTAMS
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - Child
KW - SPECIFICITY OF TRAINING
Few studies have attempted to identify the effects of training on performance measures related to ice hockey. The present study was designed to examine the effects of a 7-week hockey-specific training program on the on- and off-ice test performance scores of 14- and 15-year-old (Bantam) hockey players. Pre- and post-training tests of percent fat (ultrasound), center of gravity location, 40-yard dash, vertical jump, and on-ice test of top speed, acceleration, and cornering ability were completed on 28 male subjects (16 in a training group, 12 in a control group of summer league participants). The training group showed significant improvements (p is less than .01) in percent fat, top speed, acceleration, and cornering test performance whereas only percent fat was significantly improved for the control group. The results suggest that performance on tests related to ice hockey can be improved by training specifically for hockey but that performance is not affected by summer league play alone.
and confidently passing around a baby and competing to get the child laughing. On the other hand, she laments the paranoid suspicion of the male in public, with kids


TY - JOUR
ID - 4420
T1 - Effect of Competitive Situations on Motor Activity and Aspirations of Children Participating in Sport Classes
A1 - Geron,E.
Y1 - 1981///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *ACHIEVEMENT motivation
KW - *ATHLETES
KW - *SPORTS
KW - AMBITION
KW - Israel
KW - Child
KW - Competition
KW - NON-ATHLETE
KW - FAILURE
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 12
JA - Unpublished Paper
N2 - Examines the effect of participation in competitive sport outside and inside the school on children’s achievement motivation as measured by the motoric motivation test in 3 realms of behavior - motor activity, level of motivation and stability. Subjects were students chosen for sports classes, candidates for sports classes and ordinary students. Students in sports classes differed from other students by attaining a greater level of effort, but were more threatened by failure and it is suggested that this was a result of previous sport experience. After one year in the sport class, a favorable effect was found. Concludes that the organization of children’s competitive sport in school can help with the negative effects in the competitive experience of child athletes
SN - 01959131

L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=338402

TY - BOOK
ID - 4421
T1 - Nothing ventured : balancing risks and benefits in the outdoors
Y1 - 2010///
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - [England]
PB - English Outdoor Council
SN - 9780956663603 0956663605

TY - JOUR
ID - 4422
T1 - The great outdoors: how a green exercise environment can benefit all
A1 - Gladwell,Valerie F.
A1 - Brown,Daniel K.
THE RELATION OF CERTAIN UNSETTLED HOME CONDITIONS TO THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

This study has attempted to answer the question: What is the relation of unsettled or broken home conditions to the academic success of high school pupils? The following six factors were considered broken home conditions: loss of father by death, loss of father by divorce or separation, unemployment of father, loss of mother by death, loss of mother by divorce or separation, or employment of mother outside the home. Fifty pupils were located for each of these six broken home conditions. They were paired with pupils from normal homes on the bases of intelligence, chronological age, grade in school, sex, and nationality. An honor point average based upon teachers' marks was computed for each of the 600 pupils and used as the measure of academic success. The data indicate that the school achievement of pupils from broken homes is inferior to that of pupils from normal homes. This is true for seven comparisons; four of the comparisons reveal differences which are distinctly significant statistically; two differences approach statistical significance. Experimental and control pupils were then compared on the following factors: amount of absence, amount of tardiness, occupation of the father, number of brothers, number of sisters, number of only children, language spoken in the home, amount of outside employment, amount of outside work at home, participation in club activities and athletics, number of consultations with a doctor, amount of absence due to illness, amount of home study, study conditions at home, and type of high school curriculum. These comparisons revealed slight differences, if any, and failed to indicate any causal relation to the differential achievement of the experimental and control pupils.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4424
T1 - What protects youngsters from violence victimisation?
A1 - Gofin,R.
A1 - Avitzour,M.
Y1 - 2010/09/02/
KW - SportDiscus
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A87
EP - A88
JF - Injury Prevention
JA - Inj Prev
VL - 16
N2 - Background Violence, in its varied presentation forms is common among youth. Risk factors have been identified in diverse populations for different types of violence. In this study we assessed victimisation for specific types of violence common among young people, and determined what the personal, familial and school protecting factors are. Methods Students (12-14 years old) in 35 randomly selected junior high schools were from the Jerusalem Hebrew (secular and religious) and Arab educational system (n=2610). They answered an anonymous questionnaire, addressing personal, family, and school characteristics, unintentional injuries and violence. Victimisation included experiencing at least one of the following: was bullied, mocked, boycotted, was stolen or was taken personal belongings by force. Results Only 24.2% did not experience violence in the last term. In a multivariate analysis independent protective factors from victimisation were: type of school, being older, female (OR 1.76, 95% CI 1.40 to 2.21), being participated in activities (OR 4.33, 95% CI 2.82 to 6.63), having two or more close friends (OR 1.82, 95% CI 1.07 to 3.10), having good relations among students (OR 2.73, 95% CI 1.04 to 7.15) and having a high family support (OR 1.53, 95% CI 1.19 to 2.00). Hours of television viewing, participating in sports activities, membership in a youth movement or the reported family socioeconomic status were not significant protective factors. Conclusions Few children are not victims of violence in school. Protective factors for violence are positive personal, family and school relations. Interventions addressing these positive factors may help to reduce violence in young people and their natural environment.
ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
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ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4425
T1 - Seasonal effect on exercise challenge tests for the diagnosis of exercise-induced bronchoconstriction
A1 - Goldberg,S.
A1 - Mimouni,F.
A1 - Joseph,L.
A1 - Izbicki,G.
A1 - Picard,E.
Y1 - 2012/09/
N1 - DA - 20121002
IS - 1539-6304 (Electronic)
IS - 1088-5412 (Linking)
LA - eng
PT - Evaluation Studies
PT - Journal Article
SB - IM
KW - Adolescent
KW - Asthma,Exercise-Induced
KW - Diagnosis
KW - Exercise Test
Exercise challenge test (ECT) may help in the diagnosis of asthma. Asthma is season dependent (relative summer nadir). This study was designed to prospectively show that ECT sensitivity decreases when performed in summer and/or out of personal asthma season. We performed two ECTs in 49 patients with suspected asthma, at baseline and at least 6 months later. Test positivity was defined as a ≥10% drop of forced expiratory volume in 1 second after exercise. Patients were defined as having exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB) if at least one of the two tests was positive. We analyzed the impact of season and of patient-reported asthma season on ECT sensitivity. We performed 21 ECTs in the summer and 77 in other seasons. Summer tests were positive in 14.3% of patients versus 33.8% in other seasons (p = 0.11). In patients with confirmed EIB, the sensitivity (95% CI) of a summer test was 0.25 (0.007-0.57), compared with 0.76 (0.58-0.89) in other seasons. Tests performed out of personal asthma season were positive in 10.0% of tests compared with 37.1% of tests during personal asthma season (p = 0.007). In patients with confirmed EIB, the sensitivity (95% CI) of a test performed out of asthma season was 0.27 (0.07-0.61), compared with 0.74 (0.55-0.87) during season. The sensitivity of ECT performed in the summer or outside of the personal asthma season is about one-third of ECT performed not in the summer or during personal asthma season. We suggest performing ECTs during personal asthma season and not in the summer if there is no asthma season known.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4430
T1 - A PLAY GROUND FOR THE AGES
A1 - Greco, JoAnn
Y1 - 2006/08//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *PSYCHOLOGY
KW - *CHILDREN -- Wounds & injuries
KW - *PREVENTION
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - DESIGN & construction
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - AGE groups
KW - SOCIAL skills in children
KW - Socialization
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 52
EP - 55
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 41
IS - 8
The article focuses on the design of playgrounds. Playground design is becoming more targeted to appeal to specific age groups. Playground designers now consider the ways children of different ages play before construction. Safety now plays more of a role in construction than innovation within the design. The article notes that playgrounds still need to challenge and entertain children.

N2 - THE AUTHORS OF THIS JAPANESE MULTICENTER (12 HOSPITALS and 8 outside physicians), randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial investigated whether vitamin D supplements might impact the incidence of influenza A in school children during winter and early spring. Children aged 6-15 years (mean age 10.2 years, with 65% having started nursery school or kindergarten at 3 years or older) were enrolled from November to early December in 2008 and then asked to begin taking their study drugs within the first 2 weeks of December. Subjects were randomized to receive daily divided doses of either 1,200 IU of vitamin D3 or placebo from December 2008 through March 2009. Parents were provided with eight numbered bottles, each containing 90 tablets of either 200 IU vitamin D or placebo identical in appearance. The children were to take 3 tablets twice daily. Pre-study questionnaires collected demographic data and medical history, while the post-study questionnaire focused on answers to questions about compliance with study protocol, outdoor activities, specific food intake, and illnesses that may have occurred. Daily logs were also completed. Compliance was measured in part by direct viewing of the supplement bottles on clinic visits. Primary outcome of interest was the incidence of influenza A, diagnosed by outpatient rapid influenza antigen testing using a nasopharyngeal swab specimen. A total of 430 schoolchildren/parent pairs were randomized but there was significant study attrition, with 50 and 46 children being lost to follow-up in the active and placebo groups, respectively (intention-to-treat analysis was used). Compliance with the study medication was very high (96%). Influenza A occurred in 18/167 (10.8%) of children in the vitamin D group compared with 31/167 (18.6%) in the placebo group (relative risk [RR] = 0.58), with peak incidence occurring from middle to late January. Between days 31 and 60, influenza A occurred significantly less often in the vitamin D group than in the placebo group (5.4% vs. 13.2%; RR = 0.41), but there was no difference in the development of influenza A between the two groups early or late in the trial. In subgroup analysis it was shown that a reduction in occurrence in influenza A was more prominent in children who previously had not been taking vitamin D and in those who had started nursery school after age 3 years (starting nursery school before age 3 years may increase the chances of exposure to influenza and of obtaining immunity). In children with a previous history of asthma, exacerbations occurred in 2 children taking vitamin D3 vs. 12 children in the placebo group (RR =0.17). The incidence of influenza B and antigen-testing negative flu-like illness was not different between the two groups. No serious adverse effects were identified, including urinary stones. The authors concluded that vitamin D3 supplementation during the winter and early spring may have a preventive effect against the development of childhood influenza A infection. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The What and the Why of Camp Releases
A1 - Gregg, Charles R.
A1 - Hansen-Stamp, Catherine
Y1 - 2007/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CAMPS
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *CAMPING
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - Management
KW - MORAL & ethical aspects
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 4
JA - Camping Magazine
VL - 80
IS - 1
N2 - The article focuses on the importance of negligence release forms for summer camps. Release forms are something that most if not all summer campers must sign which release the camp from all responsibility for injuries or traumas related to activities occurring while camping. The traditional responsibilities of camp owners and employees regarding child safety and welfare are explained.
SN - 07404131
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4434
T1 - The development of KidTest 2002 update: a talent identification inventory for predicting success in sports for children
A1 - Grice, T.
Y1 - 2003///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - Ability
KW - TESTING
KW - Child
KW - TALENT IDENTIFICATION
KW - instrumentation
KW - PERFORMANCE PREDICTION
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 229
EP - 247
JA - Applied Research in Coaching & Athletics Annual
VL - 18
CY - ;
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N2 - Historically, very few of the great and talented athletes from the United States are deliberately selected through a structured, scientific system. Most American athletes begin participation in sports because of a role model, either a parent, a coach or a professional athlete. Continued participation seems to depend upon several factors; including, enjoyment of the sport, successful participation and/or peer pressure to name a few. The development of a talent identification process would allow children to experience greater enjoyment and reduce the possibility of selecting a sport in which the child had a very limited potential for success. There are numerous opportunities for children in organized sports, but they would probably enjoy these attempts at structured activity much more if they are successful and are having fun. Therefore, the development of a process to predict success for children in specific sports would seem to be an attractive alternative to selection and participation on a random basis. The purpose of this study was to update KidTest, a talent identification test inventory which provides a subjective evaluation of the potential talent that a child may exhibit for success in specific sports. A total of 173 (75 boys, 98 girls) were randomly selected from grades 6, 7 and 8 from three different schools. Data was collected during physical education classes at A.E. Phillips Laboratory School, Mann Middle School and Vernon Intermediate School. This study replicates an earlier study completed in 1999 on kindergarten through fifth grade students. Nine (9) physical fitness components were administered and the data was collected to develop a working model for identifying talent in specific sports. Using a three-digit composite, norms were established for student subjects, sixth through eighth grade, based on performance on various tests in aerobic power, motor skills and coordination. A predicted Max VO2 score was established by the Houston Non-exercise Test. Percent body fat was done as a means of cross-validation. Results indicated relatively high validity across the three grade levels. An aerobic run was performed with all three-grade levels doing a one-mile walk/run. The motor ability tests consisted of a forty-yard dash measuring speed, a fifteen-yard shuttle run for agility and the standing long jump testing leg power. Hand-eye-foot coordination was measured by a catching test along with throwing and kicking tests for accuracy and distance along. Each of the three composite scores was averaged on a scale from one to five. A legend was developed utilizing the mean and standard deviation to cross reference numerous sports activities with a corresponding three-digit composite score for each sport.


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TY - JOUR
ID - 4436
T1 - Interaction between physical environment, social environment, and child characteristics in determining physical activity at child care
A1 - Gubbels,J.S.
A1 - Kremers,S.P.
A1 - Van Kann,D.H.
A1 - Stafleu,A.
A1 - Candel,M.J.
A1 - Dagnelie,P.C.
A1 - Thijs,C.
A1 - de Vries,N.K.
Y1 - 2011/01/
N1 - DA - 20110208
IS - 1930-7810 (Electronic)
IS - 0278-6133 (Linking)
LA - eng
PT - Journal Article
SB - IM
KW - PubMed
KW - Reviewer Nominated
KW - Child Day Care Centers
KW - Child,Preschool
KW - Environment
KW - Female
OBJECTIVE: To investigate the association between the child-care environment and physical activity of 2- and 3-year-olds. Based on an ecological view of environmental influences on health behavior, we hypothesized that the social and physical environment, as well as child characteristics (age and gender), would show independent and interactive effects on children's physical activity intensity. DESIGN: Observations of physical activity intensity were performed among children (N = 175) at 9 Dutch child-care centers. Aspects of the child-care environment were assessed using the validated Environment and Policy Assessment and Observation (EPAO) Instrument. Multilevel linear regression analyses examined the association of environment and child characteristics with children's activity intensity. Moderation was tested by including interaction terms in the analyses, with subsequent post hoc analyses for significant interaction terms. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: Observed child physical activity intensity, measured with the Observational System for Recording Physical Activity in Children-Preschool Version. RESULTS: A large proportion of the observed activities were classified as sedentary, while far fewer observations were classified as moderate or vigorous. Activity opportunities in the physical environment (assessed using EPAO) and prompts by staff and peers were significantly and positively related to physical activity intensity, while group size was negatively related to activity intensity. The influence of the physical environment was moderated by social environment (peer group size), while the social environment in turn interacted with child characteristics (age and gender) in determining activity intensity. CONCLUSION: Our findings are in line with the ecological perspective regarding environmental influences on behavior, and stress the importance of incorporating the child-care environment in efforts to prevent childhood overweight and obesity.
The abnormal chiasmatic crossing characteristic of all albino mammals brings two discordant representations of the visual field to the central visual relays. The representation from the nasal retina is normal whereas the one from the temporal retina is disrupted, a part representing the contralateral visual field as is normal and a part coming from the ipsilateral visual field as a mirror image of a part of the normal representation. Experiments that were designed to define the rules on the basis of which the abnormal representations can be established in the lateral geniculate nucleus and visual cortex are described. These experiments are related to more recent studies of albino cats, and the observations of the visual pathways are related speculatively to abnormalities seen in the auditory pathways of albinos. The possibility is raised that the auditory abnormalities are secondary to the visual abnormalities, produced by a failure of the two systems to establish normally matching maps of sensory space.
Background: This study was designed to model the relationship between an ActiGraph-based "in-school" physical activity (PA) and the daily one among children and to quantify how school can contribute to the daily PA recommendations. Method: Fifty boys and 43 girls (aged 8 to 11 years) wore ActiGraph for 2 schooldays of no structured PA. The daily moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA) was regressed on the school time MVPA (MVPAs). Then, a ROC analysis was computed to define the required MVPAs. Results: Children spent 57% of their awake time at school. School time PA opportunities (ie, recesses: \( f^{\sim}18\% \) of a child's awake time) accounted for \( >70\% \) of the MVPAd among children. Then, MVPAd \( (Y) \) could be predicted from MVPAs \( (X) \) using the equation: \( Y = 2.06 X^{0.88}; \) RA\( \gamma = .889, P < .0001. \) Although, this model was sex-specifically determined, cross-validations showed valid estimates of MVPAd. Finally, with a sensitivity of 100% and a specificity of 90%, MVPAs, a 34 min.d\(-1\) was required to prompt the daily recommendation. Conclusions: The current study shows the contribution of MVPA at school to recommended activity levels and suggests the value of activity performed during recesses. It also calls for encouraging both home- and community-based interventions, predominantly directed toward girls. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4439
T1 - The recess period: a key moment of prepubescent children's daily physical activity?
A1 - Guinhouya,C.B.
A1 - Hubert,H.
A1 - Dupont,G.
A1 - Durocher,A.
Y1 - 2005/08/01/
N1 - Accession Number: 2009056442. Language: English. Entry Date: 20051209. Revision Date: 20110513.
Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Blind Peer Reviewed; Editorial Board Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Health Promotion/Education; Online; Peer Reviewed; USA. No. of Refs: 21
ref. NLM UID: 101083500
KW - CINAHL
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Physical Education and Training
KW - Schools
KW - Accelerometers
KW - Child
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - Female
KW - Male
KW - Pearson's Correlation Coefficient
KW - Rural Areas
KW - Time Factors
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 9
JA - International Electronic Journal of Health Education
VL - 8
N2 - This study was designed to analyze the significance of the recess period and the effect of its duration on children's daily physical activity. Thirteen pupils attending school in a rural area were monitored with accelerometers during the study weeks. The intervention consisted of modifying regularly scheduled recess period for a month. Data from two school days during the third week were recorded for analyses. Analyses indicated that, according to the recommended 2 \( \oplus 15 \) min recess schedule, children spent on average from 16.9 +/- 5.7 min to 22.8 +/- 3.7 min each day in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) at recess; that is, 16.3% to 20.0% of their daily MVPA (comprised between 103.4 +/- 32.5 min and 113.9 +/- 32.5 min). This level of activity increased with the increased recess duration. A 1.2% increase of the time spent at recess.
resulted in a 6.6% increase of their activity (average 23% to 26.5%). It appears that a more appropriate reorganization of school schedule, including recess period and proper physical education classes, may be beneficial for school children to experience adequate amount of physical activity.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4441
T1 - Comparison of perceived support for physical activity and physical activity related practices of children and young adolescents in Hong Kong and Australia
A1 - Ha,Amy
A1 - Abbott,Rebecca
A1 - Macdonald,Doune
A1 - Pang,Bonnie
Y1 - 2009/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - *TEENAGERS -- Health
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - Social Support
KW - HONG Kong (China)
KW - China
KW - Australia
KW - CHILDREN
KW - Hong Kong
KW - Parents
KW - Physical Activity
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 155
EP - 173
JA - European Physical Education Review
VL - 15
IS - 2
N2 - This study compared the self-reported physical activity, perceived social support for, and perceived barriers to, physical activity of primary and secondary school children from Hong Kong and Australia. Hong Kong boys and girls reported spending significantly less time, outside of school hours, on physical activity than their Australian contemporaries (p < .05). There was significantly higher perceived support for activity from Australian parents (p < .001), teachers (p < .001) and peers (p < .001) compared to their Hong Kong counterparts. Parental support significantly correlated with self-reported activity in Australia, but not in Hong Kong. These data add support to the notion that strategies to increase physical activity need to embed family and school. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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The article provides information on strategies and ideas for physical education teachers to get parents and other significant adults involved in helping to get children physically active as a lifestyle habit. Physical activity calendars may be used, which are easy to create and may provide students with active habits outside physical education. It also serves as a medium for communicating with parents about physical education, physical activity and health. Designing charity events around physical activity is also effective not only in providing an active lifestyle but in raising money for physical education as well. Special events called Fun Days could be established with parent participation to create anticipation at the start of the school year or late in the year to celebrate the end of the great school year that passed.

In this article, outdoor enthusiast Jeff Alt offers tips on the ways to get children and toddlers excited about hiking as a method to combine family time and physical activity.

The article offers news briefs related to parks and recreation of the U.S. as of September 2011. A research conducted by Gary T. Green, associate professor at University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, concludes that children spend more time outside than thought of. Virginia resident Nicholas Anoia has provided 500 hour services to the city's parks organizations. An Indiana University study reveals that playground surfaces need maintenance after 12 months.

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Shelter from the Sun

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The article focuses on the efforts of Elizabeth Martin, youth education chair for the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), and her peers at AAD to volunteer their time to equip schools, parks, and childcare facilities with high-quality shade structures for their outdoor play areas in the U.S. They offer organizations serving children a way to build sun safety into their infrastructure. She outlines the myths about sun safety practices such as the expenses of installing sun shade structures.

This article draws from the Second Worldwide Survey of the situation of physical education (PE) in schools. The Survey was undertaken as a contribution to the UN dedicated 2005 Year of Sport and PE and in response to inter-governmental agencies' calls for regular monitoring of developments in school PE in the form of a 'reality check'. The overall purpose of the Survey was to assess the worldwide situation of school PE as well as developments since the Physical Education World Summit held in November 1999 in Berlin for which a multi-method/pluralistic approach was adopted with analysis of a range of sources comprising globally and regionally as well as on-line disseminated questionnaires, national surveys, continental regional and national
PE-related projects, case studies and a comprehensive literature review. The pluralistic methods facilitated data collection on national level policies and practice-related issues in school PE, the PE curriculum, resources (human and material), the PE environment (school subject and PE teacher status; and pathway links to PE activity in out-of-school settings) and ‘Best Practice’ exemplars. The data generated provide an indication of patterns and trends in school PE in countries and regions across the world. The ‘reality check’ indicates that positive developments and policy rhetoric are juxtaposed with adverse practice shortcomings. Thus, the overall scenario is one of ‘mixed messages’ with evidence that national and/or regional governments have committed themselves through legislation to making provision for PE but some have been either slow or reticent in translating this into action through actual implementation and assurance of quality of delivery. Essentially, the situation especially in economically under-developed and developing regions has changed little since the 1999 Berlin Physical Education Summit. Continuing concerns embrace: insufficient curriculum time allocation, perceived inferior subject status, insufficient competent qualified and/or inadequately trained teachers (particularly in primary schools), inadequate provision of facilities and equipment and teaching materials frequently associated with under-funding, large class sizes and funding cuts and, in some countries, inadequate provision or awareness of pathway links to wider community programmes and facilities outside of schools. More generally, there is disquiet over the falling fitness standards of young people, rising levels of obesity amongst children of school age and high youth dropout rates from physical/sporting activity engagement. Whilst some improvements in inclusion (related to gender and disability) policy and practice can be identified since the Berlin Physical Education Summit, barriers to equal provision and access opportunities for all still remain. However, current intergovernmental initiatives (European Parliament's 2007 Resolution on the Role of Sport in Education and UNESCO advocacy action) place PE on the political agenda. With such inter-governmental commitments to policy principles and action advocacy, a secure and sustainable future for PE appears to be realizable. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 13311441
ER -
TY - THES
ID - 4451
T1 - An investigation of the influence of vicarious experience on perceived self-efficacy
A1 - Harrison,M.B.
Y1 - 2004///
N1 - Accession Number: 2009014466. Language: English. Entry Date: 20050909. Revision Date: 20091218.
Publication Type: doctoral dissertation; research. Special Interest: Pediatric Care
KW - CINAHL
KW - rock climbing
KW - Self-Efficacy
KW - adolescence
KW - Child
KW - Experimental Studies
KW - Female
KW - Male
KW - Multivariate Analysis of Covariance
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Wilderness Experience
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
EP - 61
PB - Clemson University
N2 - In the climate of unpredictable availability of health care in the United States, a prevalent discussion is the prevention of disease and illness. Recreation participation is one route to maintaining physical and mental well-being. Perceived self-efficacy is an indicator of maintenance, effort, and performance of various behaviors, including recreational activities. Recreational and therapeutic recreational programming can be structured to enhance participants’ efficacy regarding specific recreation activities. This can be done by addressing the four sources of efficacy information (verbal persuasion, vicarious experience, affective state, mastery experiences)
that participants' use to make judgments regarding their ability to perform a particular recreation activity. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of one of the sources of efficacy information, vicarious experience via modeling, in enhancing efficacy beliefs of at-risk youth who are participating in a wilderness therapy activity. This study also investigated the influence of activity specific efficacy perceptions on both self-regulatory self-efficacy and perceived performance in the specific activity. Three groups of youth at-risk participated in three separate rock climbing sessions at the Clemson University Outdoor Laboratory’s climbing tower. The participants (N = 38) in this study, both male and female and ranging in age from 6--18, were drawn from a year-round private school for at-risk youth. Upon arrival, each group took a rock climbing and self-regulatory self-efficacy questionnaire. This questionnaire included a previous rock climbing experience measure. Then, prior to rock climbing, one of the groups observed a youth model the rock climbing activity, one of the groups observed an adult model the rock climbing activity, and one of the groups did not observe a model. Directly after this each group took another rock climbing and self-regulatory self-efficacy questionnaire. This questionnaire also included a perceived 'similarity to model’ measure. After each participant performed the activity of rock climbing, he or she took a third rock climbing and self-regulatory self-efficacy questionnaire. This questionnaire additionally included a perceived performance measure. Multivariate analysis of covariance indicated that groups who observed a model had significantly higher rock climbing self-efficacy and self-regulatory self-efficacy than the group that did not observe a model. There was no significant finding with regard to influence of previous rock climbing experience, model type, or perceived similarity to model. Significant relationships were found between self-regulatory self-efficacy, rock climbing self-efficacy, and perceived performance. Because the participants did not perceive there to be a difference between the models, these results do not provide us with information regarding the influence of perceptions of similarity to the model. These results do show that groups observing a model demonstrate rock climbing during ground school are significantly more likely to show increase in both rock climbing and self-regulatory self-efficacy than groups who do not observe a demonstration. In light of this research it is apparent that providing a model is an effective tool that can be used to assist participants in achieving the positive outcomes of a rock climbing experience, and potentially those of other outdoor and indoor educational pursuits. Further research regarding self-efficacy may indicate that, when teaching or promoting recreation activities, using a self-efficacy based curriculum provides individuals with the best possible chance of becoming life-long recreators.
Elementary School Students' Level Of Physical Activity During Recess

A1 - Hasken, Julie
A1 - Temme, Megan
Y1 - 2010/07/

KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *LEISURE
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 20
EP - 28

JA - Missouri Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
VL - 20

National guidelines recommend accumulation of at least one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day for students. Since school recess provides scheduled periods of time to accumulate some of these much-needed minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity, the purpose of this study was to determine the proportion of elementary students in a rural, northeastern Missouri school district who were physically active at the intensity level recommended by the national guidelines during their recess periods. A modified version of the System for Observing Play and Leisure Activity in Youth (SOPLAY) was used to collect observational data on the number of students, their gender, and their physical activity intensity levels in defined areas of the playground during recess. Overall, the majority of students seemed to meet the guidelines for moderate to vigorous physical activity levels during recess, but the addition of more open play space and more game equipment may help move many from the moderate to more highly active levels. It is recommended that school districts increase the amount of recess time as their school schedules permit to help students meet national guidelines for accumulated physical activity time.

Problem and Objective Studies focusing on the socioeconomic distribution of fall injuries among children are few and show mixed results. Previous studies are mainly area-based and no studies have investigated the relationship between family socioeconomic position and subgroups of fall injuries. The current study examines whether socioeconomic position affects the risk of having fall-related injuries of different types. Method This population-based cohort study links Swedish national register data for a cohort of 1,544,047 individuals born between 1977 and 1991. Individual records from the 1985 census were linked to the National Hospital Discharge Register for the period 1998-2004. Fall injuries requiring hospitalisation were recorded (n=38,529). Logistic regressions were used to measure the effect (odds ratios) of socio-economic position on eight fall injuries.
subgroups of fall injuries (based on external codes, ICD-10). Results An analysis of all types of fall aggregated (W00-W19) showed no significant differences between young people from different socioeconomic groups. However, analyses of subgroups of falls showed that children of manual workers had significant higher odds of having injuries related to falls from playground equipment (OR 1.35 (1.21 to 1.50), stairs (OR 1.48, CI 1.30 to 1.69), trees (1.36 (1.17 to 1.58) and falls from buildings (OR 1.38 CI 1.18 to 1.60). On the other hand, children in lower socioeconomic groups had significantly lower odds for sport related falls compared to children of parents who are intermediate- and high level salaried employees. Conclusion This study indicates that when falls are split into subgroups the effect of low socioeconomic position can be both protective and aggravating.

ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
SN - 13538047
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4455
T1 - Sports participation and health during periods of educational transition: a study of 30ƒ”35-year-olds in north-west England
A1 - Haycock,David
A1 - Smith,Andy
Y1 - 2014/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS participation
KW - *HEALTH
KW - *LEISURE
KW - *HEALTH behavior
KW - Research
KW - adulthood
KW - SOCIAL classes -- Research
KW - SOCIAL aspects
KW - Adultsƒ”T Health
KW - Education
KW - Friendship
KW - leisure
KW - Life-transitions
KW - sport
KW - youth
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 168
EP - 185
JA - Sport, Education & Society
VL - 19
IS - 2
N2 - In view of the persistence of health inequalities and declines in leisure-sport participation over the life course, several quantitative investigations have explored the links between participation and other leisure activities, which have their foundations in childhood and youth, as a means of understanding adultsƒ”T health behaviours. This paper presents new qualitative evidence to examine the largely under-explored relationship between leisure-sport participation and health within the context of educational transitions among a sample of 30ƒ”35-year-olds in north-west England. Drawing on semi-structured interviews conducted with 19 participants between July and August 2009, the paper illuminates the differential impact that gender and social class had on sports participation, and other health-related behaviours (e.g. drinking and smoking), among different groups of adults during the inherently transitional life-stage of youth. The findings suggest that while significant, the length of time spent in education and the differential educational experiences recalled by adults cannot adequately explain the observed differences in health and leisure-sport participation. The major sources of difference, while associated with educational transitions, appeared to lie instead in the broader inequalities that characterized adultsƒ”T lives and it is argued that simply enhancing leisure-sport participation and
individual lifestyle change, as a means of health promotion, is a futile endeavour that does little to tackle the socio-economic structural determinants of health. We conclude by suggesting that until this is recognized by government and those both inside and outside of the health and sport policy communities, stubborn differences in leisure-sport participation rates and health inequalities that have their foundations in childhood and youth, but extend over the life course, are likely to remain intact, and the unequal lives people currently lead are likely to become even more unequal in the future. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER

How does the concept of Physical Literacy relate to what is and what could be the practice of Physical Education?

A1 - Haydn-Davies, Dominic
Y1 - 2005///Autumn
KW - SportDiscus
KW - PHYSICAL education & training
KW - PERFORMANCE
KW - TEACHING
KW - GOVERNMENT policy
KW - PROGRAMS
KW - Research
KW - POLITICAL science
KW - Schools
KW - Great Britain
KW - LIFETIME SPORT
KW - PERFORMANCE PREDICTION
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 45
EP - 48
JA - British Journal of Teaching Physical Education
VL - 36
IS - 3
CY -

This paper investigates the impact of a Physical Education (PE) approach based on the concept of Physical Literacy (PL). Using Whitehead's (2001) definition of PL, the paper looks at how this philosophical viewpoint can be used in a practical PE setting. The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA, 2002) identification of high quality PE outcomes corresponds, in part, with Whitehead's definition of PL. This study concludes that for PE to be considered 'high quality', it should actively aim to prepare children to participate in lifelong physical activity (LLPA) by focusing on skills and attitudes to be used outside limited curriculum time. Further considerations relate to teacher education with a focus on generic skills and strategies fundamental to learning in PE, rather than activity specific content. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
An introduction is presented in which the editor discusses an article within the issue related to the adverse impact of advances in playground design and safety on the emotional development of children.

Objective: To solicit school principals’ and teachers’ perspectives on children’s screen-related sedentary behaviour and to identify possible solutions to reduce sedentary behaviours among school-aged children.
children. Method: In-person interviews using a semi-structured interview guide were conducted with school principals and grades five and six classroom teachers in 14 randomly selected elementary schools in London and Middlesex County, Ontario. Fourteen principals and 39 classroom teachers participated in the study. Inductive content analysis was performed independently by two researchers. Results: Both principals and teachers were very concerned about children’s excessive screen viewing activities, but they did not perceive that they could play a key role in reducing these behaviours. Key barriers were identified to reducing screen-related sedentary behaviour and to children’s active living both at and away from school. They included competing demands from other subjects, limited gym resources/space within the school, a lack of control over the home environment, and a perception that parents were poor role models. Notwithstanding the above barriers, principals and teachers still recommended increasing children’s daily physical activity both within and outside of school hours. Furthermore, they stressed the need for parents to play a key role in reducing their children’s screen-related sedentary behaviours and increasing their level of physical activity. Conclusion: School principals and teachers were very concerned about excessive screen-related behaviour among school-aged children when away from school and suggested that interventions should emphasize increasing daily physical education, promoting recreational sports at or away from school, and engaging parents in regulating screen time at home. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4460
T1 - Parents and ToddlerOutdoor Play
A1 - Healey, Ian
Y1 - 2013///Winter
KW - SportDiscus
KW - CHILDREN & the environment
KW - PARENT & child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 30
EP - 33
JA - Horizons (14620677)
IS - 64
N2 - The author reflects on the significance of the parent and toddler group Forest Tots established by Rachel Healey, and ponders on the influence of the natural environment exposure to the adults and their children
SN - 14620677

TY - JOUR
ID - 4463
T1 - Philosopher in the Playground: Notes on the Meaning of Sport
A1 - Heinegg, P.
Y1 - 1985///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - SPORTS
KW - SPORTS spectators
KW - Theory
KW - Philosophy
KW - COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR
KW - PROFESSIONAL
RP - NOT IN FILE
N2 - Argues that there must be a philosophical explanation for the current mass fascination with spectator sports, although this interest may be written off as organized childishness or a quest for large amounts of money. Compares athletes to artists, concluding that sport is essentially a mode of escape from reality. Offers support for this conclusion from a philosophical point of view.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4465
T1 - Response to Letter to the Editor
A1 - Hemond, Harry
A1 - Solo-Gabriele, Helena
Y1 - 2005/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - LETTERS to the editor
KW - arsenic
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 7
EP - 11
JA - Risk Analysis: An International Journal
VL - 25
IS - 1
N2 - Presents a response by Harry Hemond and Helena Solo-Gabriele to a letter to the editor about their article "Children's Exposure to Arsenic From CCA-Treated Wooden Decks and Playground Structures," in the 2004 issue
SN - 02724332
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4466
T1 - Observing Outcomes in Youth Development: An Analysis of Mixed Methods
A1 - Henderson, Karla A.
A1 - Powell, Gwynn M.
A1 - Scanlin, Margery M.
Y1 - 2005/Winter
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CAMS
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *TEENAGERS
KW - *CAMP sites, facilities, etc.
KW - *CAMPING
KW - YOUTH development
KW - camps
KW - mixed methods
KW - positive youth development
KW - qualitative
KW - Quantitative
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 58
EP - 77
JA - Journal of Park & Recreation Administration
Organizations such as park and recreation departments, not-for-profit youth groups, churches, and resident and day camps offer opportunities to promote positive youth development through structured recreation activities. Researchers involved with organized camp programs have documented some values of camp experiences relative to growth and development, yet more is to be learned about how camp structures and settings influence positive youth development and how the outcomes of youth development can be measured. The purpose of this analysis was to explore indicators of youth development outcomes through a comparison of two forms of data collected at six camps. The results of comparing quantitative and qualitative data sources to determine if indicators of positive youth development can be observed in a short period of time in the recreational and educational setting of summer camp is described. Quantitative data came from a study that sampled families representing American Camp Association (ACA) accredited camps from across the United States. The data included pre- and post-questionnaires given to campers to measure domains such as positive identity, social skills, positive values, and thinking and physical skills. The instrument used was called the Camper Growth Index-Children (CGI-C). Qualitative data came from on-site observations in six camps that had participated in the quantitative study the prior year. A guided outline was used as the basis for field observations and informal interviews. The observation rankings/ratings and the quantitative results were compared. Two of the three camps showing statistically positive developmental change in campers also were ranked higher in using the focused qualitative observation. Two of the three camps showing no statistically significant change were also identified as ranking lower through the observation process. Observing opportunities for adventure and exploration activities as well as leadership and independence displayed by campers were easiest to observe. Observing indicators for developmental outcomes, including environmental awareness, positive identity, and positive values, were more difficult. Although consistent agreement did not exist in this comparison of quantitative and qualitative data, the two approaches provided some convergence and complementary data. This study provided an opportunity to explore the measurement of camp experiences from an external view along with an internal self-report approach. We examined the micro data obtained from the individual campers in relation to the social environmental macro structure of the camp. Implications exist for triangulating data and validating methods in other recreation organizations to better understand how and why youth development programs in recreation and camp settings work. Given the complexity of the desired outcomes and the individual nature of growth and development, mixed methods and systematic multimeasure approaches offer information for supporting youth development. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
This study describes the dramatic rise in childhood obesity within the United States and explores the influence of elementary-school programs on the number of overweight children or on those at risk for overweight status. The relationship between the prevalence of overweight status in children at the elementary-school level and the amount of time these students spend in physical activity and education related to a healthy lifestyle during the school day, available playground equipment, and school lunches is explored. This study also examines the relationship between overweight status in kindergarten and third-grade students and their academic achievement. The findings indicate that school lunches, the ethnic makeup of schools, and the percentage of students participating in the free or reduced lunch program are all associated with incidence rates of overweight children within these age-groups. The study also found that school playgrounds and nutrition-and-health instruction are often inadequate. An association was also found between overweight status in elementary-school students and low performance on the standardized test determining the readiness to learn and acquired learning for kindergarten and third-grade children.

Over the past decade the outdoor play spaces designed for children in Canada have been largely shaped by fear and profit, rather than by what we know about children's play and development. Since the early 1980s the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) has played an increasingly important role in this transformation as their
technical standards for children's outdoor play spaces have been gradually adapted as policy by local and regional agencies. While the CSA has historically regulated industrial and commercial projects that enable international trade and harmonization with countries such as the United States, their extension of influence to early childhood is problematic; particularly when applied to childcare centres. The following describes some of the issues that arise from the use of safety standards as policy, and the problems these standards cause when applied to childcare centres.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4469
T1 - No play, no gain, school officials fear
A1 - Higgins, Lori
Y1 - 2008///Fall
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *SCHOOLS
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 36
EP - 36

JA - MAHPERD Journal
N2 - The article focuses on the issue on recess gap in various schools in the U.S. According to Patte Barth, director of the Center for Public Education in Alexandria, Virginia, children who attend the highest poverty schools are the least likely to get recess at all. To solve this problem, Center officials addressed the issue in a conference call with the National School Boards Association (NSBA)


TY - JOUR
ID - 4470
T1 - Normal QT Response During Exercise Testing and Hyperventilation in Children
A1 - Hill, James
A1 - O'Riordan, Mary Ann
A1 - Bansal, Manish
A1 - Fiutem, Justin
A1 - Zahka, Kenneth
Y1 - 2012/02//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *HYPERVENTILATION
KW - *HEART beat
KW - *HEART diseases
KW - *PEDIATRICS
KW - *CHILDREN -- Diseases
KW - Databases
KW - Exercise
KW - hyperventilation
KW - Pediatric
KW - QT
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 65
EP - 75
Our goal was to describe normal heart rate (HR), QT interval, and Bazett's-corrected QT (QTc) values during exercise testing in children, and to test our hypothesis that hyperventilation is associated with QTc prolongation in children. This study was a retrospective review of 200 consecutive normal exercise tests in 108 males and 92 females with low likelihood of Long QT Syndromes (LQTS) and no evidence of cardiac disease, with mean age 14.7 ± 4.0 yrs. The QT interval and RR interval were measured throughout exercise testing and hyperventilation. The QTc values were calculated using Bazett's formula. A database of HR, QT, and QTc values is presented for standing baseline and hyperventilation, and throughout exercise and recovery. Heart rate and stage of testing had independent effects on repolarization throughout exercise and recovery, while age and sex did not. We constructed reference tables of mean QT and QTc values during exercise and recovery, referenced by HR and stage. With hyperventilation, mean HR increased by 22.7 ± 12.8 beats/min-1, QT shortened by 26.3 ± 21.6 ms, and mean QTc lengthened by 30.3 ± 25.4 ms (P<0.001). There were no significant sex, age, or HR effects on the magnitude of QTc prolongation with hyperventilation. This study provides the largest data set for repolarization behavior during exercise testing in children without evidence of heart disease. This is also the first time that the QTc has been shown to prolong with hyperventilation. It is unknown whether this is specifically related to hyperventilation or simply explained by a limitation in Bazett's formula. It highlights exercising caution when using Bazett's formula outside the narrow reliable HR range, especially in children and even more so during exercise. Database of normal population data is perhaps more reliable in those situations, although further validation must be done to confirm its utility.

**ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR**

Provided information on the free-play behaviors of children ages 6-8 and defined the relationship between participation in competitive sports and free-play behaviors. Focused on a comparison of children's behaviors in structured, competitive sports and those not in sports in relation to: social grouping, classification of play, and characteristics of playfulness. Observations of the subjects' (n=84) play behaviors were recorded during scheduled recess periods. An instrument was designed in order to code the behavior. Concludes that the free play behaviors of children in structured, competitive sports differ from those of children not in sport. Children in sport participated more in group activities, were more often involved in playing-at-a-game, and displayed fewer total expressions of playfulness.
Physical activity (PA) in children has a decisive role in motor development and prevention of childhood obesity. The available evidence suggests that there is high prevalence of low levels of PA in children, but little is known about the level of PA in preschool children. The objective of this study was to identify the prevalence and the factors associated with low levels of PA in preschool children. This was a cross-sectional study performed in private schools in the municipality of Olinda (state of Pernambuco), with data collection through parent's face-to-face interviews. The study included 265 children (54.3% girls) with mean age of 4.9 years (SD=0.8). Children who did not perform at least 60 minutes/day of outdoors physical activities were considered exposed to low levels of PA. Data analysis was performed by logistic regression considering low level of PA as the outcome. The results showed that 65.3% (95%CI: 9.4-70.8) of children were classified as exposed to 'low level of PA'. Analysis showed that higher parental education (OR=2.41; 95%CI: 1.13-5.10), lack of space for playing at home (OR=2.36; 95%CI: 1.17-4.78), and attending school in the afternoon (OR=2.92, 95%CI 1.55-5.49) or full-time (OR=57.1, 95%CI 6.57-496.2) were associated with low levels of PA. Preschoolers from families with higher number of children had lower likelihood of low level of PA (OR=0.49; 95%CI 0.26-0.93). It can be concluded that the proportion of children exposed to low levels of PA is high compared to the results of similar studies and that parental and environmental factors are associated with physical activity level in preschool-aged children. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The article focuses on family recreation. One of the key elements required for family development is simply time spent together. It is no secret that an activity promotes physical and mental health. Recent trends toward reducing obesity in children in the U.S. and even legislative efforts to promote physical activity such as the Get Outdoors Act, clearly indicate that recreation improves individual health which is the basic platform for improved family health. Communication is the key to many different forms of success, and relationships that help each other communicate more effectively are essential to family function. Communication and interaction between siblings and parents are no exception. Recreation environments provide a neutral, safe and fun arena for these interactions to occur. Family recreation, in general, is families participating in leisure activities together. To be successful, families must implement the physical, social and emotional elements into their lives. Physical elements are the most commonly recognized forms of recreation involving gross and fine motor skills which need development and conditioning at all ages.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4476
T1 - The effects of the environment on physical activity patterns of children with mental retardation. / Effets de l ’environnement sur l ’activite physique pratiquee par des enfants deficients mentaux
A1 - Horvat,M.
La pratique d’une activité physique pour des enfants déficients mentaux varie selon leur lieu de scolarisation et les méthodes pédagogiques employées.
Play it safe: steps to keeping playground surfacing safe for our children. Findings from several studies help to mold a standard for safe playground surfaces. Does your neighborhood playground measure up?

A1 - Hudson, S.D.
A1 - Mack, M.G.
A1 - Thompson, D.
Y1 - 2000/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SAFETY
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *DISEASES -- Causes & theories of causation
KW - *WOUNDS & injuries
KW - standards
KW - SURFACES
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 78
EP - 86
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 35
IS - 4
CY -
SN - 00312215
UR -
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-168406
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4488
T1 - Signs of the times. The proper use of signs is one way to control public playgrounds and demonstrate a commitment to a safe play environment for all children
A1 - Hudson, S.D.
A1 - Thompson, D.
Y1 - 2002/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *SAFETY
KW - *WOUNDS & injuries
KW - *PREVENTION
KW - SIGNS & symbols
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 60
EP - 65
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 37
IS - 4
CY - ;
N2 - Playground injuries occur when children use equipment that's inappropriate for their development or when they lack proper supervision. Signs may help to raise awareness of safe playground practices
SN - 00312215
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-820968
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4489
T1 - Are we safe yet? A twenty-five year look at playground safety
A1 - Hudson, Susan D.
A1 - Thompson, Donna
Y1 - 1997/10/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - SAFETY measures
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 32
JA - JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
VL - 68
IS - 8
N2 - Questions the safety of playground equipment while highlighting the number of injuries children sustain from them. Reference to the creation of a 'sand box' at the Boston Parameter Church; Number of playgrounds that can be found in the United States; Reference to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission; Estimated number of hospital emergency treatment for injuries related to playground equipment; Information on playground safety issues
SN - 07303084
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4490
T1 - SIGNS OF THE TIMES
Talks about the collaboration of the National Program for Playground Safety, 3M Corp, Nexcare and First Aid products, to develop playground signs to address playground safety issues in the U.S. Percentage of public playgrounds which had any type of signage concerning equipment use; Percentage of the time that children were on play on structures when no adults were present; Description of the signages

Discusses issues concerning safety in the play environments. Areas of safety in the play environment identified by the National Program for Playground Safety; Crucial element to having a safe play environment for children; Factors that determine proper surfacing under and around playground equipment
The article discusses the importance of proper outdoor play environment for school children. The author feels that the professionals of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) have failed to impress upon other educators and the general public the importance of creating meaningful play environments for school children. The professionals in these fields are least bothered and have allowed people, who have little knowledge about the importance of play in children's lives, plan the environments where children spend up to one-sixth of their time in school. While school boards allocate millions of dollars to build the inside infrastructure, less is done for outside environments. The results are that outside play environments do little to promote the physical, emotional, social, or intellectual skills and abilities of children. The author feels that the AAHPERD professionals need to get involved in the planning process of schools for promoting the well-being of children. This involves seeking ways to get on the planning committee for any new school or the renovation of older schools.

In a group of 11-, 13-, 15-, and 17-years-old rural pupils (N = 780), the perception of their health, body image and physical activity in leisure time was studied. The survey was based on the Health Behavior in
School-Aged Children (HBSC) a WHO Cross-National Study. The majority (84.7%) of subjects considered themselves as ‘healthy’, or ‘very healthy’; chronic diseases were found in 11% of rural adolescents. Many adolescents have common ailments and emotional states. The most frequent were nervousness (39%), irritability or bad mood (29%) and headache (18.8%). The majority of rural youths studied (77%) reported their fitness as ‘very good’ or ‘good’. Every fourth boy and every second girl do not intense exercise enough, and exercise too seldom every week outside school hours. Due to the discontent with their appearance, 4.7% of boys and 14.8% of girls used slimming diets, and another 9.7% of girls and 26% of boys thought they ought to go on a diet to lose weight. The results of this study can be useful for planning health care and health education for rural adolescents.
paediatric physiotherapists (n =13) from a range of specialities, with experience of supporting primary school aged children with ASNs. Analysis: Focus groups and interviews were digitally recorded, transcribed verbatim and analysed to establish links and patterns: followed by a cyclical process of respondent validation, and expert review. Results: Eight targets for physiotherapy intervention and twelve technique headings were synthesised from the data. The language used for labelling and description of these was aimed to be easily understood by colleagues outside the profession. Conclusions: The findings clearly identified the role of the paediatric physiotherapist as being to support primary school aged children with ASNs to acquire aspects of postural control, mobility and cardio-respiratory function. By grouping the data into eight areas of challenge as the focus of intervention, and twelve commonly used techniques, the researchers generated a language which can be used by paediatric physiotherapists to support communication with teachers, parents and others outside the profession, when describing their intent and interactions regarding these children. Copyright &y& Elsevier

TY - JOUR
ID - 4495
T1 - Scooter Board Games and Activities
A1 - Hutchinson,Don
Y1 - 2007///Winter
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *BALL games
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *PHYSICAL education for children
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *SCHOOLS -- Exercises & recreations
KW - *GAMES
KW - *GAMES -- Rules
KW - RIDING toys
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 34
EP - 34
JA - Physical & Health Education Journal
VL - 73
IS - 4
N2 - This article describes the game scooter board basketball that is played using scooter boards. The author notes that games played on scooter boards are excellent group activities for any age or ability. For scooter board basketball, the author gives information on how to play discussing the rules and equipment needed. The game should include two baskets and three foam balls and enough scooters and pinnies to have two teams. Each player is not permitted to move while in possession of a ball but may move anywhere in the playing field at any other time. Shots must be made from outside a designated crease area. The ball may not be grabbed from an opponent's hand. One point is awarded for each shot that lands in the basket. Safety considerations and game modifications are also included
SN - 14980940
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4498
T1 - Frameworks of education: perspectives of Southeast Asian parents and Head Start staff
A1 - Hwa-Froelich,D.A.
A1 - Westby,C.E.
Y1 - 2003/10//
Purpose: Interviews with Southeast Asian families and Head Start staff, participant observation of family and staff conferences, observations of teacher-child and parent-child interactions, and a review of all written Head Start information given to parents were used to gain information regarding how Southeast Asian parents, children, and Head Start staff make sense of early childhood education, their roles in child learning, and the identification of disabilities or learning problems. Methods: Nine Southeast Asian families and 10 children were participants. One Vietnamese and 3 EuroAmerican Head Start staff members participated in a series of two or three semistructured individual interviews. Additionally, 3 families were observed during scheduled conferences with Head Start staff. Each child was observed at Head Start during meals, center time, and outdoor play time. All literature routinely given to parents was analyzed. Ethnomethodology (the study of how participants make sense of their world) was used in collection and analysis of the data. The constructs of organizational culture (Schein, 1987, 1992), independence/interdependence, and power/distance relationships were used to help to make sense of the data themes. Clinical Implications: Both families and staff were unaware of differences in their beliefs and values in the areas of education, parenting, child learning, and disability, which led to confusion and misunderstanding. All early childhood staff need to be aware of their underlying assumptions and how these may affect their interactions with children and families who may have different assumptions and expectations.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4499
T1 - National recess survey: parental and child attitudes toward recess. (Abstract)
A1 - Hynes-Dusel,J.M.
Y1 - 2003/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *RECESSES
KW - *PLAY
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Parents
KW - ATTITUDE (Psychology)
KW - Interviews
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A
EP - 22
JF - Research Quarterly for Exercise & Sport
JA - Res Q Exerc Sport
VL - 74
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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-883145
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4500
T1 - Systematic Review of Recess Interventions to Increase Physical Activity
A1 - Ickes,Melinda J.
A1 - Erwin,Heather
A1 - Beighle,Aaron
Y1 - 2013/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - SYSTEMATIC reviews (Medical research)
KW - COST effectiveness
KW - Socioeconomic Factors
KW - Learning
KW - CHILDREN
KW - playground
KW - playtime
KW - program
KW - study
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 910
EP - 926
JF - Journal of Physical Activity & Health
JA - J Phys Act Health
Background: With the rapid increase in obesity rates among youth, efforts to increase physical activity (PA) have become a priority. School-based strategies for PA promotion must be cost-effective, unobtrusive, and linked to improved academic performance. Efforts to maximize recess PA are advocated because of both health and academic benefits. The purpose of this manuscript was to review recess interventions aimed to improve PA among youth, and make recommendations to develop related best practices. Methods: An extensive literature search was conducted to include all primary research articles evaluating any recess intervention with PA as an outcome. Results: The included 13 interventions represented both settings within the U.S and internationally, among preschools and elementary/primary schools. A variety of strategies were used within the design and implementation of each of the interventions including: added equipment/materials, markings, zones, teacher involvement, active video games, activity of the week, and activity cards. Of the included studies, 95% demonstrated positive outcomes as a result of the recess intervention. Conclusions: A number of simple, low-cost strategies can be implemented to maximize the amount of recess time students are allotted. Long-term follow-up studies are warranted for each of the recess strategies identified to be effective.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 15433080

TY - JOUR
ID - 4501
T1 - Dancing in the Park
A1 - Ilchena, Bev
Y1 - 2008///Spring
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *FOLK dancing
KW - *DANCE -- Study & teaching
KW - *DANCE
KW - *SCHOOLS -- Exercises & recreations
KW - *STUDENTS -- Recreation
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - *PHYSICAL education for children
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Canada
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 14
EP - 15
JA - Physical & Health Education Journal
VL - 74
IS - 1
N2 - The article presents information on an outdoor folk dance festival hosted by River East Transcona School Division in Canada, and presents step-by-step instructions for several dance forms. It mentions that the school division organizes this festival as part of its schedule of divisional events for elementary school students. It reports that the festival takes place over two days in May and involves students from grade one to grade three from 27 elementary schools in the division. It presents step-by-step instructions for the Hustle, Savila se Bela Loza, and the Tarantella dance forms
SN - 14980940

TY - JOUR
ID - 4502
INVESTIGATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS AND MOTIVATION OF 6TH GRADE STUDENTS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

A1 - Ilišo, Jelena
A1 - Vinižo, Dragoljub
A1 - Martinovižo, Dragan
A1 - Marković, Ivorad
Y1 - 2010/11/

KW - SportDiscus
KW - ACADEMIC achievement
KW - PHYSICAL education for children
KW - MOTIVATION (Psychology) in children
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - SIXTH grade (Education)
KW - GENDER differences in education
KW - Regression Analysis
KW - Achievement
KW - Motivation
KW - Physical Education
RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 34
EP - 41

JA - Proceedings of the Faculty of Physical Education, University of Banja Luka

N2 - Relations between school achievements and motivation for involvement in PE classes were investigated in a sample of 185 6th graders of both genders in elementary school. The independent variables included: the general success of the previous grade; PE grade; students' opinions about the sufficiency of knowledge acquired in physical education classes and students' engagement in sport. The scale for measurement of motivation consisted of 29 items obtained by adaptation of the Scale for measurement of the motives of sports achievement. The data were analyzed by multiple regression analysis and t test. It was established that there is a greater motivation for engagement in sport of male students compared to females. The following assumptions were not confirmed: that males will have higher PE grade compared to females; that the success of male students was negatively associated with sport commitment; that general success is negatively related to students' engagement in physical education and that PE grade is positively related to motivation for engagement in classes. However, in contrast to the results obtained in the sample of 7th graders, it was confirmed that the PE grade was associated with engagement in sport. Additionally, it was shown that students' general success and PE grade are not statistically significant predictors of student motivation for active participation and engagement in physical education classes, and that at this age, gender, students' engagement in some sport outside regular curricular activities and their opinion on the amount of knowledge acquired in PE classes are significant predictors.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 97899993838135

TY - JOUR
ID - 4505
T1 - Epidemiology of Knee Injuries Among Boys and Girls in US High School Athletics
A1 - Ingram, Jay G.
A1 - Fields, Sarah K.
A1 - Yard, Ellen E.
A1 - Comstock, R. Dawn
Y1 - 2008/06/

KW - SportDiscus
KW - KNEE -- Wounds & injuries
KW - HIGH school athletes
KW - SPORTS injuries
Background: The knee joint is the second most commonly injured body site and the leading cause of high school sports-related surgeries. Knee injuries are among the most economically costly sports injuries and may require subsequent surgery or extensive and expensive rehabilitation. Purpose: To report the incidence, risk, and severity of high school knee injuries across sports, genders, and type of exposure. Study Design: Descriptive epidemiology study. Methods: During the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years, 100 US high schools were randomly selected for a nationally representative sample. Certified athletic trainers tracked injuries using an online injury surveillance system, High School RIO<sub>f</sub>, in 9 high school sports. Results: There were 1383 knee injuries reported during 3 551 131 athlete exposures for a rate of 3.89 knee injuries per 10 000 athlete exposures. Although boys had a higher overall rate of knee injury (rate ratio, 1.38; confidence interval, 1.22-1.55), girls were twice as likely to sustain knee injuries requiring surgery (major knee injuries) than were boys (injury proportion ratio, 1.98; confidence interval, 1.45-2.70) and twice as likely to incur noncontact major knee injuries (injury proportion ratio, 1.98; confidence interval, 1.23-3.19) as were boys. Although illegal play was identified as a contributing factor in only 5.7% of all knee injuries, 20% of knee injuries resulting from illegal play required surgery. Conclusion: Knee injury rates and patterns varied by sport, gender, and type of exposure. Identified gender differences included differences in injury rates, injury severity, and basic injury mechanism. Further surveillance is crucial for the development of targeted, evidence-based injury prevention strategies to reduce the morbidity and economic impact of knee surgeries. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4507
T1 - Privacy behaviour of preschool children: mechanisms and functions in the day-care environment
A1 - Jacobs,E.
Y1 - 1980///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PSYCHOLOGY
KW - *PLAY
KW - INFANTS
KW - Child Care
KW - Indoor
KW - behaviour
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - :;
ER -
Abstract: Objectives: To present the results of the process evaluation of the PLAYgrounds program, using the RE-AIM framework. Design: This study provides information regarding Reach, Adoption, Implementation and Maintenance. Methods: The PLAYgrounds program promotes increasing levels of physical activity in 6-12 years old children and was evaluated using the RE-AIM framework in 4 intervention schools. Data collection consisted of a physical activity questionnaire with children (n = 765, Reach), SOPLAY observations (Implementation and Maintenance), questionnaires on the satisfaction of the implemented elements with teachers (n = 59) and children (n = 730, Implementation) and interviews for increased depth of information. In addition a simple counting of participating schools, describing of non-participating reasons and characteristics of the schools were documented (Adoption). Results: Reach of the target population (i.e. inactive children) was 60.7% (n = 464) and the target population was representative for populations in low-SES neighbourhoods. The PLAYgrounds program was adopted by 4 schools (80%), at which 5 (from 7) program elements were successfully implemented. At 18 months follow-up, 3 of those 5 elements were completely maintained. Conclusions: Adoption, Implementation, and Maintenance proved to be very high. Most likely due to the PLAYgrounds program being a complete intervention package that included financial, material, and staff support. Therefore, it is recommended to retain this high level of support when introducing the PLAYgrounds (or any other intervention) program in schools. In the future it would be recommended to evaluate the PLAYgrounds program on maintenance in schools where the key-person is employed at the school and funding is not available. Copyright © &y& Elsevier

TY - JOUR
ID - 4509
T1 - Translating the PLAYgrounds program into practice: A process evaluation using the RE-AIM framework
A1 - Janssen, Mirka
A1 - Toussaint, Huub M.
A1 - van Mechelen, Willem
A1 - Verhagen, Evert A.L.M.
Y1 - 2013/05/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PRACTICE (Sports)
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *PHYSICAL activity -- Measurement
KW - CURRICULUM frameworks
KW - ACQUISITION of data
KW - Questionnaires
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 211
EP - 216
JF - Journal of Science & Medicine in Sport
JA - J Sci Med Sport
VL - 16
IS - 3
N2 - Abstract: Objectives: To present the results of the process evaluation of the PLAYgrounds program, using the RE-AIM framework. Design: This study provides information regarding Reach, Adoption, Implementation and Maintenance. Methods: The PLAYgrounds program promotes increasing levels of physical activity in 6-12 years old children and was evaluated using the RE-AIM framework in 4 intervention schools. Data collection consisted of a physical activity questionnaire with children (n = 765, Reach), SOPLAY observations (Implementation and Maintenance), questionnaires on the satisfaction of the implemented elements with teachers (n = 59) and children (n = 730, Implementation) and interviews for increased depth of information. In addition a simple counting of participating schools, describing of non-participating reasons and characteristics of the schools were documented (Adoption). Results: Reach of the target population (i.e. inactive children) was 60.7% (n = 464) and the target population was representative for populations in low-SES neighbourhoods. The PLAYgrounds program was adopted by 4 schools (80%), at which 5 (from 7) program elements were successfully implemented. At 18 months follow-up, 3 of those 5 elements were completely maintained. Conclusions: Adoption, Implementation, and Maintenance proved to be very high. Most likely due to the PLAYgrounds program being a complete intervention package that included financial, material, and staff support. Therefore, it is recommended to retain this high level of support when introducing the PLAYgrounds (or any other intervention) program in schools. In the future it would be recommended to evaluate the PLAYgrounds program on maintenance in schools where the key-person is employed at the school and funding is not available. Copyright © &y& Elsevier
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4510
T1 - Childhood participation in after-school activities: what is to be expected?
A1 - Jarus, T.
A1 - Anaby, D.
A1 - Bart, O.
A1 - Engel-Yeger, B.
A1 - Law, M.
Y1 - 2010/08/15/
Participation is recognised as a key to health and wellbeing and is considered to be a vital part of the development of children and youth. The purpose of this study was to examine the participation patterns of children and adolescents in their time outside formal school. More specifically, the influence of age and gender on after-school participation patterns was explored. Method: Three hundred and thirty-two children and adolescents (5 to 18 years old) were divided into five age groups and completed the Children's Assessment of Participation and Enjoyment (CAPE). To test the interaction effect of gender and age on participation measures, ANOVAs were conducted. Results: The results indicated differences with moderate to high effect size in participation patterns across age, where a decline in participation was detected as children made the transition to adolescence. Differences with negligible effect size in participation were found between boys and girls in some of the activity types. No interaction effect between age and gender was observed. Conclusion: Participation patterns change with age, particularly as children make the transition to adolescence; however, this change does not depend on gender. Intervention strategies might take into account these inherent changes. Future studies might consider additional factors (for example, environment) while examining participation throughout age.
A probabilistic model (SHEDS-Wood) was developed to examine children's exposure and dose to chromated copper arsenate (CCA)-treated wood, as described in Part 1 of this two-part article. This Part 2 article discusses sensitivity and uncertainty analyses conducted to assess the key model inputs and areas of needed research for children's exposure to CCA-treated playsets and decks. The following types of analyses were conducted: (1) sensitivity analyses using a percentile scaling approach and multiple stepwise regression; and (2) uncertainty analyses using the bootstrap and two-stage Monte Carlo techniques. The five most important variables, based on both sensitivity and uncertainty analyses, were: wood surface residue-to-skin transfer efficiency; wood surface residue levels; fraction of hand surface area mouthed per mouthing event; average fraction of nonresidential outdoor time a child plays on/around CCA-treated public playsets; and frequency of hand washing. In general, there was a factor of 8 for the 5th and 95th percentiles and a factor of 4 for the 50th percentile in the uncertainty of predicted population dose estimates due to parameter uncertainty. Data were available for most of the key model inputs identified with sensitivity and uncertainty analyses; however, there were few or no data for some key inputs. To evaluate and improve the accuracy of model results, future measurement studies should obtain longitudinal time-activity diary information on children, spatial and temporal measurements of residue and soil concentrations on or near CCA-treated playsets and decks, and key exposure factors. Future studies should also address other sources of uncertainty in addition to parameter uncertainty, such as scenario and model uncertainty. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Because of their mouthing behaviors, children have a higher potential for exposure to available chemicals through the nondietary ingestion route; thus, frequency of hand-to-mouth activity is an important variable for exposure assessments. Such data are limited and difficult to collect. Few published studies report such information, and the studies that have been conducted used different data collection approaches (e.g., videography versus real-time observation), data analysis and reporting methods, ages of children, locations, and even definitions of mouthing. For this article, hand-to-mouth frequency data were gathered from 9 available studies representing 429 subjects and more than 2,000 hours of behavior observation. A meta-analysis was conducted to study differences in hand-to-mouth frequency based on study, age group, gender, and location (indoor vs. outdoor), to fit variability and uncertainty distributions that can be used in probabilistic exposure assessments, and to identify any data gaps. Results of this analysis indicate that age and location are important for hand-to-mouth frequency, but study and gender are not. As age increases, both indoor and outdoor hand-to-mouth frequencies decrease. Hand-to-mouth behavior is significantly greater indoors than outdoors. For both indoor and outdoor hand-to-mouth frequencies, interpersonal, and intra-personal variability are f~60% and f~30%, respectively. The variance difference among different studies is much bigger than its mean, indicating that different studies with different methodologies have similar central values. Weibull distributions best fit the observed data for the different variables considered and are presented in this article by study, age group, and location. Average indoor hand-to-mouth behavior ranged from 6.7 to 28.0 contacts/hour, with the lowest value corresponding to the 6 to <11 year olds and the highest value corresponding to the 3 to <6 month olds. Average outdoor hand-to-mouth frequency ranged from 2.9 to 14.5 contacts/hour, with the lowest value corresponding to the 6 to <11 year olds and the highest value corresponding to the 6 to <12 month olds. The analysis highlights the need for additional hand-to-mouth data for the <3 months, 3 to <6 months, and 3 to <6 year age groups using standardized collection and analysis because of lack of data or high uncertainty in available data. This is the first publication to report Weibull distributions as the best fitting distribution for hand-to-mouth frequency; using the best fitting exposure factor distribution will help improve estimates of exposure. The analyses also represent a first comprehensive effort to fit hand-to-mouth frequency variability and uncertainty distributions by indoor/outdoor location and by age groups, using the new standard set of age groups recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for assessing childhood exposures. Thus, the data presented in this article can be used to update the U.S. EPA’s Child-Specific Exposure Factors Handbook and to improve estimates of nondietary ingestion in probabilistic exposure modeling. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Since the reform and the opening to the outside world, the Chinese women's social position has been raised remarkably. Numerous women have been entitled to participate in the deliberation and administration of state affairs and enjoy equal pay for equal work, which shows the advantages of the socialist system. These are superior to those of the Japanese women of the same era. In respect of sports life, the proportions of the Chinese and Japanese women's participation in sport are lower than those of the men's. The rate of the Japanese women's participation is higher than that of the Chinese women's. Therefore, to encourage and support the vast women to participate in physical activities is of much significance in their physical and mental health as well as in the education of their children. And it is also the important contents of their healthy life style. In physical education reform and development, more attention should be paid to the work of women's sport.
N2 - Report on the second year of a 4-year experiment in voluntary after school physical education. Teachers and specialized instructors gave 259 pupils in 3 elementary grades one hour of instruction daily in one or more elective physical activities. Information was collected on pupil's attitudes toward sport and a number of other variables. Provisional results indicate that voluntary after school programs may be useful supplements to in school activities and that participation of outside instructors is successful.


This article reports findings of an exploratory research project to examine specific aspects of lifestyles of children who lived in an extremely dense urban areas in Hong Kong. The Behavior Eating and Activity for Children's Health Evaluation System was used to characterize physical and social environments, physical activity, ingestion of food, and interactions relating to food intake and levels of physical activity of 40 children (N = 40; M = 15; F = 25; CA 6-8 years). Data were derived from momentary sampling frequencies. Means, standard deviations, and chi square statistics were utilized. Findings showed children might experience constrained lifestyles, possibly influenced by adults and social conditions of their environments. They did not participate at levels of physical activity of sufficient intensity to have any effects on fitness and health. Moreover, school recesses were associated with snacking, rather than participating in vigorous activities.
System”. Les données ont été traitées à partir de moyennes, écarts types et khi carré. Les résultats démontrent que les enfants sont possiblement exposés à des styles de vie contraignants, probablement influences par les adultes, et conditions sociales inherentes à leur environnement. Selon les résultats les enfants ne pratiquent pas d'activités physiques à une intensité suffisante pour que ces dernières aient un effet sur leur niveau de conditionnement physique et leur santé. De plus les recreations à l'école sont pour la plupart associees a des collations, au lieu d'activites physiques vigoureuses.


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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-798669
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4520
T1 - Gender and Race in Beliefs about Outdoor Air Pollution
A1 - Johnson, Branden B.
Y1 - 2002/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - RISK communication
KW - Air Pollution
KW - ENVIRONMENTAL risk assessment
KW - Risk Assessment
KW - HOUSEHOLD surveys
KW - DEMOGRAPHIC surveys
KW - gender
KW - RACE
KW - Risk Perception
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 725
EP - 738
JA - Risk Analysis: An International Journal
VL - 22
IS - 4
N2 - Universal need for, or reactions to, risk communications should not be assumed; potential differences across demographic groups in environmental risk beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors could affect risk levels or opportunities for risk reduction. This article reports relevant findings from a survey experiment involving 1,100 potential jurors in Philadelphia concerning public responses to outdoor air pollution and air quality information. Flynn et al. (1994) and Finucane et al. (2000) found significant differences in risk ratings for multiple hazards, and in generic risk beliefs, between white men (or a subset) and all others (white women, nonwhite men, and nonwhite women). This study examined whether white men had significantly different responses to air pollution and air pollution information. An opportunity sample of volunteers from those awaiting potential jury duty in city courts (matching census estimates for white versus nonwhite proportions, but more female than the city's adult population and more likely to have children) filled out questionnaires distributed randomly. On most measures there were no statistically significant differences among white men (N = 192), white women (N = 269), nonwhite men (N = 165), and nonwhite women (N = 272). Nonwhites overall
(particularly women) reported more concern about and sensitivity to air pollution than whites, and were more concerned by (even overly sensitive to) air pollution information provided as part of the experiment. Nonwhites also were more likely (within gender comparisons) to report being active outdoors for at least four hours a day, a measure of potential exposure to air pollution, and to report intentions to reduce such outdoor activity after reading air pollution information. Differences between men and women were less frequent than between whites and nonwhites; the most distinctive group was nonwhite women, followed by white men. Flynn et al. (1994) and Finucane et al. (2000) found a far larger proportion of significant differences, with white men as most distinctive, probably due to use of different measures, study design, and population samples. However, all three studies broadly confirm the existence of gender and race interactions in risk beliefs and attitudes (particularly for white men and nonwhite women) that deserve more attention from researchers.
Damage from long-term, cumulative effects of sun exposure, while slow to develop, can become life-threatening. The cutaneous effects of ultraviolet light include sunburn, photosensitivity, immunosuppression, premature aging, and several types of skin cancer. Clinicians need to know the characteristic appearance of premalignant lesions, basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and malignant melanoma. Also, patients who are active outdoors need education about sun protection, including avoidance at peak hours, clothing, sunglasses, and sunscreens. Care for sunburn may involve cool compresses, corticosteroid cream, oral antihistamines, and anti-inflammatory drugs.

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A phase 2 autologous cellular therapy trial in patients with acute, complete spinal cord injury: pragmatics, recruitment, and demographics


SportDiscus

*SPINAL cord -- Wounds & injuries
*SPINAL cord
*SURGERY
*MEDICAL records
Stem Cells -- Transplantation
Analysis of Variance
Clinical Trials
MEDICAL cooperation
MEDICAL referral
Research
SAMPLING (Statistics)
Statistics
data analysis
RESEARCH bias
RESEARCH subjects (Persons)
Patient Selection
Israel
United States
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Study design: Post hoc analysis from a randomized controlled cellular therapy trial in acute, complete spinal cord injury (SCI).

Objectives: Description and quantitative review of study logistics, referral patterns, current practice patterns and subject demographics.

Setting: Subjects were recruited to one of six international study centers.

Methods: Data are presented from 1816 patients pre-screened, 75 participants screened and 50 randomized.

Results: Of the 1816 patients pre-screened, 53.7% did not meet initial study criteria, primarily due to an injury outside the time window (14 days) or failure to meet neurological criteria (complete SCI between C5 motor/C4 sensory and T11). MRIs were obtained on 339 patients; 51.0% were ineligible based on imaging criteria. Of the 75 participants enrolled, 25 failed screening (SF), leaving 50 randomized. The primary reason for SF was based on the neurological exam (51.9%), followed by failure to meet MRI criteria (22.2%). Of the 50 randomized subjects, there were no significant differences in demographics in the active versus control arms. In those participants for whom data was available, 93.8% (45 of 48) of randomized participants received steroids before study entry, whereas 94.0% (47 of 50) had spine surgery before study enrollment.

Conclusion: The 'funnel effect' (large numbers of potentially eligible participants with a small number enrolled) impacts all trials, but was particularly challenging in this trial due to eligibility criteria and logistics. Data collected may provide information on current practice patterns and the issues encountered and addressed may facilitate design of future trials.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4525
T1 - A Cognitive Approach to Elementary School Recess
A1 - Jones, Rose B.
Y1 - 2005/03//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - *PLAY
KW - COGNITIVE learning
KW - CLASSROOM learning centers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 33
EP - 34
JA - Teaching Elementary Physical Education
VL - 16
IS - 2
N2 - The article lays emphasis on need to have a cognitive recess curriculum that strengthens the need for physical education and benefits the learning process throughout the school. A cognitive recess curriculum offers four learning centers, with an additional free play area. The learning centers consist of a math center, science center, language development center, and music or art center. Classroom teachers would provide prepared descriptions of several cognitive games like playing school, math bingo, etc. that children would likely enjoy playing during their recess period. Also included are early versions or variations that can still be played today to improve communication and interaction
SN - 10454853
ER -
T1 - Players truly appreciate bringing their kids to work
A1 - Jones, Todd
Y1 - 2005/06/24/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *ATHLETES
KW - *BASEBALL
KW - *CLUBHOUSES
KW - *STADIUMS
KW - *SPORTS
KW - FATHER & child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 41
EP - 166
JA - Sporting News
VL - 229
IS - 25

N2 - The article presents the author's views related to children and of baseball athletes. According to the author, team Florida Marlins manager Jack McKeon knows how important family is to the players, and he graciously allows the kids be a part of clubhouse life. The players, in turn, know how much of a privilege that is. The author's 10-year-old son's day at the yard begins around 2 o'clock. He dresses in his own locker at Dolphins Stadium, then joins about a half-dozen other kids at the indoor batting cage to plot the day's activities. If the athletes win, their children are paraded into the clubhouse afterward to join their fathers.

SN - 0038805X

TY - JOUR
ID - 4527
T1 - A Multisport Epidemiologic Comparison of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries in High School Athletics
A1 - Joseph, Allan M.
A1 - Collins, Christy L.
A1 - Henke, Natalie M.
A1 - Yard, Ellen E.
A1 - Fields, Sarah K.
A1 - Comstock, R. Dawn
Y1 - 2013/11/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *ANTERIOR cruciate ligament -- Surgery
KW - *ANTERIOR cruciate ligament -- Wounds & injuries
KW - *ATHLETIC trainers
KW - *EPIDEMIOLOGY
KW - *FOOTBALL injuries
KW - *HIGH school athletes
KW - *INTERNET
KW - *SOCCER injuries
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *SPORTS injuries
KW - *TEENAGERS -- Health
KW - *SPORTS events
KW - *PHYSICAL training & conditioning
KW - PUBLIC health surveillance -- Methodology
KW - Confidence Intervals
KW - Research
KW - Mathematics
Background: The knee joint is the second most commonly injured body site after the ankle and the leading cause of sport-related surgeries. Knee injuries, especially of the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), are among the most economically costly sport injuries, frequently requiring expensive surgery and rehabilitation. Objective: To investigate the epidemiology of ACL injuries among high school athletes by sport and sex. Design: Descriptive epidemiology study. Main Outcome Measure(s): Using an Internet-based data-collection tool, Reporting Information Online (RIO), certified athletic trainers from 100 nationally representative US high schools reported athlete-exposure and injury data for athletes from 9 sports during the 2007/08-2011/12 academic years. The outcome of interest in this study was ACL injuries. Results: During the study period, 617 ACL injuries were reported during 9452180 athlete exposures (AEs), for an injury rate of 6.5 per 100000 AEs. Nationally, in the 9 sports studied, an estimated 215628 ACL injuries occurred during the study period. The injury rate was higher in competition (17.6) than practice (2.4; rate ratio [RR] = 7.3, 95% confidence interval [CI] = 6.08, 8.68). Girls' soccer had the highest injury rate (12.2) followed by boys' football (11.1), with boys' basketball (2.3) and boys' baseball (0.7) having the lowest rates. In sex-comparable sports, girls had a higher rate (8.9) than boys (2.6; RR = 3.4, 95% CI = 2.64, 4.47). Overall, 76.6% of ACL injuries resulted in surgery. The most common mechanisms of injury were player-to-player contact (42.8%) and no contact (37.9%). Conclusions: Anterior cruciate ligament injury rates vary by sport, sex, and type of exposure. Recognizing such differences is important when evaluating the effectiveness of evidence-based, targeted prevention efforts. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
We propose 3 experimental approaches to test the capacities of 5-6 year-old children in orientation with a map. The first 2 are essential preconditions in order to put the third to the test. We first submitted the children to an electronic maze test. This showed a very significant difference between the performance of the 5 year old children compared with the 6 year olds. We then trained them to read a series of simple maps ranging from their classroom to a playground. The children succeeded in using these maps, to find landmarks, but they were unable to orientate themselves with a more complex street map. Only the older children took part in an orienteering race, the results of which did not correlate with those of the maze test. Finally, we asked every child to use a map, in order to find their way back on a caving trip, previously prepared. It turned out that they were unable to do that, probably for some because the emotion triggered by this first speleological experience causes a regression of their cognitive capacities. For the others, we think that this task was too complex, we would have needed time and a fitting-in the situation in order to help them to be successful.
lying in bed or in front of TV screens, and they are insufficiently physically as well as mentally active. We have also found out that only 22.1% of secondary school youth practices sport every day during their summer vacation, and as much as 13.6% never practice sport at all. Girls and boys differ in participation (p < .000), and their involvement in summer sports programmes is also different (p < .000). The analysis of the sports activity frequency of secondary school youth, implementing discriminate analysis, has shown that their participation is mostly influenced by their former experiences with sport, acquired at home (activity of their parents), and at school (opinion, self-esteem and their mark from physical education at school). The same characteristics also mostly differentiate young people among themselves during summer holidays when being involved in the sports programmes. The overview of sports activity participation indicates that boys prefer team sports (football, basketball), and girls more tend to select individual sports activities (athletics, aerobics, trekking) and other activities requiring less physical efforts (cycling, roller-skating, volleyball, badminton). Secondary school children also wish to participate in open area sports activities, quite often linked with other activities, where they do not express any reservations against sports exercises organised by schools during holidays, as long as they are organised in a way acceptable for them. According to the obtained issues we would like to suggest introducing a national project on putting lights to outdoor sports facilities and sports areas which would so enable secondary school children to organise sports activities by themselves with help of their mentors.

Variations in Observed Park Physical Activity Intensity Level by Gender, Race, and Age: Individual and Joint Effects

A1 - Kaczynski, Andrew T.
A1 - Stanis, Sonja A.W.
A1 - Hastmann, Tanis J.
A1 - Besenyi, Gina M.
Y1 - 2011/08/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *GENDER
KW - *PARKS
KW - Research
KW - Regression Analysis
KW - AGE distribution (Demography)
KW - Demographic Characteristics
KW - PUBLIC use
KW - Built Environment
KW - environmental justice
KW - Observation
KW - parks
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S151
EP - S160
JF - Journal of Physical Activity & Health
JA - J Phys Act Health
N2 - Background: Parks are important settings for physical activity (PA), but few studies have documented the actual behaviors of park users. The purpose of this study was to examine the individual and joint effects of various park user demographic characteristics on observed PA intensity levels. Methods: Four parks were observed using the System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities. Observers recorded the age group, gender, race, and intensity level of all park users in 83 activity areas over two weekends at each park. Logistic regression examined whether male/White, female/White, and male/non-White users were more likely
than female/non-White users to be observed engaging in moderate-to-vigorous PA (MVPA) rather than sedentary activity across 4 age groups. Results: In total, 8612 users were observed during the study. In the child age group, male/White users were significantly more likely to be observed in MVPA than female/non-White users. For teens, female/White and male/White users were less likely to engage in MVPA. For both adults and seniors, female/White and male/White users were more likely to be observed in MVPA. Conclusion: Observations revealed significant differences in intensity levels across gender, age, and race groups. Future interventions should emphasize park design that promotes increased MVPA among diverse groups.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4532
T1 - As a flower needs sunshine - the origins of organized children's recreation in Philadelphia, 1886-1911
A1 - Kadzielski,M.A.
Y1 - 1977///Summer
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *CHARITIES
KW - History
KW - CITY planning
KW - Management
KW - POLITICAL science
KW - Urbanization
KW - PHILADELPHIA (Pa.)
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 169
EP - 188
JA - Journal of Sport History
VL - 4
IS - 2
CY -
N2 - Chronological description of the development of organized children's recreation in Philadelphia which relates it to the economic, social and political climate of the period. Analyzes the rationale advanced by proponents of organized play and points out it was considered necessity for the development of spiritually and physically healthy citizens
SN - 00941700
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=28919
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4533
T1 - Recess, Extracurricular Activities, and Active Classrooms
A1 - Kahan,David
Y1 - 2008/02//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *PHYSICAL education for children
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
The article discusses the importance of increasing the physical activity opportunities for elementary school students through recess, extracurricular activities, and active classroom in the U.S. In the research on physical activity (PA) and recess, the authors recommended 40% of playtime to be spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA), however, they found that recess activity accounted for one-third of the 60 minutes per day of the MVPA recommendation. It also found that maximal school PA can be achieved in extracurricular programs when it is taught by a well-trained staff, and strong and unwavering administrative support. Moreover, it recommended that more attention should be given to classroom setting as a supplement to regular physical education class.

Background: There is evidence showing that fundamental movement skills and physical activity are related with each other. The ability to perform a variety of fundamental movement skills increases the likelihood of children participating in different physical activities throughout their lives. However, no fundamental movement skill interventions implemented with junior high school students have yet been reported. Purpose: To
investigate the changes in students' locomotor, manipulative, and balance skills and their level of self-reported physical activity during the specific intervention program aiming to increase students' fundamental movement skills in Finnish junior high school physical education. Participants and setting: 446 Finnish Grade 7 students (13 years old) from Central Finland. Research design: A quasi-experimental intervention study with pre-, middle-, post-, and retention tests was used. The experimental group consisted of 199 students taught by 4 teachers and the control group included 247 students taught by 6 teachers. The intervention consisted of 33 sessions, 25 minutes of each, and included training of fundamental movement skills within naturalistic physical education classes during one academic year. Data collection: There were four waves of measurement for fundamental movement skill tests and self-reports of physical activity. Data analysis: Repeated measures MANOVAs were conducted to analyze interactions between condition (experimental/control) and time (four measurement points). In cases with an interaction between condition and time, follow-up post hoc tests were performed to examine which group means differed from each other. Findings: Results indicated significant condition x time interaction in static balance, dynamic balance, balance skills sum score, movement skills sum score, and self-reported physical activity. The experimental group demonstrated more positive development of these variables compared to the control group. Conclusions: This study revealed that it is possible to develop junior high school students' fundamental skills through physical education. These changes seem to be more obvious when focusing on students' balance skills. Although further longitudinal investigation is needed, the fundamental movement skill intervention seemed also to prevent the typical decline in physical activity within junior high school students. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
How do young children portray and describe their relationships with nature? In what ways do young children's relationships with nature vary by grade level? These two research questions guided this phenomenographic study, which investigated developmental differences in children's relationships with nature. A total of 176 children, aged 6-1, from ten classrooms in grades 1-5 participated and were asked to "draw pictures of themselves outside doing something and write about their picture and their relationship with nature". The draw and write methodology was employed within a constructivist framework. Drawings were analyzed using binary quantitative visual content analysis procedures and were further statistically investigated using SAS/STAT. Written narratives were analyzed with NVIVO 8 to further triangulate findings. Results indicated that at all grade levels, children demonstrated a positive relationship with nature. Variations were found between grade level groups with increasing or decreasing trends in the types of activities, settings, and people portrayed. Younger children included more family, friends, insects, and animals, while older children included more natural areas, chores, and hiking. The implications of considering the range of children's relationships with nature for environmental education are explored. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]

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It has been a long drawn effort of the author to draw attention of the authorities to the importance and emphasis needed to be given to the question of most appropriate talent selection at young age for prospective excellence in sports. Unfortunately non-existence of graduation degree in sports coaching in India and wide spread unawareness, among departments and institutions of higher education in physical education and sports to the fields of physical growth, development, physique and physiological variations prevalent in India, children are left to select mostly sports unsuitable to their adult body potentials. The present study has been based on survey and critical analysis and new interpretations of existing research data on Olympic Champions (Carter 1984; Hirata 1979; Tanner 1964). In general, coaches and sports federations in India have been found to lack not only in the application of existing scientific principles but also in developing or maintaining any library or any literature on talent selection, or on measurement and evaluation even at any offices of national and state level sports associations/federations. The study has presented the scientific results on talent selection in a suitable form to make it easy to be used by the sports trainers and sports counsellors. Critical points of failure in the talent selection at young age have been dealt with scientifically along with a mapping of the long term plans and easy solutions for removing many hurdles currently in implementation of scientific preparation of Indian teams for national and international participation. Findings have also been reported to improve the number of sports participants in the country through proper talent selection at young age. The present population of sportspersons in India is extremely less, being less than 1% of the students up to middle schools and less than 10% of the students in colleges and universities. It has been proposed for better sports talent grooming that all high schools should be given sports infrastructure for training and participation in at least one outdoor sport and one indoor sport/fitness activity. Each school must be accordingly required to participate in inter scholastic competitions in at least these two sports or one sports and one fitness event. Prediction of adult physique at young age and scientific selection of most suitable sports has been presented in the present paper, to be presented in the Commonwealth Games 2010 Conference. It has also been explained that there is an urgent need to start an international CAKE (ie, Centre of Application of Knowledge Existing in the field of Sports research literature for preparing key guidelines for talent selection at young age). Sports participation will be increased many fold if children are guided properly to select a right sport as per their adult physiques and sports potentials.
Many students with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) present with behavioral problems that are particularly evident in out-of-class settings (in the lunch room, on the playground, during field trips and special assemblies, etc). Barkley's (1997) technique has been known to help parents handle ADHD children's behaviors in out-of-home situations, and so its effectiveness to reduce problems in out-of-class settings was investigated with 65 teachers of male students previously diagnosed with ADHD. ANOVA revealed that Barkley's technique was effective in reducing the students' behavioral problems in out-of-class settings. This technique is easy to administer and school psychologists will likely find it useful in assisting teachers to handle ADHD students' behavioral problems.
Aim: To evaluate whether an intervention program emphasizing increased fluid intake can improve exercise performance in children exercising in the heat. Ninety-two young athletes participated in the study (age: 13.8 ± 0.4 years, weight: 54.9 ± 1.5 kg). Thirty-one (boys: 13, girls: 18) children served as the control group (CON) and 61 (boys: 30, girls: 31) as the intervention (INT). Volunteers had free access to fluids. Hydration was assessed on the basis of first morning urine. A series of field tests were used to evaluate exercise performance. All tests occurred outdoors in the morning (mean ambient temperature = 28 ± 0.5°C). After baseline testing, INT attended a lecture on hydration, and urine color charts were mounted in all bathrooms. Additionally, water accessibility was facilitated in training, dining and resting areas. Hydration status was improved significantly in the INT [USG: pre = 1.031 ± 0.09, post = 1.023 ± 0.012, P < 0.05; urine osmolality (mOsm/kg water): pre = 941 ± 30, post = 782 ± 34, P < 0.05], while no statistically significant changes were found in the CON [USG: pre = 1.033 ± 0.011, post = 1.032 ± 0.013, P > 0.05; urine osmolality (mOsm/kg water) 970 ± 38 vs 961 ± 38, P > 0.05]. Performance in an endurance run was improved significantly only in INT (time for 600 m: pre = 189 ± 5 s, post = 167 ± 4 s, P < 0.05). Improving hydration status by ad libitum consumption of water can enhance performance in young children exercising in the heat. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

N2 - We aimed to evaluate whether an intervention program emphasizing in increased fluid intake can improve exercise performance in children exercising in the heat. Ninety-two young athletes participated in the study (age: 13.8 ± 0.4 years, weight: 54.9 ± 1.5 kg). Thirty-one (boys: 13, girls: 18) children served as the control group (CON) and 61 (boys: 30, girls: 31) as the intervention (INT). Volunteers had free access to fluids. Hydration was assessed on the basis of first morning urine. A series of field tests were used to evaluate exercise performance. All tests occurred outdoors in the morning (mean ambient temperature = 28 ± 0.5°C). After baseline testing, INT attended a lecture on hydration, and urine color charts were mounted in all bathrooms. Additionally, water accessibility was facilitated in training, dining and resting areas. Hydration status was improved significantly in the INT [USG: pre = 1.031 ± 0.09, post = 1.023 ± 0.012, P < 0.05; urine osmolality (mOsm/kg water): pre = 941 ± 30, post = 782 ± 34, P < 0.05], while no statistically significant changes were found in the CON [USG: pre = 1.033 ± 0.011, post = 1.032 ± 0.013, P > 0.05; urine osmolality (mOsm/kg water) 970 ± 38 vs 961 ± 38, P > 0.05]. Performance in an endurance run was improved significantly only in INT (time for 600 m: pre = 189 ± 5 s, post = 167 ± 4 s, P < 0.05). Improving hydration status by ad libitum consumption of water can enhance performance in young children exercising in the heat. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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This article focuses on the accomplishments of elementary and high school athletes in the United States. Javarris, a sophomore running back at Immokalee High, rushed for 1,151 yards on 175 carries and scored 14 touchdowns this season to lead the Indians to the state Class 2A playoffs. Huffman, a senior midfielder at Connecticut College, was named a National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-America for the second time. Davis, a fourth-grader at Center Hill Elementary, won gold medals in forms and sparring at the 2003 Junior Olympics & Masters Karate Championships in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It was his 28th gold medal in forms or sparring competitions this year. Adam, a senior at Quincy Senior High, won the Class AA state high school golf championship at The Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington. Bill, 17, a junior at the Oregon Episcopal School, won the men's sabre gold medal in the junior division (under-20) at the 2003 Junior & Cadet Pan American Fencing Championships in Guadeloupe.
is the odds-on choice for coach of the year after his Chargers beat his former team, the Chiefs, 34-31 on Sunday. Son Brian Schottenheimer (San Diego's QB coach) missed the game but still helped deliver a winner: His wife, Gemmi, had the couple's first child on Saturday.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4549
T1 - Sports Beat
A1 - Kennedy, Kostya
A1 - Bechtel, Mark
Y1 - 2004/03/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *OLYMPIC Games (28th : 2004 : Athens, Greece)
KW - JOLIE, Angelina, 1975-
KW - TORCHES
KW - CUBAN, Mark, 1958-
KW - WOODS, Tiger, 1975-
KW - TELEVISION advertising
KW - MCGRADY, Tracy, 1979-
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 24
EP - 24
JA - Sports Illustrated
VL - 100
IS - 10
N2 - This article presents several news briefs related to sports. Now that Billy Bob Thornton is out of the picture, Angelina Jolie is carrying a torch for someone else -- Juan Antonio Samaranch. Saying she would "consider it an honor to run with the Olympic torch as a gesture of hope for refugees and to express my active support for sport and world peace," the Oscar-winning actress will carry the flame for a few hundred yards in Athens on Aug. 12, the day before the Opening Ceremonies; In the March 9 "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" the Fab Five will make over a guy who already has a wardrobe filled with sequined outfits: three-time national pairs figure skating champion John Zimmerman. The 30-year-old has been getting less than a perfect 6.0 from his new wife, Silvia Fontana, a former Italian women's figure-skating champion; For a man who's about to host a reality show, Mark Cuban is on a pretty unreal run. "In the span of seven months I will have enjoyed the birth of my first child, played against the Globetrotters, been KO'd in the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and played in a baseball game with batting lessons from Steve Garvey," says the Mavericks' owner; Although he's never golfed with the Dalai Lama, Tiger Woods came close to reaching total consciousness by playing the role of Caddyshack's Carl Spackler in an American Express commercial that debuted Sunday; Skater Nancy Kerrigan recently recorded "Simply the Best" on a Tina Turner tribute album; Gatorade is planning to introduce an "ESPN-flavored" drink; Tracy McGrady, Orlando Magic guard, after being fined $10,000 for kicking the ball into the stands twice during a game: "That's a lot of money. I'll have to get me another autograph-signing session to pay that."
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4549
T1 - Playgrounds
A1 - Kennedy, Mike
This article reports on the results of the risk factor survey of school, child-care and park playgrounds in the U.S., which was conducted by the National Program for Playground Safety. The report card determined that several areas of school playground safety warranted a failing grade because too few school playgrounds had supervision rules posted, playgrounds were lacking separate areas for different age groups and signage identifying appropriate ages and too much equipment was not free of splinters.
Background: Asthma induced by house dust mites is a major health problem worldwide. Spider mites are outdoor phytophagous mites and they have the severest economic effect in the agricultural sector; they also have a worldwide distribution. Although predatory mites attack spider mites, the current predator complex does not afford adequate control, particularly when spray organic phosphate or sulfur spray programs upset the natural balance. Environmental changes may have played a key role in the newly discovered development of spider mite-induced allergic diseases, especially asthma.

Methods/Data base: A review of the literature

Results: Epidemiological studies have demonstrated that spider mites such as citrus red mite (CRM), European red mite (ERM), and two-spotted spider mite (TSM) are important allergens in the development of work-related asthma in fruit-cultivating farmers. Moreover, outdoor spider mites are not only common sensitizing allergens, but are also associated with the prevalence of asthma among children and nonfarming adults living in rural areas.

Conclusion: In conclusion, these findings provide a rationale for including outdoor spider mites in tests conducted to identify causative allergens in patients with asthma and other allergic diseases.

SN - 1097-1424
AD - Dept of Internal Medicine, Seoul National University College of Medicine, Youngdong 28, Chongnogu, Seoul 110-744, Korea

TY - JOUR
ID - 4553
T1 - Class of the Underclass
A1 - King, Peter
Y1 - 2004/09/13/
KW - *ROOKIE football players
KW - *FOOTBALL players
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 40
EP - 40
JA - Sports Illustrated
VL - 101
IS - 10

The article looks at five football rookies who weren't first-round picks, but will still have impact. So which rookies chosen after the first round will rise quickly to the top? Last year angular wideout Anquan Boldin, who was taken 54th by the Cardinals, ranked third in the league with 101 catches. Picked 101st by the Texans, rugged running back Domanick Davis finished 15th in rushing yardage with 1,031. Here are five first-year players with a chance to have a similar impact.

Chris Snee: G, Giants (second round, 34th pick). One NFL East scout says he is already the best offensive lineman on the team. The 6'3", 314-pound Snee—who married New York coach Tom Coughlin's daughter in July after the two had had a child while at Boston College—earned the starting right guard spot early in camp with his strong run blocking and skill at pulling.

Dontarrious Thomas: OLB, Vikings (second, 48th). He'll start on the weak side of the defense behind end Kenechi Udeze, the first-round choice out of USC. Thomas had only 5 1/2 sacks in four years at Auburn, but Minnesota believes he's strong enough at 241 pounds to bust up pass blocking and get to quarterbacks. Keary Colbert: WR, Panthers (second, 62nd). He'll battle veteran Ricky Proehl for playing time as a third receiver. Darnell Dockett: DE, Cardinals (third, 64th). At 301 pounds he was chosen as a tackle, but because of his ability to pressure the quarterback and injuries on the line, Arizona shifted him to end midway through the preseason. Bobby McCray: DE, Jaguars (seventh, 249th). The 6'6" 245-pounder from Florida was so impressive in training camp that Jacksonville cut former AllPro Hugh Douglas to ensure McCray playing time.
Recently, more people are playing sports to improve their health, while children also actively take part in sports activities and other events. Here we report on the case of a patient who developed a buccal abscess through dental trauma caused by soccer. The patient's right upper lip was lacerated by a kick to his face after he fell over during a game of soccer. Two days after the injury, he visited our office because of swelling from the upper lip to the buccal region. We administered antiphlogistic treatment, and after 10 days he showed a healing tendency. Trauma in the outdoors caused by specific bacteria has the potential to be become severe, so a rapid response is necessary. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Background: Little is known about how the type and context of physical activity behaviors varies among adolescents with differing activity levels. The aim of this study was to assess differences in the type and context of physical activity behaviors in adolescents by level of objectively measured physical activity. Methods: Cross-sectional analysis of 2728 adolescents (1299 males, 1429 females) participating in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC). The mean (SD) age was 13.8 (+0.1) years. Physical activity was measured using an Actigraph over 7 days. Adolescents were categorized into tertiles of activity (less, moderately, highly active) using counts/mm and min/d of moderate-to-vigorous activity (MVPA). Activity type was reported using the Previous Day Physical Activity Recall (PDPAR). Differences in the type and context of activity by activity level were analyzed using Chi squared. Results: Highly active boys reported more job, outside, and sports activities on school days (P < .05), and more sports activities on nonschool days (P < .05). Highly active girls reported more outside activities on school days (P < .05). Conclusions: Identifying the type and context of physical activity behaviors associated with more active adolescents, can help inform policy and physical activity interventions aimed at increasing activity levels in adolescents. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4559
T1 - Predictors of back pain in a general population cohort... including commentary by Gerr F and Zwerling C
A1 - Kopec,J.A.
A1 - Sayre,E.C.
A1 - Esdaile,J.M.
Y1 - 2004/01/01/
N1 - Accession Number: 2004132493. Language: English. Entry Date: 20040806. Revision Date: 20100122. Publication Type: journal article; commentary; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Biomedical; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pain and Pain Management; Physical Therapy. Grant Information: Arthritis Society of Canada. No. of Refs: 44 ref. NLM UID: 7610646. Email: jkopec@bc.arthritis.ca
KW - CINAHL
KW - Back Pain
KW - chronic pain
KW - Forecasting
KW - Models,Theoretical
KW - Male
KW - Female
STUDY DESIGN: The study used longitudinal data from the first and second cycles (1994-1995 and 1996-1997) of the Canadian National Population Health Survey. OBJECTIVE: Our objective was to derive prediction models for back pain in the general male and female household populations. SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND DATA: Little is known about the predictors of back pain in the general population. Most previous studies focused on specific occupational groups and used a cross-sectional or case-control design. METHODS: The study cohort consisted of all respondents aged 18+ years who reported no back problems in the 1994-1995 National Population Health Survey cycle (N = 11,063). Potential predictors of chronic back pain were classified into nine groups and entered into stepwise logistic regression models. Bootstrap methods were used to derive the final models and assess their predictive power. RESULTS: The overall incidence of back pain was 44.7 per 1,000 person-years and was higher in women (47.0 per 1,000 person-years) compared with men (42.2 per 1,000 person-years). In men, significant predictors of back pain were age (peak effect in 45-64 years), height, self-rated health, usual pattern of activity (especially heavy work), yard work or gardening (negative association), and general chronic stress. In women, significant factors were self-reported restrictions in activity, being diagnosed with arthritis, personal stress, and history of psychological trauma in childhood or adolescence. CONCLUSIONS: Overall health and psychosocial factors are important predictors of back pain in both men and women. Other risk factors differ between the two sexes.

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The objective was to analyse the utilization of health services and the costs of treatment of unintentional injuries by type of injuries according to the common Nordic classification of injuries. From prospective registration of all injuries seen at the only hospital and emergency clinic in Stavanger, Norway, we selected at random a stratified sample of 2,819 cases from 7,019 unintentional injuries that occurred in 1992 among the residents of Stavanger. From medical records, we obtained information about the utilization of health services and estimated medical costs during the first year after injury. Of the patients 70% required only a single outpatient visit, while an additional 20% completed their treatment within the first 30 days after injury. Fifty percent of the total costs were due to injuries among persons aged 65 years and older. Home and leisure-time injuries accounted for 75% of the total costs. The cost per injury was NOK 3,807 (US$ 614), NOK 24,831 per hospitalized patient and NOK 1,011 per non-hospitalized patient. The per-injury cost among people aged 65 years and older was NOK 15,428, compared with NOK 2,158 among people aged 0-64 years, the difference primarily due to the increase in the average severity of injury. The per-injury costs were ranked (in descending order): nursing home, undefined, street, home, other home and leisure, traffic, occupational, free nature, sports, school and day care centre/playground injuries. If health care costs are to be reduced by injury prevention,
priority should be given to injuries occurring at home and during leisure time and to injuries among elderly
people.

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AD - National Institute of Public Health, Department of Population Health Sciences, Geitmyrsveien 75, 0462 Oslo, Norway

TY - JOUR
ID - 4561
T1 - The Silver Drawing Test of Cognition and Emotion: standardization in Russia
A1 - Kopytin, A.
Y1 - 2002/05/
N1 - Accession Number: 2002077266. Language: English. Entry Date: 20020726. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Double Blind Peer Reviewed; Editorial Board Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Peer Reviewed; USA. No. of Refs: 7 ref. NLM UID: 0237447
KW - CINAHL
KW - Art Therapy
KW - instrument validation
KW - Validation Studies
KW - Child
KW - adolescence
KW - Adult
KW - Middle Age
KW - Female
KW - Male
KW - Emotions
KW - Russia
KW - Estonia
KW - United States
KW - Age Factors
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Self Concept
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 223
EP - 237
JA - American Journal of Art Therapy
VL - 40
IS - 4
N2 - Until recently care settings for those with Alzheimer's disease have not focused on the outside environment and the need to encourage older adults to spend time outside in fresh air and sunshine. Safe, secure outside spaces encourage walking and other forms of exercise and, in addition, offer beneficial exposure to increased natural light levels. Gardens and other outdoor settings provide many opportunities for socialization, sensory stimulation, fun, and meaningful activities. Designing the outside environment has been an overlooked opportunity to create meaningful places that are rich in association, encourage good health and exercise, and are responsive to the magic of the changing seasons.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4563
T1 - Children at play: behavior of children at recess
A1 - Kraft, R.E.
Y1 - 1989/04/
Questions the extent to which school recess periods are contributing to the fitness needs of children. Observes the extent of activity and types of behaviour engaged in by children (n=369) during unstructured play time at five elementary schools. Classifies the observed behaviours as either active (vigorous activity, moderate activity, or minimal activity) or passive (social interaction, independent behaviour, and waiting). Results indicate that the children are involved in some degree of physical play about 59% of the time. However, only 21% of recess time (i.e. about six minutes) is devoted to vigorous physical activity. Racial differences are minimal. Points out evidence which shows that the average elementary school child spends only two to three minutes in moderate to vigorous exercise during a physical education class. Suggests that the activity patterns during recess and physical education classes are the same, and that physical education programs do not provide the appropriate activities to adequately promote fitness, which could be carried over to recess.

The purpose of this abstract is to present a preliminary grant proposal outline for a rural, low-income elementary school that was the recipient of a Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) award. Since the mission of the elementary school is to provide high quality educational and service programs that support, empower, and build capacity in school learning communities, the school must ensure that its students achieve their highest academic, social, and emotional potential. Based on two years of physical activity (pedometry) and cardiovascular fitness (PACER test) improvements seen due to the implementation of a variety of health and fitness interventions, a new intervention to ensure the sustainability of health progress is being proposed. The mission of the "Outdoor Walking Trail" intervention is to provide the elementary school community with an...
outdoor walking trail that allows families a safe place to play outside while developing an appreciation of a healthy, outdoor physically active lifestyle. The goals of the intervention are to increase children's outdoor physical activity frequency and duration, increase children's physical activity self-efficacy, and to promote the use of the safe, outdoor walking trail for children and their families. The intervention is framed within the Social Cognitive Theory and measurement of the effectiveness of the intervention will include subjective measures of physical activity knowledge and self-efficacy and perceived access to physical activity opportunities (via surveys) and objective measures of physical activity participation (via pedometry). The intervention grant proposal is being developed by students enrolled in the HSS 434: Public Health Education Methods course within the Public Health Education and Community Health Program at University of Louisville and will be offered to the elementary school by the students and faculty mentor as part of their university/community engagement partnership.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4566
T1 - School's out: so who watches the kids?
A1 - Kreisher,K.
Y1 - 2001/07/
N1 - Accession Number: 2004189844. Language: English. Entry Date: 20041126. Publication Type: journal article; pictorial. Journal Subset: Allied Health; USA. No. of Refs: 2 ref. NLM UID: 9301128
KW - CINAHL
KW - Child Day Care
KW - Child Welfare
KW - adolescence
KW - California
KW - Child
KW - Child Day Care -- Economics
KW - Community Programs
KW - District of Columbia
KW - Massachusetts
KW - Parents
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 24
JA - Children's Voice
VL - 10
IS - 4
N2 - Many of us fondly remember long, steamy summer days spent exploring the neighborhood, playing with friends, or spending time at the local swimming pool. Tim Eson, Director of School-Age Programs at South Shore Day Care Services, Weymouth, Massachusetts, shares similar memories. "During the summers, we spent our free time in the neighborhood with other kids and parents; but now, because parents are working or neighborhoods aren't safe, we are their neighborhood, he says, referring to the eight-week summer program offered by South Shore
The face of summer has changed across the country as the number of single-parent and dual-income families has increased. In 1996, 77% of married mothers with school-age children worked outside the home, compared with 40% in 1960. Mothers today are also more likely to work full time
An April 2000 report from the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice revealed that in 69% of all married-couple families with children ages 6-17, both parents work outside the home. The custodial parent works in 71% of single-mother families and 85% of single-father families. "It's hard to create a neighborhood now when no one is home in the afternoon," Eson says
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ER -
The effects of the Norsk Funktion-walking orthosis on the walking ability of children with cerebral palsy and severe gait impairment

A1 - Kuenzle, C.
A1 - Brunner, R.
Y1 - 2009/07/

N1 - Accession Number: 2010374210. Language: English. Entry Date: 20090911. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; pictorial; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Double Blind Peer Reviewed; Editorial Board Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care; Physical Therapy. Instrumentation: Gross Motor Function Classification System (GMFCS); Functional Independence Measure for Children (WeeFIM). Grant Information: This study was supported by Norsk Funktion, Switzerland, in planning and carrying it out and by Eling D. de Bruin, PhD, Institute of Human Movement Sciences, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich. No. of Refs: 15 ref. NLM UID: 8903233.

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KW - Orthoses
KW - Walking
KW - adolescence
KW - Balance, Postural
KW - chi square test
KW - Child
KW - Child, Preschool
KW - Clinical Assessment Tools
KW - Data Analysis Software
KW - Female
KW - Funding Source
KW - Male
KW - Nonexperimental Studies
KW - outcome assessment
KW - Prospective Studies
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Torso
KW - Two-Way Analysis of Variance
KW - Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test
KW - Human

RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 138
EP - 144
JA - Journal of Prosthetics & Orthotics (JPO)
VL - 21
IS - 3

N2 - The purpose of this study was 1) to test whether an orthosis, which provides postural stability of the trunk and guides the leg movements during walking (Norsk Funktion-walker orthosis [NFWO]), would enable nonambulant children with cerebral palsy with poor or no leg coordination and with little or no trunk control to walk on their own, 2) to investigate if there is an increase in motor function and activity while using a NFWO, and 3) defining requirements for a successful provision. Ninety-three children (39 girls, 54 boys; mean age 7.6 years; 67 with bilateral spastic, 10 with dyskinetic, 10 with mixed, 6 with ataxic cerebral palsy; Gross Motor Function classification System level 4: 45, level 5: 48) were provided with a NFWO. The following assessments were carried out immediately before and 3 months after using the NFWO: WeeFIM walking score; independence rating by parents or caregivers; aims or expectations of parents or caregivers; at a mean interval of 265 days after provision: mean daily walking distance (meters). With the NFWO, 78 children (84%) became ambulatory, 10 children (11%) used it exclusively as a dynamic standing frame only, and 5 children (5%) returned the NFWO. The mean daily walking distance was 99 m (2-463 m). The mean WeeFIM walking score of 1.99 (SD 0.83) without the NFWO increased to 4.42 (SD 1.00) with the NFWO indoors and to 3.71 (SD 1.24)
(p < 0.001) outdoors. Independence rating by parents or caregivers reflected a highly significant increase in independent mobility with the NFWO compared with locomotion without ambulatory aides (p < 0.001) and of bilateral hand function (p < 0.001). No significant increase in the mobility was found when comparing former mobility aides (wheelchair, tricycle) with the NFWO. The ability to cross obstacles did neither significantly increase with the NFWO. Successful indication for a NFWO depends on 1) the child's motivation to walk and the support of the environment to achieve independent walking mobility through the use of this assistive tool, 2) the ability for selective reciprocal leg movements, and 3) no flexion contractures of hips and knees above 20[degrees] and a foot dorsiflexion of at least neutral-0[degrees]. The NFWO proved to be a useful ambulatory aid in the children with cerebral palsy with severe gait impairment to increase independent mobility.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4573
T1 - A Survey of Maxillofacial and Oral Injuries of Elementary School Pupils and Junior High School Students in Iwate Prefecture in One Year from April 2003 to March 2004
A1 - Kumagai,Keiji
A1 - Hirai,Tohei
A1 - Kobayashi,Takuzoh
A1 - Yamada,Masao
A1 - Maekawa,Hiroshi
A1 - Suzuki,Takuya
A1 - Suzuki,Shunichi
Y1 - 2006/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - *PHYSICAL education -- Safety measures
KW - *STUDENTS
KW - *MOUTH protectors
KW - *ATHLETICS -- Equipment & supplies
KW - Research
KW - Elementary Education
KW - elementary school pupils
KW - Iwate prefecture
KW - Junior High School Students
KW - maxillofacial and oral injuries
KW - questionnaire
KW - sports dentistry
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 13
EP - 19
JA - Japanese Journal of Sports Dentistry
VL - 9
IS - 1
N2 - The Iwate Dental Association has made various efforts to establish how to maintain oral health care for children. This article reports an investigation into the conditions of maxillofacial and oral injuries in order to keep children safe when playing sports at elementary and junior high schools in Iwate Prefecture from 2003 to 2004. The results were as follows?? 1. In the one year which we examined, 746 cases of injury occurred at 62 elementary schools out of a total of 90, and 187 cases of injury at 47 junior high schools out of a total of 72. Boys sustained injuries more frequently than girls both at elementary schools and at junior high schools. 2. First?? t year pupils sustained injuries most frequently, and the risk frequencies of injury lowered with the progress in school year for elementary school pupils. For junior high school students of each school year, injuries occurred at similar frequencies. 3. The incidence of injury was high in June at elementary schools and in May at junior high schools. The period of time during the day when injuries happened most frequently was
12.00 to 14.00 at elementary schools and 16.00 to 18.00 at junior high schools. The places where injuries happened frequently were the school playground, gymnasium and classroom for elementary school pupils and the school playground and gymnasium for junior high school students. Injuries in elementary school pupils happened frequently at recess, and those in junior high school students happened frequently during extracurricular activities. 4. Frequently sustained injuries were face contusion, lip lesion, tooth fracture, tooth luxation and tooth displacement both for elementary school pupils and for junior high school students. For junior high school students, serious injuries such as brain concussion, cervical vertebrae injury, and mandibular fracture also occurred. When injured, junior high school students were more likely than elementary school pupils to go to hospital. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4576
T1 - Games on a Polynesian Outlier Island: A Case Study of the Implications of Cultural Change
A1 - Kuschel,R.
Y1 - 1975///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *GAMES
KW - *LEISURE
KW - *LIFE style
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - RELIGIONS
KW - SOCIAL history
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 25
EP - 66
JA - Journal of the Polynesian Society
VL - 84
IS - 1
N2 - Presents a description of games and play activities which were prevalent among children and adults on Bellana, an island in the British Solomon Islands, before contact with the outside world in 1938. Data were collected through interviews and participant observation. Points to radical increase in population and change in residential form, plus the judgement of others, especially missionaries, of the Bellonese culture as inferior, as determinants of the gradual submergence of this part (i.e. games) of the Bellonese culture. Changes in game forms have also affected traditional patterns of settling political disputes. Net result has been a serious break in the continuity of the cultural tradition
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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=332005
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4577
T1 - Play it safe
A1 - Kutska,Ken
Y1 - 1996/07//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - SAFETY measures
Offers advice for parents on how to keep children safe on playgrounds. Checking playgrounds for potential hazards; Playground safety tips from the National Recreation and Park Association and its National Playground Safety Institute; Estimated number of children who are injured on playgrounds each year in the United States.
The article provides information on the Harlem Hospital Playground Injury Prevention Program (HHPIPP), a project established by the Departments of Pediatric Surgery and Pediatrics at Harlem Hospital in New York City in 1988. The objectives of the program are to decrease the number of injuries to children in playgrounds in Central Harlem and to provide safe playgrounds. The article first explores the prevalence of playground injuries in the city predominantly of African American residents. The program's planning process, which is a multifaceted approach, is then discussed. The article also details how the HHPIPP teamed up with parents in the community to form the Safe Kids/Healthy Neighborhood Coalition.

Concerns regarding the profound physical, social, and psychological problems associated with childhood nature deprivation have catalyzed extensive growth in nature-based education programs. Recent environmental education (EE) initiatives and legislative measures, such as the proposed No Child Left Inside Act, have stressed the importance of EE in the formal education sector. However, out-of-school EE programs remain an appealing alternative to in-class science education. Non-formal programs provide children with a unique opportunity to experience substantial outdoor immersion and often influence affective development. These benefits suggest that an expansion of the depth and scope of non-formal outdoor programs is necessary to achieve the long-term goal of an environmentally literate population. Efforts to develop strategies for implementing and evaluating affective changes associated with EE programs could place a greater emphasis on the environmental orientations of children from different backgrounds. This exploratory study employed a new instrument, the Children's Environmental Perceptions Scale, to investigate baseline differences in the environmental orientations of 133 six to thirteen-year-old children from different gender, age, and racial/ethnic groups in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia. This study used a mixed-method, pre-test, post-test approach to examine the effects of a one-week EE summer program sponsored by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia on children's eco-affinity, eco-awareness, and environmental knowledge. Responses of EE program participants were compared to a control group of students enrolled in local after-school programs. Brief personal interviews and open-ended evaluations supplemented quantitative survey data. Results did not reveal gender differences in baseline environmental orientations. However, eco-affinity levels were significantly lower in participants age ten or older. African
American children also displayed significantly lower eco-awareness and environmental knowledge scores than white children prior to the EE program. Interviews detailing children's unique interactions with nature yielded several possible explanations for these discrepancies. The EE program produced significantly higher adjusted mean eco-affinity and environmental knowledge post-test scores than the control group, regardless of gender, age, or race/ethnicity. The summer camp's influence on eco-affinity, an affective component of environmental orientations that is difficult to alter, was especially encouraging. Fun and exciting concepts expressed through physical activity appeared to be a key component of effective EE programming. Overall, results suggested that non-formal EE programs in public parks and other recreation areas provide an ideal forum for stimulating positive environmental orientations in a diverse group of children and may generate future support for outreach efforts in underserved communities.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4582
T1 - Children's Time Outdoors: Results and Implications of the National Kids Survey
A1 - Larson, Lincoln R.
A1 - Green, Gary T.
A1 - Cordell, H.K.
Y1 - 2011///Summer
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation for children
KW - *LEISURE
KW - *PARKS
KW - *CYCLING
KW - *JOGGING
KW - *INTERNET games
KW - TELEPHONE surveys
KW - CHILDREN
KW - Leisure Time
KW - National Kids Survey
KW - nature-deficit disorder
KW - OUTDOOR recreation
KW - Technology
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 20
JA - Journal of Park & Recreation Administration
VL - 29
IS - 2

N2 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: A growing body of literature suggests that children today are spending less time outdoors than their predecessors. This assertion, however, is confounded by the absence of a baseline for detecting trends in children's activities and time spent outdoors. The U.S.D.A. Forest Service initiated the National Kids Survey to address this problem. This general population random digit dialing telephone survey reached 1,450 U.S. households with children from 2007-2009. A proxy household member (e.g. parent or guardian) age 20 or older spoke for children between the ages 6 and 15. Teens between ages 16 and 19 were interviewed directly. Participants were asked about a variety of topics including time children spend outdoors, common outdoor activities, and reasons for not spending time outdoors. Data showed that, in general, most children (> 62.5%) spent at least two hours outdoors daily. Results also indicated that children spent either more time (39.5%) or about the same amount of time (44.8%) outdoors this year as they did last year. Males, younger children, and Hispanics spent more time outside than other demographic groups. Playing or simply hanging out was the most common outdoor activity (84.0% of respondents). Other common activities included biking, jogging, or running (79.9%) and using electronic media outdoors (65.3%). Children participated in outdoor nature-based activities less frequently than many alternatives. Interest in other activities such as listening to
music, art, or reading (57.0%), watching TV, DVDs, or playing video games (48.1%), and using electronic media including internet and texting (47.8%) were the most common reasons for not spending time outside. African American and Hispanic respondents cited more reasons for not going outside than other racial/ethnic groups. Comparisons using contingency coefficients showed that children’s outdoor time on weekdays, weekend days, and time spent outdoors relative to last year were strongly correlated with the amount of time their parents/guardians were spending outdoors. Results suggest that, contrary to popular beliefs, many children today are spending a substantial amount of time outdoors. However, the nature of children's outdoor time may be changing. For example, playing or hanging out, physical activities, and technology-centered activities are more popular than nature-based activities. Electronic media consumption and parental involvement in outdoor recreation activities seem to be important factors influencing children's time outdoors. Future research efforts should continue to monitor these trends and measure the frequency and type of children's outdoor activities across diverse recreation settings. To remain relevant in the lives of American youth, park and recreation professionals could use instruments such as the National Kids Survey to adapt current services and develop innovative outdoor recreation opportunities that appeal to multiple audiences. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR SN - 07351968

TY - JOUR
ID - 4584
T1 - Step Off the Treadmill
A1 - Lave, Tamara Rice
Y1 - 2009/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *RUNNING
KW - *TREADMILLS (Exercise equipment)
KW - *RUNNERS (Sports)
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness centers
KW - Mothers
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 20
EP - 20
JA - Running Times
IS - 367
N2 - The author discusses the differences between running outdoors and running on a treadmill. She understands that people who work long hours prefer the treadmill to allow them to remain in a place that is safe and convenient. The treadmill also lets mothers work out while they keep an eye on their children. Speaking on the virtues of the treadmill, the author's coach Kevin McCarey states that aging runners need to keep their cardiovascular system and may need to achieve that in the gym
SN - 01472968

TY - JOUR
ID - 4585
T1 - So Good, Too Soon?
A1 - Layden, Tim
Y1 - 2003/12/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *FOOTBALL players
KW - *HEISMAN Trophy
KW - *SPORTS
KW - CHILDREN of cancer patients
A year ago, as a freshman wideout at Pittsburgh, Larry Fitzgerald caught 69 passes for 1,005 yards and 12 touchdowns and was named All-Big East. He was a very good player, but well short of dominant. A year later he is one of the best college players in the country, a transcendent receiver who demands that defenses rewrite their game plans, fans remain anchored to their seats and Heisman voters write his name somewhere on their ballots. This ascent began in a most unlikely manner, with a heartbreaking telephone call. Early last April, Fitzgerald's mother, Carol, 47, lay in a Minneapolis hospital, racked with a cancer that had taken root in one of her breasts six years earlier, spread to her lungs and now reached her brain. Last Saturday night, as wintry winds sliced through Pittsburgh's Heinz Field, Fitzgerald's brilliant season ended with a thud in a 28-14 loss to Miami that cost the Panthers (8-4) a piece of the Big East championship and their first BCS bowl berth. In a demonstration of why it's so difficult for a receiver to control a game (and win the Heisman), Miami sacked Pitt senior quarterback Rod Rutherford nine times and draped two defenders on Fitzgerald all night, a cornerback in press man-to-man coverage and a safety sitting behind him. In the near future, Fitzgerald will decide whether to join former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett in challenging the NFL's rule prohibiting college players from entering the draft until three years after graduating from high school.

The article discusses the efforts of health experts and gym teachers to introduce children to the benefits of exercise, in light of the alarming rate of overweight school-age children. The kids got up long before sunrise and went to school early because some grown-ups had offered them a chance to play. The grown-ups rose in darkness because they had an opportunity to use sports and games to fight, in a small way, the obesity that is rampant among young Americans. The kids and the grown-ups arrived at Parker Memorial, a public school for third- and fourth-graders in Tolland, Conn., just as the early autumn fog was lifting off the nearby green hills. The students tossed their backpacks and jackets onto a table and stormed into the small gymnasium. The adults tightened the laces on their sneakers and cued up a boom box. This sweet convergence of problem and solution was born last winter when Jaci VanHeest, an associate professor of kinesiology at the University of Connecticut's Neag School of Education, was referred to Parker Memorial by representatives of a state health
district that had received a small federal grant. The most delicate task was inviting students who were overweight or at risk of becoming so. On the first day of Paw Pals, in March 2004, skeptical parents stood outside peering through the open gym doors. Children lined up against the wall, appearing terrified of the unfamiliar adults in their school. VanHeest asked them what they wanted to play. "Superman tag," said one pupil, breaking the silence. So they played Superman tag. For one hour every morning before school, through the end of May, the children played games that they themselves suggested. And something extraordinary happened: They discovered that they loved exercising. No statistics were kept, but parents reported to VanHeest that their children were losing weight. Teachers said the kids were more alert in the classroom.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4588
T1 - Health Values from Ecosystems
A1 - Lead, Coordinating
A1 - Pretty, Jules N.
A1 - Barton, Jo
A1 - Colbeck, Ian
A1 - Hine, Rachel
A1 - Mourato, Susana
A1 - MacKerron, George
A1 - Wood, Carly
KW - Reviewer Nominated
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ER -
Background. Daily experiences are thought to play an important role in motor development during infancy. There are limited studies on the effect of postural and movement experiences on head control.

Objective. The purpose of this study was to quantify the effects of postural and movement experiences on head control through a comprehensive set of measurements beginning when infants were 1 month old.

Design. This was a prospective, longitudinal, 2-cohort study.

Methods. Twenty-two full-term infants who were healthy were randomly assigned to either a training group or a control group. Infants were observed every other week from 1 to 4 months of age. Head control was assessed using a standardized developmental assessment tool, the Test of Infant Motor Performance (TIMP), as well as behavioral coding and kinematics of infants’ head postures and movements in a supported sitting position. Caregivers performed at least 20 minutes of daily postural and movement activities (training group), or social interaction (control group) for 4 weeks.

Results. The training group had higher TIMP scores on head control-related items during the training period and after training stopped compared with the control group. Starting from the during training phase, the training group infants had their heads in a vertical and midline position longer compared with the control group infants. After training stopped, the training group infants actively moved their heads forward more often and for larger distances.

Limitations. The experiences outside daily training were not monitored, and the results may be specific to the experimental setup for infants with typical development.

Conclusions. Young infants are able to take advantage of postural and movement experiences to rapidly advance their head control as early as 4 to 6 weeks of postnatal life. Infant positioning, caregiver handling, and caregiver-infant interactions were likely contributing factors. This database of comprehensive measures may be useful in future trials focused on head control in infants with special needs.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Generalization of tactics in tag rugby from practice to games in middle school physical education

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SportDiscus

*EDUCATION

*PHYSICAL education

*EXERCISE - Research

*RUGBY football for children

*COACHING (Athletics)

CLASSES (Groups of students)

Research

Middle School Education

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tactics

tag rugby

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Physical Education & Sport Pedagogy
Background: Many of the issues relating to game performance of students found in the physical education literature can be considered a failure of generalization from practices to games, and from games to games. However, no study in secondary physical education has examined generalization effects as a result of effective game pedagogy in the context of teaching games. Purpose: The purpose of this study was: (a) to examine the effects of technique-focused and tactic-focused instructional conditions on the learning of a tactic by students aged 12-14 years in physical education lessons participating in a tag rugby unit, and (b) to assess the extent to which the performance of this tactic generalized from instructional games to match games. Participants and setting: This study was conducted at an urban middle school (students between 12 and 14 years of age) in the Midwest of the USA. This study was conducted during a 20-day tag rugby instructional unit. Students in three classes participated in the study. Four students from each class were selected to be observed. Intervention: The tactic-focused instructional condition served as an intervention, while technique-focused instruction was used as a baseline. Research design: A multiple baseline design across two classes, with a third class serving as a control, was used to assess the performance of the participants. Data collection: The dependent variable was ‘supporting movement’, which occurred during instructional games and match games. Data were coded for each target student during instructional games and match games using event-recording procedures from observation of a digital-video of the lessons. Coding occurred for each episode for each target student. Each episode ended with any incidence of a pass, tag, score, a ball carrier's error, or if the ball went outside the field of play. When the 'supporting movements' met the decided criteria they were coded as correct. Data analysis: Each player's total number of correct 'supporting movements' was divided by the number of opportunities for supporting movement and then multiplied by 100 to calculate the percentage of correct supporting movements for each target student. Findings: Low-skilled, female and male students, and average-skilled female students improved their percentage of correct supporting movements after the tactic-focused instruction was implemented. Generalization from instructional games to match games occurred for all students except average-skilled males. Conclusions: Students who typically remain unaffected by instructional interventions improved their performance of supporting behavior during tactic-focused instruction. Furthermore, those students were able to apply a tactic from instructional settings to match games. This study presents an alternative analysis of the conceptualization of sports and tactics. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Excessive load carrying by children and its resultant problems is not a new issue. Given the popularity of golf amongst youngsters, this study set out to examine the proportion of junior golfers who carried a bag; the weights junior golfers were carrying around the course in their bags; what type of bag and how they carried it; whether and where they experienced any pain or discomfort; and a number of other related factors. Seventy-five junior golfers responded to a questionnaire examining their carrying habits. The weight they carried was calculated using a balance and they self-reported any incidence of pain or discomfort felt and its location.

Results showed that a significant proportion of juniors carried a bag, rather than pulled a trolley, that they carried an average of 18.7% of bodyweight in a bag, which falls outside acceptable recommendations, and 51% of bag carriers experienced some measure of pain or discomfort whilst carrying. The location of the discomfort was consistent with the manner in which the bag was carried. It is recommended that parents and professionals could take a greater interest in the problem and be more pro-active in encouraging youngsters to adopt alternative methods of club transport.

Continuous research with regards to physical activity and physical fitness patterns of children is essential for the development and implementation of health promotion programmes. This study aimed to determine the physical fitness (PF) and physical activity (PA) status of 15-year-old adolescent learners from a low socio-economic, semi-urban community in the North-West province of South Africa, and the relationships between
PF, PA and distances the children walked to school. Grade 8 learners of two schools were selected for the study: School 1 (N=252), 116 boys; 136 girls, School 2 (N=66), 21 boys; 45 girls. The testing protocol included fitness tests for aerobic endurance, flexibility and body composition and the PDPAR questionnaire to determine PA levels. The results indicated that the boys and girls in School 1 and boys in School 2 were moderately active, while the girls in School 2 showed a significant lower PA level. Longer commuting distances and higher mean physical fitness values were found in School 1, while more hours of watching television were found among boys and girls (p<0.05) in School 2. Poor strength levels, falling outside the healthy fitness zone, showed negative relationships with aerobic fitness and flexibility. Television viewing time and commuting distances to school appeared to have a moderate influence on the moderate to low PA levels of the total group, and physical activity showed a relationship with higher fitness values. It is recommended that activity intervention strategies must aim to empower adolescents with knowledge and skills to enable them to improve their PA levels and strength.

**ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR**

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4596
T1 - Sex differences in complexity of children's play and games
A1 - Lever,J.
Y1 - 1978///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *GAMES
KW - *SEX role
KW - sociology
KW - BOYS
KW - girls
KW - Learning
KW - SEX FACTOR
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - :
N2 - Examines play and games as situations in which important informal learning occurs. Attention is given to the social skills that emerge as a consequence of a particular play style. Observations of children at play during recess, gym, after school and competitive games indicated very distinct play patterns for boys and girls. Attributes such as role differentiation, interdependence between players, size of the play group, explicitness of goals, number of rules and team formation, suggest that boys' play is more complex than girls' play. Sources and consequences of these sex differences are explored
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4601
T1 - THE EFFECTS OF PARENTAL MONITORING AND LEISURE BOREDOM ON ADOLESCENTS' INTERNET ADDICTION
A1 - Lin,Chien Hsin
A1 - Lin,Shong Lin
A1 - Wu,Chin Pi
Y1 - 2009///Winter
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *TEENAGERS
This study explored the effects of parental monitoring, leisure boredom, and leisure activity on Internet addiction. The sample was 1,289 adolescents from eleven senior high schools in Taiwan. Participants were asked about their perception of being monitored by their parents, leisure boredom, leisure activities, and Internet addiction behavior. Results showed that leisure boredom and involvement in Internet and social activities increase the probability of Internet addiction; however, family and outdoor activities along with participative and supportive parental monitoring decrease these tendencies. Overall evidence suggests that parental monitoring is a major inhibitor of Internet addiction. Thus, adolescents should be supervised in their daily routines and encouraged to participate in family and outdoor activities. In addition, adolescents should develop a positive attitude toward leisure and the skills to prevent overdependence on online relationships with the assistance of parents. These findings suggest the preventive strategies regarding Internet addiction.
A random sample of 4,690 school children and youth from Primary grade 5 to Secondary grade 7 completed a questionnaire inquiring about the nature and extent of their sport and physical activity participation during the previous school year and their wishes for sport participation in the future. In terms of frequency of participation, the boys were fairly close to figures from western countries and showed little decline over age levels, whereas the girls had quite low participation frequencies and a sharp decline with age. Ninety percent of the school children and youth had engaged in at least one sport or activity in the past year. However, extent of participation based on frequency, duration and number of months per year was lower than western norms for the boys, and the girls were far below western girls in participation extent. There were some significant differences in participation patterns among the various districts of the Territory. The data showed that an overwhelming proportion of sport participation takes place in informal free-play settings as less than 3% of the sample indicated that they belonged to a sport club or similar activity organisation, and two-thirds of all participation occurred in a setting other than the school, a club, or in the form of formal lessons. There were substantial age and regional differences in the popularity of sports. More than 25% of the respondents had dropped out of an activity in which they had been involved the previous year. Hong Kong youngsters, if given a free choice, would give preference to familiar sports and physical activities, such as basketball, badminton, soccer (boys), and swimming (girls), but also show a remarkable interest in ice skating (girls). Dislikes for sport were different for males and females, the former avoiding dance, the latter mainly soccer and combative sports. Recommendations emanating from this study included (1) targeting of the female population of children and youth in Hong Kong for sports participation promotion; (2) prioritization of encouragement and facilitation of sport participation for youngsters in particularly the Kowloon area, (3) finding ways to improve quality of sport performance in informal playground participation which is the prevalent mode of sport involvement for Hong Kong children and youth, and (4) finding ways to change the image of sport and physical activity and to make them more attractive to encourage entry into sport and diminish withdrawal.
Abstract: Background/purpose: To investigate the month and day of the week of injury in common childhood activities using the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System database. Methods: All emergency department visits 2002–2006 from bicycles/tricycles, scooters, playground equipment, swimming/water activities, skiing/snowboarding, trampolines, and skating were analysed. The NEISS weighted and stratified data set was analysed using SUDAAN software. Weekday and month of injury, gender, race, anatomical location of the injury, geographical location of injury, and disposition were tabulated. Simple variation by month or weekday was analysed using cosinor analysis; combined variation for both month and weekday was analysed by topographical analysis. Results: There were an estimated 4.61 million emergency department visits for injuries from these activities in children in the United States. The average age was 9.5 years; there were 1.65 million girls (35.9%) and 2.97 boys (64.1%). Cosinor analysis demonstrated significant single peaks for month of injury for snow activities (January 27), trampolines (June 10), scooters (June 24), cycling (July 6), and water (July 12) activities. Double cosinor peaks were noted for skating (April 13 and September 12) and playground (April 22 and September 21) activities. Cosinor analyses demonstrated that the peak week days of injury were Monday for trampoline and snow activities, Saturday/Sunday for skating activities, Sunday for cycling, and Wednesday for playground equipment. There was no peak injury day for scooter or water activities. Topographical representation of paediatric injuries demonstrated that injuries from slides most frequently occurred April–May on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and those on swings April–May all days except Tuesday. Monkeybar injuries were bimodal, with the spring peak on Wednesday–Thursday in April/May and the fall peak Tuesday–Friday in September. Rollerblade injuries occurred Saturday–Sunday from March/April; rollerskates on Saturday–Sunday in January–April, and skateboards Saturday–Monday in August–October and Sundays in April. Conclusions: These findings can be used to further guide childhood injury prevention programmes/campaigns and especially track improvements after targeted prevention programmes. Public parks and schools should check/correct the status of playground landing surfaces just before the bimodal peaks. Education campaigns reinforcing the need for bicycle helmets could be concentrated immediately before the increase in cycling activity March on weekends and April/May for weekdays.
It has been well evidenced that physical activity (PA) has a positive effect on human health. It is very likely that a physically active child will grow up to be a physically active adult. Growing older, there is evidence of decreasing PA in children and youth. In the period of adolescence, girls tend to be less physically active than boys and therefore they are understood to be a risk group in relation to PA. OBJECTIVE: The aim of the study was to characterize school related weekly PA in adolescent girls and to identify the influence of participation in physical education lessons (PE) on the structure of weekly PA. METHODS: The study was carried out using the ActiGraph monitor and record sheets in a period of five school days and two weekend days. RESULTS: The results have shown that girls participating in two or more PE lessons show higher overall PA performed at school and also spend more time performing intensive PA at school than girls participating only in one or no PE lessons during the week. At school, the girls spent on average 10 minutes performing moderate PA (3.1–6 MET) and 0.6 minutes intensive PA (> 6 MET). The girls spent most of the time at school in being physically inactive, on average 125 minutes. When we compare these results with health recommendations (seven times a week 60 minutes of moderate PA and 3 times a week 20 minutes of intensive PA), we can argue that PA in adolescent girls really needs to be examined in research. Moreover, the results show that school and PA performed there (physical education lessons) still plays its irreplaceable role in the education system regarding the total level of PA and healthy lifestyle in adolescent girls. CONCLUSIONS: The increase of total PA in adolescent girls can be secured by the increase in school related PA (more PE lessons, introducing at least one physically active recess for 30 minutes during a school day, enhancing active transport to and from school) and by the increase of girls participation in organized PA outside of school and PA at weekends. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Physical activity levels in normal weight and overweight Portuguese children: an intervention study during an elementary school recess

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Physical activity levels in normal weight and overweight Portuguese children: an intervention study during an elementary school recess

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This study aimed to analyze the effects of an intervention strategy during the school recess on physical activity (PA) levels, by gender, age and body mass index (BMI). The sample comprises 158 Portuguese children aged 6 to 12 years. Weight and height were objectively measured. PA was assessed by accelerometry during the recess in pre-intervention and post-intervention periods. Introduction of extra outdoor play equipment was used as an intervention strategy. Significant interaction effects were found for the following areas: percentage of time spent in PA (F(1,150)=70.157; p<0.001), intervention X age group (F(1,150)=24.416; p<0.001) and gender X age group (F(1,150)=6.919; p=0.009); the time spent in Moderate PA for intervention X gender (F(1,150)=15.290; p<0.001) and BMI X gender (F(1,150)=6.411; p=0.012); the time spent in Vigorous and Very Vigorous PA (F(1,150)=54.790; p=0.001), intervention X age group (F(1,150)=9.490; p=0.002), intervention X gender (F(1,150)=14.161; p<0.001) and BMI X gender (F(1,150)=5.049; p=0.026). It appears that successful recess interventions to improve PA for children in elementary scholars are possible by providing relatively inexpensive play equipment.
vigorous physical activity (≥ 9.0 METs). Boys and girls spent about 50% of the recess in physical activity. Physical activity was characteristically done in very short bursts with intervals of rest or mild physical activity. The number of episodes of physical activity of all intensity levels was lower in older children while the inverse occurred at rest or mild physical activity. Boys engaged in higher intensity activity than girls and in general spent more recess time in physical activity.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4612
T1 - Correlates of Pedometer-Assessed Physical Activity in Cypriot Elementary School Children
A1 - Loucaides, Constantinos A.
A1 - Jago, Russell
Y1 - 2006/07/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PEDOMETERS
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *EXERCISE
KW - CYPRIOT students
KW - Cyprus
KW - BMI
KW - preadolescents
KW - steps/day
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 267
EP - 276
JF - Journal of Physical Activity & Health
JA - J Phys Act Health
VL - 3
IS - 3
N2 - Background: The purpose of this study was to examine the association between pedometer-assessed physical activity and a number of individual, social, and environmental correlates among Cypriot elementary school children. Methods: School children in grades 5 and 6 (N = 104) and their parents (N = 70) wore pedometers for five consecutive weekdays and completed questionnaires assessing potential correlates of steps/d. Results: A hierarchical regression analysis indicated that gender, weekly frequency of sports club attendance, and hours playing outside accounted for 32% of the variance in steps/d. In addition, children with a body-mass index (BMI) above the 85th percentile (based on age and gender) scored significantly lower steps/d than children with a BMI below the 85th percentile. Conclusions: This study suggested that correlates of steps/d in children are similar to the findings of other studies using different measures of physical activity behavior.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4615
T1 - Playground Exploration: An Opportunity for Incidental Learning of Mechanical Principles
A1 - Lyons, Brian
Y1 - 2005/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *CHILDREN
The article focuses on the incidental learning of mechanical principles that occurs on playgrounds. Many children experience principles of mechanics long before their first formal exposure in a science class. On the playground, they experience translatory and rotary motion, forces such as gravity, and attempts to overcome gravity with muscular effort. These efforts result in work and the expenditure of energy. Playing on swings, merry-go-rounds, slides, and teeter-totters helps children understand concepts illustrated by Newton’s laws of motion. Unknowingly, they learn about inertia, acceleration, ground reaction forces, and leverage.
TY - JOUR
ID - 4618
T1 - Happiness is greater in natural environments
A1 - MacKerron, George
A1 - Mourato, Susana
Y1 - 2013
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
JA - Global Environmental Change
PB - Elsevier
SN - 0959-3780
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4621
T1 - Padrao de actividade fisica: estudo em criancas de ambos os sexos do 4.ano de escolaridade. / Physical activity patterns: a study in primary school children of both gender
A1 - Magalhaes, L.
A1 - Maia, J.
A1 - Silva, R.
A1 - Seabra, A.
Y1 - 2002/07
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - *ACCELEROMETERS
KW - EXAMPLE
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Portugal
KW - Child
KW - primary school
KW - SEX FACTOR
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 47
EP - 57
JA - Revista Portuguesa de Ciencias do Desporto
VL - 2
IS - 5
CY -
N2 - The present study is aimed to perceive the different standards of physical activity in leisure time and the pattern of physical activity (regarding its manner, intensity, duration and frequency) of children within school context. A group of 120 children of both sexes, around the age of ten, attending Year 4 was selected amongst two Primary Schools in Vila Nova de Gaia. To assess the physical activity within their free time it was used Godin and Shephard's (21) questionnaire. Forty-nine children were asked to wear a portable accelerometer (Tritrac-R3D) for five days in order to assess their physical activity at school. The statistical procedures used were an average descriptive gauge, a standard deviation, unconditional and comparative occurrence; the independent measurement t-test and the Mann-Whitney non-parametric test. The results and conclusions obtained through this study suggest that: (1) boys show a greater rate of activity during free time in comparison to girls, specially in what concerns to high vigour physical activity; (2) children clearly manifest a pattern of physical activity which is fortuitous and it varies in its intensity and duration; (3) during school time children have physical activities of low intensity with less than 30 minutes per day of it being moderate/vigorous; (4) in
the playground boys are significantly more physically active than girls (p < 0.05); (5) even in planned PE sessions the standard of physical activity is of low intensity thus demonstrating children spend less than 50% of lessons performing moderate/vigorous exercises; (6) a change of behaviour is neither reflected in planned PE sessions nor in playground activity regardless of the energy outlay.

Girls versus boys: it's time to leave behind the childish playground behaviour

TY - JOUR
ID - 4625
T1 - Girls versus boys: it's time to leave behind the childish playground behaviour
A1 - Mahoney, P.
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *GOLF for women
KW - *GOLF
KW - Women
KW - MEMBERSHIP
KW - SEX discrimination
KW - Great Britain
KW - AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB
KW - GENDER EQUITY
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 17
EP - 17
JA - Golf World (00171883)
VL - 44
IS - 2
CY -
N2 - Commentary on the debate concerning Augusta National Golf Club disallowing women as members crossing over into the United Kingdom
SN - 00171883
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-880916
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4626
T1 - The difficult concussion patient: what is the best approach to investigation and management of persistent (>10 days) postconcussive symptoms?
A1 - Makdissi, Michael
A1 - Cantu, Robert C.
A1 - Johnston, Karen M.
A1 - McCrory, Paul
A1 - Meeuwisse, Willem H.
Y1 - 2013/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *BRAIN -- Concussion
KW - *BRAIN -- Wounds & injuries
KW - *SYMPTOMS
KW - *SPORTS injuries
KW - *SPORTS medicine
Background Concussion in sport typically recovers clinically within 10 days of injury. In some cases, however, symptoms may be prolonged or complications may develop. The objectives of the current paper are to review the literature regarding the difficult concussion and to provide recommendations for an approach to the investigation and management of patients with persistent symptoms. Methods A qualitative review of the literature on concussion in sport was conducted with a focus on prolonged recovery, long-term complications and management including investigation and treatment strategies. MEDLINE and Sports Discus databases were reviewed. Results Persistent symptoms (>10 days) are generally reported in 10-15% of concussions. This figure may be higher in certain sports (eg, ice hockey) and populations (eg, children). In general, symptoms are not specific to concussion and it is important to consider and manage coexistent pathologies. Investigations may include formal neuropsychological testing and conventional neuroimaging to exclude structural pathology. Currently, there is insufficient evidence to recommend routine clinical use of advanced neuroimaging techniques or genetics markers. Preliminary studies demonstrate the potential benefit of subsymptom threshold activity as part of a comprehensive rehabilitation programme. Limited research is available on pharmacological interventions. Conclusions Cases of concussion in sport where clinical recovery falls outside the expected window (ie, 10 days) should be managed in a multidisciplinary manner by healthcare providers with experience in sports-related concussion. Important components of management, after the initial period of physical and cognitive rest, include associated therapies such as cognitive, vestibular, physical and psychological therapy, assessment for other causes of prolonged symptoms and consideration of a graded exercise programme at a level that does not exacerbate symptoms. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The case notes of all children, under the age of 16 years, who were admitted with alcohol intoxication to hospitals in the City of Aberdeen, during the 5-year period 1988-1992 were studied retrospectively. The circumstances in which the children took alcohol were noted and our hospitals' admission policy on children with alcohol intoxication was reviewed. A total of 154 children aged between 11 and 16 years (mean 14.4, SD 2.8) were admitted. The male to female ratio was 1:1. Most children consumed alcohol either at their own homes or at outdoor venues and about half of them drank in the company of their peers. 15% had a history of previous alcohol ingestion, drug poisoning or overdose, glue sniffing or attending hospital casualty department for accidental injuries. Ten children presented with coma and 2 children had associated physical injuries. 1 child required intensive care therapy due to multiple injuries. 142 children (93%) were admitted for overnight observation and in the majority of children no active treatment was required. None of the children in this age group had problems with hypoglycaemia or hypothermia and all children made a complete recovery. This study confirms that alcohol intoxication is common in children and complete recovery is always expected unless there were associated coma or other injuries at presentation. We conclude that children between 11 and 16 years of age with uncomplicated course of alcohol intoxication may be looked after at home safely under the supervision of the primary health services. Health education about the dangers of alcohol need to be addressed from an early age if reduction in teenage drinking is to be achieved.
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4630
T1 - Outdoor Leisure Pursuits: Opportunities and Constraints
A1 - Marek,J.
A1 - Bennett,R.
A1 - Kjode,A.
Y1 - 1984///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *LEISURE
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - Socioeconomic Factors
KW - Demography
KW - Norway
KW - NON-ATHLETE
RP - NOT IN FILE
N2 - Presents findings from an interview survey study carried out in three separate districts in Norway on the types and frequencies of participation in leisure pursuits, and geographical patterns of the most popular activities. Relationships between predictor variables, participation frequencies, and satisfaction are examined in order to ascertain how to increase the level of engagement in outdoor leisure activities by passive groups. Results indicate that there is not a need to create new norms or expectations, but only to maintain the existing outdoor leisure cultures. Identifies old people, housewives with small children and those with physical handicaps as having lower levels of engagement in outdoor leisure activities.
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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=335235

ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4631
T1 - ASCERTAINING STUDY ON THE MANIFESTATION LEVEL OF THE ABILITY TO BALANCE AT CHILDREN OF 4-5 YEARS RURAL AREAS
A1 - Marin,F.I.N.I.
Y1 - 2012/09/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *EQUILIBRIUM (Physiology)
KW - *CHILD development
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - CHILD development centers
KW - TEST interpretation
KW - TEST theory
KW - CHILDREN
KW - equilibrium capacity
KW - rural area
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 411
EP - 416
JA - Ovidius University Annals, Series Physical Education & Sport/Science, Movement & Health
VL - 12
IS - 2
N2 - Purpose: This article is an accessible material, well-structured and easy to use by educators, teachers of physical education and sports, coaches in physical education classes, namely during the performance sport activities. Prepared in accordance with current modern bibliographical needs, this article aims to support the
theoretical and practical methodological knowledge in whose possession to be able to respond to social and motor orders related with the skill development, namely with the balance in children of preschool age. Methods: Research methods used in this research are part of private methods and of those processed, analysis and interpretation of data collected by the study. Measurements and records method consisted of applying and recording the `Flamingo” and Matorin test results. Results: Knowledge level of manifestation of the equilibrium capacity (coordination) in pre-school children in independent motor activity, by use of specific means to physical education and sport, is subject to the manifestation of motor skills, functional and psychological characteristics of each individual. Independent physical education activities will ensure the continuity of motor preparation, since at this age, by establishing a proper proportion between the individual physical condition and learning motor skills specific to physical education and sport, but also a gradual scaling of the physical exercise. Conclusions: Programming the physical education and sports activities shall be in conformity with the geographical environment, the material conditions of the school curriculum and with the analytical curriculum of the field. At the preparation and organization of physical education classes and sports, should be taken into account the number of children, the ratio number of girls and boys, health, level of physical development, psychological differences, the place that the physical education and sport occupies at the group's daily schedule, the conditions in which it is carried on (in room or outdoor), the provision of school material, etc. The use of the most efficient means and methods specific to physical education and sports can provide an improvement in health, harmonious physical development, an individual optimal physical condition, along with training and development of mental skills necessary to integrate children into society. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR SN - 12247359 UR - https://login.proxy.bib.uottawa.ca/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=s3h&AN=85380164&site=ehost-live ER - TY - JOUR ID - 4634 T1 - PREDICTORS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AMONG CZECH AND AMERICAN CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT A1 - Martin, Jeffrey J. A1 - Shapiro, Deborah R. A1 - Prokesova, Eva Y1 - 2013/09// KW - SportDiscus KW - *HEALTH KW - *PHYSICAL fitness KW - *PHYSICAL activity KW - *CHILDREN with disabilities KW - HEARING impaired children KW - Czech Republic KW - adapted physical activity KW - environmental influences KW - Social Cognitive Theory RP - NOT IN FILE SP - 38 EP - 47 JA - European Journal of Adapted Physical Activity VL - 6 IS - 2 N2 - Research is scarce in relation to using social-cognitive theory inclusive of social-cognitive, affective and environmental constructs to predict physical activity (PA) and fitness with hearing impaired (HI) children. Hence, the purpose of our investigation was to evaluate the ability of social cognitive variables (e.g., self-efficacy and social support), environmental (i.e., time outside) and affective constructs (e.g., physical activity enjoyment) to predict PA. Children from the Czech Republic and the USA (N = 64, M age = 14.1) with hearing impairments completed questionnaires assessing predictor variables and PA. Using multiple regression analyses we accounted for 29% of the variance in PA. Based on standardized beta-weights, the best predictors of PA were gender, country, and a block of social-cognitive constructs. Compared to males and females from the
Czech Republic and to females in the USA. American males receiving social support from their friends and who enjoyed physical education were the children most likely to be physically active. Future research examining environmental influences more fully (e.g., school settings, after school programs) both within the USA and cross-culturally and adult influences beyond parents (e.g., teachers, coaches) are encouraged. ABSTRACT

FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4635
T1 - EDITORIAL
A1 - Mason, Elspeth
Y1 - 2012/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - Parents
KW - GRANDPARENTS
KW - EDUCATORS
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
EP - 1
JA - Horizons (14620677)
IS - 59
N2 - The author reflects on the rationale of active participation in sport and outdoors which is fundamentally a value-based attitude absorbed from strong influences. He indicated that family not school or clubs facilitates the strongest, most sustained outdoor experiences that children can ever get. He noted that parents and grandparents send children to schools with outdoor ethos and provide outdoor opportunities. A noted challenge to outdoor educators is how to reach less advantaged families
SN - 14620677
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4636
T1 - Learning in the outdoor environment: a missed opportunity?
A1 - Maynard, Trisha
A1 - Waters, Jane
Y1 - 2007/10/
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - IN FILE
SP - 255
EP - 265
JF - Early Years
VL - 27
IS - 3
N2 - In 2001, the Welsh Assembly Government announced proposals for a Foundation Phase for children aged three to seven years. The Foundation Phase framework promotes a play-based approach to children's learning in both indoor and outdoor contexts and places children's wellbeing and their personal and social development at its core. While the framework is currently being piloted across Wales, full implementation will not take place until 2010; for many schools, then, this is a time of transition. This paper discusses the findings of a research project that aimed to
document the current use of the outdoors by a group of early years teachers working in South Wales. Drawing on data from interviews and observations conducted in four schools, it is suggested that the teachers missed many of the opportunities afforded by the outdoor environment to enhance children's learning. The paper considers the reasons why this might be the case and comments on the distinction, apparent in two schools, between what was seen as 'normal' and 'special' outdoor activity.

Keywords: Outdoor play; Foundation

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N2 - This article reports on a study in which eight Foundation Phase teachers were supported in exploring Reggio-inspired projects in the outdoor environments of their settings. The study found that the teachers did adopt more child-initiated/centred approaches although it is maintained that in part this was related to the outdoor context in which the explorations took place. However, supporting such approaches was not easy for the teachers while many did not make regular use of their outdoor spaces. It appeared that 'real work' was seen to take place within classrooms and was focused on the learning of subject content.

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N2 - Investigated how mentally handicapped adults spend their leisure time. Parents or care-givers of mentally handicapped adults, living at home, were interviewed as to how their son or daughter spent their leisure time. Findings showed that these handicapped adults lead a sheltered existence within the community. Activities were passive and solitary in nature. Nearly half of the sample did not take part in any activity outside of the family, only one third took part in any community activity and only one fifth had non-handicapped friends. Parents seemed willing for this leisure pattern to continue and few had suggestions for different activities. Parents
believed their children were not interested in other activities and felt recreational activities should be well supervised.


L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=117365

OBJECTIVES: To characterize prospective agricultural injury experience among rural California public high school students enrolled in agricultural sciences curriculum.

METHODS: The University of California, Davis Youth Agricultural Injury Study (UCD-YAIS) examined prospective farm-work injury among rural California public high school students enrolled in agricultural sciences curriculum.
students from 10 California Central Valley public high schools. RESULTS: Of eligible subjects, 882 (62.5%) completed at least one annual follow-up survey. Of these, 489 reported farm work in the previous year, including 40 (8.2%) with at least one farm work-related injury. Fractures were the most common injury, especially among girls. Girls were more likely to suffer animal-related injury and boys injury from motor vehicles, machinery, or tool use. Prospective injury risk was strongly associated with prior-year farm injury (OR 8.53; 95% CI 4.02, 18.1) and farm work hours. After adjustment for farm work hours, grade level, and sex, risk was significantly associated with machinery operation, applying chemicals, number of hazardous tasks performed, riding motorcycles or mopeds, riding in back of an uncovered pick-up truck, and smoking. Risky attitude toward farm safety was associated prospectively with injury in stepwise fashion. CONCLUSIONS: Adolescents are at risk for serious farm-work injuries. Although limitations on hazardous tasks and farm work hours are likely to be the most efficacious means for reducing injury, education will play an important role. Education should include inculcating safety-related attitudes and habits and focus on hazardous tasks, such as those involving animals (for girls) and motor vehicles and machinery (for boys), especially among youth with prior farm injury.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4640
T1 - Challenge/initiative recreation programs as a treatment for low self-concept children
A1 - McDonald, R.G.
Y1 - 1989///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PSYCHOLOGY
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *BALL games
KW - *ADVENTURE education
KW - *THERAPEUTICS
KW - Child Abuse
KW - Child Development
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - Child
KW - SELF-CONCEPT
KW - Aggression
KW - COOPERATIVE GAME
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 242
EP - 253
JF - Journal of Leisure Research
VL - 21
IS - 3
CY - ;
N2 - An investigation was initiated to determine if challenge/initiative games, conducted in an existing recreation setting for one hour daily, could be an effective treatment to enhance the self-concept of abused children living in a residential care facility. Over 28 consecutive days, a treatment group of 18 abused children received one hour of challenge/initiative games ("New," cooperative, or adventure games inclusive of a debriefing segment). A control group of 20 abused children participated for one hour daily in a traditional recreational (playground, diversionary, or competitive) games program. The results indicated that challenge/initiative games significantly enhanced four out of six components of self-concept in abused children, as measured by the Piers-Harris children's Self Concept Scale. Based on the results of this study, recreation professionals should consider incorporating challenge/initiative games as a part of their structured programs.(JLR)
SN - 00222216
The article discusses the essence of creating a family-friendly backyard to help raise physically fit children in the U.S. It states that playing outdoors provide young children the opportunities for extensive gross-motor movement as well as developing their social, physical and cognitive abilities. Moreover, playing outside can reduce stress as well as the risk of autism and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder in children.
N2 - Determines and compares the socio-economic background parental occupations, incomes, type of education) of white male athletes participating in four sports (football, basketball, wrestling, gymnastics) at the Pennsylvania State University. Hypotheses were 1) differences in socio-economic levels are characteristic of persons engaging in various types of sports, and 2) individuals who participate in contact or combative type sports, such as football and wrestling, are more likely to have been brought up in a lower social setting than those athletes who participate primarily in non-combative sports. Data partially supported hypothesis (1) while no support was found for hypothesis (2). Football players were characterized by socio-economic factors which are not typical of other athletes: formal schooling of parents, a higher proportion of mothers working outside the home, and a larger number of children in the family


T1 - Physical activity levels and prompts in young children at recess, a two year study of a bi-ethnic sample (Niveau d'activité et rapidité chez les jeunes enfants en vacances, une étude sur deux ans d'un échantillon biethnique)

A1 - McKenzie,T.
A1 - Sallis,J.
A1 - Elder,J.
A1 - Berry,C.
A1 - Hoy,P.
A1 - Nader,P.
Y1 - 1997///

KW - SportDiscus
KW - ACTIVITE-PHYSIQUE
KW - VITESSE
KW - ENFANT
KW - RACE
KW - MILIEU-SOCIO-CULTUREL
KW - STATUT-SOCIAL
KW - SANTE
KW - REFLEXE
KW - TEMPS-DE-REACTION

ER -


T1 - Neighborhood Income Matters: Disparities in Community Recreation Facilities, Amenities, and Programs

A1 - McKenzie,Thomas L.
A1 - Moody,Jamie S.
A1 - Carlson,Jordan A.
A1 - Lopez,Nanette V.
A1 - Elder,John P.
Y1 - 2013/12//

KW - SportDiscus
KW - Built Environment
Physical activity is important for children's development and their current and future health; national recommendations are for them to engage in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. Most of children's physical activity occurs outside of school hours; thus, access to and the quality of community recreation facilities and programming are particularly relevant. Researchers have identified strong links among socioeconomic disparities, physical inactivity, and poor health, but a limited number of studies have examined how access to community recreation facilities and physical activity programming are affected by local socioeconomic conditions. In many low-income communities, park and recreation facilities may be the only place for children to be physically active outside of school; thus, it is important to understand the connection between community environmental characteristics and child use of facilities. We were interested in determining whether the characteristics of community recreation center environments would be associated with neighborhood income and children's use of the centers. To do this we designed a study to identify whether neighborhood income disparities were associated with recreation center environmental characteristics and whether those characteristics were associated with young children's use of the center. We believed that findings to these questions could inform policy decisions within recreation centers and recreation departments to improve equity, facility use, and levels of physical activity. Thirty community recreation centers and 541 nearby families with children aged 5-8 years in five cities in Southern California participated in the study. To generate data we used multiple research instrumentation including (a) a structured physical activity survey of program offerings and barriers to children's participation in physical activity at the center [completed by recreation center supervisors], (b) direct observation of the presence and condition of recreation center facilities and amenities by trained assessors, and (c) a parent questionnaire on child use of the center. Results indicated that the condition of the community center facilities and amenities, but not their number, was positively related to neighborhood income (p < .05). As well, the number of cost-free, but not total, youth physical activity programs was inversely associated with neighborhood income (p < .05). Parent's report of their children using centers was positively associated with the number of amenities observed there (p < .05). The results suggest that policy makers and community recreation center staff should consider both neighborhood economic issues and environmental characteristics in their efforts to promote children's physical activity at recreation centers. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The article reports on the playground renovations being carried out by the Playground Task Force comprising various representative organizations from Baltimore, Maryland, to provide safe playgrounds to children in the state. The task force recommended the development of a city-wide playground network. Elementary schools would have playground areas, which included structures and spaces that encouraged interaction with nature. The second network of playgrounds would be established in parks to provide clusters of outdoor. The task force was committed to competing for grants and raising public and private funds from city, state, local businesses and non-profit foundations.
This article presents an interview with football player Randy McMichael, tight end with the Miami Dolphins. What was your welcome-to-the-NFL moment? When I got that phone call on draft day in '02, it was real exciting, but it didn't really hit me until I got to the Fort Lauderdale airport. Favorite off-day activity? I buy new clothes for me and my two kids, and I try to keep everybody clean. If I weren't in the NFL, I'd be... A kindergarten teacher. You've got to mold children when they're young, because when they get to high school, they get a little out of control. McMichael, the Dolphins' top pass catcher, had four receptions for 62 yards versus the Pats. Week 6 has been good for McMichael: In '02 he had a team-high five catches.

We are very pleased that The American Journal on Addictions (AJA) has committed to continuing to publish all abstracts from poster presentations made at the 2009 annual meeting of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP). Scientific presentations made at the meeting play a vital and important role in the content of the meeting, and AAAP has been committed to fostering this aspect of the program. Prior to the
2005 meeting, AJA published a small number of abstracts based upon ratings made by members of the Research Committee as a means for acknowledging the work presented. After discussion, the Board of Directors recommended publishing all abstracts from poster presentations, and recent changes in the Journal and consensus by the Board have resulted in this new initiative. By publishing these abstracts, AAAP completes what may be viewed as a three-step process. The first step is the submission of abstracts for a poster presentation at the meeting; these abstracts undergo peer review and critique by the Program Committee, and those that do not fulfill a minimal standard of quality are not accepted. The second step is then the actual presentation at the meeting. This new, final step is the publication of the abstract in a citable journal that is well established and respected in the field of addictions. Our hope is that the opportunity to have an abstract published in the Journal will capture the attention of, and be attractive to, researchers in the field. The AAAP annual meeting provides a unique opportunity for researchers and clinicians to interact, and the AAAP and AJA are taking this step in an effort to reach out to members of the research community who may not traditionally attend and present at the meeting. Other steps taken by AAAP, such as major presentations at the meeting centered on NIDA’s Clinical Trials Network (CTN), also seek to capitalize upon this unique opportunity for the research and treatment communities to interact and learn from each other. It is the intent of AAAP and AJA that publication of all poster abstracts will occur following annual meetings into the future. We hope you will consider submitting a presentation for the 2010 annual meeting. The process is simple, the meeting is collegial and enjoyable, and there is now the additional bonus of a citable reference for your work. Finally, congratulations to the authors of these abstracts. Poster 1: Buprenorphine-Medication Assisted Treatment: A Retrospective Analysis of Health Plan Data Charles Ruetsch, PhD, Health Analytics LLC, Columbia, Maryland; J Tkacz Background/Objective: Buprenorphine-medication assisted therapy (B-MAT) is an effective treatment for opioid dependence (OD), but its cost benefit is unclear. This study estimated cost benefit of B-MAT from the payor perspective. Methods: A pre-post case matched time series analysis of 2 groups (1. B-MAT fill and 2. no B-MAT fills) were analyzed over time. Data were claims (Q4 2005 to Q3 2008) from a large MCO of members with a diagnosis of OD. A within subjects Poisson model was used to regress patient characteristics onto six service utilization count measures and a within subjects MANCOVA was used to analyze service cost measures. Results: After controlling for demographics, Medicaid status, and health status, Group 1 had more Rx fills (5.21) and physician and outpatient visits (.88), but fewer hospital days (.46) and ER visits (.22; p's < .05). Group 1 had higher Rx ($1,208) and physician and outpatient costs ($160), but lower inpatient hospital costs ($1,986; p's < .05). Overall, Group 1 had lower total healthcare costs ($11,200, p < .001). Utilization of costly services and costs decreased over time and the interaction terms indicate that B-MAT patients drive most of the decreases. Conclusions: Though B-MAT patients incur higher pharmacy and office visit costs, they use fewer expensive health care services in other areas, resulting in an overall positive cost-benefit conclusion. Further, the longer that patients are on B-MAT the lower their cost is overall compared to non-B-MAT patients. Source of Funding: Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals. Poster 2: Compliance with Buprenorphine- Medication Assisted Treatment Decreases Drug Use among Opioid Addicts Joseph Tkacz, MS, Health Analytics LLC, Columbia, Maryland; C Ruetsch Background/Objective: Among those who are opioid dependent (OD), there is also a risk for poly-substance abuse. Follow-up substance abuse was examined on a national sample of OD patients during treatment with buprenorphine-medications assisted therapy (B-MAT). Methods: Subjects (N = 1,426) were new B-MAT patients who were randomly assigned to an intervention arm (B-MAT + telephonic patient support medication compliance program) or control arm (B-MAT alone) as part of a larger RCT. Measures included the Addiction Severity Index collected at baseline, 1, 2, 3, and 6 months. Difference in use of a variety of substances at 6 months was compared between subjects who were compliant (C) with B-MAT and subjects who were noncompliant (NC). Compliance was defined as taking medication on at least 22 of the previous 28 days. Chi-square tests of equality of proportions were used to compare groups. Results: Compared to C subjects, NC subjects were significantly more likely to use: alcohol (44% vs. 33%), heroin (11% vs. 3%), methadone (5% vs. 1%), other opiates (22% vs. 7%), cocaine (6% vs. 2%), and cannabis (23% vs. 15%); p's < .05. Conclusions: Results indicate that, in addition to less opioid use, C Ss used additional licit and illicit substances less often than did NC Ss. These results are particularly important given the number of OD patients who abuse multiple substances, and the high costs associated with drug dependence (eg, treatment, prison, crime, etc.). Future studies should compare the effectiveness of other treatment modalities on subsequent drug use patterns in opioid-dependent patients. Source of Funding: Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals. Poster 3: Predictors of Buprenorphine-Medication Assisted Treatment Compliance among Opioid-Dependent Patients: Results at Month Six Charles Ruetsch, PhD, Health Analytics LLC, Columbia, Maryland; J Tkacz Background/Objective: Compliance with buprenorphine medication assisted therapy (B-MAT) drives early treatment outcomes among opioid-dependent (OD) patients. This study examines the relationship between patient behavior, participation in a compliance program, and 3-month treatment compliance. Methods: Treatment (B-MAT) seeking patients (N
were randomly assigned to an intervention group (B-MAT plus patient support program) or control group (B-MAT as usual). Measures included the Addiction Severity Index and Treatment Services Review collected at baseline, 1, 2, 3, and 6 months. Chi-square tests of equality of proportions were used to compare compliance between groups at each measurement period. Month six compliance was regressed onto group, demographic indicators, and baseline indicators. Subjects who were assigned to the intervention, but did not choose to participate, were excluded from analyses. Results: Subjects assigned to the intervention were significantly more likely to be compliant with B-MAT at all 4 follow-up measurement periods (months 1, 2, 3, and 6; p's < .001). Baseline heroin and barbiturate use, the number of days receiving treatment for psychological problems, and the number of days experiencing medical problems were significant inverse predictors of B-MAT compliance. Older subjects who were paid for more days of work were more likely to be compliant with B-MAT. Conclusions: Baseline drug use, medical and psychiatric issues, and a variety of demographic indicators were all predictive of B-MAT compliance at month 6. Future research should focus on developing methods that allow or facilitate application of compliance programs, such as Here-ToHelpƒ, among these more vulnerable populations. 

Source of Funding: Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals. Poster 4: Differences in Opioid Dependence Severity by Health Insurance Ameliorated by Month Six of Buprenorphine Treatment Charles Ruetsch, PhD, Health Analytics LLC, Columbia, Maryland; J Tkacz Background/Objective: Few studies have examined the effect of patient insurance coverage on outcomes among opioid-dependent (OD) patients in buprenorphine-medication assisted therapy (B-MAT). Vital to payors, both commercial and government, the purpose of this study was to understand differences in treatment outcomes between commercially insured B-MAT patients and those with public sector coverage (ie, Medicare or Medicaid) or no insurance coverage. 

Methods: Subjects (N = 1,426) were new B-MAT patients who were randomly assigned to an intervention arm (B-MAT + telephonic patient support medication compliance program) or control arm (B-MAT alone) as part of a larger RCT. Measures included the Addiction Severity Index collected at baseline, 1, 2, 3, and 6 months. Results: At baseline, subjects with Medicaid/Medicare or no coverage (n = 606) had significantly higher legal, psychiatric, and employment composite scores, indicative of greater problem severity in these areas, compared to the commercially insured (p's < .05). The commercially insured group had a significantly higher alcohol composite score (p < .05). By month 6, there were no longer any differences between the two groups on the legal and psychiatric composite scores, yet the differences on employment and alcohol composites remained. 

Conclusions: B-MAT appears to have a positive impact on many areas of the OD patient's life. Future research is needed to elucidate why only certain differences between insurance groups disappeared after 6 months of treatment while others remained, and to investigate whether the sequela of other types of substance abuse (eg, alcohol) differ based on one's health insurance type. Source of Funding: Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals. 

Poster 5: Cytochrome P450 Abnormalities in Patients Who Require High-Dose Opioids Forest Tennant, MD, Dr PH, Veract Intractable Pain Clinic, West Covina, California Background: For unclear reasons, some chronic pain patients require very high-dose opioid therapy to adequately control pain. Recently, it has become possible to test for some genetic cytochrome P450 enzyme abnormalities. 

Methods: Fifteen (15) chronic pain patients who required 100 mg or more of morphine equivalence a day to control pain were tested for one or both the cytochrome P450, 2C9 or 2D6, genotypes. Their opioid serum concentrations were determined approximately 1 hour after their usual opioid dosage. Results: One of 11 (9.0%) patients tested for genotype 2D6 was abnormal. This patient is of Asian extraction. Serum concentrations of oxycodone and its metabolite, oxymorphine, were undetectable 1 hour after dosing. Two (2) of 8 (25%) patients tested for 2C9 genotype were abnormal, and both had very high serum concentrations of fentanyl (8.1 and 16.4 mg/ml) 1 hour after dosing. All three patients with cytochrome P450 genotype abnormalities stated that opioids provided pain relief for a very short time, usually only 1 to 2 hours, after administration. Conclusions: This preliminary investigation shows that genetic, cytochrome P450 abnormalities exist, in at least some high-dose opioid patients, even though only two of many genotypes were tested here. Cytochrome P450 abnormalities may require high serum opioid concentrations to stimulate ('force') enzyme activity and/or the abnormality may result in ultrafast metabolism. High-dose opioid patients are often stigmatized as abusers or addicts, and this preliminary study compels further study and possibly a new clinical perception of these patients. Source of Funding: None. 

Poster 6: Outcomes of Chronic Pain Patients Treated with Opioids for Over 10 Years Forest Tennant, MD, Dr PH, Veract Intractable Pain Clinic, West Covina, California Background: Recent epidemiologic studies indicate that about 10 million Americans now take opioid drugs for pain control. This relatively recent and dramatic occurrence has had little outcome study. The author recently reported 24 Southern California chronic pain patients who were treated with opioids over 10 years and who had positive social, physical, and functional results. 

Methods: Physicians who have long-term opioid-treated pain patients were recruited by advertising in a trade journal for physicians. Once identified, physicians completed a questionnaire for each 10-year patient. Information consisted of opioid use, dosage, underlying cause of pain, length of opioid therapy, stability of dosage, complications, and functional
abilities. Results: To date 50 total patients from six geographic sites have been identified. The majority of patients have remained on a stable opioid dosage for long periods and maintain good function in activities of daily living including dressing, reading, work, care for family, attendance at social functions, driving a car, and ambulation without assistance. Conclusions: This survey study leaves out patients who may have experienced severe side effects or found opioids to be an impairment to normal activities of daily living and discontinued their use. Although the percentage of patients who fall in the 'poor outcome' category is unknown, it is clear that long-term opioid use is associated with a positive outcome in some chronic pain patients. Given the findings here, there is no obvious reason to discourage opioid use or encourage pain patients to cease opioids. Source of Funding: None. Poster 7: Implementation of an Electronic Information System to Enhance Practice at an Opioid Treatment Program Steven Kritz, MD, Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation, Brooklyn, New York; LS Brown, Jr, M Chu, R Zavala Background: Adoption of electronic health systems (EHS) is commonly discussed in healthcare reform, especially in addiction treatment. We report the design and pre-implementation quality and patient and staff satisfaction results of an integrated EHS in an outpatient opioid agonist treatment program, consisting of seven clinics and providing primary medical and HIV-related care for approximately 3,000 predominantly minority adults in New York City. Methods: Besides quality and satisfaction, three other aims (productivity, financial performance, and risk management) were in the parent study, using a pre-post, prospective comparative design. Quality measures included: (1) viral load assessment in hepatitis C virus (HCV) infected patients, and (2) timely assessment of patients' medical and addiction status at various intervals. Using an anonymous survey, patient and staff satisfaction were assessed. Associations were assessed with staff and patient variables. Results: HCV viral load was appropriately performed in 92% of cases; annual medical assessments were timely for 83% of cases; annual addiction assessments were timely at 30 days, 90 days, and annually for 81%, 46%, and 70% of cases, respectively. Seventy-four percent of patients were satisfied/very satisfied with their care, while 33% of clinicians and managers were satisfied/very satisfied with the pre-EHS system for providing care. Conclusions: These results provide insight into primary care and addiction treatment delivery in one large program and provide the basis of assessing the impact of an integrated EHS, further informing healthcare reform discussions. Source of Funding: This R01 study is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse: DA022030. Poster 8: Design of a Novel Relapse Prevention Videogame as an Adjunct to Treatment for Alcoholic Patients Marcia L Verduin, MD, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida; S LaRowe, C Bowers, R Joyce, P Smith, H My- rick, J Salazar, B Stabile Background: Relapse prevention (RP) therapy is well supported in the treatment environment. Innovative approaches are needed to develop alternative settings for RP skill practice and maintenance. Methods: Addiction specialists collaborating with serious games programmers developed an interactive videogame grounded in RP theory for alcoholics to play as an adjunct to standard treatment. The game is currently being evaluated in a randomized prospective clinical trial. Results: The game concept for 'Guardian Angel' is based on lifestyle management-type games. The group developed four minigames housed within an overarching core game. In the core game, patients go about their daily lives while managing emotions, cravings, finances, and relationships. During each 'day' of the game, patients must play one of the minigames—Route Planner (navigating home while avoiding potential triggers), Clean House (ridding their home of hidden alcohol and other triggers), Drink Refusal (practicing drink refusal skills), and Balance Out ('therapy' sessions to reinforce key RP skills). Feedback from focus groups has been uniformly positive. A laptop will be provided for attendees to play the game during the poster session. Conclusions: An interactive videogame based on RP theory may provide a motivating, safe, realistic environment for alcoholics to practice their RP skills, in addition to standard treatment. Preliminary focus groups indicate that patients find the videogame acceptable and engaging. A clinical trial is underway to determine the efficacy of the game as an adjunct to treatment. Source of Funding: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Poster 9: Cross-Cultural Adaptations and Physician Training Integrating Alcohol Interventions into Routine Tuberculosis Care in Tomsk, Russia Hilary Smith Connery, MD, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida; S Livchits, A Shields, L McGrady, N Patrick, CS Lastimoso, A Grishkina, JE Hart, SS Shin, SF Greenfield Background: IMPACT (Integrated Management of Physician-delivered Alcohol Care for Tuberculosis patients) is a randomized controlled trial to assess the effectiveness of alcohol interventions as an integrated component of TB care provided with co-occurring TB and alcohol use disorders (AUD) in Tomsk, Russia. We discuss cross-cultural adaptations and physician training to provide an alcohol brief counseling intervention (BCI) and medical management with naltrexone (NTX). Methods: Alcohol interventions were delivered monthly by TB physicians as part of a 6-month directly observed therapy, short-course (DOTS') protocol for TB treatment. Patients with TB meeting CIDI-SAM criteria for AUD provided informed consent for random assignment to receive BCI, NTX, BCI + NTX, or TAU (treatment as usual) adjunct to DOTS. Eighteen TB
physicians were certified to perform all adjunct interventions through a series of trainings by a US-Russian multidisciplinary team using in-person and teleconferenced didactics, role-plays, feedback, and mock interviews. AUD interventions were audiotaped, translated, and reviewed weekly by a bilingual United States-Russia fidelity team consisting of expert AUD supervisors and trained bilingual coders and Russian supervisors. TB physicians received ongoing corrective feedback and training for adherence to each intervention. Results: Financial incentives and personalized training positively affected physician attitudes toward AUD intervention delivery and adherence to protocol. Cross-cultural challenges include linguistic adaptations, altering cultural norms of physician-patient dialogue, and limited referral support services for AUDs. Conclusions: Frequent dialogue and performance feedback with TB specialists by a multidisciplinary United States-Russian AUD training team resulted in cross-culturally acceptable and feasible AUD interventions integrated into TB care. Source of Funding: Supported in part by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism R01AA016318 (SS) and from the National Institute on Drug Abuse K24DA019855 (SFG). Poster 10: Ethics and Addiction: Moving Beyond Mistrust in Individual and Collective Care Relationship Aymeric Reyre, MD, Avicenne Hospital, Paris, France and WHO Collaborative Center for Ethics, Paris, France; O TaA_eb, JF Rouchon, G Broder, E Hirsch, MR Moro, T Baubet Background: Data from the literature as well as the daily care of addict patients stress the importance of pejorative representations they are carrying. These representations lead to a climate of mistrust responsible for major difficulties in establishing an authentic care relationship. Methods: Our phenomenological analysis of mistrust is based on Georges Devereux’s complementarist epistemology. It allows us to link anthropological, philosophical, and clinical viewpoints and opens tracks for the medical person's ethical positioning. Results: The pragmatic approach based on the analysis of interactions in the economic field and on game theory, calls to bet on trust to maximize systemic efficiency. On the other hand, a philosophy of action lead to Michel Foucault’s ethics of the ‘Care of the Self’: the medical staff, in an environment of mistrust, must develop a thinking and an aesthetic of its action. Finally, Paul Ricoeur and Hannah Arendt's moral philosophy calls for an ethics of mutual recognition and leads to rethinking the role of the promise in the care relationship. Conclusions: It is possible to remove the care relationship from the stranglehold of mistrust: (1) by taking the risk of trust, (2) by reflecting on our action in the field of care and exposing this action to the opinions of the others, (3) by using promise wisely, without limitation or excess, (4) by forming ‘islets of trust’ in our care institutions, spaces free from the need to promise, which could guarantee their democratic nature. Source of Funding: None. Poster 12: Maternal Cigarette Smoking and Substance Use Disorders during Pregnancy and Offspring Bipolar Disorder Timothy E Wilens, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; M Martelon, J Wozniak, M Monuteaux, M Evans, T Parcell, J Biederman Objectives: Recent work has suggested a positive relationship between prenatal exposure to cigarettes and substances (alcohol or illicit drugs) and offspring psychiatric disorders. No study to date, however, has primarily examined these exposures with offspring bipolar disorder (BPD). We looked to replicate previous work from our group that reported a positive association between maternal use of cigarettes during pregnancy and offspring BPD using a separate sample. Methods: As part of two family studies of BPD, 322 families, including 225 BPD subjects (mean age Añ SD: 11.60 Añ 3.50) and 97 controls (mean age Añ SD: 13.70 Añ 2.10), were comprehensively assessed with a structured psychiatric diagnostic interview for psychopathology and substance use. Maternal use of nicotine and substances during pregnancy were captured using two methods derived from structured psychiatric interviews. Results: BPD offspring were more likely to be exposed to prenatal maternal smoking than control offspring (odds ratio (95% CI) = 2.48 (1.15, 5.32)). However, this association lost significance when adjusted for comorbidity with conduct and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (odds ratio (95% CI) = 1.17 (.47, 2.94)). There was no association between substance use disorders (SUD; including drug or alcohol abuse or dependence) during pregnancy and offspring BPD. There were notable differences in the clinical characteristics of youth with BPD exposed to prenatal maternal smoking and alcohol use disorders. Conclusions: We partially replicated previous findings showing that comorbid BPD is associated with maternal use of nicotine during pregnancy. Our results warrant further replication in larger, less comorbid, prospective samples. Source of Funding: NIH R01 DA12945 (TW), K24 DA016264 (TW), and NIH R01 MH066237 (JW). Poster 13: Does Conduct Disorder Mediate the Development of Substance Use Disorders in Adolescents with Bipolar Disorder? A Case-Control Family Study Timothy E Wilens, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; MK Martelon, MJP Kruesi, T Parcell, D Westerberg, M Schillinger, M Gignac, J Biederman Background: Recent work has highlighted important relationships among conduct disorder (CD), substance use disorders (SUD), and bipolar disorder (BPD) in youth. However because BPD and CD are frequently comorbid in the young, the impact of CD in mediating SUD in BPD youth remains unclear. Methods: A total of 105 adolescents with DSM-IV bipolar disorder (mean Añ SD = 13.6 Añ 2.50 years) and 98 controls (13.7 Añ 2.10 years) were comprehensively assessed with a structured psychiatric diagnostic interview for psychopathology and SUD. The study was conducted from January 2000 through December 2004. Results:
Among bipolar disorder youth, those with CD were more likely to report cigarette smoking and/or SUD than youth without CD. However, CoX preceding SUD or cigarette smoking did not significantly increase the subsequent risk of SUD or cigarette smoking. Adolescents with bipolar disorder and CD were significantly more likely to manifest a combined alcohol plus drug use disorder compared to subjects with bipolar disorder without CD (X2 = 11.99, p < .001). Conclusions: While bipolar disorder is a risk factor for SUD and cigarette smoking in a sample of adolescents with BPD, comorbidity with CD in adolescents, comorbidity with preexisting CD does not increase the risk for SUD. Further follow-up of this sample through the full risk of SUD into adulthood is necessary to confirm these findings. Source of Funding: National Institutes of Health grants RO1 DA12945 and K24 DA016264. Poster 14: Open Trial of Sustained Release Bupropion in Adults with ADHD plus Substance Use Disorders Timothy E Wilens, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; JB Prince, J Waxmonsky, R Doyle, T Spencer, MK Martelon, M Evans Objective: To evaluate the effectiveness and tolerability of bupropion in adults with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and comorbid active Substance Use Disorders (SUD). Methods: This was a 6-week open trial of sustained-release (SR) bupropion in adults aged 18 to 55 years diagnosed with both ADHD and SUD. Bupropion-SR was initiated at 100 mg SR and increased weekly to a target dose of 200 mg SR twice daily. Subjects were assessed on multiple outcomes including ADHD, SUD, and adverse effects. All analyses were intent to treat, with last observation carried forward. Results: Thirty-two subjects were treated with bupropion, with 19 subjects completing the entire protocol (59%). At endpoint there were clinically significant reductions in the ADHD RS (34.1 Â± 8.2 to 19.4 Â± 11.4, f^2 = 43%, t = 6.49, p < 0.0001) and the Clinical Global Impression (CGI) of ADHD severity (baseline = 5.0, endpoint = 3.8, f^2 = 24%, t = 6.16, p < 0.0001). In contrast, there were clinically negligible effects on the self-report of substance use (p > 0.05) and on the overall CGI of SUD severity (f^2 = 23%, t > 4.95, p < 0.0001). Conclusions: Results from this open trial suggest that in adults with ADHD and SUD, treatment with bupropion-SR is associated with clinically significant reductions in ADHD, but not SUD. Source of Funding: NIH K24DA016264, Departmental funds for clinical trial. Poster 15: Addiction Psychiatry Service: A Specialty Addiction Consultation-Liaison Service in an Academic Medical Center Joji Suzuki, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; J Kauffman, M Renaud, S Brenner, E Margetson, J Peteet, D Curtiss, A Fife Background: Substance use disorders contribute significantly to the morbidity and mortality of hospitalized medical patients. To better manage medical/surgical patients with substance use disorders in the general hospital setting, a specialized multidisciplinary addiction consultation-liaison team (Addiction Psychiatry Service) has been providing expert diagnostic, management, interventional, and referral services. Methods: Consultations received by the Addiction Psychiatry Service during the period of January 2008 through December 2008 were reviewed for demographic and clinical characteristics. The history, development, composition of the service, as well as the integration with the existing psychiatric consultation-liaison service were also examined. Results: A total of 996 patients were referred to Addiction Psychiatry Service in the year 2008, with the following demographic and clinical characteristics: mean age 51.6 (range 17-87), male 63.9%, ethnicity (White 47.7%, African-American 31.8%, Latino 20.5%), consulting service (medicine 56.8%, surgery 17.8%, ICU 15.1%, OB/GYN 6.2%, ED 2.1%, neurology 2.1%), reason for consultation (withdrawal management 61.3%, counseling/referral to treatment 44.9%, delirium 11.4%, pain vs. addiction 10.2%, transfer to detoxification treatment 5.1%), substances used (alcohol 59.1%, opioids 26.1%, cocaine 22.1%, cannabis 7.6%, benzodiazepines 3.6%, amphetamines .4%, barbiturates .4%), and referrals accepted by patient (outpatient individual 37.1%, intensive outpatient 23.6%, methadone maintenance 11.2%, outpatient dual diagnosis 7.9%, inpatient detoxification 5.6%, residential and partial hospital 3.4%). Conclusions: Hospitalized patients in an academic medical setting have high rates of substance use disorders. A multidisciplinary addiction consultation-liaison service may be a useful model for supporting the medical/surgical staff to better care for patients with substance use disorders. Source of Funding: None. Poster 16: Ethnographic Survey of Hispanic Adolescent Heroin Users in Dallas County Carlos F Tirado, MD, MPH, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas; C Coton, KR Williams, JC Maxwell, B Adinoff Background: Since 2005, Dallas County has seen an unprecedented rise in the rate of intranasal and intravenous heroin use among Hispanic children and adolescents. There are documented cases of children as young as nine seeking opioid detoxification and there have been at least 26 heroin-related deaths in children under age 18 since 2005. Statewide, Hispanics represent the largest proportion of heroin users entering treatment under age 25. Methods: Seventy-two (N = 72) consecutive English speaking/reading respondents of Mexican and Mexican-American origin between age 13 and 18 with a primary diagnosis of heroin dependence were recruited from three participating drug rehab programs over a 7-month period. Subjects participated in a 90-minute self-report and structured interview session to obtain data on intranasal heroin use patterns, psychiatric comorbidity, high-risk sexual behaviors, and cultural and familial factors related to level of acculturation and intergenerational drug and alcohol use. Results: Sixty percent of respondents were female.
Roughly one-third of respondents were born in Mexico versus 85% of parents reported as Mexican born. Average age at interview was 15.7 years with average age of first use of heroin 13.5 years and age of initiation of daily use 14.1 years. One in six respondents had used heroin IV and one in four reported at least one certain heroin-related overdose. Nearly half (46%) of respondents reported they first tried heroin on school grounds. A third of respondents reported greater than four lifetime sexual partners. Fifty-one percent reported sometimes or rarely/never using a condom. Seventy-four percent of respondents reported at least one prior 30+ day residential treatment episode. One in five reported prior psychiatric treatment for depression. The most common secondary drugs of abuse were marijuana (46%), cocaine (22%), and alcohol (21%). One in six reported some form of physical, sexual, or psychological trauma. Forty-percent reported having used alcohol to the point of intoxication with a first or second degree relative and 46% reported using drugs to get high with a first- or second-degree relative. Preliminary hypothesis testing revealed no statistically significant relationship between level of acculturation and IV drug use or frequency of treatment entry. Conclusions: There are clear and concerning trends signaling the disproportionate and increasing use of intranasal heroin among young Hispanics in North Texas. Adolescent Hispanics who are in treatment centers have well-established heroin dependence and problem use of several other drugs. The use of heroin in area schools is troubling, but provides opportunity for assertive preventive measures. The presence of a psychiatri

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N2 - Epileptic encephalopathy is defined as a condition where the epileptic activity itself may contribute to the severe neurological and cognitive impairment seen, over and above that which would be expected from the underlying pathology alone. The epilepsy syndromes at high risk of this are a disparate group of conditions characterized by epileptic seizures that are difficult to treat and developmental delay. In this review, we discuss the ongoing debate regarding the significance of inter-ictal discharges and the impact of the seizures themselves on the cognitive delay or regression that is a common feature of these syndromes. The syndromes also differ in many ways and we provide a summary of the key features of the earlyonset epileptic encephalopathies including Ohtahara and West syndromes in addition to later childhood-onset syndromes such as Lennox Gastaut and Doose syndromes. An understanding of the various severe epilepsy syndromes is vital to understanding the rationale for treatment. For example, the resolution of hypsarrhythmia in West syndrome is associated with an improvement in cognitive outcome and drives treatment choice, but the same cannot be applied to frequent inter-ictal discharges in Lennox Gastaut syndrome. We discuss the evidence base for treatment where it is available and describe current practice where it is not. For example, in West syndrome there is some evidence for preference of hormonal treatments over vigabatrin, although the choice and duration of hormonal treatment remains unclear. We describe the use of conventional and newer anti-epileptic medications in the various
syndromes and discuss which medications should be avoided. Older possibly forgotten treatments such as sulthiame and potassium bromide also have a role in the severe epilepsies of childhood. We discuss hormonal treatment with particular focus on the treatment of West syndrome, continuous spike wave in slow wave sleep (CSWS)/electrical status epilepticus in slow wave sleep (ESES) and Landau Kleffner syndrome. The role of the ketogenic diet has in recent years come to the fore of the management of these severe epilepsies and we describe successful use in myoclonic astatic epilepsy, Lennox Gastaut syndrome and Dravet syndrome. It is important that resective epilepsy surgery is not ignored in the management of these children, particularly those with hemipathology who may present with ESES and respond well to hemispheric disconnection. Adjunctive and symptomatic surgical treatments such as vagal nerve stimulation and corpus callosotomy may improve seizure burden. Finally, it is vital that the identification and treatment of developmental, behavioural and psychiatric co-morbidities are not neglected and that a rational, holistic approach is taken to the management of epileptic encephalopathies.

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N2 - School and community based physical activity programs aim to increase the involvement of children through providing more comprehensive and extended access to opportunities to be active. This research project was initially devised to compare physical activity levels and practices of children at an 'Active Australia' school and at a school utilizing a school based Health and Physical Education program. The framework involved primary school children in grades 4-7 (girls, n=259; boys, n=232) wearing a pedometer and completing a physical activity survey each day for four days. The results of a One-way ANOVA indicated the daily step means of two schools differed significantly [F(1,489)=7.36, p=.007]. Irrespective of school, boys' means were significantly higher than girls [F (1.489)=53.04, p&lt;.0001]. Sport was the most frequent outside of school activity cited. A significant difference for boys [F(3,284)=8.81, p&lt;.0001] and girls [F(3,318)=13.92, p&lt;.0001] respectively was found for mode of transport to school. Children who walked to school averaged significantly more steps per day than those who travelled by bus or car. Chi-square indicated that those who walked to school were also significantly more likely to play sport. The Effect Size for walking versus all other forms of transport to school was 12.3, which is very large
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The main aim of this study was to assess potential differences between groups of pre-school children meeting and not meeting health recommendations for physical activity (PA) from the aspect of so called indicators of physical activity (active energy expenditure, number of steps). The number of steps was measured by Yamax Digi-Walker SW-200 pedometers (Yamax Corporation, Tokyo, Japan) and the active energy expenditure was measured by Caltrac (Muscle Dynamics Fitness Network, Torrance, California) accelerometers. Evaluation of PA from the aspect of so called health criteria was realized following the criteria of FrA mel, Novosad and Svozil (1999), who recommend values of so called health criteria of PA. Meeting these criteria, it is possible to suppose that PA positively affects the healthy development of an individual. The sample consisted of 200 pre-school children. Forty nine of these children (30 boys and 19 girls) were labeled as group A (children who did not meet the recommended values at least in one of the health criteria of PA). Group B (children who met the recommended values at least in one of the mentioned criteria of PA) consisted of 151 children (74 boys and 77 girls). The Mann-Whitney U test was used to test the statistical significance of possible differences between groups A and B and also between boys and girls within these groups as well. In all monitored parts of a week, as well as in both monitored parts of a day, a significant difference (p < .001) was found between groups A and B in both indicators of PA. Regarding these variables, the smallest differences (p < .02) were observed within the time spent at school. Our results confirm that a stay at kindergarten belongs among the relevant parts of a day from the aspect of children's physical activity in the sense of a very "problematic" part of a day, when the values of active energy expenditure and steps are decreased almost by 50% even in children physically active outside the school. On the other hand, a kindergarten is a proper place...
for children with hypokinetic behavior, who can be activated by an adequate incidence of school physical regimen. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4661
T1 - The importance of recess
A1 - Miller, M.C.
Y1 - 2009/08/
N1 - Accession Number: 2010359400. Language: English. Entry Date: 20090911. Revision Date: 20090911. Publication Type: journal article. Journal Subset: Consumer Health; Editorial Board Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Consumer Health; Pediatric Care; Psychiatry/Psychology. NLM UID: 9417017
KW - CINAHL
KW - Child Behavior
KW - Child Development
KW - Play and Playthings -- Psychosocial Factors -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 8
EP - 8
JA - Harvard Mental Health Letter
VL - 26
IS - 2
SN - 1057-5022
ER -

TY - RPRT
ID - 4662
T1 - Feel Better Outside, Feel Better Inside: Ecotherapy for mental wellbeing, resilience and recovery
A1 - Mind
Y1 - 2013///
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - IN FILE
CY - London
PB - Mind
N2 - Ecotherapy is an intervention that improves mental and physical health and wellbeing by supporting people to be active outdoors: doing gardening, food growing or environmental conservation work.

This report shows how ecotherapy is being used to help people maintain good mental wellbeing - and how the same intervention is increasingly being used as treatment to help people recover from a range of mental health problems.
SN - 978-1-906759-80-3
L1 - http://www.mind.org.uk/ecotherapy
ER -
The relation between intensity and energetical cost of work.

Mirus, M.

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Is physical activity in natural environments better for mental health than physical activity in other environments?

Mitchell, Richard

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Selecting safer playground equipment

N2 - Focuses on installing safe playground equipment. Accessibility to both parents and children; Correct positioning of the units such as the apparatus, equipment or composite units; Identification of the zone area for children's play; Play-surfaces safety standards; Play-equipment safety standards

Purpose. Lack of physical activity is associated with increased risk of overweight and cardiovascular disease, conditions associated with lower socioeconomic status (SES). Associations between activity levels of urban youth and limited access to safe recreation areas in their neighborhoods of residence were investigated. Design. Analyses of data from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods, a multilevel longitudinal study of families and communities, are reported. Setting. Chicago, Illinois. Subjects. Individual-level data were obtained from 1378 youth 11 to 16 years old and caregivers living in 80 neighborhood clusters. Neighborhood-level data were collected from 8782 community residents and videotapes of 15,141 block faces. Measures. Parental estimates of hours youth spent in recreational programming were used to estimate physical activity. A scale of residents' assessment of neighborhood safety for children's play was created; disorder measures came from videotaped observations. Results. Physical activity averaged 2.7 hours/week (SD = 5.0), varying significantly across neighborhoods. Using hierarchical linear regression, SES, age, and male gender, but
The authors describe the events that lead to forty Italian physical culture student instructors being brought to the United States for a six-month study program under physical culturist, Bernarr Macfadden. In 1930 Macfadden went to Europe to study health conditions as a member of US President Hoover's Committee on Child Health and Welfare. In Italy he met with Signor Renato Ricci, Italian Under-Secretary of State for Physical Education who described and showed Macfadden physical training facilities, classes, and programs. He also met with Benito Mussolini, and after many conferences with Ricci and others, he invited Mussolini to send 40 students to the United States to work with him and learn Macfadden's physical fitness program. Other chapters describe the introduction of the students to New York City, and the various cultural activities shown to them upon their arrival. The focus of the physical training program included exercises which strengthened the spine and muscles, the participation in sports of basketball, baseball, tennis, wrestling, boxing and track, and a diet of "eating only a sufficient amount of good food to nourish the body and no more." During the experiment, the diet included some fruit and meat, with emphasis on freshly ground wheat, rye and corn. The latter portion of the book has text and photographs of the exercises used and the forty individual records of each man’s physique measurements at the beginning and the end of the training program. Also included in the individual records is the outcome of tests at the beginning and end of the program including, two hand press, back lift, arm pull ups, abdominal lift, deep knee bend, 100 yard dash, one mile run.


TY - JOUR
ID - 4669
T1 - Measured effects on children in the primary grades from use of selected playground equipment
A1 - Morris, M.R.
Y1 - 1955/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *SPORTS facilities
KW - *GAMES
KW - *PLAY
KW - Child
KW - equipment
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - Eugene, Ore.:
P8 - Univ. of Oregon
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4670
T1 - The integration of anatomy and physiology into fifth grade physical education
A1 - Morrison, C.J.
Y1 - 1998/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *ANATOMY
KW - *TEACHING
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - PROGRAMS
KW - Methodology
KW - physiology
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - Eugene, OR;
The purpose of this study was to measure the effectiveness of integrated anatomy and physiology lessons on fifth grade students taught in their physical education class. Knowledge base, attitudes, and participation level changes were the targeted areas during the study. This quasi-experimental study looked at the changes that took place in the control group and the experimental group over the eight week study. The evaluations of this project were obtained through analyzing the test scores of the control and experimental groups; a pre-test and a post-test were administered. There was an attitude survey to identify changes in attitudes before and after the lessons were taught. Other evaluations came from teacher observations, recorded in journal entries, and from looking at student journal entries throughout the unit. The results showed a dramatic increase in the content knowledge of the experimental group. The control group showed little improvement; very few made dramatic increases in scores. Another very noticeable difference was in the attitude and behavior of the two classes. The control group, who were exposed only to the standard physical education curriculum, were very negative about the test and general information, even when being covered in the class. They could not connect the information with activities, because there was never enough taught to them. The experimental group were eager to take the post-test and had confidence in what they were being tested on. They referred to the information and used the terms in general conversation outside of the classes where the material was covered. The things they were learning had a purpose. The learning became part of their physical education class and connections between the material and physical activities were made by many students.
OBJECTIVES: To draw on empirical findings of the psychological factors that cause elementary-school children to engage in risky play behaviors that can lead to injury, with the aim of developing an integrative model that can support intervention-program planning. METHODS: An extensive review of literature on this topic was conducted, determinants of risk taking for which there was empirical support were identified, and results were synthesized to create an integrative model of children's risk taking. RESULTS: Research on risk taking in children is limited, but the findings support the importance of examining child, family and socio-environmental factors to understand children's risk-taking behaviors. CONCLUSIONS: Development of a model outlining the determinants of risk behaviors can provide a foundation for initiatives that aim to reduce such behaviors and prevent childhood injuries.
were tested prior to and following a 12-week training programme. The tests included: an anaerobic speed test (SAT) in which subjects performed a treadmill run at 7 m.p.h. and an 18 percent grade, until volitional fatigue; 7 repeats of 40 yds. every 20 seconds, and a timed 1-mile endurance run. The 12 week anaerobic training programme for the experimental group consisted of 4 different high speed activities performed over 15-20 minutes 3 times weekly at a work:rest ratio of between 1:2 and 1:3. Analysis of variance for a 2 by 2 (Exp-Count, Pre-Post) factorial design revealed a significant Groups by Pre-Post interaction on all variables except the 40 yard speed measure. It was concluded that the 12-week interval training programme significantly increased the anaerobic and aerobic fitness of pre-pubertal, elite-level male soccer players (HERACLES) Etude des effets d’un programme d’entraînement d’interval training, axe sur le développement du métabolisme anaérobie lactique et alactique, sur les capacités aerobie et anaérobie d’enfants ages de 10 a 11 ans, joueurs de football de compétition; les tests anaérobie consistent en une épreuve de vitesse sur tapis roulant (7 mph) avec pente de 18 % et une course de vitesse de 40 yards; le test aérobie en course d’endurance de 1 mile

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=172443
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4675
T1 - Ideas: activity boxes encourage an active recess
A1 - Moss,D.
Y1 - 2002/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *RECESSES
KW - Child
KW - equipment
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 26
EP - 26
JA - Physical Education Digest
VL - 18
IS - 4
CY - ;
N2 - Advocates introduction of activity box to recess. Suggests appropriate equipment for inclusion
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4676
T1 - Ideas: teach elementary students games for recess
A1 - Moss,D.
Y1 - 2003/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *GAMES
KW - *RECESSES
KW - Elementary Schools
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 23
EP - 23
N2 - Suggests games for the physical education classroom that children can play during recess

TY - JOUR
ID - 4677
T1 - Gender differences in physical activity during recess in Portuguese primary schools
A1 - Mota,J.
A1 - Stratton,G.
Y1 - 2003/09//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *RECESSES
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *PLAY
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - Portugal
KW - Child
KW - SEX FACTOR
KW - primary school
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 150
EP - 150
JA - Revista Portuguesa de Ciencias do Desporto
VL - 3
IS - 2
CY - ;
SN - 16450523
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-881909
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4681
T1 - Utjecaj karakterističnih obilježja socijalnog statusa na bavljenje kinezioloskim aktivnostima. / The effect of the characteristic traits of the social status on taking up kinesiologic activities
A1 - Mrakovic,M.
A1 - Metikos,D.
A1 - Katic,R.
Y1 - 1988///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *KINESIOLOGY
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - WOMEN -- Sociological aspects
KW - Women
The investigation was performed in order to establish the effect of the social status on taking up kinesiologic activities. The data obtained in the questionnaire for assessment of the social status and scales for establishing the intensity of kinesiologic activity were processed by means of the factor and regression analysis. The results show: (1) there are relatively low but statistically significant relations between the social status and taking up kinesiologic activities. (2) the greatest positive effect on taking up kinesiologic activities is the dimension named as the socio-political status, to a certain extent also the so called life style, political orientation and the basic residential status. The negative effect, although statistically smaller is the educational status of the mother and the basic economic status. Besides the statistical reasons there are some objective ones of the obtained results. A greater participation of women in sports is related with the status of the parents in society and at work, but also with the nature of influence of the social environment on the individual, particularly in childhood, as well as with the political orientation and a higher standard of living, while the educational status of the mother is on the margins of positive social power, at least in the case of women who participated in this investigation. A few hypotheses have been postulated for these results that should be checked since they differ from some investigations carried out so far.

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=357236
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4682
T1 - How informed are the parents about the burden of injuries?
A1 - Mujkic,A.
A1 - Miskulin,M.
A1 - Crnica,V.
A1 - Kovacic,L.
Y1 - 2010/09/02/
KW - SportDiscus
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A119
EP - A119
JF - Injury Prevention
JA - Inj Prev
VL - 16
N2 - Objective Determining the knowledge and attitudes towards injury prevention/safety promotion (IPSP) for pre-school children among Croatian parents of newborn babies. Participants 351 parents (285 mothers, 66 fathers). Methods Anonymous self-administered questionnaire containing demographic items and items on knowledge and attitudes regarding IPSP for pre-school children. Main Outcome Measures Knowledge and attitudes towards IPSP for pre-school children. Results The answers the parents gave varied greatly for the 40 questions asked. For example: almost all parents showed correct attitudes and knowledge regarding leaving an infant unsupervised in water (99.3% mothers, 100% fathers answered correctly), having pre-school child sitting at the front seat if held by an adult (99.3% mothers, 100% fathers answered correctly) and playground safety (98.2% mothers, 100% fathers answered correctly). An adequate number (73.9% mothers, 76.9% fathers) chose the correct answer on the question related to the storage of chemicals and a similar number (77.5% mothers,
65.6% fathers) said they indeed did store them in the proper manner. It was shocking to see how low they scored on some very important questions: 35.9% mothers and 23.1% fathers recognize child-walkers as dangerous and only 12.7 fathers and 20.0% mothers knew that the safest position for sleeping for an infant is on the back. 

Conclusions Parents play a crucial role in injury prevention/safety promotion as models for their children, their educators and persons in the position to intervene within environment making it safer. Therein lays the importance of their sufficient knowledge and positive attitudes. Our results show a need for further public health education of the parents. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4683
T1 - Validation of the Caltrac movement sensor using direct observation in young children
A1 - Mukeshi,M.
A1 - Gutin,B.
A1 - Anderson,W.
A1 - Zybert,P.
A1 - Basch,C.
Y1 - 1990/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *ENERGY metabolism
KW - *ENERGY expenditure
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - INFANTS
KW - TESTING
KW - Test Reliability
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 249
EP - 254
JF - Pediatric Exercise Science
JA - Pediatr Exerc Sci
VL - 2
IS - 3
CY - :
N2 - The validity of the Caltrac movement sensor for use with preschool children was assessed. Caltrac-derived values for energy expenditure were compared with those derived via laborious coding of direct observation that involved classification of the child's videotaped activity every other 5 seconds for an hour in the day-care center or on the playground. Both Caltrac and direct observation values were expressed in kilocalories. The subjects were 20 children with a mean age of 35 months. The correlation coefficient for the total of indoor and outdoor activity was r=.62 (p is less than .01). The separate correlations for indoor and outdoor activity were r=.56 (p is less than .05), respectively. However, when the children's weight, height, age, and sex were factored out of both the Caltrac and direct observation scores, the correlations fell to r=.25 (n.s.), r=.47 (p is less than .05), and r=.16 (n.s.) for the total, indoor and outdoor activity, respectively. Thus the Caltrac seemed to record indoor activity (mainly walking) more accurately than it recorded the more varied playground movements, casting doubt on its value as a means of measuring physical activity in children 2-3 years of age
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TY - JOUR
This study explored whether children differentiate between their physical capabilities at play activities, informal recreational activities, and formal competitive activities. Harter’s (11) six-item Athletic Competence subscale from the Self-Perception Profile for Children was administered to 578 children and adolescents (ages 7-15 years). The items were modified to refer to three different categories of physical activity instead of sport or outdoor games as used in the original subscale. Repeated measures ANOVA revealed that children differentiated between the three categories of physical activity, and that the competitive sport category was their area of lowest perceived competence. Males had higher levels of perceived competence than females in each category.
It's not just baseball players who know that the third strike is a bitter pill. Michael Pittman, 27, the Buccaneers' running back you last saw celebrating his 124-yard performance in the Super Bowl, may have a long wait before he plays his next down. Pittman was arrested on May 31 outside his Phoenix home and charged with two counts of felony assault on his wife, Melissa, who on Mother's Day had given birth to their second child, a daughter. According to police reports Pittman and Melissa, who have been married for four years, began arguing after Melissa found phone numbers belonging to other women on Pittman's cellphone bill. Police say the argument unfolded outside the house, where Pittman berated Melissa with profanities and then rammed his Hummer into the passenger side of Melissa's Mercedes as she tried to drive away.
The aim of this study was to analyze the quality of life related to health (QLRH) and physical activity (PA) patterns of adolescents with overweight or obesity and adolescents with normal weight. A total of 106 subjects (12.06 ± 0.9 years of age) from a school in the city of Granada (Spain) participated in the study. The Kid-Kindl version of the Kindl questionnaire (adapted and validated to Spanish) was used to measure QLRH by means of the dimensions of physical well-being, emotional well-being, self-esteem, family, friends, and school. Results demonstrate that the percentage of active boys (those that practice 2 or more hours of moderate to vigorous PA outside of school) is significantly greater than the percentage of active girls. When comparing the PA done by subjects with normal weight and those with obesity/overweight, it is observed that subjects with normal weight are significantly more active. For the points obtained in the questionnaire about quality of life, it is shown that subjects with normal weight obtain significantly better scores in general. This difference is also observed in all other dimensions of the questionnaire, except in the "Family" dimension where there are no differences; however, statistically significant differences are seen only in the "Self-esteem", and "School" dimensions. Given these results, it is necessary to develop intervention plans to generate healthy habits in children and adolescents, so they can maintain them in the future, and in this way reverse the tendency toward being obese adults.
Profiles Greg Lloyd, the five-time Pro Bowl outside linebacker of the Pittsburgh Steelers. His charitable contributions; Lloyd as one of the most feared players in the National Football League; The fine levied against him for a hit against Green Bay Packers' quarterback Brett Favre; His humble childhood years spent with his aunt, Bertha Mae Rumph, and nine other kids in a two-bedroom apartment after his mother abandoned him at age 2

Abstract Unintentional childhood injury burden, risks, and outcomes are assessed in Kampala. Proportional incidence rates, percentages and injury odds are computed; risk trends are constructed. Five hundred and fifty-six childhood injuries were recorded between January and May 2008. Male: female ratio was 15:10. Parents transported most patients to hospital using mini-buses, private cars and motorcycles. Median injury location was 5km. Homes, roads, schools were lead locations. Play and daily living activities are commonest injury time activities. Falls, burns and traffic constitute 70.5% of injuries. Burns, open wounds, fractures are commonest. Motorcycles, buses and passenger cars caused most crashes. Play grounds, furniture, stairs and trees were commonest fall sources. Liquids, fires and hot objects cause most burn. 43.8% of cases were admitted. 30% were not disabled; 10%, disabled; 1%, fatal. Injury odds varied with age, place and cause. We failed to capture poisoning and drowning. Local paediatric injury priorities should include home, road and school safety.

Playground interactions for preschool-age children with special needs

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KW - Play and Playthings -- Evaluation
KW - Special Populations -- In Infancy and Childhood
Forty-five typically-developing children and 19 children with special needs, ages 3 to 5 years, were observed interacting on the playground. Observers recorded three types of play engaged in by the children. These included: (1) playing alone, (2) playing with a teacher, or (3) playing cooperatively with peer(s). Scan-sampling was the observational technique used by the observers. This technique required a snapshot observation of a child at play for 10 seconds. Results indicated that children with special needs engaged in less cooperative play and were observed playing alone or with a teacher more often than their typically-developing peers. Furthermore, children with special needs often arrived on the playground later than their typically-developing classmates; consequently, they had fewer opportunities to be involved in play with peers. Field notes made by observers indicated that in some instances teachers used effective strategies to facilitate the inclusion of children with special needs in cooperative interactions. Results and observations are discussed and recommendations for practice and future research are provided.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4693
T1 - Physical activity patterns among 10-13-year old students engaged in team pentathlon with regards to age, sex, and season
A1 - Nadeau,L.
A1 - Martel,D.
A1 - Gagnon,J.
A1 - Michaud,V.
A1 - Godbout,P.
Y1 - 2013/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *PENTATHLON
KW - *STUDENTS
KW - *PHYSICAL education
Background: Team pentathlon (TP) is designed to increase physical activity (PA) among children. Every day for eight weeks students register each PA episode completed outside of physical education classes. Depending upon the type and intensity of the activity, a correction factor is applied to the duration of each episode; a total of 60 corrected minutes represents one pentathlon hour (PH). The study intended to characterize elementary and secondary school students' patterns of PA in relation with grade level, sex and season. Methods: The study considered a total of 1496 students from grade five and six and secondary first students of both sexes who had completed TP either during fall or winter. The students’ PA pattern considered weekly number of PA episodes, average duration of episodes, uncorrected weekly PA volume, average correction factor, and average number of PHs per week. Results: Activities selected by boys were significantly more intense than those selected by girls and their overall average number of PHs per week was slightly higher. Winter PA lasted longer than during fall but was less intense, resulting in a significant but meaningless difference between winter and fall in terms of weekly PHs. Overall, grade five students were more active than older students both in terms of uncorrected and corrected PA volume per week. Conclusion: Results of the study suggest that sex and season differences usually reported in the literature are not present when students engage in TP. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
ethnic differences, with Mexican American children showing greater skinfolds over time and the tendency to be shorter than Anglo American children. Of the variables related to diet, five of the seven variables showed gender or ethnic differences; percent of calories from fat and food preparation behaviors tended to place Mexican American children at greater risk. When examining physical activity, four of the eight variables showed gender and/or ethnic differences in trend. As children age, they get less active at home and more active and are prompted more often to be active. They also participated in more organized physical activities as they get older.

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=386944
N2 - Discusses how small children learn through play. Proposes that play teaches them essential social and physical skills. Suggests that children who do not have a chance to develop their skills will be distinctly handicapped in approaching the world around them. Examines how children need a large amount of time exploring their physical world in order to enhance muscle development and make sense of the universe. Play is the way children communicate their ideas to themselves and is therefore of tremendous importance toward their overall intellectual development.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4699
T1 - Ankle Injuries Among United States High School Sports Athletes, 2005-2006
A1 - Nelson, Alex J.
A1 - Collins, Christy L.
A1 - Yard, Ellen E.
A1 - Fields, Sarah K.
A1 - Comstock, R. Dawn
Y1 - 2007/07/
KW - *SPORTS injuries
KW - *HIGH school athletes
KW - *WOUNDS & injuries
KW - *ANKLE -- Wounds & injuries
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness -- Research
KW - *BASKETBALL for women
KW - *BASKETBALL injuries
KW - *FOOTBALL injuries
KW - Research
KW - PHYSIOLOGICAL aspects
KW - injury epidemiology
KW - injury surveillance
KW - lower extremity injuries
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 381
EP - 387
JA - Journal of Athletic Training
VL - 42
IS - 3
N2 - Context: Ankle injuries are the most common sport-related injuries. To date, no studies have been published that use national data to present a cross-sport, cross-sex analysis of ankle injuries among US high school athletes. Objective: To investigate the incidence rates of ankle injuries by sex, type of exposure, and sport. Design: Descriptive epidemiologic study. Setting: One hundred US high schools. Patients or Other Participants: United States high school athletes. Main Outcome Measure(s): We reviewed ankle injury data collected over the 2005-2006 school year from a nationally representative sample obtained by High School RIO, an injury surveillance system. Specific sports studied were boys' football, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' wrestling, boys' baseball, and girls' softball. Results: An estimated 326,396 ankle injuries occurred nationally in 2005-2006, yielding an injury rate of 5.23 ankle injuries per 10,000 athlete-exposures. Ankle injuries occurred at a significantly higher rate during competition (9.35 per 10,000 athlete-exposures) than during practice (3.63) (risk ratio = 2.58; 95% confidence interval = 2.26, 2.94; P < .001). Boys' basketball had the highest rate of ankle injury (7.74 per 10,000 athlete-exposures), followed by girls' basketball (6.93) and boys' football (6.52). In all sports except girls' volleyball, rates of ankle injury were higher in competition than in practice. Overall, most ankle injuries were diagnosed as ligament sprains with incomplete tears (83.4%). Ankle injuries most commonly caused athletes to miss less than 7 days of activity (51.7%), followed by 7 to 21 days of activity loss (33.9%) and more than 22 days of activity loss (10.5%). Conclusions:
Sports that combine jumping in close proximity to other players and swift changes of direction while running are most often associated with ankle injuries. Future research on ankle injuries is needed to drive the development and implementation of more effective preventive interventions. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4700
T1 - Mountain Biking-Related Injuries Treated in Emergency Departments in the United States, 1994-2007
A1 - Nelson, Nicolas G.
A1 - McKenzie, Lara B.
Y1 - 2011/02/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CYCLING accidents
KW - *BRAIN -- Wounds & injuries
KW - *EPIDEMIOLOGY
KW - *HOSPITAL care
KW - *WOUNDS & injuries
KW - *MEDICAL records
KW - Emergency Medical Services -- United States
KW - AGE distribution (Demography)
KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - COMPUTER software
KW - Confidence Intervals
KW - Research
KW - RESEARCH -- Methodology
KW - product safety
KW - PUBLIC health surveillance
KW - SEX distribution (Demography)
KW - Statistics
KW - data analysis
KW - Retrospective Studies
KW - Severity of Illness Index
KW - Evaluation
KW - United States
KW - emergency department
KW - injury
KW - mountain bike
KW - National Electronic Injury Surveillance System
KW - outdoor
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 404
EP - 409
JF - American Journal of Sports Medicine
JA - Am J Sports Med
VL - 39
IS - 2
N2 - Background: Injury research on mountain biking has been mostly limited to examining professional riders and off-road biking. Mountain bikes represent the largest segment of bike sales in the United States. Recreational mountain bike use is popular and understudied. Purpose: To describe the scope, distribution, and trends of mountain bike-related injuries treated in US emergency departments. Study Design: Descriptive epidemiologic study. Methods: A retrospective analysis was conducted with data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission for patients aged 8 years from 1994 through 2007. Sample weights provided by the system were used to calculate national estimates of
mountain bike-related injuries based on 4624 cases. Bivariate comparisons between categorical variables were assessed with injury proportion ratios and 95% confidence intervals. Results: Nationwide, an estimated 217,433 patients were treated for mountain bike-related injuries in US emergency departments from 1994 to 2007, an average of 15,531 injuries per year. The annual number of injuries decreased 56%, from a high of 23,177 in 1995 to 10,267 in 2007 (P < .001). The most common injuries were upper extremity fractures (10.6%) and shoulder fractures (8.3%). Patients aged 14 to 19 years sustained a greater proportion of traumatic brain injuries (8.4%) than did patients aged 8 to 13 years and ≥ 20 years combined (4.3%). A greater proportion of female riders (6.1%) than male riders (4.5%) were hospitalized. Conclusion: Mountain bike-related injuries decreased from 1994 to 2007. Upper extremity fractures were the most common injury. Girls and women may be more likely than boys and men to sustain more severe injuries requiring hospitalization. Despite the decline over the past decade, more can be done to improve safety and reduce injuries in this popular recreational activity.
The preparation of children and adolescents for physical activities during leisure time is considered to be one of the main goals of physical education in schools. Collects data through interviews with students (n=1058) and parents (n=281). Data are listed in statistical summaries but not analyzed. Collected data concerning leisure activities of children and adolescents, membership in sport clubs, physical activities of parents, and students' evaluation of physical education in school.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4706
T1 - Physical activity at recess; who is doing what? (Abstract)
A1 - Nielsen, A.B.
A1 - Wakinson, J.
A1 - Causgrove-Dunn, J.
A1 - Cavaliere, N.
Y1 - 2003/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *RECESSES
KW - Schools
KW - age
KW - EXAMPLE
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Child
KW - SEX FACTOR
KW - behaviour
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A
EP - 52
JF - Research Quarterly for Exercise & Sport
JA - Res Q Exerc Sport
VL - 74
IS - 1 Suppl
CY - :
SN - 02701367
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-883418
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4710
T1 - Chapter 19: CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Chapter 19 of the book "Exercise-Health Connection" is presented. It discusses concerns regarding the physical fitness and activity issues related to children and youth in the U.S. Enumerated are the guidelines released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 199 urging schools to help young people get active and stay active such as providing recess activities such as jumping rope and promoting physical activity through a comprehensive school health program with links to the community.

Aim of this study is the investigation of significance of the functional parameters that Greek Parents take into consideration for the qualitative' camps evaluation in our country. The sample constituted 9026 parents which had sent their children in various camps in Southern Greece, during one of the three camping periods, and who have filled in a questionnaire of closed questions considering functional subjects of the camp, i.e. facilities, level of education, specialization of executives (group leaders, etc), program of activities, etc. Results showed that the basic camp's evaluation factors are in order of evaluation, execute, program of activities of the camps, and are followed by, infrastructures - facilities while in smaller percentage diet and the natural environment of camps are evaluated. Moreover according to parents' opinions on the way of compensation that should be differentiated depending on the level of services given. The majority of the respondents would like their children to be involved mainly with sport environmental activities, while with regard to executives' level of
education priority is given in the graduates or students of higher education institutions and more concrete in professors or students of Physical Education. Parents prefer the energetic entertainment and involvement (active participation in the activities) of their children, which is realised in an optional and not in an obligatory base. This fact dictates the need for capable executives to correspond in the necessary process of encouragement and incentive of the campers. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 09732152

TY - JOUR
ID - 4712
T1 - Design of safe consumer product based on children behaviour model constructed from behaviour observation: case study of playground equipment
A1 - Nishida,Y.
A1 - Motomura,Y.
A1 - Kitamura,K.
A1 - Yamanaka,T.
Y1 - 2010/09/02/
KW - SportDiscus
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - A219
EP - A220
JF - Injury Prevention
JA - Inj Prev
VL - 16
N2 - This study presents behaviour-model-based product design as a new approach to safe product design for children. Ubiquitous sensing technology and statistical modelling technology allows us to quantitatively observe and record children behaviour and thus acquire children behaviour model from the large-scale sensory data. This study proposes a system for modelling children behaviour and designing consumer product based on the developed behaviour model. The proposed system consists of a wearable sensor for spatially and temporally measuring children behaviour in an everyday setting together with Bayesian network modelling technology to acquire a children behaviour model. We consider this system from both the theoretical and practical viewpoints. The theoretical framework describes a behavioural model in terms of spatial statistics. The practical aspect of this paper is concerned with a case study in which the proposed system is used to create a new type of playground equipment that is safer for children, in order to demonstrate the practical effectiveness of the system. In this case study, we conducted in situ measurement of 47 children playing with equipment by a wireless wearable location f_" electromyography sensor that the authors developed in cooperation with a kindergarten. A model on children's climbing behaviour was created from the measured data. By cooperating with a playground equipment maker, a new climbing wall type of equipment was developed and the developed equipment was installed at a kindergarten. This study also evaluates the performance of the model statistically by observing children playing with the developed equipment using cameras for over 1 year. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4713
T1 - The Influence of Context: A Naturalistic Study of Ugandan Children's Doings in Outdoor Spaces
A1 - Njelesani,Janet
A1 - Sedgwick,Amy
A1 - Davis,Jane
A1 - Polatajko,Helene
The purpose of this study was to explore children's everyday outdoor occupations in context. A naturalistic observational approach was employed to record the observed outdoor occupations of children in Mbarara, Uganda. Thematic analysis, through pattern formation and constant comparative analysis, was used to uncover categories and themes in the data. Patterns emerged from the data revealing two overarching categories containing three themes: 1) types of occupations: play, work and nothing in particular and 2) characteristics of occupational engagement: being in peer groups, having fun and using materials in the environment. The themes reveal that children's occupations are both similar and different across minority and majority world cultures and that children's occupations are contextually situated and flexible in nature. A limitation of the study was that the observational approach made identification of children's ages subjective. Subsequent studies should explore children's experiences of occupational engagement using interviews and focus groups. Copyright © 2010 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

The effect of school uniform on incidental physical activity among 10-year-old children

A1 - Norrish,Hannah
A1 - Farringdon,Fiona
A1 - Bulsara,Max
A1 - Hands,Beth
Y1 - 2012/04/
KW - SportDiscus
The school setting provides a unique opportunity to promote physical activity in children by ensuring adequate time, appropriate facilities and education guidance is offered. However school uniform design could also limit physical activity. A repeated measures crossover design was used to compare school recess and lunchtime physical activity over four weeks in 64 primary school children (M = 10.48 yrs) when wearing winter uniform or sports uniform. Pedometers recorded step counts during each school recess and lunch break. Perception of the level of intensity of physical activity was also measured using a self-report log book. Mixed model analyses found that girls, but not boys, were significantly more active at recess (p = .03), lunch (p = .04) and overall (p = .006) when wearing their sports uniform compared to their winter uniform. School uniform did not impact the boy's physical activity levels. Perceived intensity of physical activity increased slightly among both girls and boys. A physically restrictive school uniform has the potential to inhibit physical activity among primary-school-aged girls. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
With the prevalence of overweight and obesity in the under 18s on the rise, there are increasing numbers of weight management programmes offering treatment within and outside of the NHS, however only a few are formally evaluated (Aicken et al., 2008). Activ8 is a 6-week community based group intervention targeting overweight and obese children aged between 5 and 18 years. The course consists of weekly 1-h sessions that combine game based physical activities and nutritional education sessions. The aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of the Activ8 intervention on anthropometry and body composition. Routinely collected data was pooled from all children attending Activ8 during 2009. Information recorded included gender, date of birth and measurements for weight, height and body fat percentage (%BF), measured using bioelectrical impedance analysis. Patients with only a single measurement, missing birth date and attending siblings under the 91st percentile for BMI for age were excluded. The prevalence of co-morbidities such as type 2 diabetes and sleep apnoea were not assessed. Statistical analysis was carried out using SPSS comparing anthropometric and body compositional variables before and after attendance and examining the effect of age and gender on outcomes. Ethical approval was received from the Research Ethics Review Panel of the London Metropolitan University prior to the commencement of data collection. In 2009, 15 courses were organised. Of the 133 children starting, 70 completed the course. All but two of the participants were clinically obese at the start of the course (mean BMI centile = 99.69 (0.60). Mean age was 10.62 (2.97) years. Girls represented 52.9% of the sample, whilst 86.7% were from ethnic minority backgrounds. The results indicated that at the end of the intervention average absolute BMI decreased by \( \mu = 0.29 \text{ kg m} \) (SD = 0.49, \( P = 0.000, \text{CI} = 95\% \)), which remained significant when converted to z-scores and percentiles. Whilst %BF decreased on average by \( \mu = 0.79\% \), this did not reach statistical significance (SD = 2.43, \( P = 0.080, \text{CI} = 95\% \)). Reduction in z-BMI, but not absolute BMI or BMI centile, was significantly greater (\( P = 0.046 \)) in boys compared with girls. Some differences in outcomes stratified by age were also observed with the younger age groups achieving significantly greater reductions in absolute BMI (\( P = 0.003 \)), z-BMI (\( P = 0.000 \)) and BMI centile (\( P = 0.009 \)). No significant differences were observed according to age group or gender in the reduction of %BF. The results are in line with the findings of other, similar interventions (Oude Luttikhuis et al., 2009). In line with NICE guidelines, the results indicate that Activ8 appears to be successful in achieving a decrease in adiposity as indicated by BMI, at least in the short term. Whether these results are sustained should be examined in a longer-term follow up study. It is recommended that the reasons behind the relatively high drop out and low uptake rates should be investigated through the adoption of a robust evaluation process. This audit of Activ8 has shown that it compares favourably to similar interventions, however further studies are required to evaluate long term efficacy, to eliminate the possible confounding effect of factors such as ethnicity and co morbidities and to strengthen the quality of the evidence by the use of randomisation and a control group. Aicken, C., Arai, L. & Roberts, H. (2008) Schemes to Promote Healthy Weight Amongst Obese and Overweight Children in England. London: Evidence for Policy and Practice Information Centre, Social Science Research Unit, Institute of Education, University of London. Luttikhuis, H.O. et al. (2009) Interventions for Treating Obesity in Children. Cochrane Database Syst. Rev., 1-57. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 09523871
The article focuses on one study which examines the differences in patterns of objectively measured physical activity (PA) when done weekdays and weekend days and whether age and gender play integral roles in the existence of these differences. A number of children were asked to participate in a randomized school-based obesity prevention program or Stockholm Obesity Prevention Project. They were asked to spend a great deal of time outdoors or in a stimulating environment where their PA will be measured using the accelerometer. Collected data were then analyzed using Statistica. After data analysis, it was revealed that it is at the age of six when children's PA starts to decline. It added that PA levels are disproportionally low in both girls and boys during weekends.
The article offers information on a survey report stating that 2012 Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card states that children are not spending time in active free play and this could lead to obesity. Many strategies were undertaken to encourage free play. It mentions that although some barriers limit unstructured free play, families in rural communities in Northern Alberta spend lots of time playing both indoors and outdoors. The participants should use the already exiting facilities.

Increased numbers of children who are technology-dependent are now being cared for at home by parents and other caregivers. However, there is inadequate understanding of the daily lives of families who care for technology-dependent children at home and how these families manage over time. The purpose of this descriptive, naturalistic study was to explore the meaning of and factors involved in the long-term home care of a child who is technology-dependent from the family's point of view using an interpretive interactionist approach (Denzin, 1989). The sensitizing theoretical framework for the study was Kazak's (1986, 1989, 1992) systems and social-ecological model. The purposive sample consisted of 15 families which included at least one child aged 3-12 years who: (a) had been technology-dependent and living at home for at least one year, and (b) was medically stable at the time of the study. Family experiences with childhood technology dependence were explored using unstructured parental interviews and home observations of family members engaged in usual routines and activities of daily living. Demographic data were also obtained. Four themes emerged from the
interpretive interactionist data analysis: (a) managing daily life with technology, (b) negotiating with outside entities, (c) maintaining a functioning family, and (d) making sense of life. The potential for frequent and unexpected change, unpredictability, and limited parental control inherent in each of these major thematic areas contributed to families' perceptions of the fragility and instability of family life with technology. The contextualization of the phenomenon of family experience with long-term childhood technology dependence revealed that families felt as if they were "living in a house of cards." Major strategies used to increase stability were vigilance, advocacy, and reframing. Based on the results of the study, recommendations for nursing are made.

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M1 - PH.D.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4721
T1 - One Family's Approach
A1 - O'Malley, Sean
Y1 - 2009/05/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - *LIFESTYLES
KW - *WHITEWATER kayaking
KW - *VOYAGES & travels
KW - *PLAY
KW - Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 14
EP - 19
JA - American Whitewater
VL - 49
IS - 3
N2 - The article discusses the approach in immersing children in an active lifestyle such as whitewater kayaking. Some of the methods in engaging children in active lifestyle are providing early exposures to the outdoors at a young age, keeping the trips short, and making play as the main goal with learning as the natural side effect. According to the article, natural active lifestyle will raise fearless, bold children
SN - 03007626

TY - JOUR
ID - 4724
T1 - Environmental determinants of physical activity in children: A systematic review
A1 - Oliveira, A.F.
A1 - Moreira, C.
A1 - Abreu, S.
A1 - Mota, J.
A1 - Santos, R.
Y1 - 2014/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for children
KW - *HEALTH risk assessment
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - *ENVIRONMENTAL health
KW - SYSTEMATIC reviews (Medical research)
The lack of physical activity (PA) in children is an important health risk factor. Previous studies have shown that some environmental features may be associated with PA levels. Objectives: Find and comprehend which environmental features were mostly positively associated with children's physical activity. Methods: Twenty-eight studies were systematically reviewed. This research was used to assess the association between environmental features and physical activity among children (ages 3 to 12) who fulfilled the selection criteria. Results: Results across the various studies showed that facilities and parks/playgrounds are mostly positively associated with children's PA. Sidewalks and bike lanes were positively associated to PA in all studies. Safety, traffic and weather showed inconsistent associations with children's PA. Conclusions: Beginning to understand which environmental features contribute more to PA in children can lead to increased levels of PA.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

TY - JOUR
ID - 4725
T1 - Strategies for playground injury prevention: an overview of a playground project
A1 - Olsen,H.
A1 - Hudson,S.D.
A1 - Thompson,D.
Y1 - 2010/05//
N1 - Accession Number: 2010666574. Language: English. Entry Date: 20100730. Revision Date: 20100730. Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Blind Peer Reviewed; Editorial Board Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Health Promotion/Education; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care. Grant Information: Iowa State Legislature.. No. of Refs: 29 ref. NLM UID: 101090650
KW - Child Safety -- Standards
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - Risk Management
KW - Schools
KW - Wounds and Injuries -- Prevention and Control
KW - Child
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - Evaluation Research
KW - Funding Source
KW - Health Educators
KW - Human
KW - Iowa
KW - Materials Testing
KW - Pretest-Posttest Design
KW - Program Evaluation
KW - random sample
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 187
EP - 192
JA - American Journal of Health Education
Preventing injuries to children, especially debilitating and life threatening, requires an awareness of where these types of injuries occur during the school days. This review examines falls from playground equipment, events that have been identified as the leading causes of nonfatal unintentional injuries for children. Thus, the issue of playground safety is a topic of concern for health educators. School health educators play an essential role in developing safe and healthy outdoor play environments for children. This paper highlights the importance of injury prevention awareness and outlines different strategies that health educators can take for preventing playground injuries. In addition, this paper examines a project that was conducted in the state of Iowa in relation to what effects playground surfacing materials and staff training may have on injury prevention on school playgrounds. The results of the project concluded that with the addition of proper surfacing material and staff training, playground injuries could be reduced. Health educators need to investigate the types of playground injuries in current programs and develop a strategy to keep children healthy and active.
The purpose of physical education is to guide youngsters to become and remain physically active for life. Research on correlates and determinants of physical activity has shown the importance of developing intrinsic motivation in students so that they will choose to be physically active in their leisure time. When the physical education curriculum is considered a physical activity intervention, learning outcomes, instructional tasks, and activities then target known correlates of physical activity. This article presents teaching strategies and curriculum outcomes that specifically target six correlates of physical activity among children and adolescents. By directing efforts toward known correlates of physical activity during physical education, teachers can help youth become more physically active outside of school.
This study compared moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) of students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and students without disabilities during inclusive physical education and recess. Students (7-12 years) wore a uniaxial accelerometer in school for 5 consecutive school days. Results indicated a significant difference between settings, F(1,46) = 15.94, p < .01, partial eta² = 0.26, observed power = 0.97. Students with and without ASD spent a higher proportion of time in MVPA during physical education than during recess, relative to the amount of time spent in those settings. In addition, structured physical education offers opportunities to increase students’ MVPA engagement.
N2 - The aim of the work was to compare effects of outdoor and indoor physical education lessons with the main focus on the health aspects. Indoor activities are usually lower in intensity because of the less space available. Also, physical exercises performed mostly in a gym lead to certain limitation of children's skills to adaptation to external (environmental and climatic) conditions. That is why outdoor lessons seem to be more effective. During one-year experiment, conducted on a school-children sample (n = 227, aged 10-14 years), indoor and outdoor lessons were compared, using heart-rate (HR) monitors, movement counters and personal opinions of the participants about the intensity of the workout. Also out-of-school physical activity (leisure time), endurance level and number of classes skipped due to health problems were compared. Outdoor lessons proved to be better in every compared aspect. The HR during outdoor lessons averaged around 159.1 beats/min., and only 142.1 during indoor activities. Over 50% of the outdoor class time was conducted in high HR (HR160), while only 26.4% duration of the indoor lessons demanded that intensity. All these results were supported by the high percentage of the HR-max used and personal opinion of the participants about the intensity of the workout, and also by almost 20% greater number of movements during outdoor lessons. Percentage representation of the endurance improvement in outdoor groups was 11% and in indoor ones only 1%. During the period of this experiment, amount of leisure time devoted to extracurricular recreation activities in outdoor groups increased almost twice as much as before the experimentation, and number of absences decreased considerably.

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-778486
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4736
T1 - Time for a Play Day
A1 - Parker, David B.
Y1 - 2004/12/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *CHILD development
KW - *PARKS
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - PLAY environments
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 60
EP - 63
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 39
IS - 12
N2 - Discusses reasons behind the need for children to play. Definition of play; Importance of play environment to the health and wellness development of children; Factors that led to the transformation of school yards and parks according to the article "The Dulling of American Playgrounds"; Background on the certification program of the National Playground Safety Institute
SN - 00312215
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4738
T1 - Observing Children's Playground Activity Levels at 13 Illawarra Primary Schools Using CAST2
A1 - Parrish, Anne Maree
Background: Declining levels of children's physical activity may contribute to Australia's increasing childhood obesity epidemic. School recess is an underutilized opportunity to increase children's physical activity. Methods: Thirteen regional Australian public primary schools participated in the study (2946 children). The Children's Activity Scanning Tool 2 (CAST2) collected observational playground physical activity data. The research also addressed: length of break, socioeconomic status (SES), gender, number of scanning days, and instrument calibration. Results: The proportions of Moderate or Vigorous Physically Active (MVPA) children at the observed schools ranged from 0.4 to 0.7. The odds ratio of boys being MVPA relative to girls ranged from 0.8581 to 2.137. There were significant differences between the mean proportions of 3 days of activity (range P = .001 to P = .015) and no association between SES school groupings (deviance ratio: 0.48; P = .503). Interrater reliability for instrument calibration using Spearman correlations coefficients ranged from r = .71 to r = .99. Conclusions: There were significant differences between proportions of MVPA children at the 13 schools and between male and female populations. There was no association between playground physical activity and SES. The monitoring period for CAST2 should be at least 3 days. Interrater reliability indicates that correlations between observers were consistently high. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The Effect of School Recess Interventions on Physical Activity

Reviewed; UK & Ireland. Special Interest: Pediatric Care. Instrumentation: Children's Activity Scanning Tool (CAST2). NLM UID: 101297722
KW - CINAHL
KW - Physical Activity -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Play and Playthings -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Students,Elementary
KW - Child Behavior
KW - Self Report
KW - Social Learning Theory
KW - Surveys
KW - School Administrators
KW - Teachers
KW - Schools,Elementary
KW - New South Wales
KW - Bullying
KW - Uniforms
KW - Weather
KW - Wounds and Injuries
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Shyness
KW - Self-Efficacy
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - Summated Rating Scaling
KW - Scales
KW - Data Analysis Software
KW - Student Attitudes
KW - Faculty Attitudes
KW - Observational Methods
KW - Male
KW - Female
KW - Job Experience
KW - Child
KW - T-Tests
KW - Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient
KW - Task Performance and Analysis
KW - Mann-Whitney U Test
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - Learning Environment
KW - Games
KW - Time Factors
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 131
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JA - British Journal of School Nursing
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School of Computing and Maths, Charles Sturt University, Australia
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4741
T1 - The Effect of School Recess Interventions on Physical Activity
Background: The benefits of physical activity to maintain optimal health and well-being in children and adolescents are undisputed. The school environment offers opportunities for children to be physically active.

Objective: The aim of this review is to systematically examine the effects of recess-based interventions on the physical activity (PA) levels of school-aged children and adolescents. Data Sources: A systematic literature search was conducted to identify papers reporting interventions to promote PA during school recess and/or lunchtime periods. The search was conducted in six databases (PubMed, SPORTDiscus™, Web of Science, Proquest, Cochrane and Scopus) for papers published between January 2000 and April 2011. Study Selection: Articles were included in the review if (i) they reported the findings of an intervention targeting PA levels of children and/or adolescents during school recess and/or lunchtime; (ii) have a measure of PA as an outcome variable; (iii) participants were aged between 5 and 18 years; and (iv) were published in English. Methods: Two authors independently searched the literature using the same search strategies to identify papers reporting interventions that promote PA during school recess and lunchtime periods. Methodological quality was assessed using an adapted eight item assessment scale. The effects of the interventions were assessed with a rating system used in a recent review of interventions in youth. Results: The search originally retrieved 2,265 articles. Nine published peer-reviewed journal articles met the inclusion criteria for this review. Eight studies used randomized controlled trials and one was a controlled trial. Three studies demonstrated high methodological quality (33%). None of the studies adequately reported the randomization procedure or used power calculations. Few studies reported potential confounders and three studies had less than a 6 week follow-up. Five studies demonstrated a positive intervention effect on children's PA levels, with four reporting statistically significant increases and two reporting significant decreases in recess PA. The summary of the levels of evidence for intervention effects found inconclusive results for all intervention types, though promising strategies that require
further investigation were identified. Limitations: Whilst every effort was made to ensure that this review was as encompassing as possible, it may be limited by its search terms especially if there were studies with unclear titles or abstracts. In addition, only manuscripts published in English were considered, eliminating any possible studies published in other languages. Conclusions: All of the studies used an objective measure to assess PA outcomes, although several criteria were consistently absent from the studies. The levels of evidence were not sufficient to establish conclusive intervention effects on children's recess PA. This could be due to the small number of published studies. There is a need for higher-quality intervention research to strengthen published findings to inform recess PA interventions. Intervention research is needed in adolescents due to the absence of school recess intervention research in this population. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4743
T1 - Physical Activity in Preschool Children With the Transition to Outdoors
A1 - Pate,Russell R.
A1 - Dowda,Marsha
A1 - Brown,William H.
A1 - Mitchell,Jonathan
A1 - Addy,Cheryl
Y1 - 2013/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation for children
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *EXERCISE for children
KW - Research
KW - PRESCHOOL children -- Research
KW - Child Care
KW - early childhood
KW - young children
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 170
EP - 175
JF - Journal of Physical Activity & Health
JA - J Phys Act Health
VL - 10
IS - 2
N2 - Background: It is known that children are more physically active outdoors than indoors. However, few previous studies have observed the time course for physical activity as young children transition from indoor to outdoor activities. Methods: Participants were 3- to 5-year-old children enrolled in the Children's Activity and Movement in Preschool Study (CHAMPS). Trained observers used the Observational System for Recording Physical Activity in Children-Preschool Version (OSRAC-P) to record children's physical activity levels over 20 minutes in outdoor settings. The 20-minute outdoor observational period began immediately following the transition from indoors to outdoors. Results: Children's activity levels were moderately high at the time of transition and declined over the 20-minute observation period. Different patterns, however, were observed for boys and girls. Overall, boys were more active than girls. Boys' activity levels declined in a linear fashion over the 20-minute period, while girls' activity levels increased slightly, decreased, and then increased slightly again. Conclusions: These data indicate that physical activity levels decline with increased duration of outdoor play. The frequency and duration of outdoor play should be investigated for the purpose of optimizing physical activity levels.
ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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A certain stereotyped picture of the feminine office-holder is shared alike by the housewives, the male executives, and even the women executives, which many times conflicts with what they know of themselves and their own personal experience. According to this general opinion, the feminine executive most often attains her office through influential friends. She goes into politics, because she wants to earn a living and likes that sort of career. She has many firm convictions of good government and advocates equality of laws. The woman office-holder is conscientious about her work. She may admit her mistakes and the truth of opponents' arguments, and is able to see the humor in unpleasant details. She has about the same number of outside interests as men. The female executive is often termed conservative, and is not considered to have much general interest in politics that do not concern her personally. She places more emphasis on matters of social welfare than on those of financial and international importance. Her efficiency is affected by worry over social relations. The care of the home is a big handicap to her profession, and conversely, the profession interferes greatly with the home and marriage. The woman executive has difficulty deciding on committees and methods of procedure for meetings; and in persuading others to accept her point of view. She makes judgments in government matters quickly and occasionally wishes to change decisions after making them. She is not easily approached by employees, although she is apt to criticize them for errors. Inconsistency in statements and actions and the tendency to sit back and let the men lead the discussions are often characteristics. She is jealous of her fellow workers and they of her. She acts from intuition and permits feelings of irritation and depression to affect her work. She gives excessive attention to details, which annoy her when they go wrong. She is inhibited in her work by fear of criticism and is too much influenced by what other people say. In comparison with this attitude, it is interesting to note the actual characteristics of the woman executive, as determined from the self-ratings and facts about the lives of 120 of them. She is well educated and has had 10 years or more experience in holding executive offices. Her activities may have been along party lines and her career may have been hindered by prejudice against women, although not necessarily so. She has received the cooperation and support of feminine organizations both before and after obtaining office. The chief factors contributing to her success were excessive work and the ability to speak in public, rather than such factors as influential friends. She is motivated to seek office by the wish to carry out the ideals of good government and the desire for that sort of career. She is liberal, with many firm convictions of good government and much interest in general politics. She may or may not advocate equal laws for men and women. She puts as much emphasis on financial and international matters as on those of social welfare. She has probably been married sometime in her life and is frequently married at the present time. If she is married, the years of matrimony and number of children in the family average about the same as those of the non-professional woman of the same age and educational background. These facts, as well as her own assertions, indicate that her profession has not interfered with her marriage or management of her home. Nor has the care of the home or worry over social matters interfered with her profession as re-elections indicate. Of the present married women legislators, 46 per cent have been re-elected, which is about the same proportion as that of the total group of feminine legislators. The feminine executive's husband does not support her, although he may or may not contribute to some extent. She is apt to maintain her children and also other relatives, either partly or entirely. During the year she has missed less than a week's work on account of illness. In regard to her
executive ability, she does not have difficulty deciding on committees and plans, persuading others, or enforcing orders on men below her in rank. She makes judgments in government matters quickly. She may or may not be ambitious and is apt to give excessive attention to details. While the woman executive occasionally may wish to change decisions, she is on the whole consistent in statements and actions. She is approachable to her employees and does not criticize them. She may or may not sit back and let the men carry on discussions at meetings. The feminine office-holder does not experience jealousy or feel it towards her fellow workers. She is not inhibited in her profession by fear of criticism, and does not let feelings of irritation or depression affect her efficiency. She is not apt to be frequently annoyed by details which go wrong. The woman executive is somewhat influenced by others’ viewpoints, but does not have difficulty resisting majority opinion in committee meetings. She does not often act from intuition and frequently sees humor in unpleasant details. She is conscientious about her work, and admits her own mistakes and the truth of opponents’ arguments. She has about the same number of outside interests as the male office-holder. A marked discrepancy exists between the stereotyped opinion of the woman executive (which is even held by women office-holders themselves) and the personal characteristics manifested by this group. The percentages of re-election, which are similar to those of men executives, are evidence of the efficiency of the woman office-holder. The 1937 survey of the National League of Women Voters (5) showed that 44 per cent of the feminine legislators were serving re-election terms. Similarly, 39 per cent of the feminine legislators of the present study have previously held the same office. Of several states representing different sections of the country, the present Legislative Directory of Vermont (8) shows that 27 per cent of the feminine members of the House of Representatives have held seats there before; 50 per cent of those in Maryland (4) in 1939 have done the same. The record for Nebraska (7) over a period of 74 years from 1866-1940 shows that 33 per cent of the women members of the legislature in that period have been re-elected. These figures are similar to those for the men; 33 per cent of the male legislators of the present study are serving re-election terms. For the state of Vermont, the Legislative Directory (8) indicates that 49 per cent of the present male members of the Senate and 31 per cent of the House of Representatives have held the same office previously. In Maryland (4), 28 per cent of the male members of the Senate and 27 per cent of the House of Representatives were serving re-election terms in 1939. The record of Nebraska (7) over a period of 74 years shows that 28 per cent of the male members of the legislature served more than one term. The record for both men and women is higher in the present U.S. Congress (1). All of the present feminine members have held office previously. Two-thirds of the male members of the Senate and 85 per cent of the House have held office formerly. In both the state legislatures and the U.S. Congress, the percentages of re-election are similar for men and women. As large a proportion of the women are re-elected as the men, even though the former have to face prejudices which the latter do not. If re-election can be taken as an adequate criterion of efficiency, then we may conclude that, on the whole, women office-holders are as efficient as the men. The disparity between stereotyped opinions of the lack of efficiency of the woman executive and her actual ability become apparent. Such attitudes are partly developed by men to maintain the present system of employment, from which they benefit, and by the home-makers, because they profit from that economic system. The strength of these opinions is indicated by the fact that the women executives continue to hold similar ideas, although they are contrary to their own personal experience. Such opinions have hindered many women from ever obtaining office, but once they have obtained them, they have proved as efficient as the men, as re-election indicates. If an educational program is to be started to remove the discrepancy between the general opinion of the woman executive and her actual qualifications, it should be directed not only toward men and non-professional women, but also toward the women executives themselves. They also reflect the general attitudes about women office-holders, which do not accord with the facts of their own lives. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4745
T1 - URBAN OUTDOOR RECREATION: CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS IN WARSAW
A1 - Pawlikowska-Piechotka,A.N.N.A.
Y1 - 2010/12/15/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
Over the last century a visible change has taken place in the relationship between children and their living environment in Warsaw. In many Polish cities increased road traffic, pollution and crime, fragmentation of urban fabric, and reduction of public green areas have resulted in the creation of a 'children-unfriendly' environment. The present paper is based on a research project carried out in the Institute of Tourism and Recreation of the J ASDek Piłsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw between 2008 and 2010 regarding children's playgrounds in Warsaw. The project consisted of case studies on specific themes such as playground facilities, safety, pressures for change, popularity of play sites, and proposed renewal strategies. The authors studied diverse preferences of children and their caregivers as well as their expectations of outdoor recreation infrastructure and management improvements. The emphasis was also placed on disabled children and constraints on the use of playgrounds by these groups. A good playground means safety, fun, delight and excitement. However, there are still many problems connected with small, local playgrounds with poor facilities, situated mostly on communal or co-operative housing estates. Built from cheap and flimsy materials, many playgrounds are not safe for children as they often do not meet the most fundamental safety requirements. Moreover, in any playground design it is important to realize that children's needs are likely to change over time, but due to rather tough budgets of communal or co-operative housing, refurbishments may be too expensive. There is no doubt that the openness of outdoor recreation areas, following the 'space for all' principle, with unlimited public use in mind (for the disabled and the able bodied alike), is a crucial condition of an integrated healthy environment. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
The purpose of this article was to describe the phases of planning of an intervention study in nursing. The phases were selecting an appropriate intervention, developing and testing the intervention, planning the study design and educating the nursing staff involved in the study. As an example, a research project concerning children's postoperative pain relief is described.

Intervention research was a method for investigating the effectiveness of a nursing action in a natural setting. In the process of planning, it was important to choose and develop an intervention that was effective, innovative, practical enough to be implemented in the patient's care and ethically correct. The study requires an experimental or quasi-experimental study design, which was still rarely used in nursing research. One of the most significant phases in an intervention study was to educate the interveners, as the nursing staffs were responsible for collecting the data in practice.

When assessing validity, it was important to ensure that the outcome was produced by the treatment rather than by extraneous factors. The outcome was influenced by the patient, the interveners and characteristics of the setting.

Evidence-based nursing requires that intervention studies are taken into more active use in nursing science. This kind of research was time-consuming and requires the researcher to collaborate with representatives of different professions and disciplines.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4748
T1 - Air pollutants, exercise, and risk of developing asthma in children
A1 - Peden,D.B.
Y1 - 2003/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *DISEASES
KW - *EXERCISE-induced asthma
KW - *DISEASES -- Causes & theories of causation
KW - *OUTDOOR life
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *GROUP games
KW - teenagers
KW - AIR -- Pollution
KW - Ozone
KW - Risk
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Child
KW - FOLLOW-UP STUDY
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 62
EP - 63
JF - Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine
JA - Clin J Sport Med
VL - 13
IS - 1
Commentary on Asthma in exercising children exposed to ozone: a cohort study by McConnell, R., Berhane, K., Gilliland, F., London, S.J., Islam, T., Gauderman, W.J., Avol, E., Margolis, H.G., Peters, J.M. The aim of this study is to investigate the relation between the first time diagnosis of asthma and team sports in children exposed to air pollutants. Results indicate that there is a relationship between a new diagnoses of asthma in children and heavy exercise in communities with high concentrations of ozone which may lead to the conclusion that outdoor exercise in an area of air pollution could contribute to the development of asthma in children.

Outlines the extent to which research addresses the issue of whether or not elementary schoolchildren need recess. Examines the anti-recess argument: 1) the current climate in schools stresses academic achievement, and recess is viewed as taking away from academic instructional time, and 2) recess results in aggression and fights, particularly for boys. Presents counterarguments and makes a case for recess. Concludes that children are better and happier students and citizens as a result of recess.

Growth status and physical fitness of primary school children in an urban and a rural community in Oaxaca, southern Mexico.

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So What About Recess, Really?

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4749
T1 - So What About Recess, Really?
A1 - Pellegrini, A.D.
Y1 - 1989//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *PLAY
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - Aggression
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 354
EP - 356
JF - Play & Culture
VL - 2
IS - 4
N2 - Outlines the extent to which research addresses the issue of whether or not elementary schoolchildren need recess. Examines the anti-recess argument: 1) the current climate in schools stresses academic achievement, and recess is viewed as taking away from academic instructional time, and 2) recess results in aggression and fights, particularly for boys. Presents counterarguments and makes a case for recess. Concludes that children are better and happier students and citizens as a result of recess.


TY - JOUR
ID - 4750
T1 - Growth status and physical fitness of primary school children in an urban and a rural community in Oaxaca, southern Mexico
A1 - Pena Reyes, M.E.
Y1 - 2002//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - Child Development
KW - Schools
KW - Mexico
KW - Growth
KW - Child
This study considered the growth status and physical fitness of primary school children in a rural and an urban community in the Valley of Oaxaca, southern Mexico, in 1999-2000. The prevalence of growth stunting, wasting, and overweight and obesity were also considered. The sample included 700 school children 6 to 13 years of age, 361 from the rural community (177 males, 184 females) and 339 from the urban community (173 males, 166 females). Anthropometric dimensions included body size, segment lengths, skeletal breadths, limb circumferences and skinfolds. The body mass index (BMI), leg length, arm and calf muscle circumferences, sum of skinfolds, and a trunk/extremity skinfold ratio were derived. Physical fitness items included motor- and health-related tests: right and left grip strength (muscular strength), 35-yard dash (32.3 meters, speed), standing long jump (explosive power), sit- and-reach (flexibility), timed sit-ups (30 seconds, abdominal strength and endurance), and a distance run (8 minutes in grades 1-3 and 12 minutes in grades 4-6, cardiovascular endurance). Height, weight, sitting height, estimated leg length and skeletal breadths on the trunk were significantly larger in urban than in rural school children. The BMI, sitting height/stature ratio, skeletal breadths on the extremities, limb and estimated limb muscle circumferences, subcutaneous fatness and relative fat distribution did not consistently differ by age group and sex between urban and rural children. Urban children tended to perform better in the sit and reach, sit-ups and standing long jump, but results were not consistently significant. Rural children 6-9 years tended to perform better in the dash. There were no urban-rural differences in grip strength, but strength per unit body mass was greater in rural children. Rural children in grades 1-3 performed better in the distance run, but results in older children were not consistent. The prevalence of stunting was about twice as great in rural than in urban children, but the prevalence of wasting was very low in both communities. The prevalence of overweight was significantly greater in urban than in rural children, but the prevalence of obesity was low. Rural children, boys more than girls, reported more frequent daily participation in household-related activities classified as moderate and moderate-to-vigorous in intensity compared to urban children. Urban boys reported more household-related activities of light or very light intensity. Urban and rural girls did not differ in reported frequencies of daily household activities classified of light and very light intensity. Urban children reported more diversity in diet, specifically at breakfast and dinner, than rural children. Animal protein represented in meats and meat derivatives were rather limited in the diets of rural children. The results of the comparisons of growth status, physical fitness, daily activities and diet of urban and rural primary school children reflect, to a large extent, the contrast of living conditions and access to resources in the urban and rural communities.
The main purpose of the present study was to assess usual physical activity (PA) patterns of school children. The study was carried out with 49 boys and girls (mean age of 10 years) in 4th grade of two schools in Vila Nova de Gaia/Portugal. Children wore a portable accelerometer device (Tritrac-R3D) on the waist for 5 days. Statistical procedures included descriptives (means, standard deviation, frequency) and independent t-test. The main results were as follows: (1) during the school period, PA level was low, with children not doing the daily minimum of 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous PA; (2) boys showed a higher pattern of moderate to vigorous PA than girls during recess period; (3) children, even in organized physical education (PE) classes, demonstrated a low PA pattern, with less of 50% of the total PE class time in moderate at vigorous PA; (4) there was no difference in energy expenditure when comparing PE class and school recess. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]

With the growing significance of sedentary activities, such as television-watching, playgrounds remain important leisure facilities for children, since physical play activities have an important role in supporting children's motor, social and emotional development. When children have the opportunity to play in a playground they are promoting healthy lifestyles. In Portugal children are required to attend school until the age of 16 years and are provided with education, which is regulated by national government standards, but in regard to leisure opportunities, there is considerable inequality of provision from locality to locality. Seeking to promote the principles of play and health in the open air, a project was developed to discover the pattern of provision of children's playgrounds in different regions of the North of Portugal and to examine their physical characteristics. A questionnaire was developed and sent to Town Halls, seeking information on playground provision in each district and on the characteristics of the equipment provided in the playgrounds. This study includes four sub-regions - Ave, Cavado, Minho-Lima, Alto Tras-os-Montes - that include 38 districts. The north region of Portugal covers 21.194 km² and is occupied by more than 3.600.000 inhabitants. The region has one of European youngest populations. It was found that almost half of the districts surveyed provided less than...
5 playgrounds in their area. Children in general therefore have few opportunities to play in playgrounds because of lack of provision and have very few opportunities to choose the activities they like to engage in because of the lack of attractive equipment. Playgrounds are located mostly in areas without heavy traffic and the majority of playgrounds have minimal equipment - typically four or less items. The paper discusses the implications of these findings for policy-makers in the region.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4754
T1 - ELIMINATE PLAYGROUNDS? YOU MUST BE NUTS!
A1 - Peterson, James A.
Y1 - 2002/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *CHILD development
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 92
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 37
IS - 4
N2 - Talks about playground safety for children in the U.S. Benefits of playgrounds to a child's development; Identification of playground risk hazards; Role of the National Playground Safety Institute
SN - 00312215
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-939626
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4756
T1 - The Nature of Caregiver Supervision of Young Children in Public Pools
A1 - Petrass, Lauren A.
A1 - Blitvich, Jennifer D.
Y1 - 2012/02/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SWIMMING pools
KW - *DROWNING
KW - CHI-squared test
KW - CHILDREN'S accidents
KW - SUPERVISION
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 11
EP - 23
JA - International Journal of Aquatic Research & Education
VL - 6
IS - 1
N2 - This study examined the level of caregiver supervision when children were engaged in active play at public pools. A six-hour unobtrusive observation period was conducted at six different indoor aquatic venues with caregivers accompanying children aged < 10 years eligible to be monitored. Child behavior, corresponding caregiver supervision, and the willingness of parents to intervene when children exhibited unsafe behaviors all
were considered. Environmental factors and pool conditions were also recorded. Chi-square tests illustrated that increased supervision was associated with decreased incidents and lower risk behaviors. Supervision was significantly affected by child and caregiver age, number of children for whom caregivers were responsible, and child swimming ability. The nature of caregiver supervision in aquatic settings requires further investigation to enable the development of effective programs to address poor supervision practices. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4757
T1 - Unobtrusive Observation of Caregiver-Child Pairs at Public Pools and Playgrounds: Implications for Child Unintentional Injury Risk
A1 - Petrass, Lauren A.
A1 - Blitvich, Jennifer D.
Y1 - 2013/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *AQUATIC exercises
KW - UNOBTRUSIVE measures
KW - CAREGIVER-child relationships
KW - SUPERVISION
KW - caregiver supervision
KW - drowning
KW - parent child aquatics
KW - playground
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 204
EP - 213
JA - International Journal of Aquatic Research & Education
VL - 7
IS - 3
N2 - This study aimed to determine and compare the nature of supervision children received in two settings that have different levels of environmental risk, an aquatic setting (public pools) and a nonaquatic setting (playgrounds). An observational design was implemented to examine caregiver and child behaviors at six indoor public pools and four playgrounds. Chi-square tests of homogeneity were conducted to determine associations between caregiver and child variables. Preschool children received significantly higher levels of supervision than school-aged children in both settings. For school-aged children the level of supervision varied between settings, with children significantly more likely to be unsupervised in public pools and poorly supervised on playgrounds. Reasons for the lack of supervision in aquatic settings remain unclear, particularly as this setting was considered to present higher environmental risk, because drowning rates are high for young children. Because evidence indicates inadequate supervision is common in aquatic settings, further investigations are required to identify ways to promote closer supervision practices and determine caregiver perceptions regarding their responsibilities when supervising young children in aquatic settings. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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TY - THES
ID - 4758
T1 - Exploration of agency in preschool children with disabilities
A1 - Pfeifer, T.A.
The purpose of this line of research was to describe how agency is manifested in preschool children with disabilities, and to analyze how manifestations of agency are influenced by natural environmental contexts of home, therapy settings, and peer settings. An additional purpose was to describe an eleven week parent-oriented intervention based on the construct of agency and document changes in parents and children that occurred during the course of this intervention.

Three related studies addressed these issues. Three studies were conducted using naturalistic methods of field observation and ethnography. The first study included six children with disabilities and their families. The participants were observed a minimum of five times and no more than nine times in home, therapy settings, and peer settings. The data from Study One were used to analyze children with disabilities in terms of occupational roles and as active participants in different environments. Study Two was a secondary analysis of the data gathered in Study One. The data were examined with a focus on the environmental settings. The researcher analyzed themes of agency or active participation across settings. Additionally, the data were used to examine aspects or qualities of different settings that enhance agency. These qualities may be in the social, cultural, and physical environment that each setting offers. Study Three examined an ongoing parent-oriented treatment setting that utilized the construct of agency and the environment as treatment modalities for children with disabilities. The data analysis revealed aspects of treatment, such as parent education, complexity of play objects, and environmental elements such as peer interaction and classroom routines, that help produce change and lasting adaptation in children with disabilities.

The potential significance of these studies is twofold. The first is the addition of basic knowledge to the field of occupational therapy about agency, a theoretical construct. The information gathered from this research will add to the knowledge base of the profession by moving the construct of agency from the philosophical to the practical. The practical knowledge is expected to include ways of observing agency as it is manifested in different roles, activities, and environments of children with disabilities. The second area of potential significance is learning to view therapy with children differently and children with disabilities as action agents. It is hoped that the results of these studies will help practitioners view children with disabilities in ecologically valid domains. The results indicate that children with disabilities have a variety of behaviors that indicate their active involvement with the environment that is not reflected in standard assessments. These may be related to functional activities required in the roles and in the environments in which they participate.
In the western world women, if they are interested in sport at all, are mostly engaged in physical activities which allow an aesthetic presentation and/or a modelling of the body. They are relatively seldom active in types of sport in which the body is employed as an instrument in trails of strength with others or with the environment. At the same time women do not claim much space in many respects - their presence does not fill a room, they do not prowl the streets, they seldom appropriate and use the natural environment for sport. The differences between men and women in sport orientation and the use of physical space begins in childhood. The results of the research can be summed up as follows: 1. The space used by boys was much larger than the space used by girls. 2. Girls are underrepresented on public sporting grounds. 3. Boys and girls differ in the way they use play grounds and other areas appropriated for free movement. 4. Boys' activities tend to contain sporting elements while girls' leisure time activities are more sedentary. The causes for these different play and motor preferences lay in different areas: the family, peer-groups, sporting facilities and so on. Here are the possible sites for change

Les femmes qui vivent en Occident, si elles sont généralement intéressées par le sport en général, s'orientent dans la plupart des cas vers des activités sportives qui permettent une présentation esthétique et/ou un modelage du corps. Elles se consacrent relativement peu à des activités sportives dans le cadre desquelles le corps est utilisé en tant qu'instrument dans des épreuves de force nécessitant un affrontement avec d'autres personnes ou avec l'environnement. En même temps, les femmes ne revendiquent pas enormément d'espace, et ce, a bien des égards - elles ne remplissent pas les salles, n'envahissent pas les rues, ne s'approprient et n'utilisent que rarement leur environnement naturel pour exercer leur sport. Les différences existant entre les hommes et les femmes, en matière d'orientation sportive et d'utilisation de l'espace physique s'observent dès l'enfance. Les conclusions de l'étude réalisée en ce sens peuvent être résumées de la manière suivante: 1. L'espace utilisé par les garçons est beaucoup plus important que l'espace utilisé par les filles. 2. Les filles sont sous-représentées sur les terrains de sport publics. 3. On constate de nettes différences dans la manière dont les garçons et les filles utilisent les terrains de sport et les autres espaces permettant une certaine liberté de mouvement. 4. Les activités pratiquées par les garçons affichent une reelle tendance a composer des éléments sportifs, alors que les activités de loisir préférées des filles affichent un caractère plus sédentaire. Les raisons de ces différences entre les préférences des filles et des garçons en matière de jeu et de mouvement sont de divers ordres: la famille, le groupe des semblables, l'infrastructure sportive, etc. Ce sont la les domaines possibles d'intervention. (HERACLES)

Differences existant entre les hommes et les femmes en matière d'orientation sportive et d'utilisation de l'espace physique

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Changes, slowly but persistently occurring in human development, adjustments that are required during the life and work of the modern man, which nature cannot follow at the pace, and the decrease of basic human functional competences are some of the fundamental reasons, due to which profound attention should be dedicated to the sustainability of complete human development. The discussion on sustainable development and ecological awareness should not ignore the efforts to create an environment promoting health maintenance. History shows that human intervention in the natural environment enabled man, motivated by the hunger for development and progress, which considerably simplified his daily life, however, concomitantly made him, neglect the very thing that throughout the millennia not only preserved, but also enabled him to evolve as a species -- that is physical activity. Human development that reflects in changes in humans that occur over time, are usually presented and described as a complex system of constant, reciprocal exchanges in basic domains: the physical domain (body size, body proportions, brain development, motor development, etc.); the cognitive domain (thought processes and intellectual abilities including attention, memory, problem solving, creativity, academic and everyday knowledge, etc.) and the social/emotional domain (self-knowledge, self-esteem, expression of emotions, temperament, interpersonal skills, etc.). Motor development is a process that in the individual's life, through different life periods enables the transition to a higher level of motor competences -- the development of motor abilities and acquiring more demanding and upgraded motor skills in constant interaction and correlation with the environment. Among these competencies motor skill is the basis or human motor capital, which in the complete functioning of humans and in the process of preserving and ensuring health presents the fundamental lever and one of the needed skills that significantly contribute to the individual's quality of life and development through all life periods. Consequently, the period that is devoted today to monitoring and studying motor development of the individual, by considering the role of sustainability and ecological perspective, can be named competence-oriented period, an approach that from the start and continually by following the set goals of the problem discussion defines motor competencies, the lifelong competency model of motor development. Among three periods of the presented model; i.e. the acquisition of motor competence, the utilization of motor competences and the decline of motor competences; the period of childhood is of substantial importance in the scope of lifelong functional competences as motor competences. Inadequately acquired fundamental motor patterns negatively affect the process of upgrading motor stereotypes, leading to the lack of motor competences, and consequently also result in inadequate and irregular physical/sports activity in adulthood. On the basis of different research findings, the importance of fundamental motor patterns as the foundation for lifelong functional competences will be presented. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR SN - 13182269 UR - https://login.proxy.bib.uottawa.ca/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=s3h&AN=89167858&site=ehost-live ER -
Podlasie is a historical region situated along the middle stretch of the Bug River and the upper Narew River in Eastern Poland. Throughout the centuries it underwent various alterations often changing borders and the national status. The former Podlasie was the land of primeval forests, woods and marshlands cut by the rivers Biebrza, Narew, Bug and Krzna. For a long time the immemorial Podlasie was an object of contentions and fights, and that is why over the centuries it went under Polish, Russian and Lithuanian rule respectively. On numerous occasions throughout its existence it was also burnt and devastated by the Tartars, the Swedes, and the Teutonic Knights. Apart from the mentioned incursions the peoples of Podlasie successfully resented the marching of troops during the wars. Podlasie is a historical region situated along the Bug River and the upper Narew River in eastern Poland. The ethnic and religious diversity of southern Podlasie has vastly contributed to the mingling of cultures and the introduction or formation of various customs and traditions in the area. The latter also include plays and games which along with the settlement of different ethnic groups have enriched the lives of inhabitants of the region. Traditional folk plays and games are disappearing in southern Podlasie. Old-time pastimes traditionally passed on from generation to generation have been replaced with modern sports already known in other regions, or by passive forms of leisure such as computer games or television. The plays and games described in the article were collected fromhabitants of numerous towns and villages of southern Podlasie. They are divided into games played on village paths, playgrounds and in households as well as holiday and winter games. They all bear witness to the richness of life of children and youngsters in the area in the past. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
The problem of the study was to determine the differences in early-life outdoor experiences (individually, with family, environmental education, etc.) between individuals who have adopted an anthropocentric view of the environment and individuals who have adopted a bio-centric or eco-centric view of the environment. To test this difference, three phases of the study were performed. The subjects for the first phase were five historical figures (John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Rachel Carson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Henry David Thoreau) determined by the use of a Delphi study (using various Indiana University faculty) as America’s greatest conservationists/environmentalists. The second phase involved ten modern day individuals (four men and six women) who were identified by various Monroe County agencies as being actively involved in the environmental movement. The early life of each historical figure was examined, and the modern day individuals were interviewed to determine which factors (using constant comparison) were consistent in causing them to become active in the conservation movement. Those influential factors, consistent in causing the historical figures and modern day conservationists to become actively involved in the environmental movement, were appreciative early-life outdoor experiences (alone and with friends), reading, and family (influence and vacations). The third phase involved a quantitative survey of 583 (resulting in 537 usable surveys) Indiana University students from a variety of major areas of study. A Discriminant Analysis was performed on the independent (17 variables based on previous research) and dependent variables (individuals were classified as eco-centric or anthropocentric). The results showed that the 17 independent variables explain 7.62% ($R^2=0.762$) of the group variance. In addition, the confusion matrix for classification procedure shows that 75.6% of the respondents were correctly classified as either eco-centric or anthropocentric individuals. Those independent variables that are the most significant in discriminating between eco-centric and anthropocentric individuals include appreciative early-life outdoor experiences (alone and with friends), family early-life outdoor experiences, media (television and reading), and negative experiences. This study provides evidence that encouraging and providing opportunities for interaction with natural environments during an individual’s early-life is important in developing environmental attitudes.
It is well established in athletic adult individuals that specialization to an aerobic or anaerobic phenotype can occur. Less is known about this specialization in children. While childhood participation in organized sports is increasing, still very little is known about the physiological potential of young athletes. For example, the development of the aerobic and anaerobic energy systems in relation to each other in children is not well known. Many children are being put on training programs before puberty without any knowledge as to whether or not this can influence specialization to an aerobic or anaerobic phenotype. Early authors basing their results on twin studies, suggested a strong genetic component to aerobic or anaerobic phenotypes (Klissouras et al., 1973). This was not confirmed by muscle biopsy studies in children (Bell et al., 1980) and in fact Bouchard et al. (1992) have proposed a strong environmental or training influence to athletic performance. The purpose of this study was to look at the question of metabolic specialization in pre pubertal children before they had any influence of growth or maturation or training effects. The hypothesis was that if specialization exists, then those children with the better anaerobic capacity would have the lower aerobic capacity and vice versa. An attempt was made to screen out the better sprint and endurance performers with field tests, as it was felt that if specialization was occurring it would most likely be present in this group of individuals. A total of 42 pre-pubertal children from one school completed the study. Mean age was 9.31 years (range 8-11 years). All children initially completed field tests of 50 yard run and 1600 yard run to determine the best sprint and endurance performers. The sprint group (S) performed the 50 yard run under 8.50 seconds, while the endurance group (E) ran 1600 yards under 8 minutes. A questionnaire was filled out to exclude subjects who were involved with a track club or regular training program. On a separate day laboratory tests and anthropometric measures were performed. The laboratory tests performed in random order consisted of a Wingate protocol for anaerobic parameters on one day and a Quinton cycle ergometer for aerobic parameters on another day. Statistical analysis consisted of a zero order correlational analysis for the dependent variables of age, sex, height, weight, sum of skinfolds, sprint run time, endurance run time, anaerobic capacity, peak and mean anaerobic power, and aerobic capacity. In addition a Hotelling’s T2 test was performed to determine significant differences between the sprint and endurance groups. The results showed no significant differences between sprint or endurance groups with respect to anthropometric or laboratory measures. There was a trend for the sprint group to have higher peak anaerobic power 9.43 plus/minus 0.87 W/kg (S) versus 8.67 plus/minus 1.25 W/kg (E). However, they also showed a trend towards higher aerobic power 52.03 plus/minus 7.97 ml/kg/min (S) versus 47.73 plus/minus 9.25 ml/kg/min (E). This suggests no specialization. In addition the correlational analysis showed high positive correlations between mean anaerobic power and VO2max (r is 0.88) and peak anaerobic power and VO2max (r is 0.82) suggesting that those children who do best aerobically also do best anaerobically in the pre-pubertal age group. The evidence provided from this study suggests that pre-pubertal children are metabolic non-specialists. Therefore rigorous training programs trying to implement aerobic or anaerobic specialization in this age group are likely not beneficial. The specialization seen in adolescents and adults may be secondary to growth or maturation changes after puberty and this would most likely be the better stage to begin regular training programs in children.
Playgrounds are an important outdoor environment for children. Yet few playgrounds are designed to be accessible to children with restricted mobility. In this study the child with restricted mobility is defined as one who is unable to move around without the aid of a wheelchair, walking-frame, walking-stick or other walking device. The purpose of the study was to explore the attitudes to accessibility problems in playgrounds among two groups of key persons: "creators" and "users of playgrounds" in a medium-sized municipality in northern Sweden. Eleven key persons (5 "creators of playgrounds" and 6 "users of playgrounds") were interviewed in a semi-structured interview. The interviews were analysed according to content analysis and could be coded under different themes. The results showed that those who created playgrounds had (i) a fragmented organization, (ii) insufficient knowledge of disabilities, (iii) poor economy, and (iv) attitudes as an obstacle. Interviews with the users of the playgrounds were coded under two themes (i) the playground is not for me (i.e. for children with restricted mobility) and (ii) assistance is a precondition for accessibility. The results were discussed in the light of how the inaccessibility of play environments can affect the development of children with restricted mobility, and affect their possibilities of a life on a par with that of other children.
N2 - Examines outdoor sports days as a beneficial physical education activity for primary school children during the months of June and July. Includes sample sports day timetable
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TY - JOUR
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T1 - Divisions of household work, routines, and child care occupations in families
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Publication Type: journal article; research. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Australia & New Zealand; Double Blind Peer Reviewed; Peer Reviewed. Instrumentation: Household Work Questionnaire. Grant Information: California Foundation for Occupational Therapy. No. of Refs: 40 ref. NLM UID: 100963710. Email: laprimea@utmb.edu
KW - CINAHL
KW - Home Maintenance
KW - Child Care
KW - Family Role
KW - Paternal Role
KW - Maternal Role
KW - Research Instruments
KW - Human Activities
KW - Gender Identity
KW - Qualitative Studies
KW - Interviews
KW - grounded theory
KW - Questionnaires
KW - participant observation
KW - triangulation
KW - Child,Preschool
KW - Child
KW - Adult
KW - Female
KW - Male
KW - Funding Source
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 19
EP - 28
JF - Journal of Occupational Science
VL - 7
IS - 1
N2 - To meet their family's needs, parents must create and maintain daily routines that are sustainable, meaningful, provide opportunities to shape their children's development, and meet the often conflicting and competing needs of individual family members. As the number of women participating in paid work outside of the home continues to increase, parents are faced with the dilemma of how to create and maintain routines that facilitate their accomplishment of the work required to meet their family's needs for both economic support and physical and psychological nurturance of their children. This article tells the stories of three families with traditional and non-traditional divisions of household work in order to demonstrate various methods that they used to divide the work within their family. These stories are followed by a discussion of differences in routines and patterns of engagement in child care occupations found in families with non-traditional and traditional divisions of household work. This article contributes to a growing body of knowledge in occupational science
that captures the complexity of occupation through its description, exploration of its meaning, and portrayal of its storied nature in people's lives

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T1 - An evaluation of the Local Exercise Action Pilots and impact on moderate physical activity
A1 - Pringle,A.
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KW - CINAHL
KW - Community Programs
KW - Health Promotion
KW - Physical Activity
KW - adolescence
KW - Adult
KW - Aged
KW - Child
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - Diaries
KW - Energy Metabolism
KW - England
KW - Exercise
KW - Female
KW - Funding Source
KW - Male
KW - Middle Age
KW - Motivational Interviewing
KW - Paired T-Tests
KW - Prospective Studies
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Self Report
KW - Human
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N2 - Objective: Identifying community physical activity interventions that facilitate increases in moderate physical activity (MPA) is important in meeting targets set in government health policy. This study evaluated community interventions that aimed to increase levels of MPA. Intervention themes included exercise referral, classes and groups, peermentoring, motivational interviewing, campaigns and directories, outdoor activity and training physical activity leaders. Design: Longitudinal, pre-intervention and intervention assessments occurred between 2004 and 2006. Setting: Recruitment of 10,433 people from ten sites located in areas of high health need across England. Method: Demographic data were collected by questionnaire, with seven-day, population-
specific self-reports assessing pre-intervention and intervention MPA. Using guidelines for young people and adults, MPA MET-minutes/week were used to assign participants to four MPA categories (sedentary, lightly, moderately and highly active) at pre-intervention and intervention phases. Cross-tabulation established movement between three change categories (reversal, stability and progression). Results: From nine sites, 5324 people engaged in the evaluation, and a sub-sample of 998 provided demographic and 1022 self-report baseline and intervention data (i.e. completers) for a typical week's physical activity participation. Of completers who were sedentary or lightly active at pre-intervention, 58.5 per cent achieved recommended physical activity guidelines. 80.9 per cent who were sedentary at pre-intervention reported as lightly, moderately or highly active at intervention. Conclusions Completers increased overall activity levels, including those sedentary and lightly active at pre-intervention who increased levels to recommended guidelines.
ISSUE ADDRESSED: The increase in mental health disorders worldwide makes it important to recognize health promotion interventions that are effective, accessible and affordable. Although natural spaces are coming to be recognized as health-promoting settings for general populations, little is understood about the use of nature-contact in treatment and care for individuals experiencing ill-health. METHODS: This paper provides a summary of key research findings and presents a case study examining the self-reported health and well-being benefits of nature contact for a small clinical sample. The 'Spectrum of Interventions for Mental Health Problems and Mental Disorders' provides a conceptual framework for ordering current and future information relating to nature-based interventions. RESULTS: Evidence demonstrates that separately, physical activity, social connection, and contact with nature enhance human health and well-being. The case example illustrates how 'active', 'social' and 'adventurous' contact with nature may be combined within a treatment intervention to protect and enhance the health of individuals experiencing chronic mental, emotional and physical health difficulties. CONCLUSIONS: 'Contact with nature' constitutes a health promotion strategy with potential application in prevention, early intervention, treatment and care. Recommendations include further research to investigate the benefits of nature contact within existing interventions, and the impacts of 'active' and 'social' nature contact within tailored interventions for targeted individuals and communities.

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The author discusses the Safe Routes to School National Partnership of the Voices for Healthy Kids initiative that aims to eliminate barriers to walking and biking to school for children by improving community design and safety measures for students as of 2014. Topics include childhood obesity prevention, health promotion initiatives for physical activity, shared use agreements, and built environments.

The purpose of this study was to examine the relationship between physical activity, physical fitness and somatic characteristics in 27 prepubertal girls aged 9 years. Somatic measurements included body height, body mass and 5 skinfolds. Physical activity was recorded using the parental 7-day recall. Physical fitness was evaluated using the EUROFIT test battery. The sum of 5 skinfolds was negatively correlated with endurance shuttle run and bent arm hang. Physical fitness tests - where functional strength, flexibility, speed of limb
movement or agility are required - were not significantly correlated with somatic features and physical activity scores. The results of stepwise multiple correlation revealed that somatic characteristics accounted for 32 per cent of variance, and in combination with moderate-to-vigorous physical activity - for 41 per cent of variance in endurance shuttle run. These findings indicate that in pubertal girls the body mass, body fatness and moderate-to-vigorous physical activity were significantly, negatively correlated with those physical fitness tests where the body mass was moved or projected. In summary, the results of present investigation strongly support the theoretical standpoints of motor development according to which the fitness level of a growing child is influenced by biological and environmental factors. However, the magnitude and nature of associations between fitness, biological variables and environmental factors are not so clear.

This project has two main aims - (1) expose intellectually gifted and talented students to scientific aspects of physical education and sport to connect theory and practice in physical education activity; and (2) offer an interesting and enjoyable multi-disciplinary enrichment program outside of regular learning hours in a unique domain not included in school curricula to help change student attitudes toward physical education as a subject matter, and part of the daily routine. Participating in the project were 15 boys (N = 7) and girls (N = 8) (CA = 10-13) from eighth grade classes in Israel. The program consisted of 24 double lessons applied in three laboratories of sport and physical education sciences - psychomotor, biomechanics, and physiology laboratories; eight double lessons were held in each of the three laboratories. Every theme or study unit taught in this program included three components - theoretical subject, laboratory experiences, and applications during movement and physical activity. The project was evaluated by three means - a group task to examine academic achievement, a feedback questionnaire, and a post-program gathering of students and parents. From knowledge students demonstrated, as well as from their written evaluations, their positive attitudes towards physical education, their perseverance in studies, and their performances of optimal tasks, it was concluded the project attained its aims.
psychomotricité, la biomécanique et la physiologie. Huit leçons doubles eurent lieu dans chacun de ces laboratoires. Chaque thème, ou unité d'apprentissage, enseigne dans le cadre de ce programme comprenait trois composantes; les sujets théoriques, les expériences de laboratoire et l'application durant l'exécution de mouvements et activités physiques. Le projet a été évalué à partir de trois moyens: un projet de groupe afin d'évaluer le cheminement académique, un questionnaire de feedback et une rencontre post programme avec les parents et les élèves. A partir des connaissances acquises par les élèves, leurs évaluations écrites, leurs attitudes positives envers l'éducation physique, leur persévérance dans leurs études et leur performance optimale des taches, il semble que les objectifs du programme ont été rencontrés.

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T1 - An Epidemiologic Comparison of High School Sports Injuries Sustained in Practice and Competition
A1 - Rechel, Julie A.
A1 - Yard, Ellen E.
A1 - Comstock, R. Dawn
Y1 - 2008/03/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *HIGH school students
KW - *SPORTS injuries
KW - *SCHOOL sports
KW - *WOUNDS & injuries
KW - *ATHLETIC trainers
KW - *ACCIDENTS
KW - SCHOOL year
KW - COMPETITIONS
KW - injury rates
KW - injury surveillance
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SP - 197
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JA - Journal of Athletic Training
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IS - 2
N2 - Context: More than 7 million US high school students play sports. Objective: To compare practice and competition injury rates and patterns in 5 boys' sports (football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, and baseball) and 4 girls' sports (soccer, volleyball, basketball, and softball) during the 2005-2006 school year. Design: Prospective injury surveillance study. Setting: Injury data were collected from 100 nationally representative United States high schools via High School RIO (Reporting Information Online). Patients or Other Participants: Athletes from participating high schools injured while participating in a school-sanctioned practice or competition in one of the above sports. Main Outcome Measure(s): Practice and competition injury rates, body site, diagnosis, and severity. Results: High school athletes participating in these 9 sports at participating schools sustained 4350 injuries during the 2005-2006 school year, which corresponds to an estimated 1 442 533 injuries nationally. The rate of injury per 1000 athlete-exposures was higher in competition (4.63) than in practice (1.69) (rate ratio [RR] = 2.73, 95% confidence interval [CI] = 2.58, 2.90). Of all sports, football had the highest competition (12.09) and practice (2.54) injury rates per 1000 athlete-exposures. Compared with injuries sustained during practice, higher proportions of competition injuries were head/face/neck injuries (proportion ratio [PR] = 1.61, 95% CI = 1.34, 1.94), particularly in boys' soccer (PR = 7.74, 95% CI = 2.53, 23.65) and girls' basketball (PR = 6.03, 95% CI = 2.39, 15.22). Competition injuries were more likely to be concussions (PR = 2.02, 95% CI = 1.56, 2.62), especially in boys' soccer (PR = 6.94, 95% CI = 2.01, 23.95) and girls' basketball (PR = 5.83, 95% CI = 2.06, 16.49). Higher proportions of competition injuries caused the athlete to miss more
than 3 weeks of play (PR = 1.28, 95% CI = 1.08, 1.52), particularly in baseball (PR = 3.47, 95% CI = 1.48, 8.11) and volleyball (PR = 2.88, 95% CI = 1.01, 8.24). Conclusions: Rates and patterns of high school sport injuries differed between practice and competition. Providing athletic trainers with this information is a crucial step in developing the targeted, evidence-based interventions required to effectively reduce injury rates among the millions of high school student-athletes. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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T1 - A Methodological Model for Collecting High-Quality Data on Physical Activity in Developing Settings--The Experience of the 1993 Pelotas (Brazil) Birth Cohort Study
A1 - Reichert,Felipe Fossati
A1 - Menezes,Ana Maria Batista
A1 - Wells,Jonathan Charles Kingdom
A1 - Ekelund,Ulf
A1 - Rodrigues,Fabiane Machado
A1 - Hallal,Pedro Curi
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KW - *PUBLIC health
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KW - PUBLIC health surveillance
KW - Brazil
KW - Accelerometry
KW - Adolescent
KW - Body Composition
KW - Measurement
KW - MOTION SENSORS
KW - physical activity assessment
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JF - Journal of Physical Activity & Health
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IS - 3
N2 - Background: Prospective studies on physical activity (PA), diet, and body composition in adolescents are lacking, particularly outside high-income countries. Goals: To describe the methods used to assess these variables in the 1993 Pelotas (Brazil) Birth Cohort and to discuss the fieldwork challenges faced and alternatives to overcome them. Methods: In 2006-07 a subsample of the 1993 Pelotas cohort was revisited. PA was estimated using questionnaires, a combined heart-rate and motion sensor (Acti-Heart), and the ActiGraph GT1M accelerometer. Diet was investigated by questionnaire. Total body water was determined by stable isotopes. Thirty individuals had their total energy expenditure assessed by doubly labeled water. All data were collected at participants' home. Results: The logistics of the fieldwork and the difficulties in undertaking the study and alternatives to overcome them are presented. Preliminary analyses show that 511 individuals were traced (response rate = 90.0%). Compliance of both adolescents and their families for the motion sensors and body-composition measurements was excellent. Conclusions: The authors conclude that it is feasible to carry out high-quality studies on PA in developing countries. They hope the article will be useful to other researchers interested in carrying out similar studies. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
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The importance of the International Tennis Federation's junior boys' circuit in the development of professional tennis players

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A1 - Crespo, Miguel
A1 - Santilli, Luca
A1 - Miley, Dave
A1 - Dimmock, James

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The relationship between junior boys' tennis success, as measured by a top 20 International Tennis Federation's Junior Circuit (ITFJC) ranking, and subsequent ranking accomplishments in professional men's tennis is discussed. The names, countries, and birthdates of all players to achieve a top 20 ITFJC boys' year-end ranking from 1992 to 1998 were recorded. The progress of these players through the professional ranks was then tracked to the end of 2004. Results indicate that 91% of top 20-ranked boys achieved a professional men's ranking, while a stepwise regression analysis revealed junior ranking (JR) to be a predictor of future, professional ranking ($\beta = 0.232$, $r^2 = 0.054$, $p < 0.05$). A regression equation [predicted professional rank = $78.17 + 6.31 \times (JR)$] accounted for a significant amount of variance in professional ranking. For male players, therefore, the achievement of a top 20 junior ranking appears to be a reasonable yardstick for future, professional success. The type of surface upon which junior players develop their games was also shown to influence professional ranking highs, with play on clay courts or a combination of clay and hard courts helping to produce higher, professionally ranked players than hard court play alone ($p \leq 0.01$).

The weak shall inherit the gym: dodgeball is one of the few times in life when you get to let out your aggressions, no questions asked

A1 - Reilly, R.

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KW - SportDiscus
N2 - Schools have decided to ban that childhood playground game of dodgeball because of the implications of hurting weaker students

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KW - *BALL games
KW - *SAFETY
KW - *DODGE ball
KW - Child
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EP - 96
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IS - 20
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N2 - Overweight children are increasing in the United States. Is your Little Leaguer so fat his blood type is Chee-tos? Americans have the fattest kids on earth. Over the last 20 years the number of overweight children in this country has doubled. Soon, if that trend continues, one of every three kids will be obese. We only have each other to blame. It's you, Mr. Dad, pumping your bike madly while you let your triple-chinned five-year-old lie in the back of his little vinyl bike caboose. It's you, Mrs. Elementary School P.E. Instructor, letting policy wonks talk you into replacing sports that actually make a kid sweat -- dodgeball, kickball, tag -- with "activities" like competitive cup-stacking. It's you, Mr. School Board Member, cutting gym classes to supposedly focus on "literacy." Or reducing gym to one or two times a week. It's you, Mrs. U.S. Senator, spending hundreds of billions of dollars to check grandmothers for shoe bombs while letting funding for schools shrink to the size of Uday Hussein's heart. According to the Centers for Disease Control, one in three kids born in 2000 will contract type 2 diabetes -- and potentially the heart disease, blindness, asthma, sleep apnea, gall bladder disease and depression that may come with it -- because they are obese. At least there's one person who wants to do something about it, and you won't believe who it is -- LeBron James. The Cleveland Cavaliers rookie is fast-
breaking a campaign, sponsored by Nike, to get kids off the PlayStation and back on the playground. He's visiting 47 schools in seven cities and donating sports equipment, getting courts and school yards resurfaced, and paying for instructors who think kids ought to play something other than Capture the Flab. The average kid spends 5 1/2 hours per day in front of a TV, a video-game monitor or a computer.

The article focuses on football player Adrian Peterson, a running back for the Minnesota Vikings team of the National Football League (NFL). An autograph Peterson signed for a child shortly after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in a game on December 24, 2011 is used to illustrate his determination to recover from the injury. Peterson's rapid recovery from the injury in time to play the entire 2012 season is considered, as are his very high levels of muscle strength and physical fitness. Peterson's performance in the 2012 season, in which he rushed for over 1800 yards in the Vikings' first 14 games, is discussed.
Background: The aim of the European Youth Heart Study (EYHS) is to establish the nature, strength, and interactions between personal, environmental, and lifestyle influences on cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors in European children. Methods: The EYHS is an international study measuring CVD risk factors, and their associated influences, in children. Relationships between these independent factors and risk of disease will inform the design of CVD interventions in children. A minimum of 1000 boys and girls ages 9 and 15 y were recruited from four European countries: Denmark, Estonia, Norway, and Portugal. Variables measured included physical, biochemical, lifestyle, psychosocial, and sociodemographic data. Results: Of the 5664 children invited to participate, 4169 (74%) accepted. Response rates for most individual tests were moderate to high. All test protocols were well received by the children. Conclusions: EYHS protocols are valid, reliable, acceptable to children, and feasible for use in large, field-based studies.
An abstract of the article "12-Month Effects of a Playground Intervention on Children's Recess Physical Activity Levels," by N. D. Ridgers, G. Stratton, S. J. Fairclough, and D. J. Richardson is presented.


Assessing free-living physical activity using accelerometry: Practical issues for researchers and practitioners.

Physical activity is an integral component of a healthy lifestyle, with relationships documented between physical activity, chronic diseases, and disease risk factors. There is increasing concern that many people are not sufficiently active to benefit their health. Consequently, there is a need to determine the prevalence of physical activity engagement, identify active and inactive segments of the population, and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions. The aim of the present study was to identify and explain a number of methodological and decision-making processes associated with accelerometry, which is the most commonly used objective measure of physical activity in child and adult research. Specifically, this review addresses: (a) pre-data collection decisions, (b) data collection procedures, (c) processing of accelerometer data, and (d) outcome variables in relation to the research questions posed. An appraisal of the literature is provided to help researchers and practitioners begin field-based research, with recommendations offered for best practice. In addition, issues that require further investigation are identified and discussed to inform researchers and practitioners of the surrounding debates. Overall, the review is intended as a starting point for field-based physical activity research using accelerometers and as an introduction to key issues that should be considered and are likely to be encountered at this time.
The purpose of this article is to provide an overview of the initial findings from the project to date and discuss baseline measures of physical activity, gender issues and school approaches to developing health promoting playgrounds.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4811
T1 - Preparing for Camp Fairs: Strategies to Help Students
A1 - Riley, Kevin Walsh
A1 - Mitchell, Melanie
Y1 - 2005/08/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CAMS
KW - *STUDENTS
KW - *COLLEGE students
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *PERSONALITY
KW - Employment
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 128
EP - 134
JA - Schol: A Journal of Leisure Studies & Recreation Education
VL - 20

The article discusses summer camp employment for college students in the U.S. Summer camp employment provides excellent pre-service opportunities for college students who are majoring in physical education and recreation management. Through these experiences they can develop and enhance their teaching, leadership, and communication skills that will be beneficial in future employment. Many camp directors have expressed that a camp employee should possess certain personality traits in order to be effective. An effective employee is a hard worker, possesses the hard skills related to specific camps, has a good work ethic, is a role model, and has prior related work experience. Another important personality essential for the camp employee is to be child-centered and compassionate of children attending the camp. According to the American Camping Association, there are more than 10,000 day and resident camps in the United States where more than half a million people work as counselors, activity leaders, and program directors.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4812
T1 - Forest school -- How creative processes impact on emotional wellbeing
A1 - Riley, Mark
Y1 - 2012/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - *OUTDOOR education
KW - OUTDOOR learning laboratories
KW - OPEN-air schools
KW - Learning
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 16
The article examines the activities in a Forest School which is a play-based, child initiate learning taking place over time in which children explore and experiment at their own pace with support of practitioners. It is suggested that whether Forest School or Outdoor Classroom, children need to be provided with a stimulating environment supporting creative play and learning. A Forest School site should reportedly be sufficiently different to other outdoor spaces like a local woodland.
Parents and caregivers generally believe that the camp experiences they purchase for their children will not only yield transient pleasure and lasting memories of fun encounters, but significant developmental outcomes as well. Camp professionals serving over 11 million youths each year embrace such outcomes and commonly advance mission statements that point to the development of friendship skills, self-confidence, competence, self-reliance, independence, citizenship, and many other developmental outcomes. Empirical evidence of how these outcomes might be facilitated through specific recreation leadership strategies (e.g., activity staging) is lacking. The Self-Determination Theory (SDT) would suggest that youth leaders (e.g., camp counselors, recreation activity specialists) could attend to competence, relatedness, and autonomy in staging experiences for the outcome of intrinsic motivation. Such evidence is essential if immediate conscious experiences of campers are to be optimized and stable outcomes to campers are to be expected. Thus, this study examined the effect of three strategies for staging a recreation encounter on intrinsic motivation of youth attending a residential summer camp. Youth participated in a storytelling activity on three occasions, with each occasion staged differently by leaders. One of the staging strategies included a technique intended to elicit high degrees of autonomy, along with competence. A second strategy was designed to evoke autonomy and relatedness, and a third condition represented a traditional model (i.e., competent tutor) for staging encounters in organized recreation settings. A significant effect was found for the contrast of the combined autonomy conditions (representing autonomy support) vs. the competent tutor condition. This finding is particularly important to camp practitioners. This applied test of Self-Determination Theory-based conditions presents evidence to practitioners that providing recreation encounters that foster the three basic psychological needs of competence, relatedness, and autonomy are more likely to increase intrinsic motivation compared to a traditional method (i.e., competent tutor). Accordingly, staff of youth serving programs might implement strategies derived from Self-Determination Theory in the stream of daily recreation activities to facilitate camper acquisition of intrinsic motivation. For instance, the detailed scripts in this study are a model of how to stage recreation encounters (i.e., storytelling activity) to increase intrinsic motivation of campers. Specifically during the storytelling activity, the autonomy-supportive leaders 1) paused to allow time for responses, 2) provided specific, meaningful feedback to encourage effort, and 3) verbally acknowledged campers’ perspectives. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
The article focuses on how playground designers and manufacturers are taking into account younger children when updating and creating climbing features of playgrounds and recreational areas. Particular focus is given to recreational boulder equipment, with safety features and advice discussed. Veterans Park in Lehigh Acres, Florida is highlighted in the article, with commentary from Colleen Gierut, the recreation supervisor. Comments from playground inspector Dave Parker are included as well.

Children from poor, urban, and disadvantaged environments often demonstrate poor motor skill competence in both object control (OC) and locomotor skills (Goodway & Rudisill, 1996; Hamilton et al., 1999). This study examined the motor skill competence of disadvantaged, African American preschoolers. Further, it investigated the effects of a 9-week OC intervention on OC competence. Two instructional approaches were compared: low autonomy (LA) consisting of direct-instruction and a mastery motivational climate (MMC). Participants were randomly assigned to a LA (n = 36), MMC (n = 38), or comparison (no motor intervention) group (n = 39). The LA and MMC groups participated in 18 30-min OC sessions and the comparison group participated in the same amount of unstructured recess. All children were pre- and posttested on the OC subscale of the TGMD-2 (Ulrich, 2001). Preintervention OC competence was low based on percentile ranks (LA = 23%, MMC = 20%, comparison = 20%). A 3 (Group) x 2 (Sex) ANOVA on pre-OC scores revealed no significant group differences (p = .90) or Group x Sex interaction (p = .60). However, a significant sex main effect was found with boys having greater OC competence than girls, F(1, 107) = 29.34, p < .001. A 3 (Group) x 2 Time x 2 (Sex) ANOVA with repeated measures revealed a significant Group x Time interaction, F(2, 107) = 210.97, p < .001, indicating the OC intervention was effective. Post hoc Tukey HSD analysis reported the LA (p f% Δ = < .001) and MMC (p f% Δ = < .001) groups had significantly better OC competence than the Comparison group from pre- to postintervention. There was no difference between the LA
and MMC groups (p = .88). A nonsignificant Group x Time x Sex interaction (p = .94) showed that there were no sex differences within groups from pre- to postintervention. Clearly, disadvantaged preschoolers had low OC competence and needed motor intervention. When instruction was provided by either LA or MMC, preschool children improved their OC skills. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4823
T1 - Educational objectives of physical activity
A1 - Rogers,F.R.
Y1 - 1929///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *GOAL (Psychology)
KW - Schools
KW - Philosophy
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - New York;
PB - A.S. Barnes
N2 - Outlines the theoretical, social and educational considerations and goals of physical activity for school-age children. States that activity is the real objective of life including organic vigor and vitality. Suggests how to measure and assess these goals in the three areas of physical conditioning, physical fitness, and athletic ability. The implications of these goals are important for every teacher as each is a physical educator. Suggests also the optimum classroom environment, importance of recess, the importance of the diversity of the program, and the increasing differentiation of activities between boys and girls as they mature

TY - JOUR
ID - 4824
T1 - Happiness and Children's Health: An Investigation of Art, Entertainment, and Recreation
A1 - Rogers,Mary A.M.
A1 - Zaragoza-Lao,Emily
Y1 - 2003/02//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - *AMUSEMENTS
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation for children
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - *HOSPITAL care
KW - HAPPINESS in children
KW - Ohio
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 288
EP - 289
JF - American Journal of Public Health
JA - Am J Public Health
VL - 93
IS - 2
N2 - The article discusses a study on the relationship between happiness and children's health in Ohio. Health care providers have recognized the importance of amusement activities for ill or hospitalized children. The study
assesses whether counties with more art, entertainment and recreational activities have healthier children. The results showed that 62% of the children were in excellent health, 23.34% were in very good health, while only 3.81% were in fair or poor health. It was also noted that the population-adjusted dollar volume received for arts, recreation and entertainment increased with higher health status. It was concluded that the communities that offer amusements are more likely to have healthier children.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4825
T1 - Perceived competence, discrepancy scores, and global self-worth
A1 - Rose,E.
A1 - Larkin,D.
Y1 - 2002/04/
N1 - Accession Number: 2002130826. Language: English. Entry Date: 20021004. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Peer Reviewed; USA. Instrumentation: Self-Perception Profile for Children (SPPC) (Harter); Importance Rating Scale (IRS); McCarron Assessment of Neuromuscular Coordination (MAND). No. of Refs: 40 ref. NLM UID: 8701671. Email: e.rose@cowan.edu.au
KW - CINAHL
KW - Self Concept -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Motor Skills -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Child
KW - Male
KW - Female
KW - Motor Skills -- Classification -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Regression
KW - Body Image -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Interpersonal Relations -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Psychological Tests
KW - Australia
KW - Clinical Assessment Tools
KW - Reliability and Validity
KW - Sports -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - internal consistency
KW - Test-Retest Reliability
KW - Multivariate Analysis of Variance
KW - Analysis of Variance
KW - Data Analysis Software
KW - Descriptive Statistics
KW - multiple regression
KW - Step-Wise Multiple Regression
KW - Human
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 127
EP - 140
JF - Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly
JA - Adapt Phys Act Q
VL - 19
IS - 2
N2 - Athletic ability is highly valued by a majority of children and youth. Comparison processes in the athletic domain occur in physical education and organized sport as well as in the unstructured contexts of play and games. Children with movement difficulties are more likely to face failure or exclusion in sport and on the playground. Yet we know little of the processes underlying their self-esteem. These children struggle in physical
education, and on sports days are likely to experience humiliation before their peers, teachers, and parents. Therefore, it seems likely that the social, psychological, and physical experiences of these children impact on the relative contribution of domain-specific perceptions of competence and importance to global self-worth (GSW). In this study, we employed Harter's Importance Rating Scale (IRS) and Self-Perception Profile for Children (SPPC) to examine importance ratings, discrepancy scores, and domain-specific perceptions of competence as predictors of GSW. Children (N = 130, 62 boys and 68 girls) aged 8-12 years were categorized into high (HMC; n = 62) and low motor coordination (LMC; n = 68) groups according to their scores on a motor proficiency battery. Regression analyses using domain-specific perceptions of competence, importance, and discrepancy scores confirmed that self-perception ratings were the best predictors of GSW. For both groups, perceptions of physical appearance, social acceptance, and behavioral conduct contributed significantly to prediction of GSW. By contrast, perceived athletic competence increased prediction of GSW for the HMC group but not the LMC group.
Presents the findings from the National Children and Youth Fitness Study which examined the extracurricular physical activity involvement of children in grades 5 through 12. Discusses weekly time spent in physical activity, seasonality in weekly physical activity time, participation in community organizations, and predominant activities. Stresses the importance of monitoring trends and patterns of participation in physical activity sources other than school physical education.

The purpose of this study was to compare daily, physical education, recess, and after school moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) levels between children with and without autistic spectrum disorders (ASD). Children ages 5 to 12 years wore a uniaxial accelerometer for five days (four weekdays, one weekend day). There were no differences between children with and without ASD at any physical activity setting. Both groups were more active during recess compared to after school, and children with ASD were similarly active in recess and physical education. Although many children with ASD acquired 60 min of physical education per day, this may decrease with age as opportunities for recess and physical education are eliminated. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
This study investigated the potential of a classification procedure to determine type, duration, and frequency of children's physical activity (PA) during 7 days based on accelerometer data. Hip and wrist accelerometer data (1-second epoch) were collected over a week in 41 children (age: 10.7 ± 0.9 years). The classification procedure was used to assign each second into one of the following four categories: stationary activities, walking, running, and jumping. A diary was used to assess the simultaneous activity setting. Children spent 75.5% of the time (600.9 ± 80.1 minutes/day) on stationary activities, 15.6% (124.6 ± 33.6 minutes/day) on walking, 2% (16.1 ± 8.6 minutes/day) on running, and 1% (4.7 ± 5.2 minutes/day) on jumping. The median duration of stationary activities, walking, running, and jumping was 4, 2, 1, and 1 seconds, respectively. The largest proportion of running and jumping occurred during outdoor sport training (10.7%), physical education classes (6.7%), and vigorous outdoor activity (6.1%). The classification procedure used in this study shows the potential for analyzing children's PA in free-living conditions. The study results revealed that children's PA is characterized by very short activity bouts and that providing the possibility for children to participate in structured or unstructured outdoor activities might increase their PA. Therefore, the classification procedure enhanced the analysis of the transitory nature of children's PA and the understanding of their PA behavior during different activity settings.
The article presents descriptions of some of the worst moments in the history of sports according to Sports Illustrated magazine. In the third-worst trade in history, behind beads-for-Manhattan and Ruth-for-cash, the Super Bowl—contending Minnesota Vikings exchange five players and eight draft choices for one man with two bad wheels and a penchant for speaking in the third person. Herschel Walker, newly acquired from the Dallas Cowboys, runs 47 yards on his first play as a Viking. Another bad moment was when the night before Super Bowl XXXIII, Atlanta Falcons free safety Eugene Robinson leaves his wife and two children in a Miami hotel and propositions an undercover cop posing as a prostitute. He does so 100 yards from a police sub-station. With 5,000 sportswriters in town, hours after accepting the Bart Starr Award from Athletes in Action for exhibiting "high moral character." Another bad moment in sports occurred when by holding a 10-Cent Beer Night, the Cleveland Indians give new meaning to bad hops. Some 25,000 fans come and—-to be fair—-they don't all streak...
across the diamond or sprint into centerfield to moon the bleacherites. But many do. With the game tied 5-5 and the Indians at bat in the ninth, the bases weren't loaded but the crowd was. Umpire Nestor Chylak and Cleveland reliever Tom Hilgendorn are both hit over the head with chairs by fans. When order proves impossible to restore, the Indians, having forfeited their dignity, also forfeit the game

SN - 0038822X
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4837
T1 - Children and Dangerous Sport and Recreation
A1 - Russell,J.S.
Y1 - 2007/10/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS -- Safety measures
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *CHILD development
KW - *PREVENTION
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - Child Welfare
KW - CHILDREN'S accidents
KW - RISK society
KW - SAFETY regulations
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 176
EP - 193
JA - Journal of the Philosophy of Sport
VL - 34
IS - 2
N2 - The article examines the issue of how much focus should be placed on the elimination of physical risk or danger from a child's environment, particularly in the area of sports or physical recreation are concerned. It is suggested in the article that the complete elimination of risk and danger from a child's environment could be a bad thing. The article explores whether physical risk or danger contributes positively in any way to a child's development or life in general. The article also discusses how many U.S. schools have eliminated such games as touch football and tag from their playgrounds and physical education programs
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ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4838
T1 - Sun safety: new wrinkles on a burning subject
A1 - Rutsch,L.
A1 - Baird,S.B.
Y1 - 2006/06/
N1 - Accession Number: 2009268464. Language: English. Entry Date: 20061006. Revision Date: 20130322. Publication Type: journal article; anecdote; pictorial. Journal Subset: Double Blind Peer Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Nursing; Peer Reviewed; USA
KW - CINAHL
KW - Camp Nursing
KW - Health Education -- Methods -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Sunburn -- Prevention and Control -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Teaching Materials -- Utilization
Promoting healthy camp communities is an inherent part of the camp nurse's role. Sunburn, as a totally preventable injury, is a constant threat in a camp life where outdoor activities are occurring throughout the day. The nurse can use a variety of approaches to teach staff and campers sun safety. Sun Wise, a free teaching kit from the Environmental Protection Agency, provides ideas, activities, and supplies to use with K-8 aged campers.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4839
T1 - Vitalizing effects of being outdoors and in nature
A1 - Ryan, Richard M.
A1 - Weinstein, Netta
A1 - Bernstein, Jesse
A1 - Brown, Kirk Warren
A1 - Mistretta, Louis
A1 - Gagne, Marylene
Y1 - 2010//
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 159
EP - 168
JF - Journal of Environmental Psychology
VL - 30
IS - 2
PB - Elsevier
SN - 0272-4944
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4840
T1 - Acoustics in physical education settings: the learning roadblock
A1 - Ryan, Stu
A1 - Mendel, Lisa Lucks
Y1 - 2010/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *MUSIC in physical education
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - SOUND -- Psychological aspects
KW - AMERICAN Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Background: The audibility of teachers and peers is an essential factor in determining the academic performance of school children. However, acoustic conditions in most classrooms are less than optimal and have been viewed as 'hostile listening environments' that undermine the learning of children in school. While research has shown that typical classrooms may be acoustically challenging, the acoustic conditions in physical education settings are without a doubt more challenging than in the typical classroom. To date, researchers in physical education have sparingly focused on the way acoustics affect physical education settings. Aims: The focus of this research effort was to measure noise levels in elementary-, middle- and high-school physical education settings and compare them to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) guidelines (30 dBA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards (40 dBA). Documentation of these ambient noise levels may give greater understanding to the effect of background noise on student learning in physical education. Methods: Acoustic environments were measured in indoor and outdoor settings in 12 elementary, 4 middle, and 6 high schools in northwest Florida. Nine outdoor, seven gymnasium, and six covered area settings were evaluated. Ambient noise levels were recorded for each unoccupied physical education setting. A sound decibel digital meter which met American National Standard Specification for Sound Level Meters set on the 'A' weighted scale and on slow response was used to record the noise levels for each setting. Two-tailed t-tests were used for comparison of the overall mean noise levels in outdoor, gymnasium, and covered physical education settings to the standards established by ANSI and ASHA. Results: The findings showed that all of the settings were significantly (p < .05) higher than the established standards and only 1 of the 22 physical education settings studied had background noise levels at or below 40 dBA. These results also indicate that the physical education settings investigated exhibit ambient noise levels at 10-15 dB higher than recommended levels. Conclusions: In light of the acoustics standards and prior research, these results are discouraging if not alarming. These results also suggest that the background noise in physical education settings is likely detrimental to student learning. These findings indicate an immediate need for administrators to support future research and determine the most appropriate, cost-effective procedures to reduce noise in existing physical education settings. Strategies for reducing high noise levels in physical education settings include sound amplification devices, acoustical modifications, and future construction strategies. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4841
T1 - A Weekend on the Banadad Trail
A1 - Rykken, Anne
Y1 - 2011/11/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SKIS & skiing
KW - FIRST person narrative
KW - Minnesota
A personal narrative is presented which explores the author's experience of cross country skiing with a group of children on the Banadad Ski Trail along the Gunflint Trail in Grand Marais, Minnesota, which included a two night stay in a yurt, playing outside, and hiking and skiing on frozen Bedew Lake.

In order to resolve the theme "Are younger children lacking exercise?", the relationships among the quantity of exercise, lifestyle, home environment and parents' thoughts were studied in 204 preschoolers aged 4-5 years old. Lifestyle and parents' thoughts affected the activity and quantity of exercise of kids. Early rising, the presence of siblings, attending kindergarten and the mother not working allowed younger children to exercise more than late risers, those without siblings, holidays, and with both parents working. Moreover, parents' opinion on sport affected the quantity of the child's exercise. In order to increase the amount of exercise in younger children, it is advisable for parents to wake up earlier and play with their kids outside.
T1 - Measuring Physical Environments of Parks and Playgrounds: EAPRS Instrument Development and Inter-Rater Reliability

A1 - Saelens,Brian E.
A1 - Frank,Lawrence D.
A1 - Auffrey,Christopher
A1 - Whitaker,Robert C.
A1 - Burdette,Hillary L.
A1 - Colabianchi,Natalie

Y1 - 2006/01/02/

KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PARKS
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *EXERCISE
KW - *PUBLIC health
KW - Active Living
KW - activity
KW - recreation facilities
KW - trails

RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - S190
EP - S207

JF - Journal of Physical Activity & Health
JA - J Phys Act Health
VL - 3

N2 - Background: Reliable and comprehensive measurement of physical activity settings is needed to examine environment-behavior relations. Methods: Surveyed park professionals (n = 34) and users (n = 29) identified park and playground elements (e.g., trail) and qualities (e.g., condition). Responses guided observational instrument development for environmental assessment of public recreation spaces (EAPRS). Item inter-rater reliability was evaluated following observations in 92 parks and playgrounds. Instrument revision and further reliability testing were conducted with observations in 21 parks and 20 playgrounds. Results: EAPRS evaluates trail/path, specific use (e.g., picnic), water-related, amenity (e.g., benches), and play elements, and their qualities. Most EAPRS items had good-excellent reliability, particularly presence/number items. Reliability improved from the original (n = 1088 items) to revised (n = 646 items) instrument for condition, coverage/shade, and openness/visibility items. Reliability was especially good for play features, but cleanliness items were generally unreliable. Conclusions: The EAPRS instrument provides comprehensive assessment of parks' and playgrounds' physical environment, with generally high reliability. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 15433080


TY - JOUR
ID - 4851

T1 - The dark and bright sides of self-efficacy in predicting learning, innovative and risky performances

A1 - Salanova,M.
A1 - Lorente,L.
A1 - Martinez,I.M.

Y1 - 2012/11/

N1 - DA - 20121119
IS - 1138-7416 (Print)
IS - 1138-7416 (Linking)

LA - eng

PT - Comparative Study
PT - Journal Article
The objective of this study is to analyze the different role that efficacy beliefs play in the prediction of learning, innovative and risky performances. We hypothesize that high levels of efficacy beliefs in learning and innovative performances have positive consequences (i.e., better academic and innovative performance, respectively), whereas in risky performances they have negative consequences (i.e., less safety performance). To achieve this objective, three studies were conducted, 1) a two-wave longitudinal field study among 527 undergraduate students (learning setting), 2) a three-wave longitudinal lab study among 165 participants performing innovative group tasks (innovative setting), and 3) a field study among 228 construction workers (risky setting). As expected, high levels of efficacy beliefs have positive or negative consequences on performance depending on the specific settings. Unexpectedly, however, we found no time x self-efficacy interaction effect over time in learning and innovative settings. Theoretical and practical implications within the social cognitive theory of A. Bandura framework are discussed.

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This study identified and described participation roles kindergarten and second grade children took on during partner tasks in physical education. Over a period of one year four participation roles were identified: (1) initiating partner, (2) responding partner, (3) collaborating partner, and (4) non-compliant partner. Data suggested a shift from kindergarten to second grade in roles students assumed during partner activities and that this change may be related to egocentrism as a developmental characteristic of young. A class of 24 kindergarten children eagerly wait at the door of the gymnasium to enter and begin 30-minutes of physical education. As they enter, the teacher instructs them to find and sit on one of the two-dozen (four-inch diameter) colored dots which have been painted on the gym floor. The dots are a variety of different colors, spaced six feet apart, and are used by the teacher to assist in spacing the young children evenly on one half of the gym. The 24 dots have been painted on the floor in a rectangular pattern. As the teacher views her class she sees four lines of children with equal space between each line. She asks the children in the two middle lines to turn and face the children in the outside lines. Children have been asked to turn and face a classmate before. The children's voices can now be heard, whispering, and they appear ready to burst into movement at any time. Children do not know if they will be throwing, catching, kicking or striking, but they do know that the classmate they are facing is to be their partner. On the other end of the gym two classes of second grade students, taught by a different teacher, are sitting on 48 colored dots, involved in a similar routine.
The article reports on research conducted to compare an eight-week training period of resistance training alone (GR), or combined resistance and endurance training (GCCM), followed by 12 weeks of detraining (DT) and to determine the effect each had on body composition, strength, and VO2max adaptations in 42 adolescent school boys. Researchers found significant loss was observed after a DT period in GR but not in GCCM and that training program effects persist at the end of the DT period.
Boys are typically more physically active than girls, but schools have the potential to promote health-related physical activity for all children. This study investigated gender differences in children's physical activity levels during physical education (PE) classes and unstructured recess periods. The activity levels of 91 fifth-grade children were assessed by accelerometer (Caltrac) on 3 days. Results indicated that children's activity levels were low to moderately stable from day to day in both environments. Boys and girls had similar activity levels during PE, but boys were significantly more active than girls during recess. Girls were significantly more active during PE than they were at recess. The results suggest that structured PE classes may provide similar amounts of physical activity for both genders.
T1 - The Quality of Time in Nature: How Fascination Explains and Enhances the Relationship Between Nature Experiences and Daily Affect
A1 - Sato,Izuru
A1 - Conner,Tamlin S.
Y1 - 2013///
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
JA - Ecopsychology
PB - Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. 140 Huguenot Street, 3rd Floor New Rochelle, NY 10801 USA
SN - 1942-9347
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4865
T1 - Promotion of school recess physical activity among elementary school children: A literature review
A1 - Sato,Mai
A1 - Ishii,Kaori
A1 - Shibata,Ai
A1 - Oka,Koichiro
Y1 - 2012/04//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - School Environment
KW - Japan
KW - CHILDREN
KW - Environment
KW - Exercise
KW - Health
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 157
EP - 167
VL - 61
IS - 2
SN - 0039906X
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4872
T1 - Getting Kids Outside to Appreciate Nature
A1 - Scheer,Roddy
A1 - Moss,Doug
Y1 - 2013/04/14/
N1 - Accession Number: 87098431; Scheer, Roddy; Moss, Doug; Source Info: 4/14/2013, p3; Thesaurus Term: NATURE; Subject Term: CHILDREN -- United States; Subject Term: TELEVISION monitors; Subject Term: DEPRESSION in children; Subject Term: CREATIVE ability in children; Subject Term: AGGRESSION (Psychology) in children; Number of Pages: 1p; Document Type: Article; Full Text Word Count: 611
KW - Nature
KW - CHILDREN -- United States
KW - TELEVISION monitors
KW - DEPRESSION in children
The article discusses a report which revealed that kids who stay inside the house too much may suffer "nature deficit disorder" which can add to a range of behavioral problems like attention disorders, depression and declining creativity. Another report showed that U.S. children spend more than 53 hours a week engaged with entertainment media, only about six percent of the children play. Researchers also found that kids who play outside are less aggressive, in better shape and more creative.

The article presents a study exploring the affinity among children towards nature as it not only develop environmental values and attitude but also foster positive social development. However, it highlights the advancing technological culture as one of the factors that separate children from nature as it introduced them the sedentary lifestyle that are spent indoors. Researchers have depicted a decline by 50 percent from 1997 to 2003 on time spent in outdoor activities.
Background and purpose: Skills that are important for both social interaction on the playground and performance in physical education are ball handling skills because they are the cornerstones of many games. Unlike motor skills that develop naturally with general movement experiences, even children without disabilities need to be taught and to practice ball handling skills to become proficient. The purpose of this study was to compare ball skill performance of children with and without DCD in a one-to-one testing situation.

Subjects: We recruited a sample of 116 children, 51 girls and 65 boys, aged between 7 and 11 years (M = 8.82 years, SD = 0.80). In total, 30 (25.9%) met criteria for DCD, and 86 (74.1%) did not. Method: Motor ability was assessed using the Movement Assessment Battery (M-ABC). Each participant was required to complete 10 overhand throws and to catch a ball adjusted to their hand size with two hands 10 times. Video analysis was used to determine the developmental level of throwing and catching (Roberton & Konczak, 2001). Results: A MANOVA with the factors DCD-group and age band on throwing (foot action, trunk action, backswing, humerus action, forearm action) and catching (arm action, hand action, body action) revealed a significant main effect of DCD for the developmental sequences of throwing (p < .05) as well as for catching (p < .01). Furthermore, children without DCD caught more balls than did the DCD children, F(3, 99) = 10.13, p < .001, η² = .235, and their throwing accuracy was significantly superior to that of the DCD children, F(3, 101) = 3.59, p = .016, η² = .096. Conclusions: The findings from this study clearly showed that children with DCD are at a disadvantage in controlling a ball. Without a tailored intervention, these children will not be able to participate properly in physical activities. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

The article discusses how Illinois schools are dealing with government guidelines for children's physical education (PE) and how intramural sports programs fit in. Many schools get waivers that release students to take other classes besides PE at the risk of their overall daily fitness activity. The Collinsville Intermediate School
(CIS) in Collinsville, Illinois instituted an intramural (IM) sports program to provide children with athletic opportunities.

Young people's health as a challenge for physical education in schools in the twenty-first century: the case of Flanders (Belgium)

Aim: Within the framework of the Flemish education system, this paper aims to document the pathways by which PE and schools can contribute to establish lifetime adherence to sport and physical activity in order to enhance and maintain young people's health later in life. From a public health perspective, this is one of the main challenges for PE in the forthcoming decades. Methods: The current PE curriculum requirements and implementation in Flemish schools are described as a starting point. Then, evidence-based recommendations are formulated in order to optimise the content and delivery of the PE curriculum towards its health-related goals. Conclusions: School PE has been recognised as the foundation base of the PA participation pyramid. Nevertheless, there is a need to move beyond the PE and school curriculum. Especially, schools, parents and the community should work together to encourage children and youth to be physically active. As a consequence, the PE teachers' role should not be restricted to the education of pupils during PE lessons, but should be expanded to include guiding youths in the process of becoming physically active both inside and outside school and for life. PE teachers have
to accept this responsibility and this effort has to be recognised by the school board. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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T1 - Use of recess-based activities as a method to increase adolescents' time spent in vigorous activity... CSM 2013
A1 - Sen,A.
A1 - Caballero,D.
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KW - Physical Activity -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Students,Elementary
KW - Accelerometry -- Equipment and Supplies
KW - Child
KW - convenience sample
KW - Female
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KW - Male
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KW - Scales
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JA - Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal
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IS - 4
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4882
T1 - Recent Change in the Annual Pattern of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the United States
A1 - Shah,Ami P.
A1 - Smolensky,Michael H.
A1 - Burau,Keith D.
A1 - Cech,Irina M.
A1 - Lai,Dejian
Y1 - 2007/09/
KW - *SEXUALLY transmitted diseases
KW - *DISEASES
This study analyzed the 1999 to 2003 database of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for seasonal and longer-term time trends in the sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in the United States. Linear regression was used to ascertain time trends, and a linear mixed auto-regression model was applied to determine the statistical significance of the major peaks relative to the annualized time series mean. A statistically significant increasing trend during the 5 yr span was documented only in the incidence of chlamydia. No clear annual periodicity was detected in any of the STDs; instead, significant three-month cycles were documented in all the STDs, with prominent peaks evident in March, May, August, and November. The March and May peaks could be associated with the sexual activities of young adults during spring break, which for different colleges and universities, commences as early as mid- to late-February and concludes as late as early- to mid-April, when huge numbers of sexually active youth congregate at beach resort settings. We propose the August peak is representative of summer sexual activity, in particular, of youths during school recess when adult supervision is poor. Finally, the autumn peak seems to be an expression of an endogenous annual rhythm in human reproductive biology, exemplified by elevated levels of testosterone in young males and sexual activity at this time of the year. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Many nonprofit organizations needing volunteers struggle to find individuals who can provide the hours of support their programs, services, and events need (Urban Institute, 2004). Researchers have recognized the contribution of youth volunteers and have examined various aspects of youth volunteer experiences to better understand them (e.g., Hall, McKeown, & Roberts, 2001). Much of the research has focus on those 13 and older, however, youth between the ages of 8 and 12 (younger youth) have been overlooked. Research shows that younger youth do volunteer (Grimm, Dietz, Spring, Arey, & Foster-Bey, 2005), but little is known about the experiences they have. The purpose of this study was to explore constraints younger youth face and ways in which these constraints are negotiated. Using semi-structured, face-to-face interviews, data were collected from 73 youth volunteers (31 males; 42 females) ages 8 to 12 and 7 Executive Directors from Boys and Girls Clubs (BGC) in Atlantic Canada. The findings indicated that attitudes of adults in the community toward younger youth can limit the volunteer opportunities that are welcoming for this age group, affect younger youths’ perception of their abilities, and influence their enjoyment of the volunteer experience. The important roles facilitators played in younger youths' access to and enjoyment of volunteer experiences was evident. Youth leaders can help younger youth overcome constraints by ensuring that youth are matched with volunteer tasks that are appropriate for their skill set, are adequately prepared for the tasks and situations that may arise while performing their tasks, participate in tasks with friends, and have chances to discuss their volunteer experiences. Parents can also support involvement through preparing their child for, and debriefing volunteer experiences. Forming partnerships with organizations that need volunteers may be helpful in lessening some of the challenges youth leaders encounter when trying to facilitate volunteering experiences for younger youth. Efforts to educate the public about the abilities of younger youth to contribute to their community may be important in shifting attitudes and increasing the welcoming opportunities available. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
Context: Although playground surfaces have been investigated for fall impact attenuation, the surfaces that cheerleaders use have received little attention. Objective: To determine (1) the critical height for selected surfaces used by cheerleaders at or below which a serious head impact injury from a fall is unlikely to occur, (2) the critical heights for non-impact-absorbing surfaces for comparison purposes, and (3) the effect of soil moisture and grass height on gmax (which is defined as the multiple of g [acceleration due to gravity at the earth's surface at sea level: ie, 32.2 feet/s²] that represents the maximum deceleration experienced during an impact) and the Head Injury Criterion (HIC) at the critical height for a dry grass surface. Design: Observational study. Settings: A local cheerleading gym, indoor locations within the authors' institution, and various outdoor locations. Main Outcome Measure(s): gmax, HIC, and critical height. Results: Critical heights for the surfaces tested ranged from 0.5 ft (0.15 m) for concrete and vinyl tile installed over concrete to more than 11 ft (3.35 m) for a spring floor. Increases in grass height and soil moisture resulted in an increase in the critical height for grass surfaces. Only spring floors and 4-in (0.10-m)-thick landing mats placed on traditional foam floors had critical heights greater than 10.5 ft (3.20 m), thus providing enough impact-absorbing capacity for performance of 2-level stunts. Conclusions: The potential for serious head impact injuries can be minimized by increasing the shock-absorbing capacity of the surface, decreasing the height from which the person falls, or both. Cheerleaders and cheerleading coaches should use the critical heights reported in this study to compare the relative impact-absorbing capacities of the various surfaces tested, with critical height as an indicator of the impact-absorption capacity of the surface. The findings of this study can be used to select the most appropriate surface for the type of maneuver to be performed, based on the maximum height expected to be achieved by the cheerleader(s) during execution of the maneuver. Cheerleaders should not perform maneuvers at heights that exceed the critical height for the surface on which they are performing. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
[Purpose] In this study, we examined physical contact with obstacles by children with and without developmental disorders (DD). [Subjects] Participants were nine children with DD and nine normal children. [Methods] All participants went through a course with seven pieces of playground equipment and six bars at different heights under three conditions: the first trial was with no instruction, the second trial was with an instruction to avoid collision, and the third trial was with an instruction to avoid collision and go through as fast as possible. [Results] The children with DD had more physical contact with the bars than normal children, indicating that attention deficit was not the cause of the increased contact in the children with DD. They also showed a significantly higher number of waist-contacts when compared to the normal children. This suggests that the children with DD had more contact when concurrent visual-feedback could not be used during avoidance movements. [Conclusion] It is possible that incorrect estimation based on body-characteristic information is the cause of the increased contact in the children with DD.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Kids are getting fatter and lazier. Why? They spend too much time in front of the television, playing video games. Solution? Turn off the television and send them outside to play. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
N2 - The article presents a study showing the positive relationship between academic achievement and physical activity or participation in sports conducted by Coe, Pivarnik, Womack, Reeves, and Malina. The group reveals that the students involved in regular physical activity outside of school have higher academic achievement scores. This result implies that sports participation meets threshold level for physical activity that is essential to produce potentially desirable effects. Physical education classes need to offer greater number of healthy activities because the students are found to be inactive in physical activities in school.
The article presents information on the study done to determine the total moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) that can be attributed to sports involvement in the youth. The article also assesses the contributions to MVPA from recess and physical education. The method of research is also disclosed along with the results. It is revealed that the researchers selected and observed a group of boys between the ages of six and 12 who participated in soccer, basketball, and football. It is pointed out that there is a need to consider the unique characteristics of the youth in regard to sports, physical education, and recess. The limitations of the study are also acknowledged by its proponents along with suggestions for future studies.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4903
T1 - Efekt pohybového programu ve školním prostředí na změnu v oboukrytí dětí: výsledky 4leté longitudinální studie. / The effect of physical activity program at school on reducing childhood obesity: A results of four-year longitudinal study
A1 - Sigmundová, Dagmar
A1 - Sigmund, Erik
Y1 - 2012/08/
KW - *SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL activity
KW - *OBESITY in children
KW - *BODY weight
KW - *PEDOMETERS
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *OBESITY -- Prevention
KW - LONGITUDINAL method
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KW - -kolnA-dru• _ina
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KW - after-school nursery
KW - kroky
KW - Obesity
KW - obezita
KW - pedometer Yamax
KW - pedometr Yamax
KW - school recess periods
KW - steps
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 129
EP - 141
JA - Medicina Sportiva Bohemica et Slovaca
VL - 21
IS - 3
N2 - An apparent increase of childhood obesity along with observed low physical activity (PA), initiates searching for effective strategies and verification of programs enhancing an increase of PA in children and reduction of their excessive weight. School environment offers apt opportunities to carry out physical and nutrition intervention programs because children spend a significant part of the day at school. The main goal was to identify the effect of a two-year longitudinal school-based PA intervention program aimed at the reduction of obesity in children after two years since the program was finished. 84 girls and 92 boys aged 10-11 participated in the study who participated in the survey in 2006-2008 as 6-9 year-olds and were included in the intervention group (43 girls and 45 boys) and the control group (41 girls and 47 boys). PA was monitored using Yamax pedometer and obesity was estimated using the percentile graph of Body Mass Index of World Health Organization (WHO) for girls and boys aged 5-19. At the beginning of the intervention program, there were no
significant differences found between the proportion of obese girls and boys in the intervention and the control groups - (girls 6.9% x 7.3%, boys 11.1% x 6.4%, intervention x control groups resp.). At the end of the intervention program, there was no occurrence of obesity in the intervention group whereas there were 21.9% girls and 23.4% boys obese in the control group. After two years since the intervention program finished, there was a significantly lower (p = 0.0124) occurrence of obesity (girls 2.3%, boys 6.7%) and higher (p < 0.0001) number of school steps (girls 3099, boys 3368) in the intervention group than in the control group (girls 17.1%, boys 23.4%; girls 1751, boys 1799). A long-term increase of PA performed at school environment can significantly enhance the prevention of childhood obesity. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4904
T1 - THE IMPACT OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORTS PRACTICE IN SOME HEALTH RELATED PARAMETERS IN SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS FROM VILA REAL
A1 - Silva,António José
A1 - Mourão-Carvalhal,Maria Isabel
A1 - de Castro Coelho,Eduarda Maria Rocha Teles
A1 - Alves Libário,Magda Fernanda Requeijo
Y1 - 2008/05/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OBESITY
KW - *DRINKING of alcoholic beverages
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - Drug Utilization
KW - Health Status Indicators
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Obesity
KW - Actividad Motora
KW - Indicadores de Salud
KW - obesidad
KW - Atividade motora
KW - Indicadores BA-sicos de SaA§de
KW - Obesidade
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 151
EP - 157
JA - Fitness & Performance Journal (Online Edition)
VL - 7
IS - 3
N2 - Introduction: This study had two main purposes: i) to identify the incidence rate of physical activity practice and some other health related parameters (alcohol ingestion; obesity tobacco and drugs) in school age students from Via Real; ii) to verify the impact of physical activity and sports practice in these health related parameters. Materials and Methods: A sample of 376 school age students with age ranged from 16 to 20 years was used. To evaluate the physical activity practice and alcohol, tobacco and drugs abuse the Health Behavior in School-Aged Children inquiry was used. For the Quetlet Index the height and weight of each one of the students was evaluated. The cut of points proposed by Cole (2000) to determine overweight and obesity was used. The X2 was used in the comparison between the categorical variables and the Mann-Whitney test in the ordinal variables. Results: The all evaluated sample had practice in physical education discipline, and 34.6% of student had also extra school physical activity (clubs). The incidence rate of overweight and obesity in the sample was 11.2% and 2.1% respectively. In what concerns the illicit abuse ingestion 34.8% on inquired students had normal alcohol consumption, 20% tobacco consumption and 22% drugs consumption. Discussion: The results
pointed showed also significant statistical differences comparing the groups with and without extra physical activity outside the school yard. In beer consumption (p=0.004). These results are in accordance with previous results Matos (2003) which refer that young child who does not practice physical activity have higher alcohol consumption values. In what refers to the other variables in spite of non statistical significant, it was observed for more obesity, more alcohol and tobacco consumption in non active students. These results agreed with the specific consulted literature. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

Introducción: Este estudio tiene dos objetivos: i) verificar la incidencia de la práctica de actividad física y de algunos indicadores de salud (obesidad, consumo de alcohol, tabaco y drogas) en alumnos del 2.º y 3.º Ciclo de la Enseñanza BA-sica y Secundaria de Vila Real; ii) verificar el impacto de la práctica de actividad física y deportiva en estos indicadores de salud. Materiales y MActodos: La muestra fue constituida por 376 jóvenes con edades comprendidas entre los 16 y los 20 años. Para evaluar la práctica de actividad física y lo uso de sustancias ilícitas fue utilizado el cuestionario "Comportamiento y Salud en Jóvenes en Edad Escolar", adaptado del estudio europeo Health Behavior in School-Aged Children. Para el cálculo del Índice de Masa Corporal, fue recogido el peso y la altura, siendo utilizados los valores de corte propuestos por Cole (2000) para definir sobrecarga u obesidad. En la comparación de grupos se usó la X2 en las variables categóricas y el test de Mann-Whitney en las ordinales. Resultados: La totalidad de la muestra participaba de las clases de educación física escolar y 36,4% de los jóvenes practicaban deporte extraescolar. La incidencia de sobrecarga ponderal y obesidad fue de 11,2% y 2,1%, respectivamente. Cuento al consumo de sustancias ilícitas, 34,8% de los inquiridos consumían alcohol, 20% de los alumnos fumaban y 22% afirmaron ya tener experto drogas. Discusión: Los resultados demostraron haber diferencias significativas cuando se comparan jóvenes que practicaban educación física escolar y otra modalidad deportiva extraescolar en el consumo de cerveza (p=0.004), presentando, los primeros, consumos superiores. Estos resultados están en acuerdo con Matos (2003), indicando que los jóvenes que no practican actividad física afirman, más frecuentemente, consumir alcohol. Relativamente a las otras variables dependientes, a pesar de las diferencias no sean estadísticamente significativas, se verifica una tendencia para los jóvenes que sólo practican educación física escolar sean más obesos, consuman más vino y bebidas blancas. Estos resultados están en consonancia con la literatura de la especialidad. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4906
T1 - Some Thoughts on Getting Youngsters Out of the Classroom
A1 - Simpson, Richard
Y1 - 2009/09/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OUTDOOR education
KW - FIELDWORK (Educational method)
KW - LISTER School (Herford, Germany)
KW - Educational Technology
KW - POCKET computers
KW - HERFORD (Germany)
KW - Germany
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 16
EP - 17
JA - Horizons (14620677)
IS - 47
N2 - The author describes a field study day that he conducted from Lister School in Herford, Germany. He worked with Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) Keith Bull who was investigating the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) with children from primary schools. The objectives of the activity include exploring the use of PDAs as useful communication tools and enabling children to acquire real experiences and learning about the world. The planning and preparation effort for the study is also cited
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The article discusses free time physical activity to fight obesity in children. The Recess Activity of the Week (RAW) program is presented as an effective way to motivate children to join physical activities. Sample activities were developed to help teachers develop their own programs in school. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that 18.8 percent of children between 6-11 years old are overweight.
an achievement-oriented culture, a negative approach to achievement could lead to poor adjustment. The purpose of the study conducted by the author was to assess the usefulness of the PARI as a means of distinguishing the maternal child-rearing attitudes in groups with high and low levels of FF. The study showed that mothers of the highest FF scorers tended to show more marital conflict and more irritability than mothers of the lowest FF scorers. They believed more in avoidance of communication and suppression of sexuality. They exhibited more inconsideration of the husband, showed more ascendency, and fostered more dependency. On the other hand, mothers of the lowest FF scorers appeared to foster more martyrdom, show more interest in excluding outside influence, and were very permissive in approving the child's activity.
Continuous observation of 34 girls and 30 boys aged between 5 and 10 years was undertaken as part of an ongoing investigation of children's activity levels. Observations were carried out during school break times, lunch times and physical education lessons and during free time outside of school. Children engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) for 28 percent of total time. Twenty four children (37.5 percent) recorded at least one sustained 20-min period of MVPA and 31 children (48 percent) recorded at least one 15-min period of sustained MVPA. Sixty four physical education lessons were observed. During these lessons 28 children (44 percent) participated in MVPA for a sustained 5-min period and 10 children (16 percent) engaged in MVPA for a sustained 10-min period. There is evidence that some preadolescents are engaging in sustained MVPA. Whether the findings could be considered satisfactory or otherwise, in terms of heart health, depends on the length of sustained activity deemed appropriate for preadolescents. There are also many young children who take part in minimal physical activity and therefore widespread efforts to promote physical activity among children need to be maintained.

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Objective. A comprehensive understanding of individual differences in maternal parenting behaviors cannot be realized without consideration of multiple determinants of parenting within the same study. The goal of the present study was to examine the association of 3 categories of determinants of parenting (i.e., parent personality, contextual sources of stress and support, and child effects) to individual differences in maternal parenting behaviors. Design. Supportive and controlling parenting and child social responsiveness were observed during 2 free-play sessions when toddlers (N = 140) were 30 to 36 months old. Mothers completed questionnaires measuring personality and contextual sources of stress and support. Results. More maternal supportive behaviors were predicted by higher levels of child social responsiveness. More maternal control was associated with lower socioeconomic status, more work outside of the home, more extraversion, and more neuroticism. Conclusions. Because the determinants of parenting that predicted maternal controlling behaviors were different from those that predicted supportive parenting behaviors, examining how multiple determinants of parenting relate to different aspects of parenting behavior is necessary to more fully understand individual difference in parenting behaviors.
Purpose: To ascertain how well health services in Lusaka, Zambia currently meet the safe motherhood and reproductive health care needs of women who have physical impairment leading to disability. Methods: A qualitative study was conducted in Lusaka, Zambia. In-depth tape-recorded interviews were conducted with 24 purposively selected women with disabilities and with 25 safe motherhood/reproductive public sector health service providers. Qualitative analysis was conducted using NVivo software. Results: Women with disabilities encounter various social, attitudinal and physical barriers to accessing safe motherhood and reproductive health (RH) services in this particular setting. The strong desire for children and affection can increase vulnerability to sexual exploitation. At the same time, a generalized assumption among reproductive health service providers that women with disabilities will not be sexually active, and not require RH services, leads to increased vulnerability to sexually transmitted infection including HIV. Once pregnant, traditional beliefs about transmission of disabilities can create barriers to integration in antenatal clinics. Nurse-midwives' fear of delivery complications in women with physical impairments can also result in routine over-referral to a tertiary maternity facility which is outside the locality and harder for women with mobility limitations to get to. Conclusion: Greater understanding of the influences underpinning societal attitudes towards sexuality and disability in this setting, and more extensive communication between health care staff and women with disabilities would facilitate positive action towards improving safe motherhood and reproductive health services for women with disabilities. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

The article reports on research which was conducted to determine the amount of physical activity in which children engage during physical education classes and factors that mediate their participation. Third and fourth grade students wore pedometers during each 30-minute physical education class for one school year. Researchers found that third and fourth grade boys took significantly more steps than third and fourth grade girls, and those involved in youth sports accumulated more steps during a 30-minute physical education class.
compared to those who were not involved in youth sports. They also found that steps accumulated during classes held outside were significantly greater compared to those accumulated during classes held inside, and steps accumulated on free (recess) days were significantly greater compared to those accumulated on structured days. They concluded that their results highlight the need for recognition of the contexts of gender and youth sport participation when planning and implementing an appropriate physical education experience for children.

Reveals that over the last twenty years there has been a 25 percent decline in the time children spend playing and a 50 percent decline in time spent in unstructured outdoor activities, according to William Doherty, a University of Minnesota researcher. Findings from independently conducted research from the American Camp Association and supported by Lilly Endowment Inc.; Remarks from naturalist John Muir about outdoor life.
N2 - Presents a chapter of "Implementing Recreation and Leisure Opportunities for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities" on the development of recreation and leisure through art interventions in the U.S. Assumption of cognitive development theorist Jean Piaget on a link between the development of the rational thinking of a child with the outside world; Inclusion of solitary and associative plays among the types of play; Provision of an alternative method of communication and self-expression to children through the encouragement of creative art and drawing
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T1 - Daytime light exposure and feelings of vitality: Results of a field study during regular weekdays
A1 - de Kort,Y.A.W.
A1 - van den Berg,S.M.
Y1 - 2013///<
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
JF - Journal of Environmental Psychology
PB - Elsevier
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4923
T1 - Leadership research in youth sports
A1 - Smoll,F.L.
A1 - Smith,R.E.
Y1 - 1984///<
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *COACHING (Athletics)
KW - teenagers
KW - Research
KW - EXAMPLE
KW - Evaluation
KW - Child
KW - Leadership
KW - COACHING BEHAVIOUR ASSESSMENT SYSTEM
KW - COACH EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING
KW - Certification
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N2 - Presents a theoretical model and rationale for studying leadership behaviors in youth sports. Considers the basic components of a mediational model of coach-player interactions and examines some preliminary research which emphasizes a behavioral assessment approach to measuring coach behavior in naturalistic settings. Reviews empirically derived coaching guidelines and makes recommendations for their implementation. Describes the development and testing of a psychologically oriented training program for coaches
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This paper examines the influence of some childhood background factors on adult levels of participation in hunting and fishing activities. The study, based on data collected from hunters and fishermen in Pennsylvania, offers some insights into the effect early experiences with two types of outdoor recreational activities have on participation in adult life. The data show that residence in youth and source of introduction to hunting and fishing, although significantly related to extent of participation as a youth, are not related to higher levels of adult participation. However, for hunters, and to a limited extent for fishermen, frequency of participation as a youth is positively related to current level of participation. It is suggested that intervening factors occurring in the time interval between youth and adulthood serve to reduce or eliminate the influence of childhood residence and source of introduction, and that at different points of the life and work cycles certain variables recede and others emerge as influences on participation. Work-related influences on level of adult participation are presented as one such "intervening" variable. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Realisation of physical education in the youngest children of primary schools at the Wloclawek province (202 schools) were analysed. Only 19.31% of schools had an appropriate gymnasium, sports area and recreation area. 72 schools (35.64%) had a full-size gymnasium, 69.31% of schools had a full-size sports area, and 57.43% of schools had a full-size recreation area of surface at least 450 m². Overall weekly physical exercises organised by schools were 3 hours or more in 99.5% of schools, 4 hours at least in 73.77% of schools, and 5 hours at least in 18.32% of schools. The majority of schools realised program of 4-5 hours or more per week (55.45%). Equipment with recreation area was a significant determinant of number of hours of physical exercises provided by schools (chi²=6.76; p=0.03), while equipment with gymnasium (chi²=2.31; p=0.52) or sports area (chi²=1.33; p=0.51) were not

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The article discusses the balance between safety and enjoyability in playground design. The need for a certain amount of risk in children's play is discussed, citing children's disinterest in parks that are designed too conservatively. Benefits of healthy risk-taking are discussed, including self-confidence, prevention of fragility, and healthy development of life skills such as self-esteem.

The impact of children on cultural heritage places is a phenomenon dreaded by parks managers. Children's means of exploring and comprehending the world around them is much more direct and less abstract than that of adults. By understanding children's learning behavior, the processes leading to a detrimental impact cannot only be avoided, but moreover be turned into a positive experience for children and parents alike. Parks management can be informed by experiences garnered in the fields of museum interpretation and education in zoological and marine parks. The mere provision of testual and pictorial information is limiting the learning experience of children, as well as that of many adults. Showcased specimens of artifacts are illustrative to an adult audience; they are "remote" for children. Management needs to provide for controlled environments in which children can satisfy their needs of examining artifacts and sensitive items on their terms through touch tables and other interactive displays, forcing the adoption of different postures, etc. If well done, this satisfies children's need for physical exploration and reduces impact in the open space setting. For geographically remote parks, there is a need to provide an outlet for children to "let off steam" after a long trip in the car. The establishment of an adventure playground would be desirable, preferably designed with thematic reference to the specific park.
visited. Park infrastructure must address children’s learning and energy dissipation needs through the provision of interpretation centers and (outside) activity areas appropriate to children of various ages. This needs to be coupled with information and guidelines for parents visiting parks, including strategies to control and channel children’s actions and energy through (i) careful planning of the trip and the approaches to the park, (ii) planning of activities at arrival, and (iii) guidelines for appropriate parental control during the visit. Parents will have a better visitor experience if their children are engaged in a captivating learning experience. Such children will be less demanding of parental control and their parents will have more time to follow their own interests. It follows that such parents will also be more responsive to issues of nature and cultural conservation.

TY - JOUR
ID - 4935
T1 - Voices in the playground: A qualitative exploration of the barriers and facilitators of lunchtime play
A1 - Stanley, Rebecca M.
A1 - Boshoff, Kobie
A1 - Dollman, James
Y1 - 2012/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *GAMES
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - Voice
KW - Qualitative Research
KW - INTERVAL measurement
KW - FACILITATED learning
KW - Attitudes
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 44
EP - 51
JF - Journal of Science & Medicine in Sport
JA - J Sci Med Sport
VL - 15
IS - 1
N2 - Abstract: Objectives: To explore children’s perceptions of the factors influencing their engagement in physical activity during the critical lunchtime period, using a social-ecological framework. Design: This study was an in-depth descriptive qualitative design. Methods: Fifty-four South Australian children aged 10-13 years participated in same-gender focus groups. Transcripts, field notes and activity documents were analysed using content analysis. Using an inductive thematic approach, data were coded and categorised into perceived barriers and facilitators according to a social-ecological model. Results: Children identified a range of environmental, social and intrapersonal barriers and facilitators. Bullying/teasing, the school uniform and school rules were exposed as explicit barriers to lunchtime play. Other important barriers included lack of access to, and poor suitability of, space, lack of access to programs/facilities and equipment, and lack of peer and teacher support. Perceived facilitators of lunchtime physical activity centred on access to equipment, enjoyment, motivation to improve skills, and peer support and acceptance. The freedom to make up or modify rules for games was also perceived to be a facilitator of lunchtime play. Conclusions: Communicating with children has been an effective approach in uncovering perceived barriers and facilitators to lunchtime play that may not have been previously considered in the quantitative correlate literature. Lunchtime interventions targeting children’s physical activity should focus on addressing the barriers perceived to be important to lunchtime play. Copyright © Elsevier
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This study examined the relations between specific adherence variables and child outcomes among a sample of 60 families participating in a family-based pediatric obesity program. Adherence was measured using both objective and self-report methods. Family adherence to the treatment protocol significantly predicted child outcomes. However, parent self-report measures of adherence were better predictors of child outcome than objective measures. The importance of including parent self-report measures of adherence for behaviors outside of the treatment setting was demonstrated in this study. Pediatric obesity treatment should emphasize the importance of modifying parent behaviors as a means for improving child outcomes.
A1 - Steinbach, P. A. U. L.
Y1 - 2009/05/01
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *PARKS
KW - *CHILDREN -- Wounds & injuries
KW - *PREVENTION
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - SURFACES (Technology)
KW - DETROIT (Mich.). Dept. of Recreation
KW - DETROIT (Mich.)
KW - Michigan
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 36
EP - 42
JA - Athletic Business
VL - 33
IS - 5

N2 - The article focuses on safety surfacing used in playgrounds in Detroit, Michigan. Tim Karl, chief of landscape architecture, claims that the city has continued to renovate its parks. The director and managers of the Detroit Recreation Department, also claim that the safety surfacing in their parks were better than American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) requirements. It emphasizes the importance of safety surfacing to the prevention of injuries in playgrounds.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4940
T1 - Intrinsically Motivated, Free-Time Physical Activity
A1 - Stellino, Megan Babkes
A1 - Sinclair, Christina D.
Y1 - 2008/04/01
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - *SCHOOL recess breaks
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *PHYSICAL education
KW - *OUTDOOR games
KW - Elementary Schools
KW - MALES -- Behavior
KW - Elementary Education
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 37
EP - 40
JA - JOPERD: The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
VL - 79
IS - 4

N2 - The article focuses on the lack of physical activity among children during recess. According to the findings from a research conducted by M. L. Babkes and C. D. Sinclair, elementary school children appear to rarely reach very active intensity levels during recess while fifth-grade children took the most steps and were most physically active than any other children in elementary. The research also reveals that male children were more physically active in terms of duration, intensity and frequency during recess as compared to female counterparts.
As our society becomes more technologically advanced, people are spending more time indoors in artificial environments and less time in natural settings. Richard Louv coined the phrase "Nature Deficit Disorder" to describe some of the social, psychological, and ecological struggles that have arisen as members of society become less in tune with the natural world. Physical Education teachers are in a unique position to get children outside into natural environments while still meeting necessary educational requirements. This article will also address a case study of a child with ADHD. Nature Deficit Disorder (NDD) is a term developed by Richard Louv, author of "Last Child in the Woods: Saving our children from Nature Deficit Disorder," which refers to the recent trend of children spending less time outdoors in natural environments. Louv suggested that the detachment from nature has contributed to a wide range of behavioral problems including depression, childhood obesity and an increase in the symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). His research has shown that children who get regular, daily doses of green spaces tend to perform better in school, are more physically active, and are more content (Louv, 2005). Physical Education by its nature gets children active and helps them burn excess energy. When Physical Education moves outside, children benefit even more.
This article discusses a study which examined the extent to which secondary schools include the teaching of on-site outdoor and adventurous activities (OAA) within the physical education curriculum. The study also described several difficulties and challenges faced by school staff with regards to the inclusion of OAA in schools. Several factors that have contributed and restricted school staff to offer OAA in schools include cost, expertise, facilities, time and training.

The article highlights on an after-school program in a middle school and youth development strategies that can also be embedded in the physical education curriculum and can serve a wide age range. It typifies a number of programs that use physical activity to tap children's developmental potential Project Effort and Project Lead. Today's youths face many obstacles as they move toward adulthood. Regardless of their life circumstances, all young people need ample choices for supervised growth-promoting activities both inside and outside of school. The goal is for youths to become productively independent and to be able to survive and thrive in a society that needs their contribution. Many youths, however, are learning negative, habit-forming, life-altering behaviors that will inhibit them from finding success in the adult society and that will lead to a pattern of personal failure throughout life. The after-school leadership program is designed to provide positive growth experiences to middle school youngsters. Participants in this program include students who are recommended by school staff because they are at or below the academic average of the school. Physical activities, especially adventure activities, constitute the primary means for achieving program goals.
The goals of this study were to compare visitation patterns and recreation participation among Latino men and women at three different urban outdoor recreation environments and to examine the types of physical activities that took place at each of the three environments. Ecological model was employed as a theoretical framework in this study. Data were collected with the use of questionnaire surveys distributed to 917 visitors at 1) two community parks in Elgin, Illinois, 2) a section of the Lincoln Park in Chicago that contains an extensive trail system, and 3) an outdoor sports complex in Aurora, Illinois. The results showed significant variations in the recreation use of these three environments and, in particular, in their suitability to foster physically active leisure among Latino men and women. Walking was more common at the community parks and trails, whereas soccer was more popular at the sports complex. Trails were also conducive to jogging/running and bicycling. Latino users of all environments showed significant gender variations in recreation participation, with women more likely to be involved in walking and all passive activities other than barbecuing/picnicking, and men more likely to be involved in all active pastimes (other than walking). The implications of the study's findings are explored. Park managers are encouraged to consider the family-focused nature of the Latino culture when programming and/or planning for this particular subgroup of the population. Providing programs and services that allow Latino parents to be physically active with their children should be encouraged. Examples include family field trips, family soccer games, dances, and mother-children walks. Informational campaigns that clearly explain the health benefits associated with physical activity (for both adults and children) are also encouraged. In summary, organizing family-oriented events that promote various physical activities in parks, trails, and sports complexes may be an effective strategy for improving the activity levels of Latino men, women, and children. ABSTRACT FROM PUBLISHER
The article focuses on International Play Association that aims to protect, preserve, and promote play as a fundamental right for all humans. Legislative and advocacy activities of IPA/USA are based on the United Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child. IPA/USA rationalizes the importance and relevance of play by noting that children are the foundation of the world's future. Play helps children develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. IPA/USA is a strong advocate for recess. For more information about membership and the many facets of IPA/USA, one can see their webpage at http://www.ipausa.org/

The physical activity levels of 47, 5- to 7-year-old children were assessed before and after a school playground was painted with fluorescent markings. Children's physical activity was measured using heart rate telemetry during three playtimes before and after the markings were laid down. Children in the experimental and control groups spent 27 and 29 min, respectively, in moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) before the intervention, increasing to 45 and 36 min, respectively, during the intervention period. MVPA, vigorous physical activity (VPA) and mean heart rate remained relatively stable in the control group compared to respective increases of 10 and 5% of playtime and 6 beats min⁻¹ in the experimental group during the intervention period. The ANCOVA analysis revealed significant interactions and main effects for the intervention for MVPA, VPA and mean heart rate. Conversely there were no main effect differences between groups. These results suggest that while playground markings had a significant and positive influence on children's physical activity, factors other than playground markings may also influence children's physically active play.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 9780415271257
T1 - Physical exercise through mountain hiking in high-risk suicide patients. A randomized crossover trial
A1 - Sturm,J.
A1 - PlÝderl,M.
A1 - Fartacek,C.
A1 - Kralovec,K.
A1 - Neunh+¤ userer,D.
A1 - Niederseer,D.
A1 - Hitzl,W.
A1 - Niebauer,J.
A1 - Schiepek,G.
A1 - Fartacek,R.
Y1 - 2012//
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 467
EP - 475
JA - Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica
VL - 126
IS - 6
PB - Wiley Online Library
SN - 1600-0447

TY - JOUR
ID - 4955
T1 - It's Miller Time
A1 - Sturtz,R.A.C.H.
Y1 - 2014/01//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *VOLLEYBALL players
KW - MILLER.Bode,1977-
KW - BROTHERS
KW - love
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 62
EP - 67
JA - Outside
VL - 39
IS - 1
N2 - The article focuses the life of Bode Miller, a skier and his wife Morgan Beck, a volleyball player, who faced rough time in the year 2013. It informs that Miller lost his brother on April 7, 2013 which is one of the saddest parts of his life. It further informs that Miller and Beck also fought a battle for the custody of a child from his ex-girlfriend in 2013. It also mentions that despite of these odd things both of them love each other very much and understands each others feelings
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ER -
The perceived impact of outdoor residential camp experience on the spirituality of youth

The purpose of this study was to investigate the perceived impact of outdoor residential camp experience on the spirituality of youth. This research focused on 11 participants in month long leadership programs at two YMCA residential camps in Ontario, Canada. After conducting an in-depth interview at the beginning and end of each of the participant's leadership experience, it was found that the participants did feel camp had an affect on their spirituality. The camp setting played a role by providing a natural setting and an opportunity for the participants to get away from their everyday lives in an urban environment. In this environment, experiencing structured and unstructured time alone influenced their spirituality, by providing them with opportunities to reflect on their lives. Social experiences also had an impact on the participants' spirituality by allowing them to develop relationships through formal and informal activities. Finally, the majority of the participants expressed that the camp experience provided them with positive feelings that they associated with their spirituality. This study found that the four themes of the camp setting, alone time, social experiences, and positive feelings played an interrelated role in the participant's camp experience and spirituality.
Background: High school sports participants sustain millions of injuries annually; many are recurrent injuries that can be more severe than new injuries. Hypothesis: Recurrent injury patterns differ from new injury patterns by sport and gender. Study Design: Descriptive epidemiology study. Methods: High school sports injury data for the 2005 through 2008 academic years were collected via High School Reporting Information Online (RIO) from a nationally representative sample of 100 US high schools. Results: From 2005 through 2008, certified athletic trainers reported 13 755 injuries during 5 627 921 athlete exposures (24.4 injuries per 10 000 athlete exposures). Recurrent injuries accounted for 10.5% of all injuries. Football players had the highest rate of recurrent injury (4.36 per 10 000 athlete exposures). Girls had higher rates of recurrent injuries than boys in soccer (injury rate ratio = 1.39; 95% confidence interval, 1.07-1.82). Recurrent injuries most often involved the ankle (28.3%), knee (16.8%), head/face (12.1%), and shoulder (12.0%), and were most often ligament sprains (incomplete tears) (34.9%), muscle strains (incomplete tears) (13.3%), and concussions (11.6%). A greater proportion of recurrent injuries than new injuries resulted in the student choosing to end participation (recurrent = 2.4%, new = 0.7%). Recurrent shoulder injuries were more likely to require surgery than new shoulder injuries (injury proportion ratio = 4.51; 95% confidence interval, 2.82-7.20). Conclusion: Recurrent injury rates and patterns differed by sport. Because recurrent injuries can have severe consequences on an athlete's health and future sports participation, injury prevention must be a priority. Knowledge of injury patterns can drive targeted preventive efforts.

The article discusses how obesity is even more pronounced among black and Mexican children than among whites. Obesity among all children in the U.S. has reached alarming levels, but according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study (chart, below) the problem is considerably worse for minority children.
populations than for Caucasians. "If you think about all the environmental risk factors that contribute to this childhood obesity, many are worse in minority and low-income communities," says Shiriki Kumanyika, associate dean for health promotion and disease prevention at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, who has studied obesity in minority populations for more than two decades. "You often have poorer availability of healthy food. Cultural and regional food preferences also may be contributors. Schools in lower-income communities often do not have adequate outside play areas, and there are built-in environmental issues like safety and street lighting [that inhibit exercise]. Two other factors: First, obesity rates are also higher in minority adults than in Caucasians, and the children of obese adults are more likely to be overweight than the children of normal-weight adults. Second, Kumanyika says, "a high rate of obesity is a longstanding situation in several minority populations: Mexicans, Native Americans and adult black women." But among young African-Americans, she says, "it's a more recent trend."

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4959
T1 - Why Our Kids Are Overweight
A1 - T.L.
Y1 - 2004/11/15/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OBESITY in children
KW - *OVERWEIGHT children
KW - *EXERCISE
KW - *CHILDREN -- Health
KW - NUTRITION disorders in children
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 84
EP - 84
JA - Sports Illustrated
VL - 101
IS - 19
N2 - The article discusses reasons why children in the United States are heavier than ever before, as of 2004. Geography. In the latter half of the 20th century Americans increasingly moved from city neighborhoods to suburbs. Kids stopped walking and riding their bicycles and got into cars. Routine forms of exercise were lost. Fear. Children who were inclined to leave their homes to play were discouraged by parents who were fearful of abduction. Hardworking Parents. The increase in the number of two-income households has left kids stranded in after-school and extended day-care programs. Before, children were outdoors burning calories. The Soccer Myth. Organized youth teams have exploded--particularly in soccer--but youngsters who join them play only a couple of days a week and get a fraction of the exercise they need, often standing around awaiting their turns in static drills. Emphasis on Test Scores. Cash strapped schools, frightened by No Child Left Behind mandates, have shifted resources and class time from phys ed to prepping students for standardized tests. Fast Food. Mom's baked potato has been replaced by a supersized order of fries cooked in beef fat. Soft-drink machines have been lodged in high school hallways. Technology. First came television, followed by cable and digital and hi-def. Video games evolved from Pong to Tomb Raider. Finally came the Internet and the IM monster. Children sit and click. A Family Trait. The children of overweight people are often overweight themselves, and more than 64% of U.S. adults are overweight
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4960
T1 - Developing fundamental movement skills in outdoor settings: three case studies of children playing
A1 - Taggart, A.
A1 - Keegan, L.
Y1 - 1997///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - Case Studies
KW - Child
KW - motor skill
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 11
EP - 17
JA - ACHPER Healthy Lifestyles Journal
VL - 44
IS - 4
CY - :
N2 - Recently research has shown that many children are not developing competence in fundamental movement skills. For example, it has been suggested that Victorian children in Grade 2 have major developmental deficits in throwing, catching, striking and kicking. It is clear that early schooling experiences must provide equitable and outcome producing play experiences for children if they are to develop fundamental movement skills that form that basis of future participation in physical activity. Three comparative case studies examined the opportunities that pre-primary children (5 year-olds) have to engage in fundamental movement skills in an outdoor play settings. Direct observation of individuals and small groups allowed for the analysis of the fundamental movement skills performed by children. Results indicated that many children are not engaging in the manipulative skills of throwing, catching, hitting and kicking while running, jumping and climbing were the predominant skills performed. Further findings indicate the variability in the practice of fundamental movement skills at the different centres relate to time allocation, teacher/adult presence in the play setting, playground design and equipment usage/availability
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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=455193
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4961
T1 - The impact of preschoolers' gender and sensory preferences on physical activity levels during play
A1 - Taleb Ismael, Noor
A1 - Mische Lawson, Lisa
Y1 - 2012/09/15/
N1 - Accession Number: 2011684145. Language: English. Entry Date: 20120928. Revision Date: 20130927. Publication Type: journal article; research; tables/charts. Journal Subset: Allied Health; Double Blind Peer Reviewed: Europe; Expert Peer Reviewed: Peer Reviewed: UK & Ireland. Special Interest: Occupational Therapy; Pediatric Care. Instrumentation: Sensory Profile (Dunn); Body Position Scale. No. of Refs: 38 ref.
NLM UID: 7708186
KW - CINAHL
KW - Physical Activity -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Play and Playthings
KW - sensation
KW - Movement -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Mental Processes -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Clinical Assessment Tools
KW - Sex Factors
KW - Retrospective Design
KW - Nonparticipant Observation
Introduction: This study examined the differences between boys and girls in relation to activity levels during play and sensory preferences for activity level, body position and movement. A review of the literature revealed no evidence to explain if boys and girls prefer different body positions while playing or if body position might be used to measure their activity levels. Method: This retrospective study used data from demographic forms, children’s Sensory Profiles and observations of children’s play in classroom settings. The sample consisted of 53 typically developing children between ages 3-5 years from a suburban preschool in Kansas in the United States. Results: Analysis of data from play observations revealed no significant differences between boys and girls in relation to body position mean (p = 0.33), body position standard deviation (p = 0.19) and total number of change position times (p = 0.28). Analysis of data from children’s Sensory Profiles showed no significant differences (p = 0.97) between boys’ and girls’ seeking preferences reflected by activity level, body position and movement items in the Sensory Profile. Conclusion: Future research should investigate children’s play in outdoor playgrounds and implement more rigorous methods in rating activity levels.
This study tested the effect of a short-term coordination program focused on improving the agility of school children ages 7 to 8 years. Healthy Japanese children were placed in an experimental group of 26 children (10 girls, 16 boys) and a control group of 20 children (9 girls, 11 boys). The experimental group participated in 10 coordination program sessions during recesses; each session was performed 1 to 3 times per week, for 26 days. No differences were observed between the groups in repeated side-step scores prior to the program, although an interaction was observed after the completion of the treatment. The short-term coordination program was effective in increasing the agility of elementary school children aged 7 to 8 years.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4966
T1 - Physical activity behavior and related characteristics of highly active eighth-grade girls
A1 - Taverno Ross, S.E.
A1 - Dowda, M.
A1 - Beets, M.W.
A1 - Pate, R.R.
Y1 - 2013/06/
N1 - DA - 20130524
IS - 1879-1972 (Electronic)
IS - 1054-139X (Linking)
LA - eng
PT - Comparative Study
PT - Journal Article
PT - Research Support, N.I.H., Extramural
SB - IM
KW - Accelerometry
KW - Adolescent
KW - Adolescent Psychology
KW - Body Mass Index
KW - Cohort Studies
KW - Exercise
KW - Psychology
KW - Female
KW - Health Surveys
KW - Humans
KW - Leisure Activities
KW - Motivation
KW - Motor Activity
KW - Self Efficacy
KW - Social Environment
KW - Social Support
N2 - PURPOSE: Although girls are generally less physically active than boys, some girls regularly engage in high levels of physical activity (PA); however, very little is known about these girls and how they differ from those who are less physically active. This study examined the PA behavior and related characteristics of highly active adolescent girls and compared them with those who are less active. METHODS: Data from 1,866 eighth-grade girls from six field centers across the United States participating in the Trial of Activity for Adolescent Girls (TAAG) were included in the present analysis. Mixed-model analysis of variance examined differences in sociodemographic, anthropometric, psychosocial, and physical activity (accelerometry and self-report) variables between high- and low-active girls; effect sizes were calculated for the differences. RESULTS: High-active girls were taller, had lower body mass indices and body fat, and were less sedentary. High-active girls scored higher on self-efficacy, enjoyment of PA, self-management strategies, outcome-expectancy value, and support from family and friends than low-active girls. Low-active girls participated in more leisure time and educational sedentary activities than high-active girls. High-active girls participated in more PA classes/lessons outside of school, team sports, and individual sports. They were also more likely to participate in sports in an organized setting in the community or at school than low-active girls. CONCLUSIONS: Health promotion efforts should focus on decreasing the amount of time girls spend in sedentary activities and replacing that time with organized PA opportunities; such efforts should seek to minimize perceived barriers and increase self-efficacy and support for PA.

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TY - JOUR
ID - 4967
T1 - Playgrounds: Managing your risk
A1 - Teague, Travis L.
Y1 - 1996/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 54
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 31
IS - 4
N2 - Reports on the management of playgrounds in the United States and the prevention of injuries to children through improved design and maintenance of the facilities. Americans' understanding of the legal system; Development and implementation of risk management programs; Areas where risks can be reduced; What risk management programs involved; Evaluation of risks
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TY - JOUR
ID - 4968
T1 - The Relationship between Physical Activity, Fitness and Educational Achievement of Rural South African Children
A1 - Themane,M.J.
A1 - Koppes,L.L.J.
A1 - Kemper,H.C.G.
A1 - Monyeki,K.D.
A1 - Twisk,J.W.R.
Y1 - 2006/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *EXERCISE
KW - *ACADEMIC achievement
KW - *SCHOOL children
KW - South Africa
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 48
EP - 54
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VL - 12
IS - 1
N2 - The purpose of this study was to investigate the relationships of physical activity and physical fitness with educational achievement in rural South African school children aged 7 to 14 years (n= 212). All boys and girls underwent the following physical fitness tests: standing long jump, bent arm hang, sit ups, 10 x 5m shuttle run, 50 meter run, 1,600 meter run, flamingo balance, sit and reach, and plate tapping. All tests were performed in accordance with the European Tests of Physical Fitness (EUROFIT) and American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) protocols. A questionnaire was used to gather physical activity information concerning indoor and outdoor household activities, games and sports performed during the week days and weekend days. Educational achievement was assessed by means of the Educational Achievement Tests in Mathematics and English designed by South African Human Sciences Research Council. In contrast to what has been found in developed countries, the results of the present study did not show strong evidence for the hypothesis that physical activity and physical fitness are positively associated with educational achievement. Explanations for this finding may be that: first, the children in this population are confronted by a number of educational problems that may have confounded the relationship. Second, because all these children have high levels of physical activity it may be difficult to measure its influence on educational achievement, and third, the cross-sectional nature of this study.
ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
SN - 10287418
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4970
T1 - Outdoor play: combating sedentary lifestyles
A1 - Thigpen,B.
Y1 - 2007/09/
N1 - Accession Number: 2009686474. Language: English. Entry Date: 20080222. Revision Date: 20131213. Publication Type: journal article; pictorial. Journal Subset: Biomedical; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care. No. of Refs: 10 ref. NLM UID: 9879031
KW - CINAHL
KW - Child Day Care
KW - Environment -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Life Style,Sedentary -- Prevention and Control -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Physical Activity -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Play and Playthings -- In Infancy and Childhood
Increasingly sedentary lifestyles are contributing to overweight and other health concerns as children spend less and less time outside engaged in active play. Outdoor play provides important opportunities to explore the natural world, interact with peers, engage in vigorous physical activity, and learn about our environment. However, out-door environments often fall short of providing infants and toddlers with comfortable, engaging, and challenging activities needed for optimal physical development. This article provides suggestions for creating satisfying and developmentally appropriate outdoor play spaces for infants and toddlers.

Data for the analysis were the health related fitness scores, anthropometric measures, and physical activity information from the National Children and Youth Fitness Study. The subjects were 6,800 boys and 6,523 girls, ages 6 through 18. Multiple regression produced linear composites that were used as covariates to evaluate physical and environmental characteristics that relate to gender differences. The distance runs, chin-ups, and sit-ups displayed similar patterns in gender differences across age. Before puberty the important covariates are...
mainly physical, namely skinfolds. Following puberty the major factors that reduce gender differences are

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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=271457

TY - JOUR

ID - 4973

T1 - Does participating in physical activity in outdoor natural environments have a greater effect on physical and mental wellbeing than physical activity indoors? A systematic review

A1 - Thompson Coon,J.
A1 - Boddy,K.
A1 - Stein,K.
A1 - Whear,R.
A1 - Barton,J.
A1 - Depledge,Michael H.

Y1 - 2011///

KW - Reviewer Nominated

RP - NOT IN FILE

SP - 1761

EP - 1772

JF - Environmental Science & Technology

JA - Environ Sci Technol

VL - 45

IS - 5

PB - ACS Publications

SN - 0013-936X

TY - THES

ID - 4974

T1 - Usual mobility methods of children with cerebral palsy: a comparison across home, school, and outdoors/community settings

A1 - Tieman,B.L.

Y1 - 2002///

N1 - Accession Number: 2004032465. Language: English. Entry Date: 20040213. Revision Date: 20091218. Publication Type: doctoral dissertation; research. Instrumentation: Gross Motor Function Classification System (GANEFS); Gross Motor Function Measure

KW - CINAHL
KW - Physical Mobility -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Cerebral Palsy -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Child,Disabled
KW - Home Environment
KW - Learning Environment
KW - Social Environment
KW - Activities of Daily Living
KW - Age Factors
KW - Child
KW - adolescence
KW - Prospective Studies
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - random sample
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Parents
The purpose of this dissertation was to examine usual mobility methods of children with cerebral palsy (CP) in the home, school, and outdoors/community settings. Mobility is needed in activities of daily living and limitations in mobility may impact participation in society. Even though interventions are often provided in natural environments, knowledge of the impact of environmental setting on mobility is limited.

The subjects were 307 children with CP, ages 6-14 years who participated in a longitudinal study, randomly selected from 19 centers, and stratified by age and Gross Motor Function Classification System (GANEFS) level. Measures included the GANEFS, parent-completed questionnaire on children's usual mobility methods, and the Gross Motor Function Measure.

The first study indicated differences in gross motor capability and parent report of performance of mobility methods in children with CP. Among children with CP who have similar capability, there were differences in performance across settings. The second study demonstrated among children within the same GANEFS level, the variability of mobility methods across settings. Children performed higher-ranked mobility methods at home (requiring the most gross motor control), lower-ranked mobility methods at school, and the lowest-ranked mobility methods (requiring the least gross motor control) in the outdoors/community. The third study provides evidence for nonlinear changes in mobility over time in children with CP. During the first 1 1/2-2 years, mobility methods increased to higher-ranked methods, while in the second 1 1/2-2 years, mobility methods were unchanged or decreased to lower-ranked methods. The changes in mobility methods over time did not differ across settings.

The findings indicate that environmental setting has an impact on the usual mobility methods of children with CP. The examination of children with CP should include capability and/or performance measures, depending on the purposes of examination. Performance should be measured specific to settings where children function, including the contextual features and personal factors that may influence mobility. Intervention should address the factors contributing to mobility, such as environmental adaptations and child-related factors. Screening of children with CP should occur at regular intervals so that interventions can address the changes in mobility.
N2 - In the elective course of Basic games and swimming it has been realized a seven days practical training program as a part of undergraduate studies for the following courses: classroom teacher, the preschool teacher and educator in children's homes. The purpose of this course is to enable students to track, Organize, -and continuously upgrade the teaching process in the field of outdoor activities and swimming techniques, as well as the elementary games on the water. With a good organization, under the existing conditions (indoor Olympic swimming pool), the methodological procedures that have so far proved as most effective in a very short time, non-swimmer students have mastered the basic elements of swimming. In the beginning they were practicing on the ground through a game and then through specific movements in the water. The participant's sample consisted of students of the Faculty of Pedagogy in Jagodina. A total of 116 students followed the curriculum, 44 of who were non-swimmers, 14 were swimmers and 58 were only swimmer beginners. After having the results at the final measuring, after carrying out the plan and program, we were been able to determine that a large number of students were able to learn the techniques properly and that the number of floaters decreased significantly, while the number of swimmers increased. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 18577679
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4977
T1 - The determination of a management model for sport at the Witbank campus of Technikon Pretoria
A1 - Tossel,G.L.F.
Y1 - 2004///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *COLLEGE sports -- Management
KW - *UNIVERSITIES & colleges
KW - *SPORTS
KW - South Africa
KW - MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - Eugene, OR;
PB - Kinesiology Publications, University of Oregon
N2 - In March of 1995, the Ministry of Sport presented the Government's first attempt at a new sport policy by submitting the 'White Paper on Sport' to the nation. The White Paper, aptly titled 'Getting the Nation to Play' represented the Government's broad vision of how South African sport could be developed. Though touching on all aspects of sport, it emphasizes that the focus is to be at the bottom end of the sport development continuum (South Africa, Ministry of Sport, 1995:87). This is crucial because the goal is to reverse the low levels of participation among the Black population, especially those in the rural areas. The changes that have taken place in the political arena in South Africa since 1990, have not only impacted on the political, social and economic spheres of South Africa but have also permanently changed the face of South African sport inside and outside the country. South Africans as citizens of the global sports village however now have to deal with tremendous challenges facing the administrators, managers, coaches and participants. One of these challenges is to improve the participation levels of the youth in South Africa. The expression a child in sport is a child out of court has special relevance in this regard. The purpose of this research is inter alia to: shortly discuss the inception and development of Technikon Pretoria with specific relevance to the Witbank Campus; describe the management of sport in South Africa; document the practical execution of a needs assessment for the management and development of sport at the Witbank Campus of Technikon Pretoria; and process the raw data into understandable and interpreted units. These units will then be used as a basis from which mechanisms will follow to ensure that the management and development of sport at the Witbank Campus of Technikon Pretoria be done in a holistic manner but at the same time with practical application. The main aim is to improve the participation levels in sport of all students at the Witbank Campus of Technikon Pretoria
T1 - Selected socio-psychological factors as related to the childhood games of successful women
A1 - Toyama, J.S.
Y1 - 1979///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAY
KW - *GAMES
KW - *SEX role
KW - girls
KW - Child Rearing
KW - behaviour
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - :
N2 - Investigates the types of games played by successful women outside of school during the ages of 6-12 years. Hypothesis that successful women might not necessarily conform to the game involvement for women in general was supported. Investigates differences between academic and administrative women in terms of factors which would have the greatest predictive power as related to success in each role. Questionnaires were received from 194 full-time professional academic and non-academic women. Found that the success of female administrators was related to number of team games, but not to the number of male games
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=67642
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 4979
T1 - Factors Associated with Physical Inactivity in Adolescents in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
A1 - Trang, Nguyen H.H.D.
A1 - Hong, Tang K.
A1 - Dibley, Michael J.
A1 - Sibbritt, David W.
Y1 - 2009/07/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness for children
KW - *TEENAGERS
KW - *PHYSIOLOGY
KW - *EXERCISE
KW - Junior High School Students
KW - Surveys
KW - CROSS-sectional method
KW - logistic regression analysis
KW - HO Chi Minh City (Vietnam)
KW - Vietnam
KW - Environment
KW - High School Students
KW - Physical Activity
KW - Risk Factors
KW - Southeast Asia
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1374
EP - 1383
JF - Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise
The article discusses a study which examines the risk factors for physical inactivity among adolescents in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), Vietnam. Using multistage cluster sampling, a cross-sectional survey was performed among 2684 junior high school students in 2004. Hierarchical multivariate logistic regression was used to identify potential risk factors associated with physical inactivity. The study has found that overweight status, passive transportation, absence of recess exercises, and availability of a nearby game shop were among the factors associated with physical inactivity among adolescents. Findings indicate that physical activity among adolescent is associated with household, school, and community factors.
Canadian public health messages relating to physical activity have historically focused on the prescription of purposeful exercise, most often assessing leisure-time physical activity (LTPA). Although LTPA contributes to total energy expenditure (TEE), a large part of the day remains neglected unless one also considers the energy expended outside of purposeful exercise. This paper reviews the potential impact of incidental (non-exercise or non-purposeful) physical activity and lifestyle-embedded activities (chores and incidental walking) upon TEE and indicators of health. Given that incidental movement occurs sporadically throughout the day, this form of energy expenditure is perhaps most vulnerable to increasingly ubiquitous mechanization and automation. The paper also explores the relationship of physical inactivity, including sleep, to physical activity, TEE, and health outcomes. Suggestions are provided for a more comprehensive physical activity recommendation that includes all components of TEE. Objective physical activity monitors with time stamps are considered as a better means to capture and examine human movements over the entire day.
Abstract: Objective: To investigate the psychometric properties of the Physical Abilities and Mobility Scale (PAMS) in children receiving inpatient rehabilitation for acquired brain injury (ABI). Design: Admission and discharge PAMS item and total scores were evaluated. The WeeFIM was used as the criterion standard. A case study was used to illustrate the complementary nature of the PAMS and WeeFIM. Setting: A single, free-standing, academically affiliated pediatric rehabilitation hospital. Participants: Children (N=107) aged 2 through 18 years receiving inpatient rehabilitation for ABI between March 2009 and March 2012. Forty-two additional children treated during this time were excluded because of missing PAMS data. Interventions: Not applicable. Main Outcome Measures: Internal consistency was evaluated using Cronbach alpha. Interrater reliability was
evaluated through overall agreement, Pearson correlations, and intraclass correlations. Construct validity was examined through exploratory factor analysis. Criterion validity was explored through correlations of PAMS overall and factor scores with WeeFIM total and subscale scores. Sensitivity to recovery was examined using paired t tests, examining differences between admission and discharge scores for each item and for the total score. Results: Internal consistency and interrater reliability were high. Factor analysis revealed 2 factors: lower-level skills and higher-level mobility skills. Correlations with the WeeFIM ranged from moderate to very strong; total PAMS score most strongly correlated with the WeeFIM mobility subscore. Total PAMS score and each item score significantly increased between admission and discharge. Conclusions: The PAMS is a reliable and valid measure of progress during inpatient rehabilitation for children with ABI. By capturing fine-grain progress toward both lower-level and higher-level mobility skills, the PAMS complements the WeeFIM in assessing functional gains during the rehabilitation stay. Copyright &y& Elsevier

T1 - A report on selected dietary characteristics in children 9-11 years of age
A1 - Tsagdi,C.
A1 - Laparidis,K.
A1 - Michalopoulou,M.
A1 - Taxildaris,K.
A1 - Trigonis,I.
Y1 - 2000///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *NUTRITION
KW - *FOOD -- Caloric content
KW - *BODY weight
KW - *STATURE
KW - *OBESITY
KW - Skinfold Thickness
KW - girls
KW - BOYS
KW - Greece
KW - Adipose Tissue
KW - SEX FACTOR
KW - EVALUATION STUDY
KW - PREPUBESCENT
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 76
EP - 84
JA - Exercise & Society Journal of Sport Science
IS - 26
CY - :
N2 - The purpose of this study was to report the eating behavior inside and outside the school environment, of the prepubescent children. Also, to discover any relation between their physical characteristics, and their everyday eating behavior. 60 Greek children (M = 10.5 years old, SD = 1.5 years), participated in this research. The sample consisted of 31 boys and 29 girls from the 5th and 6th grade of the 2nd Primary Public School of Komotini. Children's weight and height were recorded. A skinfold caliper was used for the assessment of the percentage of the body fat, according to the equation of Slaughter et al. (1988). For the evaluation of children's eating behaviors in everyday life, special cards adopted from Baranowski et al. (1986) were used for a one-week period. The special food cards were then evaluated with Diet food analysis software (Strength & Conditioning, 1997). The results have shown that: food intake effects the concentration of all food ingredients, like calories, proteins, carbohydrates, fats etc. According the body fat results of the subjects, boys belong to
obese group and girls tend to obesity. Results also revealed that the Physical characteristics like weight, height, % of body fat and obesity could be predicted by the estimation of the rest Physical characteristics and by selected nutrients

TY - JOUR
ID - 4986
T1 - Assessing physical activity & physical characteristics of prepubescent children in Greece
A1 - Tsagdi,C.
A1 - Taxildaris,K.
A1 - Laparidis,K.
A1 - Michalopoulou,M.
Y1 - 2002///Spring
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *BODY weight
KW - *STATURE
KW - Questionnaires
KW - Television
KW - Parents
KW - BOYS
KW - girls
KW - Greece
KW - Adipose Tissue
KW - CORRELATION
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 75
EP - 82
JA - Physical Educator
VL - 59
IS - 2
CY - ;
N2 - Despite the great importance given by the government to improve the conditions of children's living through fitness and activities, there aren't many researches attempting to record prepubescent physical activity as a means of improving health. It is unlikely that children's amount of range physical activity, of which develops in their social environment, has never been studied in Greece. In an attempt to overcome this, the purposes of this research were to record physical activity inside and outside the school environment, and discover a possible relationship between the motor activity of children and their physical characteristics. Sixty Greek children (10 years of age, SD 0.5 years) participated in this research. The sample consisted of 31 boys and 29 girls from 5th and 6th grade of Primary Public School. Physical activity was recorded with the use of a questionnaire (Sallis, et al., 1993), and a questionnaire for the assessment of parents' opinion about physical activity of their children was also distributed (Rose et al., 1987). Children's weight and height were recorded and a skin fold caliper was used for the assessment of the percentage of body fat, according to the equation of Slaughter, et al., 1988. The statistical analysis of the data included linear correlation, stepwise regression analysis, frequencies and ANOVA. Results showed: Children's physical activity was not correlated with the physical characteristics. Physical characteristics like weight, height, percent body fat and obesity could be anticipated by the values of one or more physical characteristics and, there was a significant difference between parent's estimates and children's personal opinion
SN - 00318981
Is the Incidence in Volleyball Injuries Age Related? A Prospective Study in Greek Male Volleyball Players

A1 - Tsigganos, George
A1 - Beneka, Anastasia
A1 - Malliou, Paraskevi
A1 - Gioftsidou, Asimenia
A1 - Zetou, Helen
A1 - Godolias, George

Y1 - 2007/08

Objective: Record the injury incidence in all age categories in male volleyball players and clarify the role of age in injury occurrence.

Design and Setting: The injury incidence rate, severity, diagnosis and the anatomical location of the injuries, which occurred during practice and competition in all the championship period, were recorded prospectively during the period 2005-2006. Participants: A total of 407 Greek male volleyball players participating in all Volleyball Championships in Greece according to the Greek Volleyball Federation have been observed on a weekly basis for the period 2005-06. Main Outcome Measurements: The injury incidence rate recorded as number of injured players and also number of injuries per player/year (total exposure time). Results: Injury occurrence is age related and junior volleyball players have lower injury rate than the senior ones. Acute injuries were significantly more in comparison to overuse syndrome and the ankle was the most common injured anatomical location. Finally, outside hitters, universals and setters presented different injury rate than the other players and the "incorrect sprawls" & "step on others' foot" were the most common injury factors.

Conclusions: Findings in injury occurrence rate must be interpreted in relation to the total exposure time in order to have more realistic conclusions. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
ABSTRACT BACKGROUND Recess is a key aspect of a healthy elementary school environment and helps to keep students physically active during the school day. Although national organizations recommend that students not be withheld from recess, this practice occurs in schools. This study examined whether district policies were associated with school practices regarding the withholding of recess for behavior management or academic reasons, as well as the use of physical activity (eg, running laps) for behavior management.

METHODS Data were gathered from administrators at US public elementary schools by mail-back surveys conducted during the spring of the 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011 school years. Corresponding school district policies were gathered and coded. Each year’s sample was nationally representative and data were analyzed as a stacked cross-sectional sample. A total of 1,919 surveys were received (61.2% response rate).

RESULTS Averaged over the 3 years, students were not withheld from recess for poor behavior or academic reasons at 28.3% and 26.7% of elementary schools, respectively. Strong district policy was associated with an increased odds of not withholding students from recess for poor behavior (adjusted odds ratio [OR] = 2.27, p < .001) or completing schoolwork (adjusted OR = 1.99, p < .001). Withholding recess was less common in the South versus the West, Midwest, and Northeast. Use of physical activity for behavior management was rare and not associated with district policy. CONCLUSIONS Strengthening district policies may be an effective strategy for changing school practices pertaining to withholding of recess, and to ensure that all students have opportunities to be physically active during the school day. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR SN - 00224391


TY - JOUR
ID - 4993
T1 - Reading, writing, recess: is jump-rope the answer to the obesity epidemic?
A1 - Tyre, P.
Y1 - 2003/11/03/
N1 - Accession Number: 2004036653. Language: English. Entry Date: 20040220. Publication Type: journal article; pictorial. Journal Subset: Consumer Health; USA. Special Interest: Consumer Health. NLM UID: 9877127
KW - CINAHL
KW - child health
KW - Obesity -- Prevention and Control
KW - Physical Activity -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - School Health
KW - Child
KW - Schools, Elementary
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 66
EP - 66
JA - Newsweek
VL - 142
IS - 18
SN - 0028-9604
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 4994
T1 - Physical recreation participation of females and males during the adult life cycle
A1 - Unkel, M.B.
Y1 - 1981//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *RECREATION
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - adulthood
KW - age
KW - SEX FACTOR
KW - life cycle
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - :
N2 - This study examined changes occurring in the physical activity pattern of college-educated men and women during the adult life cycle. Participation was measured both in terms of the variety of activities and the number of participation days across a spectrum of 30 activities, and for three categories of activities within that spectrum (individual/dual activities, outdoor activities, and team sports). The results indicate lower participation of females than males in team sports and outdoor activities, but not in individual/dual sports. A decline in participation was noted with increasing age and this effect differed between males and females. Marital status and presence of children did not differentially affect participation of males and females. Participation was found to decrease faster with age for single persons as opposed to married persons or those with children. Implications for physical education curriculum planning are discussed
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L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=95856
ER -
TY - JOUR
Validity of Accelerometry for Monitoring Real-World Arm Activity in Patients With Subacute Stroke: Evidence From the Extremity Constraint-Induced Therapy Evaluation Trial

Objective: To examine the psychometric properties of an objective method for assessing real-world arm activity in a large sample with subacute stroke. Design: Validation study. Setting: Community. Participants: Persons 3 to 9 months poststroke (N = 169) with mild to moderate motor impairment of their hemiparetic arm enrolled in a multisite, randomized clinical trial of constraint-induced movement therapy. Interventions: Not applicable. Main Outcome Measures: Participants wore an accelerometer on each arm outside the laboratory for 3 days before and after treatment or an equivalent no-treatment period. They also completed the Actual Amount of Use Test (AAUT), which is an observational measure of spontaneous more-impaired arm use, and the Motor Activity Log (MAL), which is an interview assessing more-impaired arm use in daily life. Results: Low-pass-filtered accelerometer recordings were reliable (r range, &gt; .8) and stable (P range, &gt; .48). Their validity was also supported. Correlations calculated across all participants at baseline between the ratio of more-impaired to less-impaired arm accelerometer recordings and AAUT and MAL scores were .60 and .52, respectively. Conclusions: Accelerometry provides an objective, real-world index of more-impaired arm activity with good psychometric properties. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
This article discusses a need by children to enjoy the joys of playing outdoors. According to the article, the growing trend of shifting away from outdoor play can be attributed to societal trends, including urbanization, changing family structures and technology. Several ways parents can enhance the play experiences of their children include making time for play, providing play materials and offering a variety of play experiences.

The article focuses on Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer and his career outside the playing field as the author of the children's book series titled "Megs." The book which is co-authored by Schwarzer's business partner Neil Montagnana is about a fictitious character, Megs Morrison, who loves football and struggles to garner the recognition the game deserves. The author of the article presents his day with Schwarzer and Morrison as they promote "Megs" on screen and in schools across Australia.

Effects of the redevelopment of an elementary school playground.

The article examines the impact of the redevelopment of an elementary school playground on student participation.
The effects of the redevelopment of an elementary school playground were evaluated by comparing the situation before and after physical transformation. Observations produced data on the actual use during play time. Interviews were held with all the pupils on their perception and evaluation of the change. A group of adult experts judged the environment before and after the change on aspects like complexity, 'manipulability' and 'affordance' for different activities. An interview with the designer of the plan gave information about his intentions and expectations, especially regarding behavioural aspects. Data from these different sources are presented and related to each other.
The article deals with the construction of mountain bike parks for children in the U.S. The parks provide endless hours of entertainment in a controlled area. They are designed to help children of all ages progress in their abilities. The parks are all located in populated areas within major residential areas that offer easy access without the need to travel long distances to search for distant trails.

The article focuses on "Can You Dig It?" party before the John Deere Classic. This is no ordinary tractor pull that one can see on cable TV at weird hours. Last year's debut of "Can You Dig It?" was well-attended. This year, the number of players, wives, children, friends and caddies doubled, although there is no such thing as overflow on this massive stretch of real estate. It's turned into a company picnic, with golfers interacting with each other and its staff. The John Deere test site is basically an outdoor office that serves as a summer venue for customers and dealers.
Cross-country skiing has become an increasingly popular outdoor sport activity of adults in winter time. Due to the many positive effects of this type of sport on a human being it is only reasonable that children should also become familiar with it. Teaching of this sport must first and foremost follow the golden rule: children must find cross-country walking and skiing fun! It is only in this way that a seed of desire and need for a pleasant and healthy winter recreational activity will be planted in children, so that it will continue developing also at an older age.

In the modern civilized world children's play has become increasingly static, resulting in a higher number of contemporary diseases. Given that the need for movement and playing are a child's basic needs, children should be offered opportunities for active and healthy leisure time. One such possibility is the children's playground which has to be expertly designed in terms of safety, usability and comfort. A quality playground must consist of play structures that meet all applicable standards, be properly maintained and interesting and appealing to children. Well-designed and adequately equipped children's playgrounds near kindergartens, schools and in residential areas may play an important role in the physical, motor, cognitive, emotional and social development of children. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
The article focuses on the need of increased federal funding to parks and recreation in order to support efforts to reduce health problems. Public parks and recreation facilities offer low-cost opportunities to all Americans of every age, ability and income level to increase their daily amount of physical activity and thus prevent chronic health conditions. Also, most physical activity among children occurs outside of the school setting. Community sports and recreation programs can complement the efforts of schools by providing children opportunities to engage in the types and levels of physical activity that may not be offered in Federal policymakers have just begun to develop initiatives to combat obesity and to promote the general population's health and well-being.

This article looks at the exercise needs of America's youth and how best to make sure every child has an opportunity for at least one hour of exercise per day. A partnership between the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has created a program called Partnership for PLAY Every Day which has been instituted in Boulder, Colorado and Fort Worth, Texas.

SN - 0873227239
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5018
T1 - Zur Problematik der Korrespondenz des kindgemaessenen Geraetturnens in der Schule und des freien Spiels an Pausenhofgeraeten
A1 - Voss-Achim,H.
Y1 - 1976///
KW - SportDiscus
WHAT IS THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF CARE THAT THE PLAYGROUND OWNER MUST PROVIDE?

A1 - Wadell, Keith A.
Y1 - 2001/04/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - *RECREATION leaders
KW - *ACCIDENT prevention
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 80
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 36
IS - 4

N2 - Discusses the safety standards that the law requires from playground owners in the United States. Importance of the standards for the safety of children; Adequate and proper environment; Systematic ongoing inspection program; Types of equipment which can be used in playgrounds

SN - 00312215
TY - JOUR
ID - 5022
T1 - Take it outside: occupational therapy's role in the making the most of recess
A1 - Waite, Andrew
Y1 - 2013/03/25/
N1 - Accession Number: 2012075334. Language: English. Entry Date: 20130524. Revision Date: 20130524. Publication Type: journal article; pictorial. Journal Subset: Allied Health; USA. Special Interest: Occupational Therapy; Pediatric Care. No. of Refs: 9 ref. NLM UID: 9602488
KW - CINAHL
KW - Learning Environment -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Pediatric Occupational Therapy -- Methods
KW - Play and Playthings -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Child
KW - Child Development
KW - child health
KW - Child,Preschool
KW - Friendship
KW - Health Promotion
KW - Information Resources
KW - Professional Role
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 7
EP - 11
JA - OT Practice
VL - 18
IS - 5
SN - 1084-4902
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5023
T1 - Participation in sport and active leisure by New Zealand children and adolescents
A1 - Walker, S.
A1 - Ross, J.
A1 - Gray, A.
Y1 - 1999///Winter
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PHYSICAL fitness
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *LEISURE
KW - teenagers
KW - New Zealand
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 4
EP - 8
JA - Journal of Physical Education New Zealand
VL - 32
IS - 1
The amount of sport and physically active leisure undertaken by 1518 five to seventeen year-old New Zealanders was surveyed. The percentage of participants who met the recommended physical activity guideline that they undertake at least thirty minutes of moderate intensity physical activity on most days of the week was determined. Sixty nine percent of the children and adolescents met this guideline; this percentage is comparable to other international studies. Children and adolescents undertook, on average, 6.2 hours per week of sport and active leisure with boys undertaking significantly (p < .01) more hours of activity compared with girls. Similarly, significantly more Maori (75% - p < .05) and young people from a European background (69% - p < .10) achieved the recommended guidelines compared with young people of other cultures (58%). Physical activity declined with increasing age, with the most dramatic decrease in activity seen in the 16-17 year-old age group. Seventy three percent of those surveyed participated in sport or active leisure at school (during school hours), with 24 % taking part in activities organised by the school outside normal school hours. Thirty four percent of young people took part in sports and activities organised by non-school based clubs, with significantly more boys involved in club sports and activities than girls. The most popular activities undertaken with clubs with swimming and ball sports like soccer, netball and rugby. Sixty five percent of young people took part in sports and activities with family and/or friends. Informal activities like swimming, cycling and walking were among the top five activities for both boys and girls. A number of policies and programmes are in place aimed at activating the approximately 30 % of young people who are insufficiently active.
childhood-organized sport, deliberate play and deliberate practice participation influence athletes' subsequent decisions to drop out or invest in organized sport. It was hypothesized that young athletes who drop out will have sampled fewer sports, spent less time in deliberate play activities and spent more time in deliberate practice activities during childhood sport involvement.

Participants: The parents of eight current, high-level, male, minor ice hockey players formed an active group. The parents of four high-level, male, minor ice hockey players who had recently withdrawn from competitive hockey formed a dropout group. Data collection: Parents completed a structured retrospective survey designed to assess their sons' involvement in organized sport, deliberate play and deliberate practice activities from ages 6 to 13. Data analysis: A complete data set was available for ages 6 through 13, resulting in a longitudinal data-set spanning eight years. This eight-year range was divided into three levels of development corresponding to the players' progress through the youth ice hockey system. Level one encompassed ages 6"9, level two included ages 10"11 and level three covered ages 12"13.

Descriptive statistics were used to report the ages at which the active and dropout players first engaged in select hockey activities. ANOVA with repeated measures across the three levels of development was used to compare the number of sports the active and dropout players were involved in outside of hockey, the number of hours spent in these sports, and involvement in various hockey-related activities. Findings: Results indicated that both the active and dropout players enjoyed a diverse and playful introduction to sport. Furthermore, the active and dropout players invested similar amounts of time in organized hockey games, organized hockey practices, specialized hockey training activities (e.g. hockey camps) and hockey play. However, analysis revealed that the dropout players began off-ice training at a younger age and invested significantly more hours/year in off-ice training at ages 12"13, indicating that engaging in off-ice training activities at a younger age may have negative implications for long-term ice hockey participation.

Conclusion: These results are consistent with previous research that has found that early diversification does not hinder sport-specific skill development and it may, in fact, be preferable to early specialization. The active and dropout players differed in one important aspect of deliberate practice: off-ice training activities. The dropout players began off-ice training at a younger age, and participated in more off-ice training at ages 12 and 13 than their active counterparts. This indicates a form of early specialization and supports the postulate that early involvement in practice activities that are not enjoyable may ultimately undermine the intrinsic motivation to continue in sport. Youth sport programs should not focus on developing athletic fitness through intense and routine training, but rather on sport-specific practice... ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 17408989
ER -
TY - JOUR
ID - 5025
T1 - An update on the playground safety movement
A1 - Wallach, Frances
Y1 - 1996/04//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - U.S.Consumer Product Safety Commission
KW - United States
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 46
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 31
IS - 4
N2 - Focuses on the efforts made by owner/operators of public-use playgrounds to make them safer for children, since the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued 'Handbook for Public Playground Safety'. Number of years it took for the guidelines to be felt by municipalities; CPSC accident statistics; Establishment of the National Playground Safety Institute
SN - 00312215
Comments on playground safety in the United States. Guidelines from various agencies; Behavior of children when playing; Discussions on several types of equipment.

Introduces a series of articles that focus on playground safety in the U.S. Factors associated with playground injuries; Impact of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. on children; Significance of the availability of recreation places and playgrounds for children with traumatic experiences.
The article provides information on how physical education teachers can make physical activities enjoyable for students to help them combat obesity in the U.S. The author inferred that the instructor can accomplish this through two mechanisms such as the effective use of lesson time to promote more moderate- to vigorous physical activity and making the physical education experience motivating for overweight students to choose to be active outside of lesson time. Furthermore, information on how teachers can convince overweight students to participate in exercises after class is also provided.

Guidelines for the maintenance of health and wellbeing in children recommend at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) daily. In South Africa, community sport and recreation facilities and opportunities are meagre in areas previously disadvantaged by apartheid, so schools should be
primary sites for enabling children to meet these recommendations. However, physical education has been marginalized in the curriculum and extra-curricular sports provision has declined. The purpose of this study was to investigate children's school day physical activity patterns in relation to meeting daily recommended guidelines. A total of 112 children (boys n=53; girls n=59), from Grades 3 to 6 (aged 8 to 12 years) from 3 disadvantaged schools participated in the study. Physical activity, representing the whole school day and recess, was measured over 5 days using ActiGraph accelerometers. Qualitative interviews were conducted on a subsample of 20 learners. The results indicated that children accumulated 35 minutes of in-school MVPA, contributing 58% of the 60 minutes of MVPA a day recommendation. Recess accounted for 37% of in-school MVPA. Boys participated in significantly more in-school MVPA than girls (boys=38.47 ± 16.10 mm, girls=32.59 ± 14.03 mm). Almost 90% of Grade 6 children failed to accumulate 30 minutes of MVPA. Low levels of in-school MVPA among girls and the marked decline at Grade 6 are disturbing. Schools should be pivotal in the provision of physical activity to combat the health risks associated with increasingly sedentary lifestyles. Schools need to increase PA through the provision of quality physical education and find cost effective ways of promoting school-day PA. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 11174315
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5041
T1 - A Property Not A PLAYGROUND
A1 - Weaver,Tracy
Y1 - 2010/06/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *HORSE farms
KW - *CHILDREN
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - ASPHYXIA in children
KW - HAZARDOUS substances -- Safety measures
KW - Water Supply
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 33
EP - 36
JA - Hoofbeats: An Australian Riding, Training & Horse Care Magazine
VL - 32
IS - 1
N2 - The article pinpoints potential hazards for small children on a horse property in order to boost safety. It mentions that any property needs safe storage of chemicals and poisons. It cites that pelleted feeds and powdered supplements can pose as choking hazards. It suggests that the placement of water sources on a livestock property should be considered carefully because children are at risk of drowning
SN - 08118698
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5042
T1 - The Role of Biographical Characteristics in Preservice Classroom Teachers' School Physical Activity Promotion Attitudes
A1 - Webster,Collin
A1 - Monsma,Eva
A1 - Erwin,Heather
Y1 - 2010/10/
KW - SportDiscus
Recommendations for increasing children's daily physical activity (PA) call on classroom teachers to assume an activist role at school. This study examined relationships among preservice classroom teachers' (PCT; n = 247) biographical characteristics, perceptions and attitudes regarding school PA promotion (SPAP). Results indicated participants who completed SPAP-related college coursework and had PA-related teaching/coaching experiences reported higher SPAP competence. Significant relationships were found among BMI, personal PA competence and SPAP competence in the contexts of PE and extracurricular settings. Personal PA competence and SPAP competence at recess and in the classroom predicted 19% of the variance in SPAP attitudes. Experiences in PA settings and preservice training may have important implications for the overall success of efforts to enhance school PA promotion. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

The article reviews the book "Last Child in the Woods," by Richard Louv

SN - 11921285
The article focuses on the significance of sports for youth development in the U.S. It says that physical activity contexts primarily include organized sport, school physical education, recreational activities, motor skill development programs, dance, recess, and active transport. It notes of these contexts, organized sport is particularly salient for children and adolescents. Despite its potential to promote social, psychological, and physical development and health-related outcomes, it stresses that the youth sport context is often neglected in the physical activity literature. The author also shares his most important experience as a youth sports coach for a parks and recreation department during his undergraduate and graduate years in California.
In this article, the author discusses how he helps to secure and rebuild a playground in Carrefour, Haiti while working with a team of health professionals for providing temporary home to injured and homeless Haitians affected by earthquake. He informs about the nonprofit organization Kids Around the World (KIDS) which provide shelter by building playgrounds and deliver food to children in communities affected by poverty and natural disasters.

Poor sportsmanship is a serious and growing problem in youth sports. Unpleasant experiences that follow from incidents involving poor sportsmanship can lead children to limit their physical activity, thereby increasing their risk of developing health problems such as obesity and limiting the quality of their lives. In contrast, creating sport experiences that promote sportsmanship can heighten the fun in the activity and encourage children to adopt physical activity as part of their lifestyles. The "Play Hard, Play Fair, Play Fun" (PHPFPF) youth basketball program incorporated elements of prosocial behavior theory to shift the focus from competition to an atmosphere of sportsmanship. Specific techniques were implemented to facilitate sportsmanship behavior among participants and spectators in a youth basketball program, to enhance feelings of cooperation, and to help form relationships among participants on competing teams. Examples of these techniques included pre-game introductions among the players and referees, a signed petition on a large poster board in support of sportsmanship posted prominently outside the gym, large banners and posters promoting sportsmanship on display in the gym, awards to players for good sportsmanship, re-setting the score to zero when the score discrepancy between the two teams became too large, a post-game social event for the players and coaches, and a league website featuring photographs of each team's weekly sportsmanship award winner. Evaluation data showed that such techniques led to positive feelings from the parents about their children's sportsmanship attitudes and provided insight into relationships among fun, age, game outcome, and similarity of ability levels of opposing teams. Overall, participants reported higher levels of fun when the game was close (as opposed to a "blow-out"). The negative impact of a blow-out game on fun levels of participants was most severe for the oldest participants who, statistically, are those on the cusp of dropping-out. This suggests that making efforts to
promote sportsmanship and to balance the skill and ability levels of teams may be critical components to fun and, thus, continued participation. More generally, results demonstrate the effectiveness of the PHPFPF program in enhancing fun and sportsmanship in youth sports. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

SN - 07351968
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5051
T1 - A Construcao do Genero no Espaco Escolar. / The gender's construction in the school place
A1 - Wenetz, Ileana
A1 - Stigger, Marco Paulo
Y1 - 2006/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *RECESSES
KW - *PLAY
KW - *SEX role
KW - Schools
KW - Culture
KW - BOYS
KW - girls
KW - Gender Identity
KW - ethnology
KW - Diaries
KW - Methodology
KW - Interviews
KW - Theory
KW - Observation
KW - FOUCAULT.M.
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 59
EP - 80
JA - Movimento (Porto Alegre)
VL - 12
IS - 1
CY -
N2 - We look for, from the lines of the Cultural and Gender Studies that approach the post-structuralism of Foucault, to understand how the gender and the sexuality establish different ways of being boys/girls inside the break time play. Considering that these actions take place through relations of power, we look for sought to map and identify them through an ethnographically inspired methodology. We focused on groups of 2nd and 3rd grades. We argue that, in the space of break time a non-official and non-intentional learning takes place, from which or through which the children learn how to be boys and girls. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
Procuramos, a partir de las vertientes de los Estudios Culturales y de Genero que se aproximan del pos-estructuralismo de Foucault, entender como el genero instituye modos diferenciados de ser nino/a en el recreo escolar. Considerando que ese es un proceso permiado de relaciones de poder, procuramos mapearlas e identificarlas a travez de una metodologia de inspiracion etnografica. (observacion participante y entrevistas) realizada, durante un ano, en una escuela publica de Porto Alegre, RS. Focalizamos un segundo y un tercer grado. Argumentamos que, a traves de los juegos, sucede un aprendizaje no-oficial y no-intencional, a partir del cual los/las ninos/ as apre(e)enden determinadas formas de femenilidad e de masculinidad. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
SN - 0104754X
This article profiles former tennis player, Roscoe Tanner. Rock bottom? That's tough to pinpoint, he says, sighing. So many lows to choose from. Rock bottom might have come when he walked into that Stygian cell in a German prison and realized that for the length of his stay he would be defecating in front of his cellmate. "Man," he says, "that was humiliating." The time he was arrested in front of all those fans at a senior tennis event, that was pretty embarrassing, too. And when his father, once his most ardent supporter, turned uncommunicative, that one really stung. No, wait, I've got it, he says. Here's the lowest moment of his odyssey: Immediately after he finished serving four months in a maximum security county jail in Florida on a grand theft charge, he was transferred to a New Jersey jail where he would serve five months for willfully withholding child support. For two weeks he sat on a bus that zigzagged along the Eastern Seaboard picking up other criminals who were being reassigned from one jail to another. At night the convicts either slept in their seats or, if they were lucky, bunked down at a county jail. They were allotted three meals a day, but there was a catch: Their hands never came out of restraints. Ever try eating McDonald's with your wrists locked at your waist? It's not real pleasant. This is what it came to recently for Tanner. The tennis star who once shared drinks with Prince Rainier on the French Riviera and dined with the Reagans in the White House was sitting on a bus near an exit ramp, positioning his chin at just the right angle so he could eat a Big Mac. It's hard to imagine a less likely candidate to make an absolute mess of things. Tennis players just don't fall into the abyss--especially not a player born to the manor, with a Stanford diploma, a thick Rolodex of connections and, if that weren't endowment enough, movie-star looks and boundless reserves of charm.
The purpose of this study was to determine preferences for assessment and treatment strategies used by pediatric physical therapists (PTs) for balance dysfunction in children. Sixty-seven percent (566 of 843) of a random sample of PTs, stratified by region of the United States, who belonged to the Section on Pediatrics of the American Physical Therapy Association in 1994, and who had agreed to receive outside mailings, returned a mail survey. The respondents were either currently practicing physical therapy or had practiced within the last five years at the time of the survey. In the questionnaire, two case studies were presented, a child with mild balance dysfunction and a child with moderate balance dysfunction. Therapists rated from listed choices: 1) assessments and treatment techniques they would use for these two children, 2) frequency of treatment, and 3) philosophy of therapy. Respondents indicated that they would: 1) most often use nonstandardized balance assessments, 2) use a combination of functional and more traditional treatment activities, 3) adjust frequency of treatment based on treatment setting and the child's severity of dysfunction, and 4) most often identify with the neurodevelopmental (NDT) philosophy of treatment. No relationships were found between geographical region and treatment philosophy. A significant relationship was found between treatment philosophy and years of pediatric PT experience. PTs with more experience indicated a preference for the NDT philosophy as compared with a motor learning philosophy chi square = 15.4, p < 0.05). These results can be used to understand pediatric PTs’ current practice related to assessment and treatment of balance dysfunction in children and to design studies that compare the effectiveness of traditional assessment and treatment strategies for balance deficits with newly proposed strategies.
The article discusses the life of William Buckingham Curtis as an athlete, sports official, sports editor, organizer and administrator. William Buckingham Curtis is regarded as the father of American Amateur Athletics. His childhood was flawed by poor health and his parents did not vastly support him in his athletic inclination. He became sports and managing editor of "Spirit of the Times." He actively joins sports competition and he excelled in rowing, wherein he won a three mile single scull match in New York.
The article reports on the three outdoor recreational activities that the disabled Coloradans look forward to in celebrating the Father's Day event every the 14th day of June. They include an annual picnic and family fishing day at Swift Ponds in Windsor, Colorado, a fishing day activity for children with disabilities sponsored by the Wild Turkey Federation's and Wheelin' Sportsman's Mount Evans chapter, and an annual "Family shoot" in Aurora sponsored by the Sunrise Disabled Hunters Program.

Feelings of restoration from recent nature visits

Young Children's Relationship with Nature: Its Importance to Children's Development & the Earth's Future
L2 - http://articles.sirc.ca/search.cfm?id=S-1046499
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5063
T1 - Spring Into Safety
A1 - Wilkinson,R.I.
Y1 - 2001/04//
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *OUTDOOR recreation
KW - *PLAYGROUNDS
KW - SAFETY measures
KW - NATIONAL Recreation & Park Association
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 2
JA - Parks & Recreation
VL - 36
IS - 4
N2 - Deals with the activities of the National Playground Safety Institute. Expectations regarding the recreation activities of children during the spring season; Certification for playground inspectors; Role of the National Recreation and Park Association
SN - 00312215
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5064
T1 - Sport is Part of our Free Time
A1 - Wille,U.
Y1 - 1981///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *SPORTS facilities
KW - *CARDIOVASCULAR fitness
KW - *PHYSICAL education & training
KW - *SPORTS
KW - *PARTICIPATION
KW - teenagers
KW - Culture
KW - SOCIAL policy
KW - GERMANY (East)
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 18
EP - 23
JA - Sports in the GDR
VL - 3
N2 - Examines physical activity and sport for children in the German Democratic Republic. Discusses constitutional commitments, facilities, school sport involvement, school sports clubs and the DTSB, a program for children outside of school. Analyzes the different competition schemes available for children, suggesting that 95% of schoolchildren are involved. Traces the development of the Spartakiad Movement, held at local and national levels since 1965. States that even holidays include planning for physical activity
The article reports on the result of a small-scale study regarding the impact of Outdoor Learning Cards training courses on the learning and teaching of adventurous activities as part of Physical Education among 8–15 year old students in Wales. The study uses data generated from a questionnaire and semi-structured interviews of 90 teachers. The study reveals that the Outdoor Learning Cards have positive impact on learning and teaching in Wales.

One objective of Healthy People 2000 is to increase physical education class time by at least 50% to allow students to spend more time in physical activity. In addition, the Council on Physical Education for Children...
(1992) indicated that children should be provided recurrent and meaningful age-appropriate practice times to develop understanding of movement concepts. This study consisted of 97 Arkansas superintendents and 91 Mississippi superintendents who volunteered to participated and were given the Superintendents’ Attitudes Toward Physical Education questionnaire (SATPE) which asked about their attitudes toward K-6 physical education in the public school. Both Arkansas and Mississippi are considered to be rural states and were found to be similar in size according to the mean number of students enrolled in each school and a compatible match was assumed. This allowed for a comparison between Arkansas, which has state mandates requiring elementary physical education, and Mississippi which has no state mandates for the offering of elementary physical education programs. A Pearson’s correlation, t-test, regression, and factorial analysis were performed on the data. The factor structure of 28 questionnaire items yielded five factor components. These factor components were named implementation of programs, barriers to implementation, requirements for implementation, benefits of physical education programs, and physical education curriculum concerns. The results indicated that a greater number of Arkansas superintendents held bachelor's degrees in physical education and a greater number of Mississippi superintendents held bachelor's degrees in social studies. Although a greater number of Arkansas superintendents held degrees in physical education, it was revealed that they are less likely to support any aspect of elementary physical education. In addition, the longer Arkansas superintendents were in education the less likely they were to support K-6 physical education. On the other hand, Mississippi superintendents were more likely to support elementary physical education programs the longer they were in education, even though most did not have a physical education background. Mississippi superintendents were also more likely to purchase equipment, books, and workbooks for schools, teachers, and students. Mississippi superintendents were also interested in paying a certified physical education specialist from outside the district to train classroom teachers in physical education curriculum. The SATPE, Appendixes, and references are included.
Background: Postpartum weight retention is a risk factor for long-term weight gain. Encouraging new mothers to consume a healthy diet may result in weight loss. Objective: To assess predictors of diet quality during the early postpartum period; to determine whether diet quality, energy intake, and lactation status predicted weight change from 5 to 15 months postpartum; and to determine whether an intervention improved diet quality, reduced energy intake, and achieved greater weight loss compared with usual care. Design: Randomized clinical trial (KAN-DO: Kids and Adults Nowƒ_"Defeat Obesity), a family- and home-based, 10-month, behavioral intervention to prevent childhood obesity, with secondary aims to improve diet and physical activity habits of mothers to promote postpartum weight loss. Participants: Overweight/obese, postpartum women (n=400), recruited from 14 counties in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. Intervention: Eight education kits, each mailed monthly; motivational counseling; and one group class. Methods: Anthropometric measurements and 24-hour dietary recalls collected at baseline (approximately 5 months postpartum) and follow-up (approximately 10 months later). Diet quality was determined using the Healthy Eating Index-2005 (HEI-2005). Statistical analyses: Descriptive statistics, $I^2$, analysis of variance, bi- and multivariate analyses were used. Results: At baseline, mothers consumed a low-quality diet (HEI-2005 score=64.4±11.4). Breastfeeding and income were positive, significant predictors of diet quality, whereas body mass index was a negative predictor. Diet quality did not predict weight change. However, total energy intake, not working
outside of the home, and breastfeeding duration/intensity were negative predictors of weight loss. There were no significant differences in changes in diet quality, decreases in energy intake, or weight loss between the intervention (2.3±5.4 kg) and control (1.5±4.7 kg) arms. Conclusions: The family-based intervention did not promote postpartum weight loss. Reducing energy intake, rather than improving diet quality, should be the focus of weight-loss interventions for overweight/obese postpartum women. Copyright &y& Elsevier

TY - JOUR
ID - 5072
T1 - Mothers meeting
A1 - Wimbush,E.
Y1 - 1988///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *LEISURE
KW - WOMEN -- Sociological aspects
KW - Women
KW - Mothers
KW - Scotland
RP - NOT IN FILE
CY - :
N2 - Explores the significance of leisure in the lives of women with young children in Edinburgh, Scotland. States that across all ethnic groups, it is the mother, rather than the father, who makes extensive changes to her life when children are born. Reports that many mothers with young children have no energy left at the end of a day for activities outside the home, and that many women rely on contacts with other mothers during the day for socializing and support. Identifies exit routes' which provide a break from children and domestic routines a day off to shop, a night out with girlfriends, a part-time job - and addresses the constraints to enjoying these activities. Focuses on the role that other women play in providing support. Concludes that for mothers, time off from work goes hand in hand with the struggle for improved childcare provisions and renegotiating the division of this labour

TY - JOUR
ID - 5073
T1 - Raising Children Who Love to Play Outside: A Field-Tested Model
A1 - Wirth,Susan
Y1 - 2009///
N1 - Accession Number: 54435403; Wirth, Susan; Email Address: swirth@arbordayfarm.org; Source Info: 2009 Annual Meeting, p1; Subject Term: CHILDREN -- Conduct of life; Subject Term: ROLES (Social aspects); Subject Term: CHILDREN -- Attitudes; Subject Term: ETIQUETTE for children & teenagers; Subject Term: SOCIAL adjustment; Number of Pages: 0p; Document Type: Article
KW - CHILDREN -- Conduct of life
KW - ROLES (Social aspects)
KW - CHILDREN -- Attitudes
KW - ETIQUETTE for children & teenagers
KW - Social Adjustment
KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 1
JA - Conference Papers -- North American Association of Environmental Education
N2 - Gain research-based, field-tested strategies for engaging families with young children in activities that strengthen nature connections based on an effective early childhood center model. Take home hands-on activities and adaptable materials to organize a Nature Families' Club in your community. ..PAT.-Unpublished Manuscript [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]

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M3 - Article

TY - JOUR
ID - 5074
T1 - Tryb zycia uczniow-sportowcow w ocenie higienicznej. / Way of life of sports students in hygienic (sic) appraisal
A1 - Woitas-Slubowska,D.
Y1 - 1993///
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *LIFE style
KW - *NUTRITION
KW - *FOOD -- Caloric content
KW - *LEISURE
KW - *OUTDOOR life
KW - *STRESS (Physiology)
KW - *ATHLETES
KW - sociology
KW - Sleep
KW - Comparative Studies
KW - teenagers
KW - BOYS
KW - girls
KW - Poland
KW - NON-ATHLETE
KW - Child
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 53
EP - 62
JA - Wychowanie Fizyczne i Sport
VL - 37
IS - 1
CY - :
N2 - Good sports results are determined by many factors of which most essential is perfect health. In order to enjoy it, it is necessary that, among others, the way of life should meet hygiene requirements. The questionnaire investigation covered 142 elementary and secondary school students practising sport, and a control group of 257 subjects. Investigated were items selected from a day routine: sleep, outdoor stay, number of meals, time of school and homework as well as after-class activities. In groups under investigation there was discerned an incorrect way of life manifesting in: sleep and movement deficiency and too small a number of meals. In the elementary school group those shortcomings were more frequent among sports students than in the control group. This dependence has not been noticed in the investigated group of secondary school students. The conclusion points at organizational possibilities to improve the way of life of children and the youth practising sport
SN - 00439630
Experiencing connection with nature: The matrix of psychological well-being, mindfulness, and outdoor recreation

A1 - Wolsko, Christopher
A1 - Lindberg, Kreg
Y1 - 2013

KW - Reviewer Nominated
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 80
EP - 91
JA - Ecopsychology
VL - 5
IS - 2

PB - Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. 140 Huguenot Street, 3rd Floor New Rochelle, NY 10801 USA
N2 - Ecopsychological theory and practice underscore the vital importance of realizing the interdependence between human beings and ecopsychological theory and practice underscore the vital importance of realizing the interdependence between human beings and the diverse living universes that they inhabit. This article focuses on the mental health implications of the shift toward a more ecologically rooted identity by examining relationships between psychological well-being and the personal experience of connection with nature. Three separate surveys conducted with undergraduate and community samples assessed relationships between the Connectedness to Nature Scale (CNS), psychological well-being, mindfulness, and outdoor recreation. Higher CNS scores were consistently associated with greater trait mindfulness, more participation in appreciative outdoor activities, and higher scores on multiple measures of both hedonic and eudaimonic aspects of psychological well-being. Discussion focuses on informing optimal strategies for nature-based interventions.

SN - 1942-9347
ER -

TY - JOUR
ID - 5077
T1 - To see the world in a grain of sand...
A1 - Wright, David R.
Y1 - 2009/09/

N1 - Accession Number: 50613670; Wright, David R.; Source Info: Autumn2009, Vol. 92, p10; Thesaurus Term: ENVIRONMENTAL education; Thesaurus Term: ENVIRONMENTAL literacy; Subject Term: LEARNING by discovery; Subject Term: CURRICULA (Courses of study) -- Great Britain; Subject Term: OBSERVATION (Psychology); Subject Term: THEORY of knowledge; Subject Term: COMPREHENSION (Theory of knowledge); Subject Term: SCHOOL children; Subject: GREAT Britain; Number of Pages: 4p; Illustrations: 8 Black and White Photographs; Document Type: Article

KW - Environmental Education
KW - ENVIRONMENTAL literacy
KW - LEARNING by discovery
KW - CURRICULA (Courses of study) -- Great Britain
The article focuses on lessons that can be learned in an ordinary street. The author states that the process of learning real history and geography may happen somewhere else aside from the classrooms. Learning environmental education outside the classroom is marked with a real and comprehensible experience and is applicable to all ages. Students who are four to five years old or 16-years-old have the chance to acquire knowledge and understanding of the world around them while walking in an ordinary street.

The article discusses the eat well be active Primary School Project (EWBA) of the Immanuel Lutheran School Gawler in Gawler, South Australia. The school started the EWBA in 2009 with the objective of gathering data on what students had their lunch boxes. The results showed that many had healthy lunches but ate a lot of processed food for recess. Focus was given on what students ate at recess. Friendly Food Friday was created where students can purchase healthy homemade recess foods.
A study on the influence of "children's playground" style of hospitalization environment on their rehabilitation of disease [Chinese]

A1 - Yang,Q.
A1 - Chen,X.
A1 - Chen,L.
Y1 - 2002/06/

TY - JOUR
ID - 5080
T1 - A study on the influence of "children's playground" style of hospitalization environment on their rehabilitation of disease [Chinese]
To probe into the rehabilitation effects of "children's playground" style hospitalization environment acted on, 163 cases of hospitalized children were investigated on their psychological and behavioral problems and medical indexes changes of these children before and after the hospitalization environmental changes were compared with each other. Results: after the hospitalization environment being changed, among the investigated 12 items of psychological and behavioral questions, the fractional value rate of often happening was 2.3%. The fractional value rate of at times happening accounted for 12.5%. The fractional value rate of not happening accounted for 85.2%. The numbers of admissions increased by 318.4%. The rate of satisfaction in patients increased 4% The average hospitalization day of patients were 2.82 days shortened. And the average hospitalization expenses of patients were 45.84 Yuan decreased. Suggested that "children's playground" style of hospitalization environment may help the pediatric patients to recover from their illness. This abstract was translated into English by the publisher or author.
807,492 soccer-related injuries during the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 seasons. The injury rate per 1000 AEs was greater during competition (4.77) than practice (1.37) (rate ratio [RR] = 3.49; 95% confidence interval [CI], 3.15-3.87). Overall, the most frequent diagnoses were incomplete ligament sprains (26.8%), incomplete muscle strains (17.9%), contusions (13.8%), and concussions (10.8%). The most commonly injured body sites were the ankle (23.4%), knee (18.7%), head/face (13.7%), and thigh/upper leg (13.1%). Similar proportions of boys (57.9%) and girls (53.9%) returned to activity in <1 week. During competition, girls sustained complete knee ligament sprains requiring surgery at a rate of 26.4 per 100,000 AEs, higher than the rate among boys during competition (1.98 per 100,000 AEs) (RR = 13.3; 95% CI, 3.15-56.35) and among girls during practice (2.34 per 100,000 AEs) (RR = 11.3; 95% CI, 4.31-29.58). Player-to-player contact was more common among competition injuries (injury proportion ratio [IPR] = 2.42; 95% CI, 2.01-2.92), while noncontact mechanisms were more common among practice injuries (IPR = 2.39; 95% CI, 1.90-3.01). Conclusions: High school soccer injury patterns vary by gender and type of exposure. Identifying such differences in injury patterns is the important first step in the development of evidence-based, targeted injury prevention efforts. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

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TY - JOUR
ID - 5082
T1 - Effects of Field Location, Time in Competition, and Phase of Play on Injury Severity in High School Football
A1 - Yard, Ellen E.
A1 - Comstock, R. Dawn
Y1 - 2009/01/
KW - SportDiscus
KW - *HIGH school athletes
KW - *HIGH school football players
KW - *FOOTBALL players
KW - *FOOTBALL injuries
KW - *SPORTS competitions
KW - United States
KW - competition intensity
KW - concussion
KW - Epidemiology
KW - kickoff
KW - punt
RP - NOT IN FILE
SP - 35
EP - 49
JF - Research in Sports Medicine
JA - RES SPORTS MED
VL - 17
IS - 1
N2 - This study evaluated the effects of competitive intensity, represented by the variables time in competition, phase of play, and field location, on injury severity in U.S. high school football. The injury rate was higher in competition than practice (RR = 4.75, 95% CI: 4.34-5.20). Mild and moderate injuries were frequently lower leg/foot/ankle sprains/strains and concussions. Severe injuries were frequently knee sprains/strains and arm fractures. Severe injuries composed a greater proportion of injuries sustained during the beginning and middle of competition compared with injuries sustained during the end/overtime (IPR = 1.83, 95% CI: 1.25-2.69). Compared with injuries sustained during general play, a greater proportion of kickoff/punt injuries were severe (IPR = 1.69, 95% CI: 1.07-2.68) or were concussions (IPR = 1.86, 95% CI: 1.05-3.30). Identifying factors contributing to severe injury is a crucial first step toward developing targeted evidence-based interventions aimed at reducing the incidence of severe injuries among the millions of high school football players.

ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
Context: Ice hockey, lacrosse, and field hockey are increasingly popular sports among US youth athletes, but no authors to date have compared injuries in male and female pediatric (ages 2 through 18 years) participants. Objective: To compare patterns of injury among pediatric ice hockey, lacrosse, and field hockey players. Design: A descriptive analysis of all pediatric (ages 2 through 18 years) ice hockey, lacrosse, and field hockey injuries captured by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. Setting: US Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. Patients or Other Participants: Children with ice hockey, lacrosse, or field hockey injuries presenting to emergency departments participating in the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. Main Outcome Measure(s): We reviewed all ice hockey, lacrosse, and field hockey injuries captured by the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System and categorized them by sex, age, injury site, and injury diagnosis.

Results: An estimated 321,237 pediatric participants in ice hockey, lacrosse, and field hockey presented to US emergency departments from 1990 through 2003. The injured were primarily male (74.4%) and aged 10 through 18 years (95.4%). Ice hockey accounted for more injuries (53.6%) than lacrosse (26.5%) or field hockey (19.9%). Children aged 2 through 9 years sustained twice the proportion of head and face injuries (53.1%) as children aged 10 through 18 years (23.2%) (incidence rate ratio [IRR] = 2.25, 95% confidence interval [CI] = 1.94 to 2.62). Males incurred a higher proportion of shoulder and upper arm injuries (14.1%) than females (3.1%) (IRR = 4.51, 95% CI = 3.07 to 6.62). The proportion of concussion was higher in ice hockey players (3.9%) than in field hockey players (1.4%) (IRR = 2.75, 95% CI = 1.17 to 6.46). Females in lacrosse had twice the proportion of facial injuries (20.9%) as males (10.5%) (IRR = 1.95, 95% CI = 1.46 to 2.60). In all sports, the ball or puck caused a greater proportion of face injuries in females than in males (IRR = 2.48, 95% CI = 2.03 to 3.05). Facial injuries from falls occurred in higher proportions in ice hockey players (10.6%) than in lacrosse (2.4%) (IRR = 4.32, 95% CI = 1.53 to 12.18) and field hockey (0.4%) players (IRR = 28.38, 95% CI = 6.71 to 120.01). Conclusions: Pediatric ice hockey, lacrosse, and field hockey injuries differed by age and sport and, within each sport, by sex. An understanding of sport-specific patterns of injury should assist coaches and certified athletic trainers in developing targeted preventive interventions. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR
This study examined the impact of a short-time coordination program conducted during recess periods on improving agility in elementary school students. The subjects consisted of 62 third grade students, who were randomly assigned to an experimental group (n = 31) and a control group (n = 31). The experimental group completed a coordination program intended to improve agility during 20-minute recesses, three times a week for four weeks, whereas the control group participated in usual activities such as mini soccer games and tag games during the recess. Repetitive side steps, an indicator of agility, were measured for both groups at the beginning and end of the intervention period. While the test scores indicated no difference between the two groups in the pretest, the posttest indicated a significant difference in the test scores in favor of the experimental group, t (60) = 2.27 and p < .027. The results indicated that the short-time coordination program can be effective in improving agility in elementary school students.
Examines the impact of childhood participation levels in outdoor recreation on the activity level of that individual as an adult. A stratified random sample of adult residents in Iowa is utilized with forty-five outdoor recreation activities used to determine the carryover of participation from childhood to adulthood. Results indicate a direct effect of the childhood level of participation on adult level of participation. Implications of education for leisure and aspects of socialization are discussed.
Une analyse CATPCA (analyse catégorique des composantes principales) a révélé que les fillettes de 10 à 12 ans s’adonnaient principalement à la lecture et aux activités créatives dans leurs moments de loisir, tandis que les garçons du même âge passaient le plus gros de leur temps à jouer dehors. Toutefois, chez les 14 et 15 ans, on a décelé un intérêt marqué pour les activités culturelles pour les jeunes, ce qui allait à l’encontre de la théorie voulant que l’adolescence précoce s’installe au détriment de l’enfance. Les questions portant sur les activités organisées ont permis de constater que le marché des loisirs n’était pas également accessible à tous. En effet, les enfants des classes supérieures sont avantagés, comparés à ceux des classes moins bien nantis, ce qui a un effet sur la mesure dans laquelle ces sous-groupes ont la chance d’accumuler un capital-loisir significatif par le biais d’un apprentissage non structure.

Hasta hace recientemente el estudio de las actividades de ocio en los jóvenes estaba enfocado principalmente sobre los adolescentes. En el presente estudio, examinamos las actividades de ocio tanto en los preadolescentes como en los adolescentes. A partir de debates sociológicos sobre la importancia que ocupan las diversiones en el empleo de tiempo de los jóvenes adolescentes de hoy en día y sobre la precocidad de la transición de la infancia a la adolescencia, un cuestionario dirigido a jóvenes de 10 a 15 años fue elaborado. Así, 927 jóvenes holandeses formaron parte de este estudio. Un análisis CATPCA (análisis de categorías de componentes principales no lineal) reveló que los niños de 10 a 12 años se consagraban principalmente a la lectura y a las actividades creativas en sus momentos de ocio, mientras que los niños de la misma edad pasan la mayor parte del tiempo a jugar fuera. Sin embargo, en los jóvenes de 14 y 15 años, se descubrió un interés destacado por las actividades culturales para los jóvenes, lo que va en contra de la teoría que preconiza que la adolescencia precoz se instala en detrimento de la niñez. Las preguntas referentes a las actividades organizadas, permitieron de constatar que el mercado de las diversiones no es igualmente accesible a todos. En efecto, los niños de clases sociales altas son favorecidos, comparados a los de las clases menos pudientes, lo que tiene un efecto en la medida que estos subgrupos den la suerte de acumular un capital-ocio significativo por medio de un aprendizaje no estructurado.

TY - JOUR
ID - 5091
T1 - The Boomerang Bunch: a school-based multifamily group approach for students and their families recovering from parental separation and divorce
A1 - Ziffer,J.M.
A1 - Crawford,E.
A1 - Penney-Wietor,J.
Y1 - 2007/06/
N1 - Accession Number: 2009584051. Language: English. Entry Date: 20070720. Revision Date: 20080418. Publication Type: journal article; CEU; exam questions. Journal Subset: Biomedical; Blind Peer Reviewed; Online/Print; Peer Reviewed; USA. Special Interest: Pediatric Care; Psychiatry/Psychology. No. of Refs: 19 ref. NLM UID: 9882671
KW - CINAHL
KW - Counseling -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Divorce -- Psychosocial Factors
KW - Family Therapy
KW - Psychotherapy,Group
KW - School Health Services -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Support,Psychosocial -- In Infancy and Childhood
KW - Adult
KW - Child
KW - Child,Preschool
KW - Education,Continuing (Credit)
KW - Female
KW - Group Processes
KW - Male
KW - Parents
Because the community lacked counseling services for whole families experiencing separation and divorce, The Boomerang Bunch was conceived, designed and implemented by six school counselors to identify and therapeutically address changes impacting the participant families as they attempted to "bounce back" from separation and divorce. Building on the strengths and resilience of these families, school counselors met with students and their families at the community public school outside of school hours for 8 weeks. The rationale, group process, techniques, therapeutic activities, and outcome are outlined providing school counselors with the specifics to replicate The Boomerang Bunch in their school setting.

Conducting physical activity research with young children with special needs presents unique challenges that researchers working with other groups may not encounter. Children with special needs may include children with diagnosed disabilities and/or children experiencing developmental delays. When possible, research should be conducted in the natural play or school environment so the young child's typical behavior is viewed, however, equipment constraints may necessitate that a clinical or laboratory setting be used to collect accurate data. Best practice in early childhood research will require consideration of the following: subject recruitment, researcher experience, data collection environments, assistants in data collection, child interaction patterns and task persistence, and trials to be analyzed. While these topics may relate to collecting research data with children of all abilities, this paper will emphasize specific concerns related to young children with special needs.
Background: School experiences of children with cystic fibrosis (CF) have not been documented in great detail before. The survival and the quality of life of children with CF have considerably improved in the last decade. Whether CF affects their school performance and what information about CF is available to their teachers is unknown. Method: A questionnaire was designed in two parts: 1) to ascertain academic progress, practical difficulties, attendance, coping at school and restrictions imposed; 2) to identify teachers' perceived level of information and their actual knowledge of CF. Subjects were 41 children--21 boys and 20 girls with a mean age of 11.5 years. Mann-Whitney tests were used to look at association between variables. Correlation was estimated using Spearman rank correlation test on SPSSPC+ package. Results: The majority of children were making good progress at school, regardless of clinical status. A minority (22%) had sports restrictions, most commonly in outdoor games. The median number of days absent from school in the previous year was 1 (range 0-90). 48% of children had special arrangements organized in the school, usually for medication and physiotherapy. 68% of the teachers felt they were not well informed about CF and this was confirmed by the knowledge questionnaire. Conclusion: Overall, children with CF appear well adjusted to school life. General information on CF should be provided to teachers with more specific and sensitive information given for selected individuals with parental consent. Implication for practice: School health services should have better liaison with the teams caring for children with CF. Although well adjusted at school in general, some children with CF are restricted from certain activities and have difficulties with homework and continuous assessment related to their time consuming treatment. In addition, they might benefit from increased use of ambulatory treatment of chest infections, which includes not only IV therapy but also chest physiotherapy, both of which can be given in the school setting to minimize school absence.

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Use of Green Spaces and Behavioral Indicators of Neurodevelopment in Schoolchildren

Exposure: green spaces
Background: Contact to green spaces has been associated with improved mental health and well-being; however, available evidence on the impact of green spaces on child behavioral development is scarce.

Aim: To study the association between use of green spaces and behavioral indicators of neurodevelopment in primary school children.

Methods: This study was based on a sample of 2407 schoolchildren (6-8 years) from 39 schools across Barcelona (2012) under the framework of BREATHE study. Parents were asked to fill a questionnaire including sociodemographic and household characteristics and child's frequency of green space use. Annual total time spent in green spaces was abstracted by multiplying the number of days and hours per day that children spent in green spaces during school days, weekends, and holidays. To evaluate the behavioral patterns we utilized Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) filled by parents. We applied linear regression models to estimate the association between quartiles of the annual total time spent in green spaces and SDQ total and subscale scores, adjusted for parental education, occupation, marital status, and smoking, breastfeeding, child's sex, ethnicity, school level, and preterm birth.

Results: Comparing the fourth quartile with the first quartile of annual total time spent in green spaces, we found a 0.9 (95% CI: 1.5, 0.3), 0.3 (95% CI: 0.5, 0.1), and 0.4 (95% CI: 0.5, 0.2) reduction in SDQ total, emotion, and peer scores respectively. For these associations we observed dose-response relationship across quartiles of annual time spent in green spaces. For hyperactivity, there was a dose-response relationship; however, the association for the fourth quartile was not statistically significant. For prosocial and conduct subscales the results were not conclusive.

Conclusion: We found a moderate beneficial impact of contact to green spaces on behavioral development in schoolchildren, though adjustment for social context has not yet been completed.

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N2 - Abstract Number : 3819 | ID : O-4-09-02 Buffering Effect of Residential Surrounding Greenness and Roadside Trees on the Association between Residential Proximity to Roads and Term Low Birth Weight.

Exposure: green spaces

BACKGROUND: Maternal residential proximity to major roads has been associated to a range of adverse pregnancy outcomes; however, there is no available report on buffering effect of residential surrounding greenness or roadside trees on such an association. AIMS: To investigate the buffering effect of residential surrounding greenness and roadside trees on the association between maternal residential proximity to major roads and term low birth weight (LBW). METHODS: This study was based on 6487 singleton term births occurring in Barcelona (2001-05). We utilized satellite-derived Vegetation Continuous Fields (VCF) and Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) to respectively abstract the averages of percent tree cover in a 30m buffer around major roads and NDVI in a 500m buffer around each home. We generated an indicator with three categories: 1) those women residing further than 200m of a major road (reference category), 2) those residing within 200m of greenest major roads (i.e. third tertileof roadside tree percentages) and 3) those residing within 200m from a less green major road (i.e. the first and second tertiles). We developed similar indicator for residential surrounding greenness based on NDVI tertiles. RESULTS: Compared to the reference category, there was a non-significant increase in the adjusted risk of term LBW for those women living within 200m of greenest major roads (OR=1.32 (0.85, 2.06)) or having highest surrounding greenness (OR=1.31 (0.81, 2.11)). This association became stronger and attained statistical significance for those living within 200m of major roads with lower roadside tree coverage (OR=1.52 (1.07, 2.16)) or homes with less surrounding greenness (OR=1.51 (1.07, 2.12)). Stratified analyses according to tertiles of roadside tree percentage or NDVI showed similar patterns. CONCLUSION: Roadside trees and residential surrounding greenness could buffer the association between residential proximity to major roads and term LBW

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TY - CONF
ID - 5111
T1 - Association between city parks and risk of hypertension amongst reproductive age women
A1 - Regina,Grazuleviciene,Vytauto Didziojo Universitetas,Lithuania; Asta,Danileviciute,Vytauto Didziojo Universitetas,Lithuania; Audrius,Dedele,Vytauto Didziojo Universitetas,Lithuania; Jone,Vencloviene
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N2 - Abstract Number : 3710 | ID : P-2-17-05 Association between city parks and risk of hypertension amongst reproductive age women. Cardiology Clinic, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Lithuania; Tomas, Grazulevicius, Vytauto Didziojo Universitetas, Lithuania; Sandra, Andrusaityte, Vytauto Didziojo Universitetas, Lithuania Exposure: green spaces Background There is some evidence that exposure to green environments is associated with health benefits, including lower blood pressure, although little research has been reported using exposure measures at the personal level. Aims We examined the association between city parks and hypertension amongst reproductive aged women. Methods This study included 3,416 women 20-45 yearâ€™s old Kaunas city residents. We used a geographic information system (GIS) to assess the ambient NO2 exposure and surrounding greenness in buffers of 300 m, 700 m and 1000 m around each women place of residence. Green space exposure effects on doctor-diagnosed hypertension were estimated by multiple logistic regressions with adjustments for potential confounders and NO2 exposure. Results An increase in the distance from city parks across 20-45 years old women was associated with an increase in odds ratio (OR) for high normal blood pressure group and an exposure-response relation was indicated (OR=1.10, 95% CI 0.80â€“1.50 and OR=2.01, 95% CI 1.31â€“3.11, moderate vs. lowest and highest vs. lowest exposure, respectively). The effect was less pronounced amongst women of hypertension group (OR=1.22, 95% CI 0.80â€“1.86, highest vs. lowest exposure). Conclusions The present study findings suggest a beneficial effect of exposure to green spaces on hypertension risk amongst 20-45 years old women. Neighbourhood greenness may have an impact in prevention hypertension and reducing related morbidity

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T1 - The influence of urban green space on mental health in Auckland, New Zealand
Contribution of the physical environment to socioeconomic gradients in walking in the Whitehall II study. Exposure: green spaces Background: Socioeconomic gradients in walking are well documented, but evidence on the extent to which these may be attributed to the physical environment (PE) is limited. Aims: To examine the contribution of objective measures of PE to socioeconomic gradients in minutes walked per week in participants living in London, UK. Methods: Analysis included 3363 participants (50-74 years) from the Whitehall II study (2002-4) who provided data on self-reported walking, socio-demographic characteristics, and whose postcode of residence could be linked to objective measures of PE. Individual-level socioeconomic position (SEP) was measured as most recent employment grade (six groups). Area-level SEP included quintiles of the income score from the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Attributes of PE included crime, land use, air pollution, road safety, road density, green space, access to services, access to public transport, and population density. Data on walking was log transformed prior to regression modelling. Results: In models adjusted for age, sex, ethnicity and labour market status, average minutes walked were 15.1% (95% CI: 4.9%-27.5%, p[trend]<0.001) higher in the lowest employment grade compared to the highest. Similarly, adjusted average minutes walked were 12% (95% CI: 2.5%-22.1%, p[trend]=0.041) higher in the lowest quintile of area-level SEP compared to the highest. Objective measures of PE attenuated to some extent the gradient for individual-level SEP (13.8%; 95% CI: 2.6%-26.0%, p[trend]<0.001 for lowest vs highest employment grade) and substantially reduced the area-level SEP gradient in walking (4.6%; 95% CI: -5.9%-16.3%, p[trend]=0.691 for lowest vs highest quintile). Of PE variables, only road safety was found to be predictive of walking. Conclusions: The contribution of PE on individual-level SEP gradients in walking appears to have a small effect in this relatively affluent population of older adults living in
greater London. Whether these results are generalizable to the general UK population and outer-London areas requires further research.

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TY - CONF
ID - 5114
T1 - Green space and spatial analysis of social inequalities in infant mortality in France
A1 - Wahida, Kihal
A1 - Cindy, Padilla
A1 - Benoît, Lallouz
A1 - Marcello, Gelormini
A1 - Denis, Zmirou-Navier
A1 - Sophie, Deguen
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KW - Reviewer Nominated
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JA - Environment and Health: Bridging North, South, East and West. Basel Switzerland, August 19-23
N2 - Abstract Number : 3103 | ID : P-2-17-17 Green space and spatial analysis of social inequalities in infant mortality in France. Exposure: green spaces Background: Few studies considered environmental benefits to explain social health inequalities. Natural environments that contribute to good health might have an effect on socioeconomic health inequalities. In developed countries, the evidence that green spaces have health benefits for urban population is now strong. Recent studies suggest such positive effects on pregnancy outcomes. Aims: To investigate the relationships between green spaces and the spatial distribution of infant mortality taking into account neighborhood deprivation levels. Methods: The study took place in the Lyon metropolitan area, France (1340 155 in 2009). All infant deaths cases aged <1 yth occurred between 2000 and 2009 were geocoded at the census block level (n= 715). Each census block was assigned greenness and socioeconomic deprivation levels. Using a spatial “scan statistic, we examined whether there were significant clusters of high risk of infant mortality according to these neighborhood characteristics. Results: Our results highlight that infant mortality is not randomly spatially distributed, with clusters of high risk in the southwest of the Lyon metropolitan area (53 census blocks; RR:1.70; p<0.003). After adjustment on greenness levels and socioeconomic deprivation, this cluster disappears, suggesting that these factors explain in great part the spatial distribution of infant mortality. No interaction was found between the two factors. Conclusions - We propose 3 hypotheticals not exclusive pathways by which green space may have a beneficial effect on adverse pregnancy outcomes: (i) a psychological pathway, (ii) a physiological disruption process and (iii) an environmental pathway. This work adds some evidence to the link between access to green space and pregnancy outcomes but requires further research for confirmation.

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### Additional File 4: Summary of Study by Study Results

#### Table S2. Associations between outdoor time and habitual physical activity.

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<td>Baranowski, 1993</td>
<td>(+) A model including gender, month and outdoor/indoor location accounted for 75% of the variance in preschoolers’ observed physical activity. F (11, 624) = 1.94, $p &lt; 0.03$</td>
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<td>Boldemann, 2006</td>
<td>(+) Children who spent more than 45.88% (the median outdoor time for all children in the study) of their time outdoors achieved more steps/min than children who spent less time outdoors (20.2 vs. 19.2 steps/min). Outdoor stay above vs. below median value&lt;br&gt;Boys and girls: 20.2 steps/min; CI: 19.2–21.2 vs. 19.2 steps/min; CI: 19.2–20.2&lt;br&gt;Boys: 21.2 steps/min; CI: 19.8–22.7 vs. 20.6 steps/min; CI: 19.1–22.0&lt;br&gt;Girls: 18.7 steps/min; CI: 17.4–19.9 vs. 17.4 steps/min; CI: 16.2–18.7</td>
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<td>Burdette, 2005</td>
<td>(+) Parent reported outdoor time checklist and recall of a typical day in the last month were significantly positively correlated with VPM. Parent reported outdoor play time assessed by: Checklist: $r = 0.33$, $p = 0.001$ Recall: $r = 0.20$, $p = 0.003^3$</td>
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<td>(+)At T1, each additional h outdoors on weekdays in cooler months associated with an extra 11.6 min/week (1.6%) of MVPA for older (10-12 y/o) boys and an extra 17.0 min/week (2.8%) for older girls. At T2 (3 y follow-up), each additional h outdoors on weekdays in warmer and cooler months was associated with an extra 12.7 min/week (2.5%) and 13.6 min/week (2.6%) of MVPA for older boys. At T1, each additional h outdoors on weekends was associated with an additional 6.1 min/week (2.4%) and 4.7 min/week (2.2%) of MVPA for older boys and older girls in warmer months, and an additional 9.4 min/week (3.7%) and 9.5 min/week (4.4%) of MVPA for older boys and older girls in cooler months. Each additional h outdoors on weekends during warmer months at T1 was prospectively associated with an additional 4.5 min/week (1.7%) of MVPA at T2 for older boys. At T1, each additional h outdoors on weekends during cooler months associated with an additional 9.4 and 9.5 min/week (3.7% and 4.4%) for older boys and girls. Each additional h outdoors on weekends during cooler months at T1 was prospectively associated with an additional 4.8 min/week (1.9%) of MVPA at T2 for older boys. Cross-sectional associations at T2 showed outdoors time was associated with 4.5 additional min/week (1.7%) during warmer months and 4.8 additional min/week (1.9%) during cooler months for older boys. Linear regressions adjusted for maternal education and SEs adjusted for school attended at T1.</td>
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<td>(≠) On weekends at T1 there were no cross-sectional associations between outdoor time and MVPA during warmer months, for younger children (5–6 y/o) during cooler months, or prospectively; At T2 outdoor time was not related to MVPA during warmer or cooler months for younger boys, younger girls, or older girls. On weekends there were no relationships between outdoor time and MVPA for younger boys or girls; no prospective relationships for older girls or younger children; At T2 there were no cross-sectional associations for older girls or younger children.</td>
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<td>Conrad, 2013</td>
<td>(+) There was a positive association between PA status and outdoor time (p &lt; 0.001). The association remained significant (p &lt; 0.001) when age and gender were included as a covariate – values were not reported.</td>
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<td>Dolinsky, 2011</td>
<td>(+) Children who spent more time outdoors had 33.8% more min/day MVPA (p = 0.001) than children who spent less time outdoors (adjusted for group and h monitoring). x̅_outdoor time = 2.0 (± 1.6) h/day x̅_MVPA = 14.9 (9.5) min/day % difference = 33.8; CI: 18.7–50.7</td>
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<td>Jones, 2009</td>
<td>(+) Children (total sample, boys, girls) who spent an above average amount of time outside the home had higher x̅ min/day spent in bouts of MVPA (p = 0.002) Total sample: Above average outdoor time, x̅_MVPA = 45.1 (38.8) min/day vs. Below average outdoor time, x̅_MVPA = 27.7 (38.3) min/day p = 0.002 Boys: Above average outdoor time, x̅_MVPA = 57.1 (39.9) min/day vs. below average outdoor time, x̅_MVPA = 47.6 (51.1) min/day p &lt; 0.05 Girls: above average outdoor time, x̅_MVPA = 28.8 (31.3) min/day vs. below average outdoor time, x̅_MVPA = 17.0 (24.4) min/day p &lt; 0.05</td>
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<td>Klesges, 1990</td>
<td>(+) A model that include environment (% of time the child spent outdoors vs. indoors) and also sex, relative weight, family risk of obesity, familial interaction, parental encouragements to be active, parental discouragements to be active, and environment x family risk interaction accounted for 25% of the variance in physical activity. Standardized B = 0.34, p = 0.000</td>
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<td>Ladvigsson, 2007</td>
<td>(+) Playing outdoors was associated with a higher degree of physical exercise. R² = 0.082, p &lt; 0.05</td>
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<td>Loucaides, 2006</td>
<td>(+) Hours per day playing outside was significantly correlated with steps/day. Outside time was significant predictor of steps/day in a model that also included gender (entered at step one), self-efficacy (step two), social variables (step three) and hours playing outside and sports club attendance at (step four). Sports club attendance and time playing outside contributed 7% unique variance in steps/day [F(2, 93) = 6.10, p &lt; 0.01] when entered at step 4. r = 0.40, p &lt; 0.001. Standardized B = 0.261, p &lt; 0.05</td>
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<td>McKenzie, 1992</td>
<td>(+) Percent time outdoors was significantly and positively correlated with estimated caloric expenditure at home (r = 0.65) and at recess (r = 0.29) (p value not reported). r = 0.65</td>
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<td>McKenzie, 2008</td>
<td>(+) Indoor time was negatively correlated with % time children spent in MVPA, and EER (estimated energy expenditure rate), respectively. Media viewing, PA motivated (% time PA was being prompted), other adult present, sibling present, other children present, and number of children living in household, and being indoors significantly predicted % time in MVPA (square root) in a regression model (R² = .599). Being indoors independently predicted reduced MVPA % in the model. r = –0.73, r = –0.74, p’s &lt; 0.01. B = –0.341, SE = 0.040, t = –8.47, p &lt; 0.01</td>
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<td>(+) During summer parents reported their children engaged in $\bar{x} = 12.7$ h (± 11.0) LPA; 8.2 h (± 6.1 MPA); 5.5 h (± 4.5) VPA per week. During winter parents reported their children engaged in 9.5 h (± 8.9) LPA, 5.2 h (± 4.3) MPA, and 5.0 h (± 3.3) VPA per week. An average amount of outdoor time in the summer (3–5 h/week) is associated with accumulating 5-9 h/week and &gt; 9 h/week of MPA. A high amount of outdoor time in the summer (&gt;5 h/week) is associated with accumulating 5–9 h/week and &gt;9 h/week of MPA. An average and high amount of outdoor time in the summer are both associated with accumulating 4–6 h/week and &gt;6 h/week of VPA, respectively. An average (2–3 h/week) and high (&gt;3 h/week) amount of outdoor time in winter are associated with accumulating 3–6 h/week and &gt;6 h/week of MPA, respectively. An average and high amount of outdoor time in winter are associated with accumulating 3–4 h/week and &gt;4 h/week of VPA, respectively.</td>
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<td>&gt;4 h/week of VPA, OR = 4.35; CI: 2.87–6.60</td>
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<td>(<strong>Sallis, 1993</strong></td>
<td>(+) Percentage of observed intervals spent outdoors (15.5% (±15.5) was correlated with observed PA (0.060 (±0.008) kcal/kg/min) kcal/kg/min).</td>
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<td>r = 0.74, p &lt; 0.001</td>
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<td>(<strong>Wickel, 2013</strong></td>
<td>(+) The percentage of MVPA was low inside the home (3.3%), inside another home (8.4%) and inside at school (10%), compared with outside a home (70%), within the neighborhood (84.1%), and outside during an after-school program (72.9%). Time outside at home (3-6PM) increased the odds of exceeding M MVPA levels 2.56 times. Time outside at another home increased the odds of exceeding M MVPA levels 2.42 times.</td>
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<td>$\beta = 0.94$, p &lt; 0.001, OR = 2.56; CI: 2.06–3.17</td>
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<td>$\beta = 0.88$, p &lt; 0.001, OR = 2.42; CI: 1.87–3.13</td>
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### Table S3. Associations between outdoor time and acute physical activity.

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<td>Cooper, 2010</td>
<td>(+) Children recorded $\bar{x} = 41.7 (\pm 46.1)$ min outdoor time after school each day. PA was more than 2.5 times higher outdoors than indoors. This difference was consistent in each h of measurement from 3:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Each min outdoors was associated with an increase of 1018.1 (CI: 875.4–1160.7) CPM in the unadjusted model, and 1000.6 (CI: 850.0–1151.2) in a model adjusted for gender, age, BMI SD scores, IMD, daylight, pubertal status. $\bar{x}<em>{\text{outdoors}} = 1345.8 \pm 907.3$ CPM vs. $\bar{x}</em>{\text{indoors}} = 508.9 \pm 282.9$ CPM. $F = 783.2, p &lt; 0.001$ $\beta = 1018.1$ (unadjusted model) CI: 875.4–1160.7 $t = 14.8, p &lt; 0.001, R^2 = 0.137$ $B = 1000.6$ (adjusted model) CI: 850.0–1151.2 $t = 13.78, p &lt; 0.001, R^2 = 0.144$</td>
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<td>Dunton, 2011</td>
<td>(+) Total steps were significantly greater when children were outdoors at home (PMM = 448.58 steps) and outdoors away from home (PMM = 462.79 steps) than in any other location. The likelihood of attaining at least 5 min of MVPA during the 30 min before the EMA survey was significantly greater for entries occurring outdoors (23%) compared with at home indoors (5%), at someone else’s house (9%), or in other locations (8%), all $p$’s &lt; 0.05. Step counts: Outdoors not at home: PMM (SE) = 462.79 steps (42.22) Outdoors in yard: PMM (SE) = 448.58 steps (80.83) At other house: PMM (SE) = 274.88 steps (49.29) indoors at home: PMM (SE) = 210.61 steps (12.50) Other locations: PMM (SE) = 354.16 steps (25.94) $P$’s &lt; 0.05 5 minute MVPA bouts: Outdoors: PMM (SE) = 0.23 (0.04) Indoors at home: PMM (SE) = 0.05 (0.01) Someone else’s house: PMM (SE) = 0.09 (0.04) Other locations: PMM (SE) = 0.08 (0.02) $P$’s &lt; 0.05</td>
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<td>Klinker, 2014</td>
<td>(+) Boys had 7.7% more of their daily MVPA outdoors than girls (adjusted). Boys had 24.3 more minutes of MVPA outdoors than girls did (adjusted). During the course of the whole day, a 1 hour increase in outdoor time was associated with an increase of $\bar{x} = 9.8$ min MVPA (adjusted model controlling for age, BMI, number of valid days, and time in domain. School was included as fixed effect to account for clustering of students within school). Daily median (IQR) proportion of MVPA spent outdoors: Children = 70.0 (63.5–76.5) Boys = 73.8 (68.6–78.4) Girls = 65.3 (55.9–71.4) Adjusted difference = 7.7%, $p = 0.000$ Daily outdoor median (IQR) min of MVPA: Children = 50.1 (36.5–65.5) Boys = 61.8 (41.0–76.0) Girls = 42.3 (25.3–52.3) Adjusted difference = 24.3 min, $p = 0.000$ Coefficient = 9.8, $p &lt; 0.001; RI: 6.9–12.8</td>
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<td>(+) CPM of total activity were significantly higher for outdoor than indoor activity (1098 vs. 493 CPM, <em>P</em> &lt; 0.001) in both boys (1134 vs. 530 CPM, <em>P</em> &lt; 0.001) and girls (1064 vs. 459 CPM, <em>P</em> &lt; 0.001). A greater percentage of MVPA and light PA occurred outdoors than indoors for the total sample, for boys, and for girls.</td>
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<td>Smith, 2009</td>
<td>(~25% of outdoor (65 min), 10% of indoor (75 min) time spent non-sedentary)</td>
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<td>Skala, 2012</td>
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<td>7.5% vs. 2.0%; <em>P</em> &lt; 0.001</td>
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<td>Light PA total sample</td>
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<td>Outdoor % = 17.6 ± 6.1 vs. Indoor % = 8.5 ± 2.6</td>
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<td>Smith, 2009</td>
<td>(+) A one-way within-subjects ANOVA indicated a significant effect of inside vs. outside classes on average steps per class.</td>
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<td>Smith, 2009</td>
<td>Average steps/class during classes held outside (x̅ = 1,874, SD = 220) were significantly greater than average steps/class during classes held inside (x̅ =1,393, SD = 197).</td>
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<td>Smith, 2009</td>
<td>Pillai’s Trace = 0.96, F(2, 136) = 1718.41, <em>P</em> &lt; 0.001, partial η²= 0.96.</td>
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<td>Skala, 2012</td>
<td>(+) Children spent 5.36% more time standing, 4.42% more time walking, and 5.29% more time in MVPA in outdoor PE classes compared with indoor classes. MVPA was significantly associated with outdoor class vs. indoor class location.</td>
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<td>PE class % time standing</td>
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<td>PE class % time walking</td>
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<td>outdoor = 26.60 ± 14.23; indoor = 22.18 ± 9.73; x difference = -4.42, <em>P</em> &lt; 0.05</td>
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<td>PE class % time MVPA</td>
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<td>outdoor = 41.42 ± 16.75; indoor = 36.13 ± 11.93; x difference = -5.29, <em>P</em> = 0.037</td>
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<td>Skala, 2012</td>
<td>Unstandardized β = 5.794, SE = 2.817, <em>P</em> = 0.041, CI: 0.233–11.354</td>
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<td>Vanderloo, 2013</td>
<td>(+) Preschoolers had higher average min/h MVPA outdoors than indoors. Preschools had higher average total min/h outdoors than indoors. Boys participated in more min/h MVPA outdoors vs. indoors. Both boys and girls displayed a statistically significant increase in TPA during outdoor playtime compared with indoor play time. (≠) There was not a significant difference for the % of class time that was very active outdoors (x̅ = 14.83, SD = 8.04) vs. indoors (x̅ = 13.96, SD =7.46). There was not a significant x̅ difference in minutes of PA for standing, walking, being very active, or engaging in MVPA during an indoor vs. outdoor lesson.</td>
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<td>Boys MVPA</td>
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<td>outdoor x̅ = 6.42 (4.97)</td>
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<td>z = 3.62, p &lt; 0.0083</td>
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<td>Boys' TPA</td>
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<td>outdoor x̅ = 35.71 (7.65)</td>
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<td>boys, z = 3.57, p &lt; 0.0083</td>
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<td>Girls TPA</td>
<td>indoor x̅ = 11.40 (4.92)</td>
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<td>Wheeler, 2010</td>
<td>(+) Compared with indoors, boys and girls had a greater odds of an epoch of PA being MVPA outdoors in greenspace, outdoors not in greenspace, and outdoors out of the neighbourhood area. Relative odds of an epoch exceeding MVPA threshold remained significantly higher outdoors than indoors after adjusting for confounders (BMI, age, pubertal stage, deprivation index, season, minutes of daylight). (≠) Preschool girls’ MVPA not significantly different indoors from outdoors.</td>
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<td>in green space: OR = 6.02; CI: 5.32–6.81, p &lt; 0.01</td>
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<td>not in green space: OR = 4.28; CI: 3.87–4.73, p &lt; 0.01</td>
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### Table S4. Associations between outdoor time and habitual sedentary behaviour.

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<td>Dolinksky, 2011</td>
<td>(+) Children’s mean sedentary time was 6.1 (1.3) h/day. Children who spent 1 h ≤ outdoors had 4.4% less sedentary time than children who spent less than 1 h/day outdoors. (Adjusted for group and h of monitoring).&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Boys and girls&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;% difference = −4.4; CI: −7.3–−1.4, p = 0.005</td>
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### Table S5. Associations between outdoor time and acute sedentary behaviour.

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<td>(+) Significantly more sedentary behavior was accumulated indoors than outdoors for the total sample, for boys and for girls.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Total sample&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;89.1% vs. 75.2%, p &lt; 0.001&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Boys&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;89.2% vs. 73.8%, p &lt; 0.001&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Girls&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;89.1% vs. 76.8%, p &lt; 0.001</td>
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<td>Skala, 2012</td>
<td>(+) Children spent significantly greater portion of indoor PE classes being sedentary than outdoor PE classes. 16.76 ± 14.83 vs. 26.81 ± 13.52, x̅ difference = 10.05, p &lt; 0.001&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Boys and girls&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;(+) Preschoolers engaged in fewer min/h of sedentary activity outdoors vs. indoors. Boys had significantly higher sedentary levels indoors vs. outdoors.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Boys&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Outdoors, x̅ = 25.33 ±10.78 min/h vs. indoors, x̅ = 50.21 ± 19.98 min/h&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;z = −4.25, p &lt; 0.017&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Girls&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Outdoors x̅ = 23.11 ± 8.39 min/h vs. indoors x̅ = 53.14 ± 22.84&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;z = 3.57, p &lt; 0.0083</td>
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Notes: (+), positive relationship; (≠), no relationship; CI, 95% confidence interval; x̅, mean; min/h, minutes per hour; PE, physical education; SE, standard error.

### Table S6. Associations between outdoor time and motor skills.

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| Saakslahti, 1999   | (+) More time playing outdoors was correlated with faster completion of 10 m run.  

(≠) Total time playing outdoors was not related to the following motor skills: walking, standing broad jump, agility, throwing at a target from 2 or 3 m, throwing-catching combination, clapping, galloping, somersault, kicking a ball.  

10 m run time<br><br>Outdoor playing time<br><br>τ = −0.29, p = 0.42 |

Notes: (+), positive relationship; (≠), no relationship; m, metre.
Table S7. Associations between outdoor time and cardiovascular fitness.

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<td>Gopinath, 2011</td>
<td>(+) Children in the highest tertile of outdoor activity had a significantly lower diastolic and systolic BP than children in the lowest tertile of outdoor activity. Indoor activities were associated with an increased likelihood of having an elevated BP.</td>
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<td>highest vs. lowest tertile of outdoor PA (≥0.57 hours/day vs. ≤0.14 hours/day) diastolic BP ( \bar{x} = 61.5 ) (59.5–63.5) vs. ( \bar{x} = 63.0 ) (60.8–65.2); ( p = 0.01 )</td>
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<td>highest vs. lowest tertile of indoor PA (≥0.18 h/day vs. ≤0.06 h/day) systolic BP ( \bar{x} = 98.9 ) (97.7–100.1) vs. ( \bar{x} = 101.2 ) (99.6–102.8); ( p = 0.03 )</td>
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<td>indoor physical activity and elevated BP OR = 0.50; CI: 0.27–0.92; ( p = 0.03 )</td>
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<td>Saakslahti, 1999</td>
<td>(≠) Systolic BP was not correlated with playing indoors. Diastolic BP was not correlated with playing indoors or outdoors.</td>
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Notes: (+), positive relationship; (≠), no relationship; (−), negative relationship; BP, blood pressure; CI, Confidence Interval; h/day, hours per day; \( \bar{x} \), mean; OR, odds ratio; PA, physical activity.

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